



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

*GINEN I MÂS TAKHELO' GI HINASSO-KU I MÂS TAKHALOM GI KURASON-HU YAN I MÂS FIGO' NA NINA'SIÑÂ-HU HU UFRESEN MAISA YU' PARA BAI HU PRUTEHI YAN HU DIFENDE I HINENGGE I KOTTURA I LENGGUÂHI I AIRE I HANOM YAN I TANO' CHAMORU NI' IRENSIÂ-KU DIRECHO GINEN AS YU'OS TÂTA. ESTE HU AFITMA GI HILO' I BIPBLIA YAN I BANDERÂ-HU I BANDERAN GUÂHAN.*

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÂSE.* THAT WAS VERY GOOD CLERK PLEASE TAKE ROLL CALL.

**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:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÂSE'* CLERK.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** TO MOVE TO EXCUSE ALL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT AT THIS MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL DATED NOVEMBER 27TH 2023 SUBJECT TO ANY CORRECTIONS MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS AND I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL PLEASE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HÂGAN GUÂHAN* AND I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION THAT MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HÂGAN GUÂHAN* BE APPENDED TO THE JOURNAL IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÂSE'* MADAM SPEAKER TERLAJE THERE ARE REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION REGARDING REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ACTING MAJORITY LEADER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** MADAME SPEAKER I MOVE THAT BILLS INTRODUCED BILL NUMBERS 205-37(LS) THROUGH 207-37(LS) AND 208-37(COR) THROUGH BILL 211-37(COR) 212-37(LS) AND 213- 37(COR) THROUGH 232-37(COR) AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED 257-37(LS) THROUGH 267-37(LS) 268-37(COR) THROUGH 277-37(COR) 278-37(LS) AND 279-37(COR) THROUGH 302-37(COR) BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THEIR FIRST READING.

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

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE MOTIONS.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** MADAME SPEAKER CAN I HAVE A MOMENT'S RECESS PLEASE TO CONFER WITH YOU JUST A MOMENT'S RECESS PLEASE

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** 1 MINUTE PLEASE.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS. ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO OPEN THE NOMINATIONS OF THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE'S ATTACHÉ.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** TO RESOLVE AND TO COMMITTEE OF WHOLE.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU WANT ME TO RESOLVE OK MADAM SPEAKER ON THE MOTION RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION OF THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING THE ELECTION OF AN ATTACHÉ OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT IS THE CLERK IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**NOTE RESOLVED INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

## ***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*** **2024 (SECOND) Regular Session** **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall

January 22, 2024

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**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE ARE RESOLVED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CALLED TO ORDER ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. I MOVE TO OPEN THE NOMINATIONS OF THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE ATTACHÉ POSITION.

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

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY

**SENATOR SHELTON:** YES ACTING MAJORITY LEADER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU. I MOVE TO NOMINATE JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE TO SERVE AS THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO CLOSE THE NOMINATION AT THIS TIME MADAM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** COLLEAGUES ON THE NOMINATION OF JOAQUIN TAITAGUE TO SERVE AS THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** NO OBJECTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES CONGRATULATIONS MR TAITAGUE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IF I COULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE COME BEFORE AND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME I [STATE YOUR NAME].

**JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE:** I JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SOLEMNLY SWEAR.

**JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE:** SOLEMNLY SWEAR.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IN THE PRESENCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD.

**JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE:** IN THE PRESENCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD. **SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY SERVE.

**JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE:** THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY SERVE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

**JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE:** THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

**JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE:** THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES. **SPEAKER TERLAJE:** APPLICABLE TO GUAM.

**JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE:** APPLICABLE TO GUAM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** AND THE LAWS OF GUAM.

**JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE:** AND THE LAWS OF GUAM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** AND THAT I WILL CONSCIENTIOUSLY.

**JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE:** AND THAT I WILL CONSCIENTIOUSLY

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** AND IMPARTIALLY.

**JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE:** AND IMPARTIALLY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** DISCHARGE MY DUTIES.

**JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE:** DISCHARGE MY DUTIES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** AS A CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE.

**JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE:** AS A CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*.

**JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE:** OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** CONGRATULATIONS THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH CLERK AND MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE MOTION TO RISE SHALL WE RISE.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** MADAM SPEAKER ON THE MOTION TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**NOTE ROSE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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### **NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE NOW BACK IN REGULAR SESSION WE ARE STILL UNDER MOTIONS ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. NOTWITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES I MOVED TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 230-37(COR) CO-SPONSORED BY MYSELF WILLIAM A. PARKINSON AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION 40101 OF CHAPTER 40 DIVISION 4 TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ABOLISHING THE POST OF THE *SINAJANA* VICE MAYOR ONTO THE END OF THE SESSION AGENDA SO WE COULD HEAR IT POTENTIALLY NEXT WEEK AFTER IT HAS AT LEAST 5 DAYS TO GO THROUGH THIS BODY AND I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT THIS BILL WAS HEARD LAST WEEK THURSDAY JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2024 THE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THIS BILL WAS FILED THE FOLLOWING DAY ON JANUARY 19 2024 AND IT'S POSTED ON THE GUAM LEGISLATURE WEBSITE MADAM SPEAKER IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MOVE SWIFTLY ON THIS MATTER BEFORE THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION HOLDS A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR *SINAJANA* VICE MAYOR AND I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES

GOVERNMENT. WILL SUPPORT THIS MOTION AS THE LEGISLATURE CONTINUES TO STRIVE FOR A MORE STREAMLINED AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 230-37 ON THE SESSION AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SENATOR FISHER IS THAT AN OBJECTION.

**SENATOR FISHER:** I DO HAVE AN OBJECTION I ALSO MOVE TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** HOW WOULD YOU DIVIDE THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR FISHER:** ONE SHALL THE HOUSE SUSPEND THE RULES PURSUANT TO 1.02 AND SECONDLY WHETHER OR NOT WE'LL MOVE THAT IF WE DO SUSPEND THE RULES WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL ADD IT TO THE AGENDA.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION I THINK THAT MOTION PUTS BEFORE US A SEPARATE QUESTION WHETHER TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR ALL OF OUR PROCEEDINGS.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES MA'AM THE OUR STANDING RULES REQUIRE THAT THE SUSPENSION OF THE RULES BE DONE ON A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE HOUSE SO THE QUESTION IS SHALL WE SUSPEND THE RULES AND IF WE DECIDE TO DO SO SHALL WE PLACE THIS MOTION OR RATHER THIS BILL AT THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT IS THERE AN OBJECTION TO HIS MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION. THERE'S AN OBJECTION SO ALL IN FAVOR OF MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. MOTION MOTION FAILS. ALL RIGHT SO ON THE MOTION BY SENATOR PARKINSON TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 230-37 NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA IS THERE AN OBJECTION THERE IS AN OBJECTION BY SENATOR FISHER. SENATOR TELO DO YOU HAVE AN OBJECTION

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** NO MADAM SPEAKER ON MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN SUPPORTED THIS I'M I'M ONE THAT ALWAYS HAS VERY CAREFUL ABOUT YOU KNOW THE FIVE-DAY RULE AND ALLOWING THE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE AMPLE TIME TO REVIEW THE COMMITTEE REPORT IN 5 DAYS IN WHICH SENATOR PARKINSON PUT FORWARD I WAS THERE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING MADAM SPEAKER AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SAVING \$150000 TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM RIGHT NOW IS WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE IT IS AN EMERGENCY BECAUSE THEY BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 8TH AND YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER WE DON'T START SESSION UNTIL THE END OF FEBRUARY SO THIS IS CONSIDERED TO ME AN EMERGENCY TO GET THIS THROUGH RIGHT AWAY AND I THANK THE GOOD COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR PUSHING THIS THROUGH RIGHT AWAY AND PUTTING THAT COMMITTEE OUT BECAUSE OF THE EMERGENCY SO WE'VE HAD BOTH THE ELECTION COMMISSION THERE WE HAD THE MAYOR OF *SINAJANA* THERE EXPLAINING THE IMPORTANCE AND HOW THIS NEEDS TO BE RUSHED THE ONLY REASON WHY MADAM SPEAKER THAT THE BILL WASN'T HEARD EARLIER IS BECAUSE OUT OF RESPECT FOR VICE MAYOR IRIARTE WHO BY THE WAY ALSO AGREED THAT A VICE CHAIR A VICE MAYOR SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN *SINAJANA* BECAUSE OF THE POPULATION COUNT BUT THEY RESPECTED IT YOU KNOW BECAUSE UNTIL HE WAS LAID REST TO TO PEACE THAT IT IT WOULD WAIT FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING SO I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION BY SENATOR PARKINSON TO PLACE THE BILL NUMBER 230-37 ON THE SESSION AGENDA NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SORRY THERE IS AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS SENATOR PEREZ.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. I MOVE TO SWITCH THE ORDER OF BILL 165 WITH 104.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO SWITCH THE ORDER OF BILLS ON THE AGENDA FROM SWITCHING THE PLACE OF 165 AND 164 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION

**SENATOR PEREZ:** SORRY CLARIFICATION IT'S 104 INSTEAD OF 165 SO SWITCHING THE ORDER OF THOSE TWO AND 104 IS ABOUT JUNK VEHICLES; 165 IS THE MANDATORY COLLECTIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT SO WHERE 165 IS ON THE AGENDA RIGHT NOW WE WILL SWITCH IT TO 104 AND VICE VERSA OKAY ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS IF NOT I BELIEVE WE WILL GO TO LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCES JUST WE ARE NOW ON LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING THE NOMINATION OF JANALYNN C. DAMIAN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM BOARD OF EQUALIZATION WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR PEREZ WE ARE UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE AND THERE'S A MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF JANALYNN C. DAMIAN ONTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES. ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MARITIME TRANSPORTATION AIR TRANSPORTATION PARKS TOURISM HIGHER EDUCATION THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS THE NOMINATION OF

CHRISTOPHER L.C. DUENAS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM'S BOARD OF REGENTS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER L.C. DUENAS ONTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE MADAM SPEAKER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL DISABILITY SERVICES SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOUSING PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE GUAM BUILDUP THE NOMINATION OF FRANCISCO A. FLORIG TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF FRANCISCO A. FLORIG ONTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL DISABILITY SERVICES SELF-DETERMINATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOUSING PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE GUAM BUILDUP THE NOMINATION OF LILLIAN OPENA GUERRERO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF LILLIAN OPENA GUERRERO ONTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. I MOVE TO PLACING THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE THE NOMINATION OF RONALD C. PANGILINAN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM LAND USE COMMISSION WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF RONALD C. PANGILINAN ONTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF MARITIME TRANSPORTATION AIR TRANSPORTATION PARKS TOURISM HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS THE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL J.S. RABAGO DR MICHAEL J.S. RABAGO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF MICHAEL J.S. RABAGO PHD ONTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES PLEASE CONTINUE.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE FROM THE VOTING IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MARITIME TRANSPORTATION AIR TRANSPORTATION PARKS TOURISM HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS THE NOMINATION OF GURVINDER S. SOBTI TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE A B WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF GURVINDER S. SOBTI TO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER. I MOVE TO PLACING THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL DISABILITY SERVICES SELF-DETERMINATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOUSING PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE GUAM BUILD UP THE NOMINATION OF VICTOR R. TORRES TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF VICTOR R. TORRES ONTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES I BELIEVE WE'VE COMPLETED OUR LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE THERE ARE NO ITEMS ON CONSENT CALENDAR SO WE WILL PROCEED TO THE SECOND READING ON SECOND READING FIRST BILL UP IS BILL NUMBER 30-37(COR) SENATOR BROWN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 30-37 IN THIRD READING AND WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER BILL NUMBER 30-37 HAS BEEN A LONG TIME IN COMING TO GET TO THIS FLOOR TODAY IT'S TAKEN CLOSE TO THREE YEARS FROM THE TIME I INTRODUCED THE ORIGINAL VERSION IN THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE ESSENTIALLY TO PROHIBIT THE EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT FROM BEING EMPLOYED IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IT CAME TO LIGHT SEVERAL YEARS AGO THAT THERE WAS A LOOPHOLE IN THE LAW THAT ESSENTIALLY ALLOWED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO NOT ONLY WAS ACCUSED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT BUT CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT FROM BEING REHIRED IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PUBLIC RESPONSE WAS ESSENTIALLY THAT AN INDIVIDUAL ALREADY CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT COULD BE RE-HIRED IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR OR HEAD OF A DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY THAT'S A LITTLE TOO MUCH DISCRETION I THINK WE SHOULD GIVE MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY SEEN EXAMPLES OF WHERE THAT PARTICULAR DISCRETION HAS BEEN ABUSED IN THIS GOVERNMENT YOU KNOW WE NEED TO REMIND OURSELVES THAT THE POWER TO WHICH WE HAVE THE POWER THAT WE EVEN POSSESS TODAY TO BE IN THE FLOOR OF THIS LEGISLATURE IS THE POWER THAT WE TEMPORARILY ARE CARETAKERS OF FROM OUR PEOPLE THEY'VE GIVEN US THIS AUTHORITY FOR A TIME ESSENTIALLY MADAM SPEAKER TO BE ABLE TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE PROPER OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT AND ALSO TO ENSURE THAT THOSE THAT ARE IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY THOSE THAT ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE USE THAT POWER RESPONSIBLY AND WHEN THEY USE AND ABUSE THAT POWER THAT POWER SHOULD BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM PERMANENTLY THEY SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO ONE ONCE AGAIN COME BACK AND REOFFEND OUR PEOPLE BY DEFINITION OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT IS AN INDIVIDUAL COMMITS AN ACT RELATING TO HIS OFFICE BUT CONSTITUTING AN UNAUTHORIZED EXERCISE OF HIS OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS KNOWING THAT SUCH ACT IS UNAUTHORIZED OR HE KNOWINGLY REFRAINS FROM PERFORMING A DUTY WHICH IS IMPOSED UPON HIM BY LAW OR IS CLEARLY INHERENT IN THE NATURE OF HIS OFFICE MADAM SPEAKER WE'VE SEEN EXAMPLES UNFORTUNATELY TIME AFTER TIME WHERE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT HAVE BEEN REHIRED BACK IN THE GOVERNMENT AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SERIOUSLY THINK IF THESE EXAMPLES THAT HAVE OCCURRED ARE ACCEPTABLE DO WE THINK THAT THESE EXAMPLES OF THESE ACTS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO OUR PEOPLE ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ALL GO OUT TO OUR PEOPLE AND SAY THAT WE'RE HERE TO DO THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBLE THING WE SAY THAT IN THE LIGHT OF DAY MADAM SPEAKER WE SAY THAT WHILE THE SUN IS SHINING BUT THAT'S NOT HOW WE ALWAYS PRACTICE UNFORTUNATELY IN THIS GOVERNMENT AND EXAMPLES CONTINUE TO OCCUR CERTAINLY ONE OF THE EXAMPLES THAT WERE GIVEN BY THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GLORIA RUDOLPH WHO TESTIFIED ON THIS BILL WAS VERY DISTURBING WHILE IT HAPPENED A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO IT SHOWS YOU HOW THAT TYPE OF DISCRETION BEING YET LEFT UP TO THE DIRECTOR NOT ONLY BROUGHT HARM BUT CONTINUED TO BRING HARM UPON CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT EXAMPLE WAS OF A BUS DRIVER AT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS A DEPARTMENT THAT I MYSELF HAD THE HONOR OF BEING ABLE TO SERVE FOR TWO YEARS AS THE DIRECTOR. THIS HAPPENED A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO BUT IT SHOWS AN EXAMPLE AND I'LL TELL YOU ACTUALLY WHEN THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL READ HER TESTIMONY HOW DISTURBING IT WAS. WE HAD A SITUATION THEN OF A BUS DRIVER A BUS DRIVER THAT WE ENTRUST OUR CHILDREN TO TRANSPORT OUR KIDS SAFELY TO AND FROM SCHOOL EVERY DAY AN EXPECTATION FOR OUR CHILDREN THAT A BUS DRIVER SHOULD BE A RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL LIKE OTHERS THAT WE WOULD EXPECT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE TO TAKE CARE OF OUR CHILDREN. THIS PARTICULAR BUS DRIVER REPEATEDLY ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS MOLESTED CHILDREN THAT HE HAD RESPONSIBILITY OF TRANSPORTING ONE THE AGE OF 9 ONE THE AGE OF 10 ONE THE AGE OF 14 AND ONE THE AGE OF 17 AND YOU HAVE TO ASK YOURSELF IF THESE ISSUES HAD COME TO LIGHT HOW COULD AN INDIVIDUAL THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN A TRUSTED POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY REPEATEDLY MOLEST THESE CHILDREN THAT WERE UNDER HIS CARE TO TRANSPORT THEM TO SCHOOL TO AND FROM SCHOOL IN ONE PARTICULAR CASE A DIRECTOR SUSPENDED THIS BUS DRIVER WHEN HE WAS ACCUSED OF HAVING INTERCOURSE WITH A 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL THAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE TRANSPORTING ON HIS BUS AND THE ISSUE ONLY CAME TO LIGHT BECAUSE THE MOTHER OF THIS GIRL DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HER DAUGHTER WAS COMING HOME LATE EVERY DAY FROM SCHOOL SO THE MOTHER WENT TO THE BUS STOP ONLY TO FIND OUT THAT HER DAUGHTER WAS BEING SEXUALLY I GUESS WE COULD SAY ABUSED AS AN UNDERAGE CHILD AT 14 BY THIS BUS DRIVER IMAGINE THAT A 15-DAY SUSPENSION OF COURSE NOW DAYS THAT'S SOMETHING DIRECTLY THAT SHOULD BE CONVICTED OF CHILD ABUSE IS THAT THE KIND OF PERSON WE WANT BACK WORKING IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OBVIOUSLY I THINK ALL OF US IN UNISON WILL SAY ABSOLUTELY NOT BUT THAT'S WHERE DISCRETION THAT'S WE'RE NOT TAKING PROPER RESPONSIBILITY AND WHILE IT'S PAINFUL YOU KNOW SOME PEOPLE THINK OH WE'RE ALL YOU KNOW WE ALL SHOULD HAVE SECOND CHANCES THIRD CHANCES MAYBE WE CAN'T BE SO HARSH WE HAVE TO BE CONSIDERING OF THE INDIVIDUAL THEIR FAMILIES THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WELL TO ME MADAM SPEAKER THAT INDIVIDUAL THAT COMMITS THESE TYPES OF OFFENSES SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILY AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE THINGS THAT THEY SHOULD BE DOING AND NOT ABUSING THE POWER OF THE

PEOPLE THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY GIVEN TO THEM HOW ABOUT ANOTHER EXAMPLE IN THIS CURRENT GOVERNMENT MADAM SPEAKER OF A TEACHER AGAIN POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY WHAT POSITION WE SHOULD RESPECT A POSITION WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO RESPECT BECAUSE WE WANT THEM TO GO TO SCHOOL WE WANT THEM TO LEARN WE WANT THEM TO BE EDUCATED. BUT WE HAVE A CASE OF A TEACHER THAT WAS HAVING SEX WITH THEIR UNDERAGE STUDENT THEY WERE CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT WHAT DID WE DO WHAT DID THE GOVERNMENT DO AND THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT HAD DISCRETION THEY HIRED THAT INDIVIDUAL BACK IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WHAT A REWARD WHY DON'T WE ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET IS THAT ACCEPTABLE WOULD THAT BE ACCEPTABLE TO ANY OF US HERE WOULD THAT BE ACCEPTABLE TO ANY PARENT IN THIS COMMUNITY WOULD THAT BE ACCEPTABLE TO ANY GRANDPARENT IN THIS COMMUNITY I WOULD THINK WE WOULD SAY OH NOT ABSOLUTELY NOT BUT WE WAIT WE LET TIME GO BY AND THEN WE JUST SLIP THEM RIGHT BACK IN HOW ABOUT MADAM SPEAKER EXAMPLE THREE WHICH IS COMMON WE'LL WAIT FOR THE NEXT ONE WE'LL WAIT FOR THE NEXT NEWS STORY THE DOC GUARD. HAVE WE HAD SO MANY WE STOPPED COUNTING MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE I KNOW A COUPLE IN RECENT HISTORY THAT WERE CONVICTED OF SMUGGLING WHAT CONTRABAND WERE THEY SMUGGLING CIGARETTES AN EXTRA BAR OF CANDY TOOTHPASTE NO THEY WERE CONVICTED OF SMUGGLING DRUGS INTO THE PRISON LAW ENFORCEMENT THE VERY PEOPLE WE ENTRUST WITH SUCH POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE PROTECTING OUR PEOPLE BUT NO THEY'RE THE CARRIERS THEY'RE THE ONES BRINGING IT INTO THE PRISON CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT AND WHERE ARE THEY LET'S GUESS REHIRED BACK IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND IN SOME CASES IN AREAS OF SENSITIVITY THAT WHILE WE TALK ABOUT THIS MAJOR DRUG PROBLEM ON GUAM AND HOW CHEAP IT IS TO GET CRYSTAL METH COMPARED TO HOW IT WAS 6 7 8 YEARS AGO. WHILE WE LOOK AT THE CRIMES AND THE HARM TO OUR PEOPLE THAT HAPPEN EVERY SINGLE DAY IN THIS COMMUNITY WHAT DO WE DO WE REWARD THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE PUT IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY A HIGH POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY A POSITION UNDER WHICH THEY HAVE SWORN TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE AND THEY VIOLATED THAT TRUST BY DOING THE VERY THING THEY WERE HIRED TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE FROM BUT WHAT DO WE DO WE WAIT MAYBE PERHAPS THE RIGHT ADMINISTRATION'S GOING TO COME IN THAT WE HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH THAT OUR FAMILY HAS CONNECTIONS WITH AND MY GOODNESS THE RED CARPET GETS ROLLED OUT EVEN AHEAD OF THOSE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT NEVER COMMITTED A CRIME NEVER OFFENDED THEIR PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO WORK HARD BUT THEY JUST DIDN'T HAPPEN TO HAVE THAT CONNECTION THAT MOVED THEM TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE WHAT EXAMPLE MADAM SPEAKER ARE WE SETTING IN OUR COMMUNITY WHEN WE ALLOW THIS THERE SHOULD BE CONSEQUENCE ESPECIALLY WHEN THE OFFENSE IS SO OFFENSIVE AND I CAN VENTURE TO SAY THE THREE EXAMPLES I'VE JUST GIVEN ARE JUST THREE EXAMPLES BUT THEY ARE HIGHLY OFFENSIVE WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT ABUSE THAT AUTHORITY AND THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE ALL THOSE IN GOVERNMENT THAT DO IT THAT HAVEN'T GOTTEN CAUGHT THAT HAVEN'T GOTTEN CONVICTED THE WHOLE PROCESS OF GOING THROUGH THIS TO GET A CONVICTION I THINK THE MESSAGE SHOULD BE VERY LOUD AND CLEAR IN OUR COMMUNITY. THESE TYPE OF ACTIONS SHOULD BE MUST BE UNACCEPTABLE AND INDIVIDUALS THAT COMMIT THESE TYPE OF CRIMES AGAINST OUR PEOPLE THERE MUST BE CONSEQUENCES AND THESE INDIVIDUALS MAN SPEAKER NEVER EVER EVER SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO EVER HOLD A TRUSTED POSITION ON BEHALF OF OUR PEOPLE SURE THEY NEED TO GET EMPLOYMENT WELL I GUESS THEY HAVE TO GO ELSEWHERE BUT THEY SHOULD NEVER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AGAIN OF HAVING THE TRUST OF OUR PEOPLE OF ANY POSITION OF BENEFIT ON THE BACKS OF OUR PEOPLE WHEN THEY HAVE COMMITTED THIS DEGREE OF OFFENSE THE DEGREE OF OFFENSE TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN CONVICTED THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE REHIRED IN THIS GOVERNMENT YOU KNOW WE NEED TO I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS I I THINK MAYBE AS TIME IS GOING ON WE'RE GETTING SOFTER ABOUT THESE ISSUES AND YET THE CRIMES THAT ARE HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT NOT ONLY OFFEND US THAT BOTHER US THAT UNSETTLE US THAT MAKE US ALWAYS YOU KNOW MAKE THAT EXTRA EFFORT WHEN WE LEAVE THE HOUSE TO MAKE SURE OUR HOMES ARE SECURED OR MAKE SURE THEY'RE ALL SECURED AND THE DOORS ARE LOCKED AT NIGHT BEFORE WE GO TO SLEEP OR WHEN WE GET UP TO CHECK ON OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE SAFE OR WONDERING EVERY TIME THE DOGS ARE BARKING REAL LOUD IS IS IT SAFE OUTSIDE WHO'S OUT THERE WHAT ARE THEY DOING ARE THEY GOING TO BRING ME HARM THAT'S THE REALITY OF MANY OF OUR PEOPLE EVERY SINGLE DAY WE HAVE A RIGHT TO LIVE IN A COMMUNITY THAT HAS ORDER WE HAVE A RIGHT TO ENSURE THAT ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS ANYONE HIRED BY THIS GOVERNMENT THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING ON BEHALF OF THE INTEREST OF OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING EXACTLY THAT AND WHEN THEY'RE NOT AND WHEN THEY'RE CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT THEN BY ALL MEANS THEY SHOULD SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES HOPEFULLY MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS A DETERRENT HOPEFULLY THESE THINGS ARE BEING THESE STANDARDS ARE BEING PUT IN PLACE TO DISCOURAGE ANYONE FROM BEING IRRESPONSIBLE BECAUSE WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO THINK THAT ONCE WE OCCUPY A CERTAIN POSITION IN THIS GOVERNMENT OR MAYBE WE'VE OCCUPIED IT FOR FOR A WHILE THAT THAT POWER IS OURS THAT POWER IS OURS TO USE AND ABUSE AND I THINK WE NEED TO SEND A VERY CLEAR MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF OUR PEOPLE



BUT THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT ACCEPTABLE AND IF YOU CROSS THAT LINE AND YOU MISUSED THE AUTHORITY OF WHICH THE PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN YOU AND YOU'VE ABUSED THE AUTHORITY TO WHICH THE PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN YOU THEN THERE SHOULD BE A HEFTY CONSEQUENCE THERE SHOULD BE A CONSEQUENCE TO THAT AND CERTAINLY I THINK ONE MORE DIRECT MESSAGE THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE THERE IS YOU NO LONGER EVER GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRETEND YOU'RE SERVING IN THE INTEREST ON BEHALF OF OUR PEOPLE SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BROWN ON BILL NUMBER 30-37 IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU AND I ALSO THANK THE SPONSOR OF THIS BILL. IT MAKES ABSOLUTE SENSE OF COURSE ONCE THE FOX HAS BEEN CAUGHT IN THE HEN HOUSE AND CHUCKED OUT WE NEVER LET THE FOX BACK IN YOU KNOW WHAT'S THAT OLD YOU KNOW YOU FOOL ME ONCE SHAME ON SHAME ON YOU FOOL ME TWICE SHAME ON ME I TOTALLY JOIN IN THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY SENATOR BROWN IT COULDN'T BE MORE CLEAR YOU FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WHEN YOU COMMIT A CRIME JUST AS JUST AS WE WOULDN'T LET PERSON WHO COMMITTED CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT HAVE AN OFFICIAL POSITION IN WHICH THEY WERE TAKING CARE OF OUR KIDS YOU KNOW IT IT GOES ALL THE WAY UP THE LINE WE WOULDN'T REELECT A SEDITIONIST AS PRESIDENT HOW IS THAT ANY DIFFERENT SO I HOPE ALL COLLEAGUES WILL JOIN IN SUPPORTING THIS THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR FISHER ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** MORNING MADAM SPEAKER MORNING EVERYBODY FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO THANK SENATOR FISCHER FOR THAT VERY PATRIOTIC PRAYER AND THE ELOQUENCE OF SENATOR BROWN IN DISCUSSING HER BILL I RISE IN SUPPORT OF HER BILL AND WHEN SHE WAS DISCUSSING YOU KNOW *ESTA BI'MUTA GUINI GI SIJU SA TODO I APLACHA* ALL THE STUFF THAT SHE WAS DISCUSSING JUST WAS VERY DISHEARTENING SO JUST WANTED TO STAND AND SUPPORT HER BILL CAN'T I CAN'T BE AS ELOQUENT AS HER SHE'S JUST REALLY AWESOME AT IT AND SHE REALLY SAID ALL THE EVERYTHING THAT NEEDED TO BE SAID ABOUT THE BILL BUT I I AGREE WITH HER WHOLE HEARTEDLY AND I SUPPORT THIS BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS ON THE BILL SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING AND I DO APOLOGIZE FOR MY TARDINESS THIS MORNING HAD A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT BUT MADAMS SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 30-37 AND ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO DO THE SAME WHILE I KNOW PEOPLE ARE DESERVING OF A SECOND CHANCE WE ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT THE QUESTIONABLE HIRING PRACTICES WE'VE SEEN AND CONTINUE TO SEE WE HAVE TO ALSO REMIND OURSELVES THE FUNDING THAT PAYS FOR THESE SALARIES ARE ENTRUSTED TO US BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM DO WE HAVE DO THEY HAVE THOSE SAME FEELINGS WHEN THEIR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN GETS ON A SCHOOL BUT DO WE HAVE WHAT DO WE DO WHAT WE COULD TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY OR THE ENGINEERS WHO INSPECT THE BUILDINGS OUR COMMUNITY UTILIZES OR CONFIDENT OUR PORT WILL STOP DRUGS INVASIVE SPECIES AND OTHER UNLAWFUL ITEMS FROM ENTERING OUR ISLAND IT SEEMS QUITE NECESSARY TO ADD THIS COMMON SENSE LAW TO OUR BOOKS FOR FURTHER EMPHASIS THAT'S NEEDED FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND THEIR OFFICIALS TO BE SERIOUS TO BE BE SERIOUS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF EMPLOYEES WE HIRE TO SERVE IN THE PUBLIC'S CAPACITY BUT MOST ESPECIALLY TO DO WHAT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR GOVERNMENT BY ENSURING THAT THOSE ENTRUSTED WITH OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM DOCUMENTS FINANCES SAFETY AND CONTROLS ARE HELD AT THE UTMOST STANDARD FOR OUR TRUST AND COMPLIANCE BILL 30-37 IS LAW IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IS A LAW AGAIN THAT WILL SET THE STANDARDS OF TRUST AND COMPLIANCE THAT OUR PEOPLE DESERVE SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES PLEASE SUPPORT BILL 30-7 37 AND THANK THE SENATOR FOR CONTINUING TO INTRODUCE THIS BILL EVEN IN THE 37TH WELL IT WAS NOT HEARD IN THE 36 SO I I COMMEND HER FOR NOT GIVING UP ON SOMETHING AS IMPORTANT AS THIS THIS COMMON SENSE BILL ONE THAT'S ENTRUSTED TO US TO DO THE RIGHT THING FOR OUR PEOPLE OF GUAM FOR THEIR SAFETY AND THEIR CHILDREN SAFETY AS WELL SO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS MEASURE.

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

**SENATOR PEREZ:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE AND THEN TO ENSURE THAT THOSE CRIMES THAT IF THEY COMMIT THOSE CRIMES THAT THEY ARE NOT YOU KNOW ALLOWED EMPLOYMENT IN GOVERNMENT BUT THE ONE THING THE RESERVATION I HAVE IS THAT ACCORDING TO MY RESEARCH OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT SO IT STATES THAT OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT HAS OFTEN BEEN USED AS A PLEA BARGAINING TOOL FOR MINOR OFFENSES WHEN PROSECUT WHEN PROSECUTORS LACK EVIDENCE OR OR TRIAL WILL WILL BE TOO COSTLY AND THE INTENT HERE IS TO PUNISH OFFICIALS WHO

MISUSE THEIR POSITION OF COURSE WHICH IS IMPORTANT BUT ITS USE AS A PLEA BARGAINING TOOL OFTEN CAN RESULT IN GUILTY PLEAS FOR OFFENSES THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DEFENDANT'S MISUSE OF HIS POSITION SO IT COULD IT COULD APPLY TO FOR INSTANCE I GUESS MY CONCERN MY GENERAL CONCERN BASICALLY IS I THINK WE NEED TO GET A FULL PICTURE OF WHAT DOES THIS ENTAIL I MEAN IS IT YOU KNOW IS THERE A HETEROGENEOUS AMOUNT OF OFFENSES AND SOME THAT ARE MORE EGREGIOUS FOR INSTANCE LIKE THE EXAMPLES THAT WERE BROUGHT UP BY THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL VERSUS OFFENSES THAT AN EMPLOYEE MAY NOT BE FULLY EDUCATED AND HAVE COMMITTED AN OFFENSE AND THEREFORE BE CAUGHT ON THIS MISCONDUCT SO I THINK I GUESS THE QUESTION FOR THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL IS HAS THAT BEEN CONSIDERED IN THE CREATION OF THIS BILL IN REGARDS TO ENSURING THAT THE THE PUNISHMENT FITS THE CRIME.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR PEREZ ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SORRY ARE YOU ASKING THE SPONSOR TO YIELD WOULD WOULD SENATOR BROWN WOULD YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YES I WILL YIELD I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN THAT SENATOR PEREZ IS RAISING IF IT'S BEING USED AS A MEAN OF PLEA BARGAIN THEN I GUESS MAYBE THEY CAN STOP USING IT I THINK IN MOST CASES THIS IDEA YOU KNOW I'M SURE IF IT'S A MINOR ISSUE IT'LL BE LOOKED AT SUCH BUT THAT'S NOT BEEN THE CASE AND THAT'S NOT BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE WITH REGARDS TO OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT AND THOSE THAT ARE CONVICTED OF IT AND WHILE I UNDERSTAND THERE MAY BE MINOR WELL I'M SURE THAT THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE TIME IF IT GOES BEFORE A JUDGE OR IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT THE ACTION OF AN EMPLOYEE IS LOOKED AT AND ADDRESSED INTERNALLY WITH REGARDS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS THAT CAN BE ADDRESSED IF AN INDIVIDUAL HAS DONE SOMETHING WRONG BUT IT'S NOT LOOKED AT AS A SERIOUS OFFENSE BUT IN MOST CASES OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT THESE OFFENSES ARE SERIOUS AND CERTAINLY WHILE THE EXAMPLES I GAVE ARE CONSIDERABLY HIGH BUT THEY'RE THE REALITY THAT UNFORTUNATELY IS OCCURRING IN OUR GOVERNMENT I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT CORRUPTION IS THE EXCEPTION MY EXPERIENCE IN RUNNING SEVERAL AGENCIES IN THIS GOVERNMENT IS UNFORTUNATELY THAT'S NOT THE CASE IT'S A LITTLE MORE COMMON THAN WE'D LIKE TO THINK AND UNFORTUNATELY IT'S NOT DEALT WITH AS OFTEN THE CASES THAT WE'VE HEARD OF ACTUALLY LEGAL ACTION HAVE BEEN TAKEN MANY CASES IN IN THIS GOVERNMENT OF THESE TYPE OF OFFENSES. UNFORTUNATELY MAYBE THE LACK OF RESOURCES THE DRIVE THE POLITICAL WILL TO DO IT ACTION IN MOST CASES NEVER IS TAKEN AND THESE OFFENSES HAPPEN CONTINUE TO HAPPEN AND UNFORTUNATELY OUR PEOPLE ARE LEFT AT THE OTHER END AND THE SHORT END OF THE SIX SO I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN BUT I THINK THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE PROTECTED FOR THOSE THAT ACTUALLY COME FORTH AND ARE CONVICTED IT'S NOT AN ACCUSATION IT MEANS YOU'VE ACTUALLY BEEN CONVICTED OF AN ACTION AND CERTAINLY IF IT'S USED AS A PLEA GARDENING TOOL AND AS I MENTIONED MAYBE THEY NEED TO STOP USING IT ESPECIALLY IF THE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OR FORMER EMPLOYEE REALIZES WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES IS IF THEY DO PLEAD GUILTY TO OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THAT QUESTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR BROWN SENATOR PEREZ YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU TO THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL FOR HER HER HER ANSWER I GUESS THE OTHER RESERVATION IS THE \$20,000 FINE AND OF A YEAR UP TO A YEAR SO ACCORDING TO I GUESS THE COMMON PRACTICE FOR MISDEMEANORS IS THAT THERE IS A MORE OF A I THINK THERE WAS LESS THE AMOUNT IS LESS FOR MISDEMEANORS AND I BELIEVE I'M NOT SURE IF THE YEAR IMPRISONMENT IT ALSO ALIGNS WITH WHAT TYPICALLY IS A SIGNED FOR MISDEMEANORS SO I GUESS IF THEY IF THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL CAN YIELD TO THE QUESTION ABOUT HOW THIS WAS DETERMINED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR BROWN:** YES I WILL MADAM SPEAKER AND I KNOW THAT SENATOR BLAS WILL HAVE COMMENTS WITH REGARDS TO THE QUESTION THAT SENATOR PEREZ IS IS RAISING THE ONE ONE REQUIREMENT IS IS ACTUALLY APPLICABLE TO MISDEMEANOR TO MY UNDERSTANDING IN TERMS OF UP TO AGAIN WE'RE NOT MANDATING IT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S AT THE JUDGE'S DISCRETION IF HE OR SHE DECIDES THAT THE OFFENSE WOULD REQUIRE TIME TO BE SERVED THEN BY ALL MEANS WE LEAVE THAT TO THEM THAT IT COULD BE UP TO A YEAR AND ALSO THE FINE IS UP TO IT COULD BE ZERO IT COULD BE UP TO \$20,000 OTHER JURISDICTIONS LIKE NEW YORK CAN BE UP TO 10 YEARS YOU CAN BE CONVICTED AND OVER \$100,000 PLUS IN PENALTIES CAN BE ISSUED IF YOU'RE OFFICIALLY CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT IN COURT SO WHILE I UNDERSTAND THIS MAY BE LOOKED AT AS SEVERE I THINK THE ACTIONS THAT WOULD INVOLVE AN INDIVIDUAL BEING A ESSENTIALLY CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT IT WOULD BE IN LINE IN MY VIEW AND WE LEAVE THAT UP TO THE JUDGE TO DETERMINE IF THAT AMOUNT OF TIME OR THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY IS APPROPRIATE TO WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE THAT'S BEFORE THEM THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YEAH SO THIS BILL DEFINITELY IS A WAKEUP CALL YOU KNOW I WAS THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL TO ENSURE THAT THE ETHICS EDUCATION BE REQUIRED ABOUT GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES AND SO IT REALLY SHOULD UP THE UP-LEVEL THE TYPE OF TRAINING THAT COMES WITH ETHICS TRAINING SO OUR CIVIL SE CIVIL SECTOR IS FULLY AWARE OF ANY KIND OF INFRACTIONS AND WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES ARE SO BEING THAT THIS BILL PROPOSES PRETTY STIFF PENALTIES AND CONSEQUENCES IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE THAT ACCOMPANYING EDUCATION TO ENSURE THAT YOU KNOW OUR CIVIL SECTOR FIRST OF ALL IS DOING RIGHT BY THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHAT THEY WERE REQUIRED TO DO AS PUBLIC SERVANTS AND DEFINITELY NOT TO YOU KNOW BE COMPLACENT FOR IN FOR I THINK THAT'S ONE OF OUR BIGGEST PROBLEMS IS COMPLACENCY IN OUR GOVERNMENT WHERE WE ASSUME THAT WHAT WE'RE LEARNING FROM OUR NEXT WHAT WE'RE LEARNING IN THE WORKPLACE IS THE THE ACTUAL YOU KNOW THE RIGHT WAY TO DO THINGS AND TO SEEK BETTER WAYS OF SERVING THE PUBLIC AND OF COURSE YOU KNOW I DON'T CONDONE ANY ANY OF THESE INFRACTIONS I THINK IT'S EGREGIOUS TO HAVE PEOPLE IN OUR GOVERNMENT TO DO THESE THINGS SO I I THANK THE SPONSOR FOR THIS BILL THANK YOU.

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

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER AND MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER I SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION AND INITIALLY I THOUGHT YOU KNOW THERE WASN'T ENOUGH SUPPORT THAT DIDN'T SEE THE NECESSITY FOR ME TO GO AHEAD AND RISE IS GO AND VOTE YES ON THE BILL THE IN SUPPORT JUST SHOULD VOTE YES ON THE BILL HOWEVER I APPRECIATE I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS BROUGHT UP BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER WITH REGARD TO THE CONSTRUCT OF THE OF THE PENALTIES TO OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT AND I I WANT TO SAY FIRST MADAM SPEAKER THAT OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT A LOT OF TIMES IS IS ATTACHED TO OTHER OFFENSES THAT MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED OR THAT WERE COMMITTED BY THE IN THIS CASE THE EMPLOYEE OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT IS PRIMARILY AN OFFENSE THAT IS SPECIFIC TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHO'S HOLDING A A POSITION OF TRUST WITHIN THE COMMUNITY SO YOU KNOW FIRST OFF IN WHEN IT WAS CONSTRUCTED AS A MISDEMEANOR IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT I'M SURE IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT WHILE A MISDEMEANOR HERE IT IS A MISDEMEANOR BECAUSE OF ANOTHER OFFENSE OR IT WAS CHARGED OUT BECAUSE OF ANOTHER OTHER OFFENSE THAT WAS COMMITTED WHILE IN SERVICE WHILE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE SO THAT SAID TOO I MEAN THERE COULD BE ARGUMENTS AND I WOULD BE IN SUPPORT OF ACTUALLY RAISING THE THE THE PRISON TERM THAT COULD BE IMPOSED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BUT THAT SAID IS IS YOU KNOW THE LANGUAGE THAT IS CONTAINED IN THIS BILL WHILE I DON'T NECESSARILY SEE IT AS PROBLEMATIC IN THAT MISDEMEANOR IS DEFINED BY CHAPTER 80 OF ARTICLE 3 OF GCA SAYS THAT MISDEMEANORS CAN BE PUNISHABLE WITH FINES OF UP TO \$1,000. THIS LANGUAGE YOUR PROPOSES THAT IT CAN MAY IT MAY GO EVEN HIGHER THAN THAT IT STILL GIVES THE DISCRETION TO THE JUDGE THAT SAID I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO CLARIFY THAT AND PROVIDE MADAM SPEAKER AS WE'RE SPEAKING I ASKED THE CLERK TO GO AHEAD AND PROPOSE THE AM AMENDMENT TO THIS WHILE IT'S BEING PREPARED I WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD AND SPEAK TO IT IT BASICALLY WOULD PROVIDE THAT IN PAGE THREE LINE ONE UNDER SUBSECTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** JUST A MINUTE PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU PAGE THREE LINE ONE WHERE IT SAYS BASICALLY SEE A PERSON CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT MAY BE IMPRISONED FOR A TERM OF UP TO ONE YEAR AND MAY BE ORDERED TO PAY A FINE OF UP TO \$20,000 JUST FOR POINT OF CLARITY AND TO PROVIDE PRECISENESS TO IT I'D LIKE TO AFTER THE TERM OF UP TO ONE YEAR AND A COMMA NOT WITHSTANDING SUBSECTION 80 DASH 80.50C OF ARTICLE 3 CHAPTER 8 TITLE 9 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED MAY BE ORDERED TO PAY A FINE OF UP TO \$20,000 THIS IS AGAIN OTHER UNLIKE OTHER MISDEMEANORS YOU KNOW THIS HAS A MY JUSTIFICATION AND MY REASONING FOR THIS IS THAT THERE IS THIS IS A CRIME COMMITTED IN A POSITION OF PUBLIC TRUST THIS IS A CRIME COMMITTED BY A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED BY THE COMMUNITY TO TO PROVIDE SERVICE SERVICES IN BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND YOU'VE GOT THAT WHEN YOU'VE GOT THAT POSITION OF TRUST THAT POSITION OF AUTHORITY AS WAS MENTIONED BY THE EARLIER SPEAKER I MEAN BY AN EARLY EARLIER TESTIMONY THIS IS WHILE YOU ARE BEING PAID BY PUBLIC FUNDS TO UTILIZE PUBLIC FUNDS AND SO OBVIOUSLY IT'S MORE THAN MOST OTHER MISDEMEANORS THEREFORE THAT I FEEL THAT JUSTIFIED I AGREE WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE OF THE BILL THAT THIS IS A AN OFFENSE THAT WARRANTS MORE THAN WHAT OTHER MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES CAN BASICALLY OR THE PENALTIES THAT OTHER MISDEMEANORS CAN BE IMPOSED ON CAN BE IMPOSED WITH SO THEREFORE TO TIGHTEN UP THE LANGUAGE SO THAT THERE IS CLARITY AND THERE IS AUTHORITY TO BE ABLE TO DO IT IS PROVIDE THAT AMENDMENT SO THAT IT SHOWS THAT IT'S NOT WITHSTANDING WHAT WE'VE GOT ALREADY IN IN BOOKS BUT BECAUSE IT IS A MORE EGREGIOUS MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE IT DESERVES A HIGHER MONETARY PENALTY SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER CAN I WE HAD A 30 SECOND RECESS TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S BEEN PASSED OUT SO THAT WE CAN IT CAN BE REVIEWED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT THEY'RE RUNNING COPIES NOW IT'S UPLOADED ON THE DRIVE IN THE INTERIM SENATOR BLAS WOULD YOU MIND SECTION THE SECTION THAT YOU'RE SAYING NOTWITHSTANDING DO YOU HAVE THAT ARE YOU ABLE TO READ IT

**SENATOR BLAS:** YES IT SAYS NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION 80.50C

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WERE YOU ABLE TO READ THAT SUBSECTION ON THE RECORD.

**SENATOR BLAS:** OH WILL I BE ABLE TO READ IT YES I WILL UNDER 80.50 OF ARTICLE 3 ENTITLED FINES AND RESTITUTIONS AS SENTENCE SENTENCE ALLOWED LIMITED A PERSON WHO HAS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE MAY BE SENTENCED TO A FINE OR MAKE RESTITUTION NOT EXCEEDING IN THE AREA C \$1,000 WHEN THE CONVICTION IS OF A MISDEMEANOR SO WHAT THIS WILL PROVIDE IS A NOTWITHSTANDING THAT PROVISION WE CAN GO UP TO \$20,000.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* THE COPIES ARE NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED. WE WILL TAKE A BRIEF RECESS UNTIL THEY'RE FINALLY DISTRIBUTED.

#### RECESS

**SPEAKER TERLAJE** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BLAS YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I THINK THE INTEREST OF TIME THAT I ASK THE COLLEAGUES FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT SO THAT WE CAN WE CAN MAKE SURE TO CLARIFY THE INTENT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE BILL I MEAN SORRY ON THIS AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. IF THE AUTHOR COULD YIELD TO A QUESTION I HAVE ON SECTION 80.50 WHAT WHAT AREA OF THE LAW IS THIS THAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT THAT WE HAVE TO SITE 80.50 VERSUS THE 49.9 IN WHICH IT'S CATALOGED INTO THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED WHAT IS 80 50 CATALOGED IN.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR BLAS:** YES MADAM SPEAKER. MADAM SPEAKER 80.50 DEFINES THE THE FINES AND RESTITUTION FOR SENTENCES THAT CAN BE ALLOWED AND SO IN ORDER TO FOR CLARITY AND TO ENSURE THAT IT IT'S IN CONFORMITY TO OUR STATUTES WHILE YOU KNOW OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT IS IN OFFENSE BY ITSELF AS THE MISDEMEANOR IT HAS BEEN DEFINED FURTHER DEFINED AND THE SENTENCES AND THE KIND OF PENAL MONETARY PENALTIES THAT CAN BE PROVIDED ARE PROVIDED IN A SEPARATE SECTION WITHIN THE GUAM TITLE N OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I THANK THE AUTHOR FOR ALSO SHARING ME THE SECTION WHO WAS FASTER AT PULLING UP WHERE THAT WHERE 80.50 IS IN THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO CONCUR WITH WHAT IS STATED HERE IN THAT SECTION OF THE LAW IT IT MAKES SENSE NOW JUST TO COVER ALL ANGLES SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND THANK THE AUTHOR OF THIS MEASURE AS WELL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO' LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR BARNETT ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST I GUESS I HAD A QUESTION FOR THE AUTHOR SO THE OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT IS A IS IT'S A MISDEMEANOR RIGHT AND WE'RE ATTACHING THIS \$20,000 FINE TO IT I TOTALLY SUPPORT THE BILL I HAVEN'T EVEN SPOKE ON IT YET I'M A CO-SPONSOR BUT I JUST WONDER ABOUT THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ATTACHING SUCH AN EXCESSIVE FINE TO THAT'S ALL I JUST WANTED TO RAISE THAT POINT I'M NOT SURE IF I'M ASKING A QUESTION OR JUST MAKING A COMMENT FOR THE RECORD THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

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

**SENATOR BLAS:** MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS AND THE CONCERNS BROUGHT UP BY MY COLLEAGUES AND THE LANGUAGE AS PROPOSED HERE PROVIDES SO THAT IT IS CONSTITUTIONAL IT DOES PASS THE MUSTER THIS THING AGAIN AS HAS BEEN DEFINED IN STATUTE MISDEMEANOR YOU KNOW ARE TYPICALLY PROVIDED SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT OF UP TO ONE YEAR AND A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000 THIS HOWEVER I BELIEVE AND I HAVE TO AGREE WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL IS THAT THIS IS BE THIS IS A MORE FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM SERIOUS MISDEMEANOR SERIOUS CRIME IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO IMPOSE A BECAUSE THE IMPOSITION OF A SENTENCE HERE MORE THAN LIKELY THIS MIS OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT YOU KNOW IS IN IS IS IS IS ALONG THE LINES OR COMPLEMENT OTHER OFFENSES THAT WERE COMMITTED WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT MONETARY-WISE THAT IT DOES HAVE THE MUSTER IT DOES HAVE THE PROVISION AND AND THE AUTHORITY TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS TO PROVIDE OF UP TO \$20,000 SO THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR BLAS. ON THE AMENDMENT ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION AMENDMENT PASSES ON THE BILL SENATOR BLOSS YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR BLAS:** I SUPPORT IT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL AS AMENDED SENATOR BERNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AND IT'S A LITTLE FUNNY BACKSTORY WHEN THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL REACHED OUT TO ME TO ASK ME IF I'D LIKE TO CO-SPONSOR IT I THOUGHT I HAD MISSED SOMETHING BECAUSE AS WAS INDICATED IN HER OPENING REMARKS THIS BILL HAS BEEN LANGUISHING IN COMMITTEES FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND SO WHEN SHE ASKED ME TO CO-SPONSOR THE BILL I SAID LANYAT I THOUGHT THAT PASSED ALREADY AND IT HAD IN FACT HAD NOT PASSED SO I I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A CO-SPONSOR AND I JUST WANTED TO TRY AND TALK ABOUT ABOUT THIS BILL WITHOUT MENTIONING THE BIG ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM THE NAME OF THE ELEPHANT BECAUSE THIS IS A STORY THAT I FOLLOWED AND REPORTED ON VERY CLOSELY WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF THE MEDIA BUT I KIND OF WANTED TO GO BACK SO SPECIFICALLY FOR ME THIS BILL IS REALLY ABOUT THE SCANDAL THE CONSPIRACY TO IMPORT CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE INTO OUR ISLANDS PRISON AND THIS SCANDAL YOU KNOW WAS DISCOVERED MADE ALL THE HEADLINES BACK IN 2017 AND I I JUST WANT TO GO BACK AND READ A COUPLE OF THESE MEDIA REPORTS AND AND THE TWO INMATES WHO HAD CENTERED ON THIS WERE BRUNO SIMMONS IS ONE AND THEN THE OTHER ONE JOHNSON THE VERY WELL-KNOWN IN THE NEWS ALL THE TIME SO A SEARCH WARRANT WAS OBTAINED FOR PHONES AND RECORDS WERE CHECKED ACCORDING TO A DOCUMENTS THE PHONE RECORDS REVEALED THAT THE TWO INMATES WERE IN CONTACT WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE TO INCLUDE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OFFICERS THE NUMBER OF THEM 1 2 3 4 5 I BELIEVE SIX DOC OFFICERS WERE RECEIVING PAYMENT TO SMUGGLE CONTRABAND INCLUDING CELL PHONES TOBACCO AND ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES INTO THE PRISON FOR THE DOC INMATES. JOHNSON AND THIS PARTICULAR FORMER CORRECTIONS OFFICER THAT I BELIEVE IS THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS BILL COMMUNICATED BACK AND FORTH ABOUT BRINGING METHAMPHETAMINE INTO DOC AND WHEN SHAKEDOWNS WERE GOING TO OCCUR AND SO I CAN UNDERSTAND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE YOU KNOW MADE MISTAKES PEOPLE WHO ARE MAYBE ADDICTED TO CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE YOU KNOW GOING THROUGH RECOVERY GETTING THAT SECOND CHANCE I'M OFF FOR SECOND CHANCES BUT SOMETIMES IT SEEMED LIKE OUR GOVERNMENT IS OUT HERE GIVING OUT SEVENTH CHANCES BUT TO TO BE IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY ESPECIALLY AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER YOU ASK ANYBODY WHO WEARS THE BADGE WHETHER THEY'RE WEARING THE GPD BLUE OR THE DOC GREEN ONCE YOU PUT THAT BADGE ON AND YOU SWEAR THAT O THAT OATH YOU ARE YOU ARE HELD TO A HIGHER STANDARD AND WHEN YOU'RE HELD TO A HIGHER STANDARD AND YOU VIOLATE THAT STANDARD OUR PEOPLE I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY BELIEVE THAT THE PUNISHMENT SHOULD AGAIN FIT THE CRIME AND AND IN THIS SPECIFIC CASE THAT WAS ABSOLUTELY NOT THE CASE IN FACT I QUESTION WHETHER THERE WAS EVEN PUNISHMENT DOLED OUT AS WE RECALL THE EVENTS OF THIS ALL THESE CASES WERE PLED OUT AND THEN A COUPLE YEARS LATER THIS INDIVIDUAL WE STARTED HEARING RUMORS ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL BEING HIRED DOWN AT THE PORT AND I'LL JUST SAY FOR THE RECORD THAT WE KNOW THIS INDIVIDUAL IS IS VERY CONNECTED TO ONE OF THE HIGHEST ELECTED OFFICIALS IN OUR ON OUR IN OUR ISLAND AND SO THIS WAS ALSO BROUGHT UP BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS BILL THE THE THINKING WAS WHY WOULD YOU TAKE AN EMPLOYEE WHO VIOLATED THE PUBLIC TRUST AND WAS INVOLVED IN A CONSPIRACY TO PROMOTE CRYSTAL ME METHAMPHETAMINE TO SMUGGLE IN CRYSTAL METHAMPHET I MEAN WHY WOULD YOU PUT THEM AT A PORT OF ENTRY I MEAN OF ALL THE AGENCIES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM YOU KNOW YOU COULD HAVE PUT HIM OVER AT THE GUAM ENERGY OFFICE OR AND SO I KNOW THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD GOT THE JOB I HAD ACTUALLY INTERVIEWED THIS ELECTED OFFICIAL THAT'S CONNECTED TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND HE SAID I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE HIRING I DON'T THINK HE HAD TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE HIRING I THINK IT WAS CLEAR THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE OF THEIR CONNECTIONS WAS TO BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE OTHER DOC OFFICERS WHO WERE ALSO INVOLVED IN THIS CASE WERE NOT GIVEN AND I BELIEVE IT IT WAS BECAUSE OF THAT CONNECTION TO THIS INDIVIDUAL AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE STAFFING PATTERN NOW THIS INDIVIDUAL HAS GONE FROM BEING A SAFETY COORDINATOR TO NOW HOLDING THE POSITION I BELIEVE OF A MARINA MANAGER SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE PUNISHMENT FITTING THE CRIME IT'S PERVERSE IT'S PERVERSE THAT WE HAVE A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS YET ONE OF THEM WHO HAS OBVIOUS CONNECTIONS WAS NOT PUNISHED AND IN FACT OUTSIDE LOOKING IN IT ALMOST LOOKS AS IF THEY WERE REWARDED FOR THIS BEHAVIOR AND SO OF COURSE I SUPPORT THIS BILL I THINK THIS IS A STANDARD THAT IS NEEDED IT'S A REALLY A NO-BRAINER TO ME IT'S A NO-BRAINER THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A STANDARD LIKE THIS IF YOU IF YOU ARE IN A POSITION OF PUBLIC TRUST YOU VIOLATE THAT TRUST WE SEND YOU WALKING OUT THE DOOR GUESS WHAT YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO COME BACK IN YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO COME BACK IN NO MATTER WHOSE BROTHER-IN-LAW

WHOSE COUSIN WHOSE NINO WHOSE UNCLE YOU ARE BUT I THINK MORE IMPORTANTLY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SHOULD KNOW WHAT KIND OF LEADERS THEY ARE ELECTING. ARE WE ELECTING LEADERS WHO ARE GOING TO TREAT PEOPLE FAIRLY OR ARE WE ELECTING LEADERS WHO ARE GOING TO USE THEIR POWER AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S A BILL WE CAN INTRODUCED HERE TO STOP THAT FROM HAPPENING AND TAKE ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT I JUST SAID AND OPEN UP THE NEWS TODAY YESTERDAY TOMORROW THERE'S GOING TO BE NEWS ABOUT CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE PEOPLE WHO ARE ADDICTED TO THIS DRUG WHO ARE STEALING FROM US WHO ARE BREAKING INTO OUR HOMES WHO ARE MURDERING ON OUR ISLAND AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH THE DEALING OF THIS POISON SHOULD BE PUNISH THE HARSHTEST WE SHOULD NOT BE REWARDING PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED OR WERE INVOLVED WITH CONSPIRACIES TO SMUGGLE CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE FULL STOP THAT'S A NO-BRAINER. THAT'S COMMON SENSE. YOU ASK ANYBODY OUT HERE IF THEY AGREE WITH THAT STATEMENT I'M PRETTY SURE THEY WILL BUT AGAIN IT GOES DOWN TO THE TYPES OF LEADERS THAT WE'RE GOING TO ELECT. WE NEED TO ELECT LEADERS AND WE NEED TO HOLD OUR ELECTED LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT'S GOING ON OUT HERE IN IN THE STREETS AND SO WHEN WE KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR FAMILY MEMBERS STRUGGLE WITH CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE WE KNOW THAT WHEN THEY GO INTO PRISON OFTEN TIMES CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE IS EASIER TO GET IN THE PRISON THAN IT IS OUT HERE IN THE STREETS. AND SO IT HURTS MY HEART WHEN WE WALK AROUND PRETENDING WE DON'T KNOW WHO'S INVOLVED WITH THE POISONING OF OUR PEOPLE WITH THE POISONING OF OUR ISLAND AND YOU HAVE TO WONDER AS THE AUTHOR OF THIS THIS BILL SAID IN HER OPENING STATEMENT WHAT HAPPENS IN THE BRIGHTNESS OF DAY AND WHAT GOES ON BEHIND CLOSED DOORS UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS. SO THIS IS ONE INSTANCE WHERE WE SEE IN THE BRIGHTNESS OF DAY DALY I THOUGHT FOR SURE THEY WOULDN'T THERE'S NO WAY THAT THEY WOULD ROLL OUT THE THE RED CORP THE RED CARPET ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM TO ENSURE THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS TAKEN CARE OF IN FACT WHEN I INTERVIEWED THE ELECTED OFFICIAL ABOUT THIS I ASKED THE HARD QUESTIONS AND THE ANSWER I GOT AND I'M GOING TO PARAPHRASE HERE WAS *I NA'MASI ADAI* HE HAS PLENTY KIDS. AND SO I THINK FROM THE TOP ON DOWN WE HAVE TO VERY BE VERY FIRM IN THE MESSAGE THAT WE'RE GOING TO SEND NOT JUST TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ADDICTED TO CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE THERE'S NO SILVER BULLET FOR THIS YOU CAN'T TAKE A SHOT YOU CAN'T TAKE A PILL. LOOK AT THE CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE THAT'S OUT HERE IN OUR STREETS NOW OUR POLICE OFFICERS ARE TASING THESE ATTICS BUT THE CRYSTAL METH IS SO STRONG THE TASER DOESN'T EVEN PHASE THEM AND THIS HAS HAPPENED MULTIPLE TIMES. YOU TALK TO THE FEDS WE'RE ALL WONDERING ARE THEY PUTTING SOMETHING IN THIS CRYSTAL METH BUT EVEN IF THEY AREN'T I THINK IT'S CLEAR THAT WE WE HAVE TO HOLD THE STANDARD AND IF THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT OVER AT ADELUP WE HAVE TO DO IT HERE IN THE LEGISLATURE WE HAVE TO SEND A STATEMENT THAT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH AND THAT IF YOU ARE IN A POSITION OF TRUST AND YOU'RE GOING TO USE THAT POSITION OF TRUST TO PERVERT THE VERY SYSTEM OF JUSTICE YOU ARE INVOLVED WITH AND YOU'RE TASKED TO HELP EXECUTE ITS MANDATES THEN I THINK WE HAVE TO SEND A STRONG MESSAGE AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THIS THIS BILL DOES IN FACT I WANT TO SEND A STRONGER MESSAGE I WAS TALKING WITH THE AUTHOR I MEAN IF WE'RE GOING TO FIND \$20000 FOR OFFICIAL MIS OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT AS A MISDEMEANOR WHY DON'T WE JUST MAKE IT A FELONY BUT MAYBE THAT'S A CONVERSATION FOR FOR ANOTHER DAY THIS CONVERSATION I I JUST AGAIN WANT TO SAY THAT IF WE EXPECT CHANGE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY AND WE GOT TO DO THINGS THAT ARE DIFFICULT WE HAVE TO STEP ON SOME TOES AND I KNOW THAT THIS BILL OR SOME COLLEAGUES IN THIS BODY WHO THINK THAT WE'RE STEPPING ON SOME VERY POWERFUL TOES I SAY STEP AWAY KEEP STEPPING BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY WAY THAT WE'RE GOING TO SEND THE MESSAGE TO THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE IN OUR GOVERNMENT WHO ARE NOT GOING TO ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET WHO ARE NOT GOING TO REWARD THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR YOU KNOW IT'S ONE THING IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN A TRUSTED POSITION STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION IT'S A WHOLE OTHER WHEN YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN A TRUSTED POSITION WHO IS FEEDING THAT ADDICTION FOR PERSONAL PROFIT AND PERSONAL GAIN AND THAT'S WHERE I DRAW THE LINE AND SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND I COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR HER DILIGENCE THREE YEARS LATER FINALLY GOT THIS MEASURE ON THE FLOOR AND I'M I'M PROUD TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF IT. *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BERNETT. ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN SORRY SENATOR LUJAN. YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER MORNING COLLEAGUES AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYBODY. MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL OF COURSE 30-37 COR AUTHORED BY SENATOR BROWN. THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF THE BILL AS WELL YOU KNOW VERY SIMPLY SAID MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT HAVE YOU KNOW AT LEAST FIVE PRINCIPLES WHICH MEANS BASICALLY FIRST PRINCIPAL FRAUD IN OFFICE WILLFUL NEGLECT OF DUTY ABUSE OF OFFICIAL POWER EXCESS OF OFFICIAL AUTHORITY AND OPPRESSION OR THE UNAUTHORIZED INTENTIONAL AFFLICTION OF INJURY UPON A PERSON. THIS BILL CALLS FOR AGAIN THE PERSON OR INDIVIDUAL WHO'S BEEN CONVICTED OF

OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT AND AS AGAIN ONE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT I MEAN THE FIVE PRINCIPLES M MIS MISCONDUCT IF YOU'VE BEEN CONVICTED OF ONE OF THESE IT'S COMMON SENSE AS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER COMMON SENSE BILL TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO PROTECT OUR GOVERNMENT YOU WANT TO START CLEANING UP OUR OUR GOVERNMENT THIS IS A AGAIN A A COMMON SENSE BILL THAT WE BE PUT IN IN PLACE REMEMBER IT'S AGAIN AFTER IF YOU'VE BEEN CONVICTED NOT JUST ACCUSED BUT BEEN CONVICTED BEEN FOUND GUILTY BY A JURY APPEARS BEEN FOUND THAT SO AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IFULL SUPPORT AND I HOPE THAT THE AGAIN THE REST OF OUR COLLEAGUES THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE WILL BE IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL NUMBER 30-37(COR). THANK YOU VERY MUCH MMADAM SPEAKER.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR BROWN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER AND CERTAINLY THANK YOU TO ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS BILL AND YOUR WORDS OF SUPPORT FOR OUR PEOPLE YOU KNOW AS MENTIONED BY OUR MY GOOD COLLEAGUE SENATOR BARNETT YOU KNOW THIS BILL TOOK THREE YEARS TO GET ON THE FLOOR OF THE LEGISLATURE PRIMARY LAST TERM MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE WE COULD NEVER GET IT OUT OF THE COMMITTEE THERE ARE COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT NEVER VOTED ON THIS BILL AND I KNOW THAT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AS A CHAIR CIRCULATED THIS BILL NOT ONCE NOT TWICE NOT THREE TIMES IN ORDER TO GET EITHER A VOTE IN FAVOR AGAINST OR NOT TO REPORT OUT TO AT LEAST HAVE THIS BILL SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY AND YOU KNOW IT'S A REMINDER TO ME AGAIN YOU KNOW THERE'S SO MANY GOOD THINGS WE GET TO DO ON ON THIS FLOOR AND ALL THE YEARS THAT I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF OUR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO STAND AND SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF BUT THEN IT REMINDS ME AGAIN HOW YOU KNOW THE UGLY HEADIT OF POLITICS RAISES ITS FACE AND YOU SEE WE'RE MEMBERS EVEN OF OUR OWN BODY BECAUSE OF THE DYNAMICS AND THE POLITICS WHO THEY SUPPORT AND WHO THEY DON'T SUPPORT WOULD LET THIS PARTICULAR BILL LANGUISH IN COMMITTEE AND NEVER ALLOW IT TO GET ON THE FLOOR SO I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE ALL MY COLLEAGUES IN THE COMMITTEE THAT THAT VOTED ON THIS BILL TO REPORT THIS OUT AND AND PUT IT HERE ON THE FLOOR OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR US TO DISCUSS TODAY YOU KNOW AS I'VE ALWAYS MENTIONED AS I GETTING OLDER I REALLY APPRECIATE OUR LANGUAGE BECAUSE THEY'RE STILL WORDS THAT ARE SO APPROPRIATE YOU KNOW THAT OUR PEOPLE UNDERSTAND AND THE SIMPLE WORD OF *TAI'MAMA'LAO* NO SHAME. *TAI'MAMA'LAO ENAU NA TAO'TAO* THAT INDIVIDUAL HAS NO SHAME AND THE FACT THAT THAT WORD EXISTS AS A PHRASE IN OUR LANGUAGE *SA HAGI TAI MAMA'LAO* AND WE KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS WHEN SOMEONE WHEN IT'S SAID ABOUT SOMEBODY THAT THEY HAVE NO SHAME BECAUSE NOW WE THINK ANYTHING GOES AND EVERYTHING CAN YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT DEPENDING ON WHO YOU ARE AND WHO YOU'RE CONNECTED TO AND THAT SHOULD NEVER BE THE CASE MADAM SPEAKER I THINK MOST OF OUR PEOPLE WOULD BELIEVE THAT SHOULD NEVER BE THE CASE ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU ARE BRINGING HARM WHEN YOU ARE TAKING YOUR OFFICIAL POSITION AND CAP CAPACITY TO WHICH THE PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN YOU THE PRIVILEGE TO WHICH THE PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN YOU AND ABUSE THAT PRIVILEGE AND THEN EXPECT TO COME BACK AGAIN AND BE PUT IN ANOTHER POSITION OF TRUST AND THAT APPLIES TO EVERY SINGLE POSITION IN THIS GOVERNMENT THAT THE PEOPLE AG GUAM HAVE CREATED AND ALLOWED US INCLUDING THOSE OF US IN ELECTIVE OFFICE TO SERVE WE SHOULD HAVE A SENSE OF SHAME WHEN WE DO SOMETHING WRONG DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE CONVICTED FOR LIFE THAT WE NEVER HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DUST OURSELVES OFF AND BUILD AGAIN NO. BUT WE SHOULD BE ASHAMED AND WE SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT BECAUSE YOU GOT TO WONDER IN THE FIRST PLACE WHEN SOMEONE'S ALREADY IN SUCH A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY WHAT IS GOING ON IN THEIR MIND THAT THEY WOULD DO WHAT THEY DO THAT THEY WOULD ABUSE THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE TO HARM THE VERY PEOPLE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTING AND TAKING CARE OF AND BEING RESPONSIBLE TOWARDS I WANTED TO CLOSE MY COMMENT BY ACTUALLY READING THE TESTIMONY THE LAST FEW PARAGRAPHS IN THE TESTIMONY BY GLORY RUDOLPH THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT TESTIFIED WITH DOUGLAS MOYLAN OUR ATTORNEY GENERAL ON THIS BILL AND I THINK HER WORDS ARE VERY CONCISE AND VERY APPROPRIATE SHE SAID THERE ARE NUMEROUS WAYS TO DAMAGE PUBLIC TRUST IT MIGHT BE BY DISHONORING THE OATH OF YOUR OFFICE AND IMPERILING THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO ENFORCE LAW AND ORDER IT MIGHT BE BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE TRUST THAT THE GOVERNMENT POSITION AUTOMATICALLY AFFORDS YOU AND BY USING IT AS COVER FOR WRONGDOING OR IT MIGHT BE BY PUTTING CHILDREN IN THE PRESENCE OF DANGEROUS PEOPLE AND IN A DANGEROUS PLACE AND DOING NOTHING TO REMOVE THE DANGER OR WORSE IGNORING AND ALLOWING THE DANGER TO REMAIN OUR OFFICIOUS CONDUCT STATUTE TAKES ACCOUNT OF THIS UNIQUE POWER AND ACCESS TO PUBLIC RESOURCES THAT THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HAVE. IF PASS BILL 30-37 WOULD FINALLY ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO ABUSE THE UNIQUE POWER OF GOVERNMENT AND MISUSE SQUANDER OR EXPLOIT THEIR CONTROL OVER PUBLIC RESOURCES WILL BE EXPELLED AND PROHIBITED FROM WORKING IN THE GOVERNMENT AGAIN. I THINK THOSE

WORDS ARE VERY APPROPRIATE MADAM SPEAKER WITH REGARDS TO WHAT OUR SENTIMENT AS LEADERS IN THIS COMMUNITY SHOULD BE WE NEED TO HAVE STANDARDS WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE ARE RESPONSIBLE AND OUR PEOPLE THAT ARE WORKING IN THE THE GOVERNMENT NEED TO ENSURE AS SENATOR SABINA PEREZ MENTIONED PERHAPS THIS NEEDS TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF ORIENTATION FOR ALL OUR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. WE SHOULD NOT LOOK AT OUR POSITIONS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE BECAUSE WE SEE IT WE SEE IT TIME AND TIME AGAIN AS SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT MENTIONED WE ARE NOT GIVEN THESE POSITIONS TO USE AND ABUSE THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT WE OUR FAMILY OUR FRIENDS OUR CONNECTIONS ARE TAKEN CARE OF THAT'S NOT THE REASON WE'RE HERE AND YET WE SEE IT HAPPEN OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND ARE TO PEOPLE DESERVE MORE THAN AN *ATAN BABA* FROM THOSE THAT ACTUALLY COMMIT THESE CRIMES THAT HAVE THE NERVE HAVE THE ABSOLUTE NERVE BECAUSE *I TAI'MAMA'LAO NAI* NO SHAME; THEY THINK THEY CAN LOOK DOWN AT OUR PEOPLE AS IF IT'S THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE OFFENDED THEM. THAT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AS LAWMAKERS TO ENSURE THE HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE. AND IF THERE ARE BAD ELEMENTS IN THIS GOVERNMENT THAT ARE ABUSING THE AUTHORITIES TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED THEN BY ALL MEANS IF THEY'VE BEEN CONVICTED OF IT THEY HAVE NO RIGHT THEY SHOULD HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO RIGHT OF EVER SITTING IN A POSITION OF PUBLIC TRUST AGAIN SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS BILL I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO MOTION BILL 30-37 TO THIRD READING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 30-37(COR) AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES**

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MORNING COLLEAGUES WE'RE NOW IN SECOND READING AND THE NEXT BILL IS BILL NUMBER 116-37 (COR) AS SUBSTITUTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE THE MAIN SPONSOR SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE AND IT'S AN ACT TO ADD A NEW NEW SUBSECTIONS TO ARTICLE 1 CHAPTER 61 TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AMENDING SUBSECTION 61304 B 7 SUBSECTION 61309 B SUBSECTION 61310 OF ARTICLE 3 CHAPTER 61 TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO AMEND SUBSECTION 66201 POINT1 OF ARTICLE 2 CHAPTER 66 TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION 10104 D9 SUBSECTION 10104 A3 SUBSECTION 10106 B6 SUBSECTION 10104 C5E SUBSECTION 10104 C5F SUBSECTION 10107 G SUBSECTION 10103 88 SUBSECTION 10103 89 AND SUBSECTION 10 107 G4 TO CHAPTER 10 TITLE 22 GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO STRENGTHENING AND HARMONIZING GOVERNMENT AGENCY ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES AND ENSURING BEST MINING OR QUIRING PRACTICES. SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND ESPECIALLY THANK YOU FOR READING THAT LONG TITLE FOR ME. I APPRECIATE IT AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO PLACE THE SUBSTITUTE BILL ON I HAVE A SUBSTITUTE VERSION TO SUBSTITUTE ON THE FLOOR THIS VERSION CORRECTS FORMATTING ERRORS SOME REFERENCES AND CITATIONS IN THE BILL AND I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT THAT VERSION BE ADOPTED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** ON THE MOTION TO ACCEPT BILL 116 AS SUBSTITUTED ARE THERE AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTED ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING NONE MOTION PASSES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*. COLLEAGUES I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO PLACE THE BILL 116-37 AS SUBSTITUTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR INTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT MOTION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** PLEASE PROCEED MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*. THIS BILL COLLEAGUES IS IS ONE OF SEVERAL BILLS ON OUR AGENDA TODAY AND ON OUR AGENDA DURING THIS ENTIRE TERM WHICH INCREASES TRANSPARENCY AND IS GEARED TOWARDS THE SAFETY THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND TO PROTECTING FOR ALLOWING US TO COMMIT TO OUR PLEDGE TO *BAI HU PRUTEHI I AIRE I HANOM YAN I TANO'CHAMORU*. THIS BILL BEGAN IN IN THE LAST TERM WE HAD A PUBLIC HEARING BECAUSE THERE WERE CONCERNS WITH FROM OUR COMMUNITY REGARDING SITES AROUND GUAM CLEARLY VISIBLE THAT WERE POSSIBLY CONDUCTING MINING OPERATIONS AND WE KNOW THAT WITH THE INCREASE IN DEVELOPMENT ESPECIALLY FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MILITARY PROJECTS THERE IS A HUGE DEMAND FOR THE CORAL UP NORTH SOME OF IT IS SUPERIOR IN GRADE IN QUALITY AND VERY HIGHLY VALUED AND THIS PUTS AN IMMENSE PRESSURE ON OUR AGENCIES WHO'VE BEEN ISSUING PERMITS FOR CLEARING AND G GRADING SOMETIMES IN THE GUISE OF QUARRYING THAT'S WHAT WE'VE DISCOVERED LATER SO THIS BILL WILL HELP THESE AGENCIES TO PUT GUARD RAILS AND CLARITY CLOSE THE GAPS IT WILL ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL TRANSPARENCY AND DISCLOSURE BY DEVELOPERS OF THEIR FULL INTENTION AND RELIEVE HOPEFULLY SOME OF THAT PRESSURE ON THOSE AGENCIES SO THAT EVERYONE IS OPERATING UNDER THE SAME RULES WITH CLEAR WITH CLEAR GUIDELINES. THIS BILL DOES NOT ADDRESS ALL



PROBLEMS WITH CORING ON GUAM CORING IS A HIGHLY DESTRUCTIVE AND THEREFORE HIGHLY REGULATED INDUSTRY AND MOST THE REAL QUARIES ON GUAM ARE COMPLYING WITH LOCAL AND FEDERAL LAWS SO THE THIS BILL IS REALLY INTENDED TO MITIGATE PROBLEMS FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNDER CLEARING AND GRADING PERMITS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING MINING OPERATIONS OR CORING OPERATIONS. SO WHEN WE HAD A OVERSIGHT HEARING OR A ROUND TABLE WITH THE REGULATORY AGENCIES IN THE LAST TERM I WE WERE VERY BLESSED TO HAVE THE FULL PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THE GUAM LAND USE COMMISSION THE GUAM EPA THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS WHICH IS IN CHARGE OF THE COASTAL AREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THE GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE AND THE WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES ARE WEARY AT UOG AND THEY ALL CAME IN TO GATHER THEIR EXPERTISE AND TALK TO US ABOUT THE TYPES OF PERMITS APPLICABLE TO MINERAL EXTRACTION THE PROCESSING OF THESE PERMITS THE REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCIES UNDER FEDERAL AND LOCAL LAW AND THE GRADING EXCAVATING QUARRYING OR OTHER MEANS OF EXTRACTING MINERALS ON GUAM IT WAS DETERMINED AT THAT HEARING THAT LEGISLATION WAS URGENTLY NEEDED TO ADDRESS INCONSISTENCIES AND PROBLEMATIC AREAS ESPECIALLY DUE TO THE INCREASING PRESSURES ON THESE AGENCIES. THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THIS HEARING CAN BE FOUND ON THE GUAM LEGISLATURE'S ARCHIVE WEBSITE AND HAS BEEN A VALUABLE TOOL TO INFORM ON THE TOPIC OF MINERAL EXTRACTIONS ON GUAM WHILE WE INTRODUCED BILL 116 ON MAY 11TH THIS WAS AFTER RESEARCH AND COLLABORATION WITH THESE AGENCIES AND CONTINUING CORRESPONDENCE WITH THEM AND WE HAD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BILL ON JULY 19TH AND THE STAKEHOLDERS AGAIN PROVIDED VERY VALUABLE INFORMATION AND WE WERE ABLE IN COMMITTEE ALSO TO MAKE SOME ADDITIONAL CHANGES. THERE WAS CONSENSUS ABOUT DEFINITIONS SO GUAM EPA SUPPORTED THOSE CHANGES TO THE DEFINITION OF MINING OR QUARING AS A CONDITIONAL USE WITHIN M2 AND M1 ZONES WILL TRIGGER THE PUBLIC PERMITTING PROCESS TO ENSURE NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A SAY IN THE APPROVAL OF ANY QUARRYING ACTIVITIES. THIS ALSO ENSURES THAT MINING AND CORING DO NOT BYPASS THE GUAM LAND USE COMMISSION OR THE APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE THIS IS A REVIEW COMMITTEE DONE FOR ANY LAND USE APPLICATIONS BY ALL THESE REGULATORY AGENCIES. SO THIS BILL PLACES CORING MINING AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN M1 AND M2 ZONES. THEY DISTINGUISHED QUARRYING FROM GRADING USING THREE FACTORS RECOMMENDED BY THE GUAM EPA THE SIZE AND DURATION OF THE PROPOSED EARTH MOVING ACTIVITY THE EFFICIENCY AND APPROPRIATENESS OF THE GRADING DESIGN AND THE CREATION OF A SUBSTANTIAL COMMERCIAL BENEFIT. THE LANGUAGE WAS DERIVED FROM IN PART BY A RECENT COURT CASE IN THE CNMI AND WHERE THEY HAD TO THE COURT ENDED UP DEFINING THOSE ACTIVITIES FOR PURPOSE OF REGULATION. THE BILL ALSO CLARIFIES THE INTENT OF CONDITIONAL USE EXTRACTIONS IN AGRICULTURAL ZONES. THIS IS ONE OF THE BIG LOOPHOLES THAT IS IN EXISTENCE TODAY THAT THE BILL HOPES TO AMEND THE BILL WILL RESTRICT EXTRACTIONS IN AGRICULTURAL ZONES TO BIOLOGICAL EXTRACTIONS ONLY CUZ THESE ARE AGRICULTURAL ZONES AND NOT MINERAL EXTRACTIONS. THAT WAS THE LOOPHOLE THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES MECHANISMS FOR MORE SCRUTINY OF PERMITS THAT WILL ALLOW CLEARING GRADING GRUBBING BACKFILLING EXCAVATING AND EMBANKMENT AND THIS IS UNDER THE GUAM EPA'S GUAM SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REGULATIONS AND IT ALLOWS THEM TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO AMEND THOSE RULES AS AS NECESSARY BUT BECAUSE OF THE LOOPHOLES THAT EXISTED WE ARE AMENDMENTS TO THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS WELL AS TO MORE SPECIFICALLY DEFINE THOSE TERMS. THE BILL HAS INTRODUCED INCLUDED A 5 ACRE THRESHOLD FOR CLEARING GRADING RUBBING FILLING EXCAVATING EMBANKMENT OR STOCKPILING BASED ON RECOMENDATIONS AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR EARTH MOVING ACTIVITIES FROM GUAM EPA ON THE BASIS OF TOTAL SIZE. THIS IS CONTAINED IN THE 2006 CNMI AND GUAM STORM WATER MANAGEMENT MANUAL ADOPTED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 2012-01 AND WE HAVE NOW PUTTING THAT INTO STATUTE. THE GUAM EPA REGULATIONS CONTAIN A REQUIREMENT TO WORK IN PHASES AND THE SIZE OF ANY SINGLE ACTIVE DISTURBED AREA IS LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 20 ACRES WITH THE ABILITY OF EPA TO ISSUE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT. IN ADDITION A US EPA STORM WATER PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ANY EARTH SMOING ACTIVITY THAT IS 1 ACRE OR LARGER IN SIZE WHICH TRIGGERS NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT REVIEW BY THE US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. WE ALSO CONCURS THAT STANDARDS FOR CLOSING QUARRIES SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. SINCE LATE 2021 GUAM EPA BEGAN FLAGGING AND CLEARING AND GRADING PERMIT APPLICATIONS THAT APPEAR TO BE QUARRYING. AS OF THEIR REPORT THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST 60 NOTICES OF VIOLATION BETWEEN 2018 AND 2021 FOR CLEARING AND GRADING INCLUDING ONE COMPANY FOR PERFORMING GRADING CLEARING GRUBBING EMBANKMENT FILLING EXCAVATION AND OTHER EARTH MOVING ACTIVITIES ACROSS AN AREA OF JUST OVER 29 ACRES WITH A GRADING PERMIT. THE GUAM STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE PROVIDED TESTIMONY THAT THERE WAS A VIOLATION FOR QUARRYING ON A 35 ACRES OF PROPERTY WITHOUT AN ARCHAEOLOGIST WHICH DESTROYED THE LUNA SITE. THE GUAM WATERWORK SPECIFIED THAT A WATER WELL LOCATED NEAR A QUARRY HAD TO

BE SHUT DOWN BECAUSE IT PRODUCED CLOUDY WATER AND THE WELL WAS ABLE TO CLEAR UP AFTER THAT SHUTDOWN BUT THE GWA HAS NO REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE DEPTHS OF QUARRIES. THEY POINTED TO GUAM EPA AS THE ONE WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE WELLHEAD PROTECTION AREAS. ADDITIONALLY DPW DENIED RENEWAL FOR AT LEAST ONE PERMIT INCLUDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GUAM RACEWAY PARK BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE REMOVAL OF MINERALS FAR BEYOND ANY PLAN THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO THEM AND FAR BEYOND ANY APPROVAL. DPW ISSUED AT LEAST ONE NOTICE OF VIOLATION NEAR THE MANILA SOLAR FARM AND MARBLE CAVE AREA WHICH WAS PERMITTED FOR CLEARING AND GRADING HOWEVER DPW FOUND THAT THERE WAS EXTRACTING AND MINING HAPPENING ON THAT PROPERTY. GWA TESTIFIED THAT A HYDROLOGICAL GEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AT A PROPOSED QUARRY SITE. WEI PROVIDED TESTIMONY THAT GUAM EPA REQUIRES DEVELOPERS TO COMPLETE A SUPPLEMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WITH A HYDROLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE AREA TO BE DEVELOPED WITH SPECIFIED BOUNDARIES. THIS THEY TESTIFIED IS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO EVALUATE HYDROLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT SURFACE DEPRESSIONS INCLUDING GEOLOGICAL AND SURFACE TERRAIN FEATURES AND HYDROLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL COMPONENTS. THESE FEATURES MAY THEN BE INCORPORATED INTO HIGH RESOLUTION DIGITAL MAPS THAT CAN BE SUBJECTED TO SPECIAL ANALYSIS THE RESULTS OF WHICH ARE ULTIMATELY VERIFIED IN THE FIELD AND BSP THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLAN TESTIFIED THEY USE THESE MAPS BY WEARY AS PART OF THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THESE RESOURCES .AND IT WAS BSP WHO RECOMMENDED VERY CLEARLY THAT DEFINING BIOLOGICAL EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY IS THEY GAVE US A DEFINITION WHICH WE HAVE PUT INTO THE BILL WHICH IS SO A BIOLOGICAL EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY IS THAT WHICH INCLUDES HARVESTING OF FLORA IN AN AGRICULTURAL ZONE THAT IS INTENDED TO BE USED AS RAW MATERIALS FOR OTHER PURPOSES THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY MUST NOT HAVE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS TO THE LONG-TERM BIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONALITY OF THE PROPERTY TO PROVIDE FUTURE PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURE GOODS. DPW CONCURS THAT MINERAL EXTRACTION BE RESTRICTED AND REMOVED FROM A RURAL ZONES. THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS I'M ACTUALLY VERY PROUD OF IN THIS BILL AND I'M REALLY URGING MY COLLEAGUES TO HELP ME GET THIS PASS AND THE GOVERNOR'S SUPPORT AS WELL BECAUSE WE ARE TRYING TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE FARMING ON GUAM SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT MINERAL EXTRACTION ON AGRICULTURALLY ZONED PROPERTIES MAKES THAT PROPERTY FOREVER UNABLE TO PRODUCE FOOD. SO WE HAVE EXPANDED DEFINITIONS. WE HAVE PUT IN ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS WHERE THERE WAS A LACK OF THEM AND ALL OF THIS IS DONE TO STAND UP THESE AGENCIES AND HELP THEM IN THEIR REQUEST FOR MORE TOOLS TO USE TO REALLY DISTINGUISH BETWEEN REAL QUARRIES AND THOSE WHO ARE ARE PRETTY MUCH ILLEGALLY QUARRYING UNDER AN AGRICULTURE ZONE OR UNDER A CLEARING AND GRADING PERMIT. AND THIS IN TURN WILL PROTECT OUR RESOURCES AS CORING IS A REALLY VERY IT'S A DESTRUCTIVE TO THE LAND OF COURSE IT ALSO HAS SEVERE IMPLICATIONS FOR HEALTH BECAUSE OF AIR SAFETY AND THUS AND I'M SURE I DON'T NEED TO TELL ANYONE IN HERE THE IMPACT OF OVERCORING ON OUR AQUAFER. SO I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE AGENCIES WHO CAME OUT VERY STRONG IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL. THANKS TO THEM FOR THEIR VERY DETAILED VERY HARD WORK ON ON THE DEFINITIONS ON THE REGULATIONS THEMSELVES AND I KNOW THIS IS THIS IS I I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THE HARDER BILLS THAT I HAVE WORKED ON AND BUT I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THOSE AGENCIES. THEY WERE REALLY I FEEL LIKE I WAS VERY PROUD BECAUSE SOME OF THEM CAME TO ME AND I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED SO BUT THEY CAME TO ME BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO IN THE PERMITTING PROCESS THEY KNEW THAT THERE WERE LOOPHOLES AND THEY KNEW THAT WE NEEDED TO DO SOMETHING HERE AT THE LEGISLATURE SO I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT REPORT ON THIS BILL. *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'.*

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. ON THE BILL SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OK THANK YOU THANK YOU MS MR. SPEAKER THANK YOU ACTING SPEAKER. IT'S KIND OF THREW ME OFF THERE FOR A BIT YEAH ANYWAYS I I I JUST WANT TO SAY A FEW THINGS ABOUT BILL 116-37 I MEAN THIS BILL LIKE MENTIONED EARLIER HAD AN INFORMATIONAL HEARING IN 2022 A A DISCUSSION THAT ACTUALLY TOOK ALMOST TWO AND A HALF HOURS AT THAT TIME WE HAD ONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES DURING THE 36 GUAM LEGISLATURE WHO HAD EXPERIENCED THE ISSUES OF CORING AND SOME OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT DIDN'T HAVE ANY TEETH YOU KNOW TO TO ENFORCE ANY KIND OF HAZARD TO THE AREA OR THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORS. IT WAS QUITE EXTENSIVE AND THEN CONTINUING ON RIGHT AFTER THE TYPHOON ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS BILL I MEAN THE COMMITTEE REPORT IS ABOUT 681 PAGES THAT'S THE COMMITTEE REPORT. YOU CAN TELL THIS HAS BEEN REALLY THOROUGHLY REVIEWED BY MANY OF THE AGENCIES AS MENTIONED BUT I THINK THE GREATEST THING I LIKED ABOUT YOU KNOW FINALLY GETTING THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION WHICH COULD USE ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT LAW TO TO PROVIDE MORE TEETH AND FINES TO IT THOSE VIOLATING THE LAW WHEN IT COMES TO TO MINING OR CORING OR GRADING OR ANY SUCH MATTER THAT WOULD DESTROY ANY KIND OF LAND ESPECIALLY THAT OVER THE AQUIFER I MEAN WE RELY ON THIS CORAL THAT WOULD HELP YOU KNOW FILTER THE WATER GOING THROUGH THE DRINKING WATER THAT WE DRINK THAT'S WHY IT'S A A VERY PRECIOUS PRECIOUS MINERAL THAT WE HAVE

IN THE NORTH AND WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL. BILL 116-37 WILL ESTABLISH THESE REGULATIONS NEEDED TO ENSURE THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH MINING AND CORING PRACTICE WITH A FOCUS ON PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SAFEGUARDING THE WELL-BEING OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES AS WELL. YOU KNOW CRITICAL CONSIDERATION OF THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE ENFORCEMENT TO ADDRESSING THE CLOSURE PROCESS AS WELL AND MITIGATING TO DAMAGE IS CAUSED BY MINING AND CORING TO THE PUBLIC INPUT FOR THOSE LIVING NEXT TO THESE PROJECTS WHERE HEALTH HAZARDS WILL BE ADDRESSED BEFORE A GRADING MINING ACCORDING BEGINS THAT WAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES THAT IN M ZONE WOULD NOT REQUIRE TO GO TO THE GUAM LAND USE COMMISSION FOR PERMIT. IT WAS ALMOST CONTRADICTIVE YET M2 WAS QUESTIONABLE TOO SO YOU HAD DPW SAYING THAT IT'S NOT NEEDED I MEAN IT'S NEEDED TO GO THROUGH THE LAND USE COMMISSION AND LAND MANAGEMENT SAYING NO IT'S NOT BASED ON THE LAW. SO THIS DEFINITELY WILL CLEAR THAT UP BECAUSE I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT MADAM SPEAKER THAT WE HAVE THAT PROCESS IN PLACE THE GUAM LAND USE COMMISSION FOR THE SAFETY WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY MOST ESPECIALLY AND OF COURSE THE NUMBER ONE MY FAVORITE TRANSPARENCY ON WHAT'S GOING ON. SO THAT BEING SAID TO ADDRESS THE GRADING AND MINING OF CORING BEGINS AS WELL AS THE REQUIRED USE AND PERIODIC UPDATES TO THE STORM WATTAGE DRAINAGE MANUAL THAT WILL BE USED AS THE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE AS A GUIDANCE THIS WAS VERY IMPORTANT AS WELL. I THINK THIS GUIDES OUR REGULATORY AGENCIES OUR ARC REVIEW COMMITTEE AS WELL AS GUAM LAND USE COMMISSION TO HAVE A MANUAL TO LOOK AT FOR WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST THE BEST PRACTICE OF MOVING FORWARD ON APPROVING ANY KIND OF APPLICATION. ONE OF MY BIGGEST CONCERNS TOO IS THE MITIGATION THE RECEDING OF THESE AREAS BECAUSE ONCE YOU GO INTO QUARRY ANY KIND OF AREA YOU'RE DESTROYING ANY OPPORTUNITY AT ALL FOR REGROWTH. TO ME LAND IS LIKE GOLD. BECAUSE THE BE BIGGEST COMMODITY THAT WE NEED TO SUSTAIN OURSELVES. FOOD IS FOOD. WE CAN'T EAT A BAR OF GOLD TO STAY ALIVE BUT FOOD IS MOST IMPORTANT AND WE HAVE VERY LITTLE LAND ALREADY ON THIS ISLAND. I DO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS THOUGH FOR THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION AND APPRECIATE HER TAKING MY CALL OVER THE WEEKEND BECAUSE I DID HAVE SOME CONCERNS THAT WAS WAS ADDRESSED BY HAVING THE SUBSTITUTED BILL ON THE ON THE CITATIONS AND THE NUMBERING SO I I GREATLY APPRECIATE THAT THAT CHANGE THAT TOOK AWAY HALF OF MY QUESTIONS THAT I HAD.

**NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES**

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

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER TO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION WHEN THE WORDS CONDITIONAL USE IS USED DOES THIS MEAN AN APPLICATION TO THE GUAM LAND USE COMMISSION MUST BE SUBMITTED AND THE PROCESS IS THE SAME FOR APPROVAL SO IN THE EVENT CONDITIONAL USE THAT'S AN AUTOMATIC GOING TO THE GUAM LAND USE COMMISSION IS MY QUESTION.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SPEAKER TERLAJE WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU AND I I THANK THE AUTHOR OF THAT QUESTION YES THAT'S THE GOAL AND THAT'S WHAT THE AGENCIES ASK IS THAT AS A CONDITIONAL USE IT WILL GO TO ADJACENT NEIGHBORS AND SO THEY WILL HAVE NOTICE AND IT WILL GO TO OF COURSE ALL OF THESE REGULATORY AGENCIES SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE INPUT BEFORE THE GUAM LAND USE COMMISSION. THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING TO GET OUR PROTECTIONS . *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. SENATOR TELO DOES THAT SUFFICE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** IT SURE DOES MADAM SPEAKER AND I DO HAVE A COUPLE MORE QUESTIONS.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU THE ORIGINAL BILL YOU KNOW ALLOWED FOR FIVE ACRES OF USAGE WHEN WE HAD THE PUBLIC HEARING WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT AND YOU KNOW GIVING AN EXAMPLE OF HAWAII AND AND THEIR ABILITY TO EXPAND OR NOT HAVING A SUCH A LOW LIMIT AND I NOTICED THAT THE SUBSTITUTE BILL DOES NOT MAKE MENTION OF A 5 ACRES LIMITATIONS SO WHAT HAS CHANGE AND WHO WILL DETERMINE THE LIMITATION ON THIS THE ACREAGE TO ALLOW FOR QUARRYING.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR SPEAKER TERLAJE WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES VERY MUCH AND I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUE FOR HER WORK ON THIS BILL AS WELL THAT'S CORRECT WE WANT IT TO PUT IN A 5 ACRE LIMIT FOR THAT ANYTHING BEYOND THAT WOULD BE A QUARRY HOWEVER EPA ALREADY HAS REGULATIONS FOR SOIL AND WATER EROSION THAT THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN CONTROL THIS WITH THEIR CURRENT REGS WHICH CURRENTLY READ 20 ACRES.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SPEAKER. SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DO KNOW THAT YOU KNOW ONE OF THE PRIVATE SECTORS AS WELL WAS WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THAT LIMITATION YOU KNOW FOR CORING IT'S IT'S QUITE

SMALL. SO THAT BEING SAID HAVING SOME KIND OF GUIDELINE IN PLACE TO REVIEW AND HAVING EPA TO LOOK THROUGH THAT IS IS COMFORTING VERY COMFORTING. THE OTHER QUESTION I HAVE IS IN SE SECTION SEVEN OF THE BILL IT INCORPORATE CHORAL LAND TRUST TO BE A PART OF THE REVIEW PROCESS IF THE PERMIT IS FOR CHAMORRO LAND TRUST PROPERTY WOULDN'T WE ALLOW THAT SAME OPPORTUNITY FOR ANCESTRAL LANDS AND AND I HAD THIS QUESTION IN MIND THINKING OKAY IF IF CHAMORRO LAND TRUST PROPERTY WAS GIVEN TO AN INDIVIDUAL FOR EMPTYING AMOUNT OF YEARS YOU KNOW AND THEN THEY TURN AROUND AND WANT TO SUBCONTRACT OR SUB LEASE THAT LAND I'M SURE THERE ARE GUIDELINES THAT REQUIRE THEM TO GO BACK TO CHAMORRO LAND TRUST TO CHANGE WHATEVER THEY PLAN ON DOING MAYBE WANTED TO LIVE THERE MAYBE NOW THEY WANT TO FARM THERE TO GO IN AGRICULTURE WELL ANCESTRAL LANDS THEY ALL THEY THEY TOO HAVE THE ABILITY TO LEASE PROPERTIES YOU KNOW AND OF COURSE THE GUIDELINES TO LEASING ANY LAND OR PROPERTY SPELLS OUT WHAT THEY CAN AND CANNOT DO FOR THAT PROPERTY SO IT'S ALMOST SIMILAR TO CHAMORRO LAND TRUST SO I I'M PRETTY SURE IF ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO PUT AN APPLICATION IN TO CHANGE THEIR THEIR INTENTIONS FOR THAT PROPERTY IT I'M PRETTY SURE TEAS AND EYES ARE JOTTED WITH ANCESTRAL LANDS WELL SO IS CHAMORRO LAND TRUST SO I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHY WE DIDN'T INCORPORATE THAT IN THE EVENT PROPERTY COMES UP THAT IS THAT IS ANCESTRAL LANDS THAT THEY TOO HAVE ANCESTRAL LANDS SITTING ON THAT COMMITTEE OR REVIEW IN THE EVENT IT IS ANCESTRAL LANDS LIKE THEY DO WITH CHAMORRO LAND TRUST SO I WAS JUST WONDERING WHY WE DIDN'T INCORPORATE ANCESTRAL LANDS TO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION IF SHE SHOULD DEAL.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SPEAKER TERLAJE WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR THAT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SURE I THINK THIS WAS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION AND AND BUT I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INCLUDING ANCESTRAL LAND AS WELL SIMILAR REASONS YES.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SPEAKER SENATOR TERLAJE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OR TAITAGUE RIGHT YEAH OKAY.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** I MEAN TAITAGUE. I'M SORRY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** BELIEVE ME SPEAKER. I GOT A I GOT A EMAIL FROM PUBLIC HEALTH CALLING ME SENATOR TELO TERLAJE EARLIER THIS WEEK SO SO THAT BEING SAID YOU KNOW I WILL PREFER AN AMENDMENT TO INCORPORATE ANCESTRAL LANDS JUST TO BE YOU KNOW ON THE SAFE SIDE AS WELL IN THE EVENT IT INCORP THEIR PROPERTIES ARE BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE GUAM LAND USE COMMISSION FOR

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THAT SORRY YOU'RE MAKING THE MOTION RIGHT NOW ON THE MOTION TO ADD ANCESTRAL LANDS CAN YOU JUST AFTER WHAT.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YES SO.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** IF I MAY MADAM SPEAKER IT'S NOT IN WRITING YOU KNOW I I CAN.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** I'M GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECESS SO YOU CAN JUST GET IT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY BUT THESE OKAY.

**RECESS**

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS. SENATOR TAITAGUE I GUESS ON THAT MOTION TO ADD ANCESTRAL LAND TRUST.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THERE IS A MOTION TO ADD ANCESTRAL LAND TRUST TO THAT SECTION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** ON SECTION SEVEN MADAM SPEAKER

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON SECTION SEVEN ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON IT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES. I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION SENATOR TAITAGUE. I'LL STILL GIVE YOU THE FLOOR. YOU HAVE SEVERAL MINUTES.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THE QUESTION I HAVE IS ON PAGE 4 SECTION 4 LINE 9 TITLE DOES NOT REFLECT THE S INCLUDE OH NO MANY OF THAT WAS THAT WAS MY LAST ONE ACTUALLY BECAUSE THAT WAS ONE OF THE ERRORS AND AND SECTIONS THAT NEEDED TO BE READJUSTED BUT THANK YOU MAD SPEAKER AND I DO AGAIN ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MEASURE IT'S BEEN LONG TIME COMING THREE YEARS INTO MAKING ACTUALLY MAYBE A LITTLE BIT LONGER TO PUT THESE GUIDELINES IN THESE REALLY REALLY NEEDED GUIDELINES I REMEMBER SENATOR NELSON WHO WAS VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE CING IT'S ONE THING TO COREY AND AND YOU KNOW DESTROY THAT LAND AND THEN NEVER RECEDING OR YOU KNOW TRYING TO MITIGATE WHAT HAS BEEN TAKEN FOR REGROWTH BUT YOU KNOW YOU THIS CORING ALSO PUTS OUT A LOT OF DUST IN THE AIR AND YOU HAVE PEOPLE HOUSES SURROUNDING IN THAT AREA WHERE THEY'RE CING I MEAN THAT'S A MAJOR HEALTH HAZARD AND WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT UP DURING THAT PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE BOOKS TO ACTUALLY STOP THIS

FROM HAPPENING BECAUSE OF THE SURROUNDING AREAS IT WAS A HEALTH HAZARD FOR THOSE PEOPLE LIVING IN THAT AREA BUT ACCORDING TO EPA THERE WAS REALLY NOTHING IN THERE TO STOP THAT. THESE GUIDELINES ARE HERE TO PROTECT THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR LAND AS WELL SO WE NEED TO PUT THIS IN PLACE BECAUSE THERE HASN'T BEEN ANYTHING REALLY IN THE BOOKS FOR MANY MANY YEARS TO ADDRESS AND ENFORCE THESE THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON ON THE ISLAND THAT IS CAUSING US TO STRIP PROPERTY THAT SHOULD NOT BE STRIPPED TO NOT PROVIDE MITIGATION PROCESS AND REEDING AND REGROWTH OF AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AND YOU GOT TO REMEMBER ONCE YOU QUARRY AN AREA THAT'S DAMAGED FOR LIFE AND WE NEED TO COME UP UP WAYS OF RECEDING. I I JUST KEEP I KNOW I'M RAMBLING ON ABOUT THAT BUT IT'S SO IMPORTANT WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF LAND JUST LIKE ON THE LANDFIELD THE YOU KNOW THE TRASH WE'RE PUTTING EVERY DAY WE'RE GOING TO NEED MORE PROPERTY TO OPEN ANOTHER CELL SHORTLY SO I I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I'M SURE THAT THERE WILL PROBABLY BE MORE LEGISLATION COMING UP YOU KNOW TO ADDRESS OTHER ISSUES AS WE MOVE FORWARD BECAUSE THIS IS QUITE HUGE YOU KNOW VOLUME WITH 680 SOME PAGES AND I'M PRETTY SURE THERE'S A LOT MORE THAT WE NEED TO DO TOO BUT IN THE MEANTIME LET'S LET'S START WITH A GOOD BEGINNING ON THIS AND CORRECT SOME OF THE THE THINGS THAT ARE RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR FACE. SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR TAITAGUE. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE SENATOR FISHER I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME AND THEN SENATOR BROWN.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU SPEAKER. I JUST ACTUALLY IT'S A QUESTION FOR THE AUTHOR

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** STATE YOUR QUESTION.

**SENATOR FISHER:** IF SHE WILL YIELD TO IT. WILL IF THIS BILL IS ENACTED WILL IT IMPAIR ANY EXISTING CONTRACTS.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU I'LL TRY TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION I THINK THE BILL WILL DEFINITELY NOT IMPAIR ANY EXISTING PERMANENT ACTIVITIES IT ESPECIALLY THOSE QUARRIES OPERATING WITH FULL DISCLOSURE AS TO THOSE ACTIVITIES IT IT MAY IMPAIR ACTIVITIES THAT WERE NOT PERMITTED. I GUESS THAT'S WHAT I'LL SAY AND IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO REMOVE THE MINERALS FROM THE PROPERTY THEN ACTUALLY I'M HOPING THIS BILL WILL IMPEDE THAT BUT IT SHOULD NOT IMPEDE ANY CURRENT MINING ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN TRANSPARENT ABOUT THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE THERE FOR. *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SPEAKER. SENATOR FISHER. YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR FISHER:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SPEAKER TERLAJE FOR THAT RESPONSE. WELL I GUESS WE WILL FIND OUT IF THIS IS ENACTED WHETHER OR NOT ANY OTHER PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THEIR CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN IMPAIRED THANK

YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME. SENATOR FISHER. SENATOR BROWN ON THE MAIN MOTION.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER. I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF BILL 116 AND CERTAINLY COMMEND SPEAKER TERLAJE FOR THE TIME AND EFFORT TO CONSOLIDATE AND PUT THIS BILL TOGETHER. YOU KNOW THE CONCERNS THAT SHE RAISED WITH REGARDS TO THE TYPE OF GRADING THAT HAVE HAPPENED ON THE ISLAND IT'S IT'S NOT UNCOMMON AND THERE HAVE BEEN REPEATED VIOLATIONS AND ABUSE OF THIS PARTICULAR PROCESS AND I'VE SEEN THEM NOT TOO LONG AFTER I LEFT GUAM EPA I REMEMBER A EXCAVATION A MAJOR EXCAVATION IN ADJACENT VILLAGE NOT ONLY DID THEY THEY DO A LOT OF ILLEGAL QUARRY PRACTICES ON THE PROPERTY THAT THEY WERE NEVER PERMITTED BECAUSE THEY NEVER HAD A PERMIT TO DO THE CLEARING IN THE FIRST PLACE THEY ALSO INSTALLED A WATER WELL THAT WAS NOT PERMITTED AND IT JUST SHOWS YOU IN SOME CASES AND ESPECIALLY WITH AN AGENCY LIKE GUAM EPA WHO NEEDS TO HAVE THEIR EYES AND EARS OPEN BUT ALSO BE VISIBLY OUT THERE DOING ENFORCEMENT HOW THESE TYPE OF VIOLATIONS COULD SO EASILY OCCUR IT'S NOT THAT HARD TO TAKE A BULLDOZER AND YOU KNOW DIG A FEW FEET FURTHER DOWN AND WE WE'VE SEEN ALREADY WE SAW THAT WITH A SOLAR PROJECT THAT WAS YOU KNOW PERMITTED FOR GPA THEIR CONTRACTOR NOT PROPERLY ADDRESSING CLEARING AND GRADING REQUIREMENTS EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE PERMITTED AND THEN YOU ALSO HAVE AN AGENCY LIKE GUAM EPA THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED ON A PROJECT THEY PERMITTED THAT THEY KNEW EXISTED NOT GOING OUT THERE AND ENSURING THAT THOSE REQUIREMENTS WERE BEING FOLLOWED IT'S NOT UNCOMMON ALSO AS YOU GO AROUND THE ISLAND AND YOU KNOW I ALWAYS WONDER TOO YOU KNOW ARE THESE LOCATIONS PERMITTED BECAUSE YOU HAVE A CLEARING AND THEN YOU JUST YOU KNOW SEE THE

CONTINUED EXTRACTION OF GRAVEL FOR OTHER PURPOSES TO BE USED ON OTHER PROPERTIES AND WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE NOT YOU KNOW WE TAKE FOR GRANTED YOU KNOW WHEN YOU ASK YOUR CHILDREN WHERE DOES WATER COME FROM YOU KNOW THEY DON'T THINK THAT YOU KNOW COMES FROM THE FAUCET. THEY DON'T REALIZE WHERE THAT WATER COMES FROM WHERE IT TRAVELS AND WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE ABLE TO KEEP IT CLEAN FOR THEM TO CONSUME ESPECIALLY UP IN NORTHERN GUAM WHERE THE VARIOUS AS A SPEAKER MENTIONED YOU KNOW IT'S ALMOST POWDER WHITE WHEN YOU GRIND THE CORAL UP THERE YOU YOU EVER DRIVEN UP TO THE DPW QUARRY THAT'S UP THERE NEXT TO KAISER DRIVE DOWN THERE AND THEN LOOK UP LOOK HOW MUCH EXCAVATION HAS HAPPENED OVER THE YEARS AND THAT'S WHERE YOU KNOW WE GET A LOT OF OUR POWDER WHITE CORAL THAT'S OBVIOUSLY OF VALUE IN CONSTRUCTION BUT YOU HAVE TO ENSURE AND RECOGNIZE THAT THAT PARTICULAR YOU KNOW THAT THAT CORAL HELPS FILTER THE QUALITY OF OUR DRINKING WATER IT'S VERY DISTRESSING WHEN WE WERE TALKING NOT TOO LONG AGO ABOUT OUR WATER WELLS YOU KNOW TO REALIZE THE CONCERNS OF THE AMOUNT OF OUR WATER WELLS NOW THAT WE HAVE TO FILTER BECAUSE OF CONTAMINANTS THAT ARE IN OUR WATER LENS AND THAT ARE BEING PUMPED BACK UP AND THAT IF THEY'RE NOT BEING FILTERED NOT CLEARED OUT THEN YOU KNOW IT'S SOMETHING THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE CONSUMING THAT'S ASSUMING OF COURSE AGAIN THAT WATERWORKS IS STAYING ON TOP THAT EPA IS ALSO AS VIGILANT DOING THE WATER QUALITY INSPECTIONS THAT THEY NEED TO DO AND ALSO THAT THEY'RE ENSURING THAT THESE REPORTS ON THESE MONITORING WELLS AROUND THE ISLAND THAT THEY'RE PROPERLY REVIEWING THEM AND ENSURING WHAT'S COMING UP ON THOSE WHAT ARE THE RESULTS THAT ARE COMING UP ON THOSE MONITORING WELLS BECAUSE OF CONCERNS OF CONTAMINANTS BUT WHEN WE EXCAVATE INTO THE INTO THE GROUND EXCAVATE IN PARTICULAR TO OUR CORAL WHICH IS PRETTY MUCH WHAT MOST OF NORTHERN GUAM IS I MEAN REALLY WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT EXCEPT FOR MOUNT SANTA ROSA WHICH YOU KNOW THEY TELL US OLD VOLCANO PRETTY MUCH ALL OF NORTHERN GUAM PRETTY MUCH IS IS CORAL UPLIFT AND WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF OUR DRINKING WATER COMES FROM AND THEN NOT ONLY THAT WHEN THE LAND IS IS CLEARED AND GRADED DOWN SUCH AS A QUARRY WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WHAT IS THE USE OF THAT PROPERTY WHAT CAN THAT PROPERTY BE USED FOR IN SOME CASES OF COURSE WE DO A CLEARING AND GRADING TO TO BE ABLE TO BUILD YOU KNOW BE ABLE TO BUILD A BUILDING BE ABLE TO BUILD A HOME BUT WHEN THE AGENDA REALLY IS TO DO THE QUARRY LIKE ONE OF THE REQUESTS TO PERMIT UP NORTH ON CHAMORRO LAND TRUST PROPERTY YOU KNOW WITH THE IDEA OH WE'RE GOING TO CLEAR SO WE CAN TERCE AND WE CAN YOU KNOW CREATE HOME LOTS BUT THE REAL MOTIVATION BEHIND THAT IS ACTUALLY TO COREY THE PROPERTY YOU KNOW LIKE OUR LIMESTONE POREST FOREST UP NORTH THAT SO MUCH OF IT'S BEEN DESTROYED YOU KNOW IMAGINE A LIMESTONE FOREST I MEAN IT'S CHALLENGING ENOUGH FOR ME TO GROW SOMETHING IN DIRT WHAT MORE TO GROW IT ON LIMESTONE AND HOW UNIQUE THOSE FORESTS ARE UP NORTH AND HOW QUICK UNFORTUNATELY SO MUCH OF IT IS BEING DESTROYED THERE'S VERY FEW AREAS LIKE WHEN THE MANGILAO GOLF COURSE WAS BEING BUILT I GIVE CREDIT TO ONE OF OUR FORMER EMPLOYEES IN THE PLANNING DIVISION RANDALL SABLON AND GARY STILLBERG THAT WORKED THERE AT THE TIME BUT I KNOW RANDY WAS THE THE MAIN MOTIVATOR BY ENSURING THAT WHEN THAT GOLF COURSE WAS DESIGNED THERE WERE SECTIONS OF THAT PARTICULAR PROJECT THAT WERE SET ASIDE TO PRESERVE LIMESTONE FOREST SO THAT WE HAVE THESE RESOURCES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO KNOW LEARN AND APPRECIATE AND EXPERIENCE BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF ABUSE OUT THERE YOU KNOW WHEN THERE'S A QUICK BUCK TO BE MADE AND PERMITTING AGENCIES AREN'T DOING THEIR JOB AND GOSH I GOT THAT BULLDOZER I GOT THAT EXCAVATOR THEY'RE OUT DAMAGING OUR RESOURCES AND WHILE THEY CAN SAY OH IT'S OUR PRIVATE PROPERTY WELL WE HAVE RULES ABOUT HOW YOU CAN PERMIT AND USE YOUR PRIVATE PROPERTY AS WELL THAT'S A REALITY WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE STANDARDS ARE PLACE SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE FREQUENT THIS IS NOT AS UNCOMMON YOU KNOW THE FREQUENT ABUSE THAT WE SEE OF PROPERTY THAT THEY CLAIM OH WE'RE JUST GOING TO CLEAR AND ANDRADE IT FOR THIS CONSTRUCTION AND REALLY THE AGENDA IS TO EXCAVATE AND WE ALL NEED GRAVEL I MEAN IMAGINE MADAM SPEAKER OUR NEIGHBORING ISLANDERS THEY ACTUALLY HAVE TO EXCAVATE INTO THEIR REEF TO GET THIS TYPE OF MATERIAL SO THAT THEY COULD PAVE THEIR ROADS AND BUILD THEIR HOUSES THAT'S FRIGHTENING I MEAN WE KNOW THE THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT WE PROTECT OUR CORAL REEFS WE ALSO HAVE TO BE MINDFUL WHAT OUR LAND USE IS AND HOW DO WE PROTECT THE LAND AND HOW DO WE ALSO ENSURE THE PROPER FILTERING OF OUR WATER BECAUSE WHEN WE EXCAVATE DIRECTLY INTO THAT. THERE IS NO FILTER SYSTEM AND THEN THE QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ASKED WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPERTY AFTER IS IT GOING TO BE LEFT EXPOSED WHERE THERE IS NO SOIL ON TOP FOR ANYTHING TO GROW WHAT IS THE AGENDA WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THAT I MEAN WE SEE ABANDONED QUARIES AROUND THE ISLAND HAVE EXISTED FOR YEARS AND NOT ONLY ARE THERE AN EYESORE BUT THERE YOU AT THAT POINT YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANY VALUABLE USE OF THE PROPERTY WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF IT IF IT'S BEING EXCAVATED FOR A PURPOSE AND THERE'S A LAND USE PLAN AFTER WHERE THE COMMUNITY CAN CONTINUE TO BE BE YOU KNOW TO CONTINUE TO BENEFIT THOSE ARE THE KIND OF QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO

BE ASKED AND ANSWERED BEFORE THERE'S ANY EXCAVATION ESPECIALLY WITH REGARDS TO QUARRYING AND THEN WE ALSO NEED TO ENSURE THAT THOSE QUARIES THAT ARE PERMITTED ARE WORKING WITHIN THE GUIDELINES BECAUSE YOU KNOW AT THE END OF THE DAY WE'RE REALLY JUST GU GUESSING THAT WE'RE NOT HARMING OURSELVES ULTIMATELY WE'RE ASSUMING THAT WE'RE NOT HARMING THE LAND BUT WE NEED TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES AND WE NEED TO HAVE THESE STANDARDS IN PLACE TO DO THAT. SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF BILL 116. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS BILL.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR BROWN ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SENATOR PEREZ I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE. I THINK IT'S AGAIN LIKE MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID BEFORE IT IS A LONG TIME COMING IT WAS A CAUSE OF CONCERN TO SEE ALL THESE QUARRYING AREAS POP UP AND IT'S IT'S REALLY CONCERNING TO SEE THAT OUR ISLAND BEING ERODED BEFORE OUR VERY EYES AND I THINK WHAT THIS DOES IT IT PROVIDES A MEANS TO REGULATE THE COR THE PRACTICE OF CORING WHICH DESTROYS A NONRENEWABLE RESOURCE WHICH IS OUR OUR OUR LAND. AND AGAIN LIKE MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID BEFORE THIS TO ME IT'S A OUR LAND IS A NATURAL WONDER OF THE WORLD BECAUSE IT HAS PROVIDED FOR US FOR FOR CENTURIES AND OR MILLENNIA I SHOULD SAY YOU KNOW OUR OUR LAND IS VERY UNIQUE BECAUSE IT IT ALLOWS FOR THE ABUNDANCE OF OUR WATER RESOURCE TO EXIST AND FOR OUR LIVES TO EXIST HERE ON GUAM AND I JUST YOU KNOW I I COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR HER FORTITUDE YOU KNOW IN ENSURING THAT THE PROBLEM THIS IS A LONG-TERM PROBLEM THAT REQUIRED REALLY A COMP COMPLEX AMOUNT OF WORK AND DEFINITELY COMMEND HER FOR THAT AND ENSURING THAT OUR ISLAND AND OUR PEOPLE ARE SUSTAINED FOR MANY MANY MORE YEARS TO COME AND MY HOPE IS THAT AGAIN YOU KNOW I THINK A LOT OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE EXPERIENCE ENVIRONMENTALLY REALLY REQUIRE THE A CONCERTED EFFORT BY MANY OF OUR AGENCIES AND WHAT THIS BILL DOES IT IT WILL MOVE OUR GOVERNMENT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE NOT WORKING IN SILOS AND THAT THESE GAPS ARE ADDRESSED SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROTECT WHAT'S SO VITAL TO US SO I WANT TO THANK THE AUTHOR AND I DO REQUEST IF I COULD BE A CO-SPONSOR. THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING NONE MOTION CARRIES ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE MAIN MOTION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AND I COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR HER TIRELESS EFFORTS I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING BUT IT IT REMINDS ME OF THE MEASURE WE DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY IN THIS SESSION AND IT'S JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT YOU'RE SURPRISED WASN'T IN PLACE WASN'T PUT IN PLACE YEARS AGO SO AGAIN I COMMEND THE AUTHOR IT'S VERY HARD WORK I MEAN READING THE TITLE WAS HARD ENOUGH U BUT IT'S DEFINITELY MUCH NEEDED AND I WAS TALKING TO ONE OF MY UNCLES ABOUT THIS MINERAL EXTRACTION AND HE ASKED ME DO WE HAVE MINERALS ON GUAM THE CASCAHU REMEMBER BACK IN THE DAY RIGHT THAT USED TO BE OUR OUR CHAMORRO DIAMONDS AND I REMEMBER THAT HOW MANY POLITICAL FAVORS USED TO BE GRANTED WITH OH SO AND SO YOU NEED CAS'CA'HU FOR THE LISA'YU OK THEY'RE GOING TO SEND DOWN FIVE DUMP TRUCKS YOU KNOW I EVEN TO THIS DAY I STILL SEE I STILL SEE I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'RE TAKING IT BUT ON THE WEEKEND SOME OF THE DPW DUMP TRUCKS YOU KNOW JUST HEADING DOWN SOUTH WITH THE THE TRUCKLOADS OF THE CAS'CA'HU BUT AGAIN I COMMEND THE AUTHOR BECAUSE IT IT'S CLEAR THAT THERE HAVE BEEN THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE ABSENCE OF OF THESE TYPES OF REGULATIONS AND THE ACTIONS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS HAVE IMPACTED MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY AND AND OF COURSE I'M TALKING ABOUT THE RACE TRACK WHERE WE WERE TOLD THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS CLEARING AND GRADING CLEARING AND GRADING GOING ON THERE AT THE RACE TRACK LAO COME TO FIND OUT HAFANA CLA'SIN CLEARING AND GRADING WHAT KIND OF CLEARING AND GRADING ARE YOU DOING WHEN YOU'RE DIGGING DOWN 80 FT WHEN YOU'RE EXCAVATING TONS UPON TONS OF THIS CAS'CA'HU AND MAKING MONEY OFF IT AND IT'S NOT JUST HAPPENING AT THE RACETRACK IT'S HAPPENING ALL OVER OUR ISLAND AND YOU CAN'T GROW IT BACK YOU CAN'T GROW BACK THE CAS'CA'HU SO IT'S VERY IMPORTANT AND I ASK FOR THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES IN GETTING THIS THIS THIS MEASURE THROUGH SO THAT WE CAN STOP THE HEMORRHAGING YOU KNOW THESE THESE REGULATIONS AND AND OTHERS ARE LONG OVERDUE I MEAN LOOK AT THE NEWS TODAY WHERE THE P AND THE PESTICIDES AND THE DRINKING WATER MEASURES LIKE THIS WILL ONLY ENSURE THAT WE'LL SEE LESS OF THAT IN THE FUTURE AND AGAIN I JUST COMMEND THE AUTHOR AND AND FOR HER HARD WORK ON THIS MEASURE AND I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS LONG OVERDUE BILL. SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** BUEN PRUBECHU SENATOR BARNETT. ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU SO MUCH TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO SPOKE ON THE BILL AND AND THESE ARE THE SAME COLLEAGUES WHO ALSO ATTENDED THIS HEARING ON THE BILL AND THOSE WHO WERE HERE LAST TERM ALSO ATTENDED THE INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING WE HAD IN REGARDS TO CORING ACTIVITIES SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL AGAIN I COULD NOT DO THIS BILL WITHOUT THE HELP OF THOSE AND THOSE AGENCIES SUCH AS CAPTAIN BEARDEN SUCH AS EDWARD REYES AT THE GUAM COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND LOLA THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS RANDY ROMERO AT DPW HE IS THE BUILDING PERMITS ADMINISTRATOR AND SO BECAUSE WE'RE DEALING WITH PERMITS AND SO MANY RULES AND REGULATIONS IT WAS REALLY THEIR EXPERTISE THAT HELPED ME SO MUCH IN MY OFFICE AND ANDREA PELICANI SHE'S A MASTER AT MANAGING THIS TYPE OF TECHNICAL WORK WORK AND DETAIL AND WE HAD SPREADSHEETS OF ALL THE TESTIMONY AND AND ALL THE RULES THAT WE WERE TRYING TO IMPACT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WE REALLY CHANGE AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE BUT MAKE AS MUCH EFFECT AS POSSIBLE AT THE SAME TIME AND SO AGAIN THIS REALLY IS BASED ON CONCERNS THAT WE CAN ALL SEE IN GUAM OUR CONCERN FOR OUR AQUA CULTURE I MEAN SORRY OUR AQUAFER CONCERN FOR WHEN WE SAY WE WANT SUSTAINABLE LANDS THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO HAVE SUSTAINABLE LANDS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND THAT WE ARE GOING TO QUARRY THOSE LANDS ONLY WITH GREAT PROTECTIONS PUT INTO PLACE AND I WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO LEGAL QUARRIES WHO HAVE HAVE SO MANY FEDERAL AND LOCAL REGULATIONS TO COMPLY WITH AND WHO DO DO SO FOR OF COURSE OUR CONTINUED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS WELL BUT AGAIN THIS BILL WILL REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF A SITE PLAN TO ALSO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE WELLHEAD PROTECTION RADIUS. IT WILL REQUIRE A PLAN TO PREVENT DISCHARGE OF MATERIALS IN EXCAVATED AREAS A REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE DESIGNATED EQUIPMENT SERVICING AREAS. DOCUMENT THE TOTAL CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL EXCAVATED AND REMOVED FROM THE SITE AND THE PERCENT COMPLETION OF REMOVAL. AS YOU KNOW FOR EXAMPLE AT THE RACEWAY THIS IS ONE OF THE BIG DISPUTES IS HOW MUCH MINERAL WAS ACTUALLY TAKEN OUT AND AS MY COLLEAGUE SAID THERE WERE MULTIPLE TONS IN A TRUCKLOAD I THINK I CALCULATED THIS AT THE HEARING AND THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF TRUCKLOADS PER YEAR REMOVED. IT WILL ALSO REQUIRE AN ESTIMATED TIME IN YEARS UNTIL MATERIALS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND CLOSURE ACTIVITIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO BEGIN. THESE WILL NO LONGER BECOME A BLIGHT TO OUR ISLAND. A SITE SAFETY PLAN WHICH SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS HAZARDS TO NEIGHBORING RESIDENTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC A QUARRY SITE CLOSURE PLAN A SLOPE STABILIZATION PLAN AND STOCKPILING OF ALL TOPSOIL. THIS AGAIN IS ANOTHER ONE OF OUR PRECIOUS RESOURCES IS OUR TOP SOIL. WE HAVE A VERY SMALL LAYER OF THAT AND ONCE THAT IS REMOVED AGAIN REMOVED FROM OUR AVAILABLE ASSETS TO BE SUSTAINABLE WITH. FOR QUARRYING EXCEEDING 20 ACRES IN TOTAL SIZE A PHASE RECLAMATION PLAN TO LIMIT THE TOTAL AREA AFFECTED BY QUARRYING OPERATIONS. A FINAL DISPOSITION OF ALL SITE STRUCTURES AND THE REMOVAL OF PROPER DISPOSAL OF ALL SITE EQUIPMENT AT THE END OF THE QUARRY. AGAIN THESE ARE ALL NEEDED AND NEEDED URGENTLY DUE TO THE ONGOING CONSTRUCTION AND THE HUGE DEMAND FOR THESE MATERIALS AND THEN OUR URGENT NEED TO PROTECT HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO PROTECT OUR WATER WELLS OUR AQUAFER BY HARMONIZING OUR AGENCY'S ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES AND ENSURING BEST PRACTICES FOR MINING AND CORING. AND I'D LIKE TO ADD SPONSORS TO THE BILL I KNOW SENATOR PEREZ I THINK YOU ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADD HER *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* FOR THAT I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADD SENATOR TELOS SENATOR BARNETT AND SENATOR SENATOR BROWN AS SPONSORS OF THE BILL AS WELL.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANKS AGAIN AND COLLEAGUES I HUMBLBY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** CAN YOU PLEASE MOVE THE BILL MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I'LL REITERATE MY MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL ON THIRD READING BILL NUMBER 116-37 AS SUBSTITUTED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** MADAM SPEAKER YOU'RE RECOGNIZE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. I'D LIKE TO MOVE BILL NUMBER 121 THE NEXT BILL ON THE AGENDA BE MOVED TO THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THAT MOTION TO MOVE 121-37 COR TO THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES. COLLEAGUES IT'S ABOUT 11:40 RIGHT NOW AND WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE A LUNCH BREAK WE COME BACK AT 2:00 2:00 P.M. WE ARE IN RECESS.

**RECESS**



**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS WE ARE CONTINUING THIS SECOND READING HOWEVER I THINK WE ARE ONE SHORT OF A QUORUM SO WE'RE GOING TO WAIT OR IF THE SERGEANT OF ARMS COULD PLEASE CALL THE SENATORS TO THE TO THE HALL WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A RECESS FOR QUORUM.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE HAVE QUORUM NOW AND SO WE ARE READY TO PROCEED WITH THE SECOND READING THE NEXT BILL ON SECOND READING IS BILL NUMBER 104-37 LS PRIMARY SPONSOR SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO MY COLLEAGUES AND THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO PLACE BILL 104-37 INTO THE THIRD READING FILE OR ACTUALLY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO PLACE SUBSTITUTE BILL 104-37.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT TO ACCEPT SO A MOTION TO ACCEPT SUBSTITUTE BILL 104-37 THIS IS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR COPIES HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT THEY'RE ALSO ON THE DRIVE ON THAT MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION WHAT IS IT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** SORRY QUICK THING I ACTUALLY SENT AN UPDATED VERSION SO I CAN JUST GET A MOMENT'S RECESS FOR IT TO BE PASSED OUT PRINTED AND PASSED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT ONE MINUTE RECESS.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE ARE CONTINUING NOW ON BILL NUMBER 104-37 COPIES HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT SENATOR PEREZ YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAME SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE SUBSTITUTE VERSION BILL 104-37 LS I MOVE TO MAKE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE VERSION THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BILL AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR NEW COPIES HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT AND UPLOADED TO THE DRIVE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ON THE BILL AS SUBSTITUTED SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 104-37 AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTE ON THE FLOOR INTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WISH TO DISCUSS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** SO BILL 104-37 AIMS TO ADDRESS GAPS AND THE BUREAUCRATIC HURDLES IN OUR CURRENT LAW IN ORDER TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS OF REMOVING ABANDONED JUNK VEHICLES FROM PUBLIC PROPERTY RIGHTS OF WAY OR PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE LANDOWNER THESE GAPS AND INEFFICIENCIES IN THE LAW AND ITS IMPLI ITS IMPLEMENTATION HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE ACCUMULATION OF ABANDONED JUNK VEHICLES THROUGHOUT OUR ISLAND THAT POSES SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY HAZARDS AND THAT MARS THE NATURAL UNIQUE BEAUTY OF OUR ISLAND HOME LAST WEEK'S NEWS REGARDING THE INCREASED INCIDENCE OF FIRES SET TO ABANDONED JUNK VEHICLES HIGHLIGHTS THE URGENCY TO ADDRESS THIS CHRONIC PROBLEM BILL 104-37 PROPOSES TO FACILITATE THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED JUNK VEHICLES BY UPDATING THE ABANDONED VEHICLE LAW BY AUTHORIZING DPW AND PEACE OFFICERS TO REMOVE OR ORDER THE REMOVAL OF AN ABANDONED VEHICLE TO INCLUDE TOW TRUCK COMPANIES IN ADDITION TO LICENSED GARAGE MEN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AFTER 24 HOURS ADDITIONALLY UPON ORDERING THE REMOVAL KEY INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO DRT WHO WILL POST IT ON THEIR WEBSITE AND WHO WILL NOTIFY THE OWNER OF THE ABANDONED VEHICLE TO ALLOW FOR THE VEHICLE TO BE CLAIMED IF UNCLAIMED AFTER 30 DAYS THE ABANDONED VEHICLE CAN THEN BE SOLD OR DISPOSED OF THE CURRENT STATUE PLACES THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY ON DRT TO APPRAISE AUCTION OR DISPOSE OF THE ABANDONED VEHICLE IF THE VALUE FALLS BELOW A CERTAIN AMOUNT

AND THESE PROCEDURES HAVE PROVEN CUMBERSOME AND INEFFECTIVE ADDITIONALLY BILL 104-37 WOULD AUTHORIZE THE CATEGORIZATION OF JUNK VEHICLES AS LITTER IF IT IS INCAPABLE OF OPERATING ON PUBLIC STREETS ROADS OR HIGHWAYS AND IT THAT IT HAS BEEN ABANDONED ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE LANDOWNER THE REMOVAL OF THE JUNK VEHICLE WOULD RELY ON THE EXISTING GUAM EPA REGULATIONS AND PROCESSES WITH THE CAPABILITY OF MAXIMIZING THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF GUAM EPA DPW AND THE MAYORS AND ENSURING DE DEPOLLUTION AND THE COORDINATED REMOVAL OF JUNK VEHICLES THROUGH AN MOU THIS COULD EXPEDITE THE PROCESS BECAUSE DPW COULD MORE EFFECTIVELY AND COMPETITIVELY PROCURE THE NEEDED SERVICES FOR REMOVAL STORAGE DEPOLLUTION AND SHIPPING DPW DIRECTOR ARRIOLA PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED AT SEVERAL HEARINGS INCLUDING THE JUNK VEHICLE ROUNDTABLE IN APRIL 2023 THAT THE PROBLEM OF ABANDONED JUNK VEHICLES HAS REACHED EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS AND WHICH HAS DOUBLED THE MANPOWER NEEDS OF DPW FOR ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE BILL 104-37 ALSO CLARIFIES THAT IT DOES NOT AFFECT ANY POTENTIAL AG ENFORCEMENT ACTION THUS PROVIDING GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE MECHANISMS AND ADDRESSING THIS EPIDEMIC I WOULD LIKE TO THANK LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOSHUA TENORIO AND THE ABANDON ABANDONED TA VEHICLE TASK FORCE CONSISTING OF MULTIPLE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES SUCH AS GUAM EPA DRT DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAYORS AND OTHERS FOR THEIR DILIGENT WORK AND INPUT IN STREAMLINING THIS PROCESS I WOULD ALS ALSO LIKE TO THANK SENATOR TONY ADA FOR HIS WORK IN SPEARHEADING THIS THIS EFFORT IN THE 36 GUAM LEGISLATURE AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY CO-SPONSOR SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS AND SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND CO-SPONSORSHIP AND I HUMBLLY ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT THANK YOU.

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

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION IN THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE I ACTUALLY STARTED WORKING ON THIS ABANDONED VEHICLE TO THE POINT WHERE I HAVE MADE PHONE CALLS TO NOT JUST OUR AGENCIES ON GUAM AND HOW THEY'RE ADDRESSING IT BUT ALSO TO THE MILITARY BECAUSE WE'RE FINDING OUT THAT MANY OF THOSE MILITARY MEMBERS THAT COME TO GUAM AND THEY BUY WITH A GUAM BOMB AND THEN WHEN THEY LEAVE THEY JUST LEAVE IT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND LEAVE ISLAND SO IT MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT TO TRACK THEM DOWN IN FACT WE HAVE DONE THAT A COUPLE TIMES DURING IN MY AREA AS I CALLED THE MAYOR'S OFFICE THAT THIS CAR HAS BEEN SITTING HERE FOR MONTHS AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN ABANDONED WE THEN CAME CAME ACROSS SOME INFORMATION AND FOUND OUT THAT THE VEHICLE BELONGED TO A SERVICE MEMBER THAT IS NO LONGER ON GUAM AND THAT MORE VEHICLES LIKE THIS ARE ARE ACTUALLY YOU KNOW AROUND THE ISLAND THAT THEY'RE JUST LEAVING THEIR VEHICLES HERE AND LETTING GUAM HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF IT AND DUMP IT FOR THEM IT'S NOT JUST GUAM ACTUALLY MADAM SPEAKER AS I WAS DOING MY RESEARCH I ALSO CALLED IN SOME INFORMATION IN HONOLULU HAWAII WHAT BECAUSE THEY WERE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE SAME THING ABOUT ABANDON ABANDONED VEHICLES AND THEY WERE COMING UP WITH TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION TO COME UP WITH THIS SITUATION WHERE SERVICE PEOPLE WOULD JUST LEAVE THEIR VEHICLES AND THEY WERE LOOKING AT PROVIDING A STICKER FOR EVERY SINGLE VEHICLE THAT A SERVICE MEMBER HAS TO BE PLACED AND REGISTERED ON BASE SO THAT IF THIS VEHICLE IS FOUND SOMEWHERE AND ABANDONED ALL THAT INFORMATION IS THERE BECAUSE NOT ALWAYS IS IT NECESS ALWAYS THE CASE TO FIND THE OWNERSHIP WHEN A VEHICLE HAS BEEN PASSED FROM THE ORIGINAL OWNER TO ANOTHER PERSON YOU KNOW HOW EVERYONE SIGNS IF YOU PURCHASE A VEHICLE FROM SOMEBODY ELSE YOU SIGN THE BACK OF THE OWNERSHIP TO RECEIVE IT AND THAT SOMETIMES IS NOT IN THE RECORD AT REV AND TAX SO THEY WERE TRYING TO HAVE THIS MECHANISM IN PLACE TO PUT STICKERS ON ALL THESE VEHICLES THAT SERVICE MEMBERS IN HAWAII HAD THAT WAS AN IDEA TO TO DO IT HERE AS WELL BUT IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE THE MILITARY BECAUSE THEY TOO WERE PART OF THE ISSUE ON THESE ABANDONED VEHICLES NOW WE'RE SEEING MORE VEHICLES THAT ARE LEFT AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD IF THEY BREAK DOWN FOR SOME REASON IT'S IT'S YOU KNOW THEY THEY HAD TO LEAVE THE VEHICLE THERE AND THEN WHEN THE NEXT YOU KNOW 15 20 MINUTES THEY COME BACK AND IT'S ALREADY STRIPPED EVERYTHING IS ALREADY STRIPPED ON THAT VEHICLE IT GETS TO A POINT WHERE THEY LOOK AT IT AND SAY WELL I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LEFT OF MY VEHICLE I'LL TRY AND YOU KNOW GO TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SEE IF I CAN GET YOU KNOW ANYTHING FOR IT BUT MANY TIMES THEY IT'S A LOSS COST FOR THEM AND IT COSTS TOO MUCH TO TOW FOR THEM AND THEY THEY JUST LEAVE IT THERE FOR THE MAYOR OR YOU KNOW PUBLIC WORKS TO

TAKE CARE OF IT A LOT OF ISSUES ACTUALLY MADAM SPEAKER CAME WITH THE THE LEGIS THE LAW WHAT WHAT A MAYOR CAN DO AND WHAT DPW CAN DO YOU KNOW IN IN REMOVING THESE VEHICLES LIKE FOR INSTANCE UP IN *SINAJANA* YOU KNOW A VEHICLE BEING LEFT ON THE SIDE OF THE CURB AND IT'S NOT NECESSARILY IT'S NOT IT'S WELL HOW DO YOU PUT THIS THE CURB IS IN FRONT OF SOMEONE'S HOUSE SO YOU ASSUME THAT CAR BELONGS TO THE PERSON WHO LIVES ON THAT CURB BUT IT'S NOT IT'S A PUBLIC ACCESS SO ANYBODY CAN GO AND JUST PARK THE CAR IN FRONT OF SOMEBODY'S HOUSE ON THE CURB NEAR THE SIDEWALK AND THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT I MEAN IT'S SITTING THERE THEY'LL CALL THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND SAID MAYOR YOU KNOW THIS CAR HAS BEEN SITTING HERE FOR 2 MONTHS AND I I CAN'T MOVE IT AND MAYOR HAS AN ISSUE WITH MOVING IT AS WELL THEY DON'T HAVE THE JURISDICTION SO THAT WAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS ABOUT THESE ABANDONED VEHICLES ESPECIALLY THAT'S LEFT ON THE SIDE OF THE STREET YOU KNOW NEAR OTHER RESIDENTS THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT AND THEN AGAIN IT IT TALKS ABOUT HOW THIS BILL IS ABLE TO REMOVE VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY YOU KNOW THAT IS IN THERE WHERE THE THE OWNER OF THE PRIVATE PROPERTY DID NOT GIVE PERMISSION FOR THAT VEHICLE TO BE THERE BUT IT IS ON THEIR PROPERTY SO THIS LEGISLATION ACTUALLY ADDRESSES THAT SCENARIO AND SITUATION SO THIS TOO IS ONE OF THOSE BILLS THAT'S LONG TIME COMING YOU KNOW AND WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIGHT WITH THIS BACK AND FORTH SINCE THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE AND CARRIED OVER LIKE SENATOR SAID SENATOR ADA TOOK THIS ON IN THE 36TH AND I'M GLAD THAT THE SENATOR IS TAKING IT ON TO THE 37TH TO TRYING TO TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO THE LITTERING OF THIS TYPE OF LITTERING THAT'S GOING ON AROUND OUR ISLAND BUT IT'S MOST ESPECIALLY IT'S A SAFETY ISSUE TOO AS WE ARE DRIVING BY ON OUR ROADSIDE WE SEE THESE ABANDONED VEHICLES JUST SITTING OUT THERE THAT'S BEEN STRIPPED AND CAN CAUSE AN ACCIDENT YOU KNOW ON THE ROAD BUT IT'S VERY IT'S VERY MUCH AN EYESORE ESPECIALLY WHEN SOMEONE DECIDES TO TORCH THESE ABANDONED VEHICLES AND LEAVE IT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD SO THAT THEY DON'T SEE THE THE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR THEY SCRATCH OUT THE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND AND WALK AWAY BECAUSE THEY WOULD RATHER DO THAT THAN HAVE TO PAY \$200 FOR IT TO GO TO A JUNKYARD AND THE QUESTION ON HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO TOW THESE VEHICLES AWAY WELL MANY PEOPLE HAVE ARGUED THE POINT THAT WELL THAT'S WHAT WE PAY FOR OUR REGISTRATION FEE THERE'S A CERTAIN FEE ON THE REGISTRATION TO TO COVER VEHICLES THE DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES THAT'S TRUE BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY LAWS TO ACTUALLY GIVE THE AUTHORITY FOR THOSE ENTITIES OR AGENCIES OR THOSE SAFETY OFFICERS TO ACTUALLY REMOVE THE VEHICLES IT'S NOT GOING TO DO ANY ANY ANYTHING TO TO REMOVE IT SO I THINK THIS BILL DOES ADDRESS THAT LOOPHOLE IN THE LAW AND SO I I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION TOO IT'S IT'S LONG TIME COMING AND LOOKING FORWARD TO ANY KIND OF ISSUES THAT MAY COME UP IF IT PASSES AND TO BE ADDRESSED RIGHT AWAY BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE AS WILL TAKE AS LONG AS THIS BILL TOOK TO FINALLY GET IN FRONT OF US SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MEASURE THANK YOU.

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

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYBODY IN HERE THAT WILL NOT STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION AND GRANTED THAT THERE HAVE MANY MANY YEARS AND MANY ATTEMPTS TO BE ABLE TO RESOLVE AND TAKE CARE OF THIS BUT YOU KNOW WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LOOPHOLES I THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WHILE WE TRY TO CLOSE THIS LOOPHOLE WE STILL HAVE A PIT IN FRONT OF US IN THAT AND I MAY BE NAIVE AND I DON'T SEE IT I DON'T QUITE CLEARLY SEE IT IN THE BILL BUT THE QUESTION COMES WHERE DO YOU TAKE THESE VEHICLES TO I WORKED ON THIS ON THIS ISSUE TRYING TO FIND IT AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT ALL WE ALWAYS CAME UP SHORT WITH IS FINDING THE PROPER SITE IF YOU WILL TO BE ABLE TO STORE IT YOU KNOW THE ARGUMENT COULD BE MADE WELL YOU TAKE IT TO THE WHOEVER PICKS IT UP WHICHEVER TOW COMPANY PICKS PICKS UP THE VEHICLE OBVIOUSLY THEY'LL TAKE IT TO THEIR TO THEIR LOT WELL THAT'S BEEN DONE BEFORE AND THEN WE FOUND ANOTHER PROBLEM IN AS FAR AS TOO MANY CARS ON A LOT TO THE POINT WHERE TOW COMPANIES KNOWING THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE DISPATCHED TO TAKE AN ABANDONED VEHICLE WON'T ANSWER THE CALL BECAUSE IT'S ONE THING TO REMOVE IT BUT WHERE DO WE TAKE IT TO AND MAYBE THAT'S A QUESTION THAT I WOULD PROFFER TO I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PROFFER TO THE AUTHOR OF THIS OF THIS LEGISLATION IF SHE COULD YIELD IS DOES THIS BILL ANY LANGUAGE IN THIS BILL OR IS THERE A PRO A DISPOSAL OR A HOLDING SITE FOR THESE VEHICLES OR ARE WE GOING TO TAKE IT TO THE LEAVE IT UP TO THE TOW COMPANIES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YEAH I YIELD AND I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP IN THE ROUND TABLES THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE ISSUES IS WHERE DO WE BRING IT TO AND THE BILL BASICALLY DOES NOT MANDATE A SPECIFIC LOCATION AND IT'S REALLY THAT'S WHY THE MOU IS THERE THAT'S WHY YOU KNOW TOW TRUCK COMPANIES IT IT IT WILL END UP IN THE PROPERTIES THAT ARE PROPERLY ZONED AND PERMITTED SO YEAH THE BILL BASICALLY STREAMLINES THE PROCESS OF REMOVING IT AS FAR AS PERMITTED SITES THAT IS NOT COVERED IN THIS BILL BUT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEING LOOKED AT VERY CLOSELY BY ALL THE AGENCIES THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS SO YES THAT'S A VERY ASTUTE OBSERVATION AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEING CURRENTLY WORKED ON.

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

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE FOR THE RESPONSE AND AND UNFORTUNATELY THAT'S WHAT I SUSPECTED WAS GOING TO HAPPEN IS IS THE ANSWER BECAUSE YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER IT'S AGAIN WE CAN SEE THE DILEMMA WE'VE GOT AN ABANDONED VEHICLE CALLED IN BY THE MAYORS VERIFIED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ALL THE PAPER EVERYTHING IS THERE TO BASICALLY IDENTIFY THAT IT'S ABANDONED BUT THEN WHEN THE TOW TRUCK COMES AND HE SAYS OKAY WHERE DO WE TAKE IT TO WE DON'T KNOW THEN WHAT WHAT DO WE RESOLVED WE IT'S STILL SOMETHING THAT HASN'T BEEN ADDRESSED AND THAT FOR THE MOST PART IS THE PROBLEM WE CAN FIND ANY EXCUSE AND ANY REASON AS TO WHY WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO IMPOUND OR REMOVE THE VEHICLE BUT THE PROBLEM IS WHERE DO WE MOVE IT TO WHEN I WAS WORKING ON THIS PROJECT WHEN I WAS WORKING ON THIS ON THIS ISSUE COUPLE FEW YEARS AGO YOU KNOW I WENT ON A LITTLE FIELD TRIP WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE EVEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS PROBLEMS WITH THEIR IMPOUND LOT THEY DON'T HAVE ONE BASICALLY AND IN THAT FIELD TRIP WE SAW A SITE WHERE VEHICLES WERE THAT WERE IMPOUNDED WERE TAKEN TO BUT RIGHT DOWN THE STREET EPA WAS WAS BASICALLY RIGHT DOWN THE STREET FROM WHERE THE IMPOUND LOT AND WAS TELLING THE AGENCIES THE POWERS THAT BE THAT THEY HAD TO REMOVE IT BUT MOVE IT TO WHERE AND THAT'S THE CONCERN THAT I HAVE NOT WITH THE BILL IT'S NOT WITH THE BILL IT'S WITH THE ISSUE IT'S WITH THE PROBLEM IT'S WHAT IT'S WITH THE PROBLEM THAT THIS BILL IS ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS BUT AS THE AUTHOR HAS ALSO STATED THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S ONGOING SO IT'S GREAT IF WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND PUT TOGETHER LEGISLATION TO SAY THE PROCEDURES OF WHAT OF WHAT TO DO WHEN WE WANT TO IMPOUND A VEHICLE OR WE WANT TO BASICALLY REMOVE A VEHICLE BUT THE CONCERN IS WHERE DO WE TAKE IT TO SO THEN WHAT GOOD IS THE LAW SO THAT'S THE CONCERN I NEED TO RAISE THAT CONCERN CONCERNED WITH WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUE NOT SO MUCH THE BILL BILL'S GREAT OKAY IT IT IT TAKES CARE OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER BUT LOGISTICALLY IT DOESN'T RESOLVE IT SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK ON THIS BILL.

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

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF SENATOR SABINA TO BRING THIS LEGISLATION FORWARD TO OBVIOUSLY REDUCE THE CHALLENGES IN TRYING TO ADDRESS REMOVAL OF JUNK CARS I THINK WE'VE ALL SEEN IN THE LAST FEW YEARS ALMOST ON A REGULAR BASIS THAT THAT THIS IS NOW YOU KNOW ABANDONING YOUR CAR ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD IS NOW BECOMING THE STANDARD TO ADDRESS DISPOSAL BECAUSE YOU KNOW SOME PEOPLE JUST CHOOSE NOT TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND IT'S VERY CONCERNING NOW BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW WE'VE HEARD IN THE MEDIA AND I'VE SEEN MYSELF LATELY YOU KNOW TORCHING THESE VEHICLES ONCE THEY'VE STRIPPED THEM SEEMS TO BECOME THE STANDARD NOW AND WE SEE THIS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD FAIRLY REGULARLY AND AGAIN I I THINK THE BIGGER CRUX OF THE ISSUE IS GETTING BACK TO WHY WE EVEN REGISTER OUR CARS EVERY YEAR YOU KNOW WE GO AND REGISTER OUR CARS WE PAY OUR FEE WE MAKE SURE WE GET OUR INSURANCE WE DO THE RESPONSIBLE THING ONLY TO WATCH OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY BE IRRESPONSIBLE ABOUT IT AND NOT MUCH CONSEQUENCE I MEAN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO THEY GO OKAY WELL YOU YOU KNOW THEY THEY EVENTUALLY YOU WATCH THE CAR IT GETS DROPPED ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD THEN MAYBE A DAY OR TWO THE LICENSE PLATE DISAPPEARS THE TIRES OTHER PARTS GET STRIPPED AND THEN THE CAR GETS TORCHED AND AT SOME POINT YOU KNOW YOUR MAYORS COME UP AND THEY PUT THE NOTICE ON THE VEHICLE AND AT SOME POINT IT GETS TOWED AWAY AND REMOVED BUT THAT'S AFTER A FEW WEEKS OF SITTING THERE AND IT JUST THERE JUST HAS TO BE A BETTER PROCESS IF WE'RE REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO REGISTER OUR VEHICLES LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS DO THE RIGHT THING EVERY YEAR AT AT THE AT A SUBSTANTIAL COST

BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE NOT ONLY DO YOU PAY THE COST OF THE FEE MAKE SURE YOUR YOUR VEHICLE'S UP TO STANDARD YOU'RE ALSO PAYING YOUR INSURANCE WHICH WE KNOW MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING AROUND ON OUR ROADWAYS ARE NOT HAVING REGISTERED VEHICLES SO WE SAY OKAY WE GOT TO LOOK AT THE VEHICLE NUMBER THEN IF THEY GET RID OF THE LICENSE PLATE WE GOT TO LOOK FOR THE VEHICLE NUMBER AND THEN WHAT AND THEN OH WELL THE CAR GOT SOLD AND THEN IT GOT SO RESOLD AND IT GOT RESOLD AND WE DON'T KNOW WHO THE OWNER IS SO SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY WE'VE GOT TO COME UP WITH A BETTER SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY TO WHERE A VEHICLE IS NOT TRANSFERRED UNTIL THERE'S THE YOU KNOW A STEP IN PLACE TO ENSURE THAT WE IDENTIFY WHO THE CURRENT OWNER OF THE VEHICLE IS BECAUSE WE'RE REGISTERING OUR CARS EVERY YEAR THE GOVERNMENT HAS OUR INFORMATION EVERY YEAR THE GOVERNMENT TAKES OUR 100 PLUS DOLLARS CLOSE TO I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S 90 OR 100 I DON'T LOOK ANYMORE PROBABLY SHOULD BUT IT'S LIKE WELL YOU GOT TO PAY IT ANYWAY RIGHT WHY WHY ANGST OVER IT AND YET WE STILL CAN'T TRACK THE RESPONSIBLE PART AND THIS IS NOW BECOMING A WAY TO DO IT BECAUSE IT'S EASIER TO DO IT NOW BECAUSE THIS IS THE WAY IT IS BECAUSE THERE'S NO FOLLOW-UP THERE'S NOBODY BEING HELD RESPONSIBLE WITH THE YOU KNOW ALMOST 700 800 CARS A MONTH NEW CARS CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT COMING INTO OUR PORT COMING INTO OUR ISLAND EVERY MONTH I WE ALL LIKE OUR CARS AND OUR FREEDOM TO DRIVE THEM BUT WE ALSO AS AS MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY HAVE RESPONSIBILITY OF HOW TO ADDRESS THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF OUR VEHICLES ONCE WE DETERMINE EITHER WE SELL IT OR WE DETERMINE MAYBE BECAUSE OF AN ACCIDENT OR WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE THAT IT NO LONGER HAS A USABLE LIFE HOW DO WE PROPERLY DISPOSE OF IT DO WE HAVE A BETTER SYSTEM SET UP SO THAT OUR RESIDENTS CAN DO THAT BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THIS SYSTEM RIGHT NOW IT IT JUST REALLY IS YOU KNOW IT'S JUST ANOTHER SIGN OF DISRESPECT ON OUR ISLAND TO SEE THAT YOU KNOW AS BEAUTIFUL AS OUR ISLAND IS TODAY AND AS NICE AS THE SUN IS SHINING OUT THERE THERE'S AN ABANDONED YOU KNOW A CAR BEING ABANDONED SOMEWHERE ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD PROBABLY AT YOU KNOW A STREET NEXT TO YOU AND WE HAVE TO HAVE A BETTER WAY OF OF DEALING WITH THIS AND THERE'S SOMETHING FURTHER I THINK WE NEED TO ADDRESS ALSO PERHAPS ANOTHER LEGISLATION AND HOW DO YOU ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY WITH THESE VEHICLES BUT I DID I DID WANT TO ASK THE SPONSOR IF I MAY MADAM SPEAKER IF SHE WOULD YIELD TO A QUESTION I DID NOTICE ON PAGE FIVE LINE 12 WITH REGARDS TO THE VIOLATION AND AND THE FEE THE FINE IS ABOUT \$100 AND I WANTED TO ASK THE SPONSOR IF SHE STILL THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS A REASONABLE AMOUNT BECAUSE RIGHT NOW ON AVERAGE TO TOW A VEHICLE IS ABOUT \$150 SO I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS YOU KNOW I SHOULD I PROPOSE TO INCREASE THIS AMOUNT BUT I WANTED TO GET HER FEEDBACK ON THAT BECAUSE RIGHT NOW IT'S CHEAPER TO ABANDON THE VEHICLE THAN GET A TOW TRUCK TO COME AND MOVE IT BECAUSE MORE EXPENSIVE TO GET A TOW TRUCK TO COME AND HOOK YOUR CAR UP AND TAKE IT SOMEWHERE SO IF THE SPONSOR WOULD YIELD TO THAT QUESTION MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES I YIELD TO THE QUESTION YEAH SO I WASN'T FOCUSED ON CHANGING THAT BUT I'M OPEN TO ANY AMENDMENTS WITH CHANGING THAT YOU'RE AND YOU KNOW THE SPEAKER IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT THAT'S DEFINITELY DOESN'T COVER THE COST OF TOWING.

**SENATOR BROWN:** SO THE SPONSOR WOULD YOU WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF I MADE A MOTION TO 200 SHALL I SAY 250 THREE THREE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SEN SENATOR THOUGH IF YOU LOOK AT THAT'S THE PENALTY PART F IS IS THE TOWING COMPANY FEES.

**SENATOR BROWN:** RIGHT FOR FOR PARKING IT IN THE RIGHT OF WAY RIGHT THE \$100 SPEAKER I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THAT WITH THE AMOUNT THIS \$100 FEE.

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

**SENATOR BROWN:** YEAH THANK YOU.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR BROWN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER CERTAINLY THANK YOU ALSO TO SENATOR PEREZ FOR RESPONDING TO MY INQUIRY AND AND JUST IN MY DISCUSSIONS WITH MY COLLEAGUES HERE MADAM SPEAKER IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION WITHOUT AN AMENDMENT WRITTEN AMENDMENT BEFORE US I WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE THAT PENALTY TO ADD ANOTHER ZERO AND INCREASE IT FROM \$100 TO \$1,000 PENALTY I KNOW IT'S A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT BUT AT THE SAME TIME I'M HOPING THAT WOULD BE A DETERRENT FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT WANT TO BE IRRESPONSIBLE IN DUMPING THEIR VEHICLE IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY I THINK THAT WOULD BE REASONABLE AMOUNT AND SOUNDING FROM THE COMMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT THAT WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE INCREASE SO IF IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS MADAM SPEAKER MY ME OFFERING THAT AMENDMENT WITHOUT A WRITTEN COPY I'D LIKE TO INCREASE IT TO \$1,000.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT NOT BEING IN WRITING SEEING NO OBJECTION WE'LL PROCEED THE AMENDMENT NOW IS TO CHANGE THE WORD ON PAGE FIVE LINE 12 FROM 100 TO \$1,000.

**SENATOR BROWN:** YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THAT IF WE HAVE FINES AND VIOLATIONS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000 IF YOU THROW A CIGARETTE BUTT OUT DURING FIRE SEASON I MEAN THAT'S \$1,000 I DON'T SEE REASON WHY WE CAN'T DO THE SAME FOR THAT KIND OF YOU KNOW DETER INDIVIDUALS FROM PARKING IT'LL BE BETTER FOR THEM TO JUST TAKE IT TOW IT AND PUT IT TO A PLACE FOR YOU KNOW FOR \$200 VERSUS KEEPING IT THERE FOR A THOUSAND SO I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT ANYONE ELSE SENATOR PEREZ ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU.MADAM SPEAKER I SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT BUT I JUST WANTED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION BECAUSE THIS IS IT IT FURTHER STATES IN THE NEXT SUBSECTION OR THAT IT'S IT SHALL BE A NEW VIOLATION EVERY 30-DAY PERIOD SO CONSIDERING THAT THIS BILL PROPOSES ONLY A 30-DAY PERIOD SO THAT WOULD LIMIT THIS FINE OR TO BE A THOUSAND SO IF IT'S IF IT SO HAPPENS THAT THE 30 DAYS IS EXTENDED TO A LONGER PERIOD THEN THEN THAT WOULD BE I GUESS A MULTIPLE OF THAT AMOUNT SO IT THERE'S NO YEAH SO IT WOULD BE STILL AT A THOUSAND AT THIS POINT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT OR S OKAY PLEASE CLOSE.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS I APPRECIATE MY COLLEAGUE'S CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT ON THE AMENDMENT BY SENATOR BROWN TO CHANGE THE FINE FROM \$100 TO \$1,000 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION PASSES ON THE BILL SENATOR BROWN YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED ALL RIGHT ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I AM MY IN MY REMARKS I AM FOCUSING ON SUBPARAGRAPH F OF PAGE FIVE BEGINNING AT LINE 16 THE THE LAW AS OFFERED READS A LICENSED GARAGE MAN OR TOW TRUCK COMPANY MAY CHARGE THE OWNER OF AN ABANDONED VEHICLE A FLAT RATE FEE PROMULGATED THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION LAW FOUND IN CHAPTER 9 ETC. FOR TOWING HOLDING OR STORING LAST SENTENCE IF THE ABANDONED VEHICLE IS NOT CLAIMED AFTER 30 DAYS THE LICENSED GARAGEMAN OR TOW TRUCK COMPANY MAY SELL THE VEHICLE HAVING READ THAT IT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME WHO WILL PROMULGATE THE RULES THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION LAW OBVIOUSLY IT CANNOT BE THE GARAGE MAN AND IT CANNOT BE THE TOW TRUCK COMPANY OWNER IT MUST BE SOME GUAM AGENCY WILL THE PROFFER OF THE BILL IDENTIFY THAT AGENCY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES THANK YOU I DO AND IT WILL BE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION THAT'S THEIR PERVERSITY AND I WOULD AMEND THE BILL I'M OPEN TO THE AMENDMENT IF OR OTHERWISE I WOULD AMEND IT TO INCLUDE THAT.

**SENATOR FISHER:** OKAY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH THE SECOND THE LAST SENTENCE IF THE ABANDONED VEHICLE IS NOT CLAIMED AFTER 30 DAYS THE LICENSED GARAGE MAN OR TOW TRUCK COMPANY MAY SELL THE VEHICLE MY CONCERN HERE IT KIND OF DOVETAILS WITH AN EARLIER SECTION WHICH I'LL CITE IN A MOMENT BUT HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT A GARAGEMAN OR A TOW TRUCK COMPANY CAN SELL THE VEHICLE WHEN NEITHER THE GARAGEMAN OR TOW TRUCK COMPANY HAS TITLE TO THE VEHICLE WILL THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES THANK YOU AND ACTUALLY IN CURRENT CURRENTLY IN STATUTE IT ALLOWS FOR THE THE SELLING OF THE VEHICLE BY THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY SO IT BASICALLY MIRRORS WHAT WHAT IS CURRENTLY DONE IN STATUTE OR WHAT'S CURRENTLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE IN STATUTE BUT NOW WE'VE IN EXPANDED THE AMOUNT OF TIME FROM 10 DAYS TO 30 DAYS IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING NOTIFICATION AS WELL AS POSTING IT UP THE WEBSITE WOULD ALLOW FOR THE THE DUE PROCESS ELEMENTS TO OCCUR.

**SENATOR FISHER:** OKAY A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION TO THAT AND THIS IS WHERE AN ADDITIONAL SECTION OF THE LAW I THINK COMES INTO PLAY ON PAGE 4 SUB C AT LINE 4 THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION SHALL POST INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION B A NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER AMONG THESE SIX ITEMS WHY ARE WE NOT NOTICING A POTENTIAL LIENHOLDER THANK YOU TO THE AUTHOR FOR USING THE PHRASE DUE PROCESS BUT A LIENHOLDER BEING DEPRIVED OF PROPERTY WITHOUT NOTICE IS IT'S A RARITY TO SAY THE LEAST AND OH SO I'M SORRY IF I COULD ASK THE PROPONENT OF THE BILL TO ADDRESS THAT CONCERN OF NO NOTICE TO LIENHOLDERS SUCH IF THE BANK OF GUAM OR PACIFIC OR NFCU THEY ACTUALLY HAVE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY IT'S A YOU KNOW MORTGAGE SHADOW LIEN EXCUSE ME CHANNEL MORTGAGE LIEN DO YOU NOT DOES THE DOES THE PROFFER OF THE BILL THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR REVENUE AND TAXATION BECAUSE THE LIEN IS OBVIOUSLY RECORDED THERE I MEAN THEY PERFECTED IT BY FILING IT AT REVENUE TAX WHY DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR REVENUE TAX TO NOTICE LIENHOLDERS SO THAT IF SHE WILL YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER IN ADDITION TO OWNERS BEING NOTICED LIENHOLDERS SHOULD ALSO BE NOTICED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** SO AS FAR AS OWNERS THERE IS THE DEFINITION PROVIDED AND THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION SO OWNER MEANS THE HOLDER OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE OR OWNERSHIP OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO POSSESSES A RECEIPT OR OTHER FORM OF EVIDENCE INDICATING CERTIFICATE OF TITLE SO I BELIEVE I NEED TO DOUBLE CHECK WITH DRT TO SEE IF THAT INCLUDES THE PERHAPS LIKE THE BANK WOULD THAT INCLUDE THE BANK SO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES MA'AM THANK YOU VERY MUCH ALTHOUGH I'M NOT BY ANY MEANS FLUENT IN COMMERCIAL LAW I THINK THE TITLE OF THE VEHICLE WOULD BE HELD BY THE LIENHOLDER UNTIL THE DEBT IS DISCHARGED IT IS OKAY YEAH SO THAT WOULD BE THE BANK THEY HOLD THE TITLE UNTIL THE LIEN IS DISCHARGED IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF AN INDIVIDUAL ABANDONS THEIR THE VEHICLE IN WHICH THE BANK HAS A SECURITY INTEREST THAT WOULD CERTAINLY BE DEFAULT BY THE BORROWER I THINK THE LIENHOLDER WHETHER IT BE A BANK OR A CREDIT UNION OR WHATEVER HASN'T HASN'T AN ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO NOTICE AND I WOULD ASK MY FRIEND TO CONSIDER ASK ADDING I GUESS THAT WOULD BE AT THE TOP OF PAGE FOUR A SUB SEVEN THAT DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION HAS TO AT LEAST PUBLISH NOTICE TO LIENHOLDERS BECAUSE ALL OF THE BANKS WILL BE SCRUBBING THAT DRT LIST ON A REGULAR BASIS TO SEE IF ANY OF THEIR SECURED SECURITY INTERESTS ARE BEING ABROGATED SO THANK YOU VERY I WOULD JUST ASK HER TO CONSIDER THAT THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL COME HERE

**NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES**

**SENATOR BARNETT:** ON THE MAIN MOTION IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE MAIN MOTION SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AS AMENDED AND AS SUBSTITUTED AND I WANT TO COMMEND THE AUTHORS FOR REALLY ADDRESSING SOME OF THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM I KNOW IT'S IT'S STILL GOING TO BE A CHALLENGING SITUATION BUT IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS ON GUAM THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO KEEP PLUGGING AWAY AT THIS UNTIL WE GET THE PERFECT SOLUTION SO THIS IS A A BIG IMPROVEMENT I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M AMAZED TO FIND IN HERE THAT IS NOT IN EXISTING LAW IS THE THE NAMING OF THE CRIME OF TAMPERING WITH THE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER WE'VE HEARD TESTIMONY AFTER TESTIMONY FROM GPD AND THE MAYORS THAT THEY CANNOT TELL THE OWNERS OF THESE ABANDONED VEHICLES AND BECAUSE THE THE VIN NUMBERS THE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED SO THIS ACTUALLY MAKES IT A FELONY TO INTERFERE WITH THOSE VIN NUMBERS AND I'M HOPING THAT THAT'S GOING TO I THINK IF WE CAN PUBLICIZE THAT ENOUGH AND CATCH A COUPLE PEOPLE THAT THAT'S GOING TO REALLY PUT SOME DETERRENT AT LEAST THAT'S THE HOPE OF THIS TYPE OF A PENALTY MAKING IT A FELONY SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO SEE THAT THAT IN HERE I KNOW THAT'S SOMETHING THE MAYORS HAVE REALLY BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO AND I ALSO LIKE YOU KNOW THE KIND OF HOLISTIC APPROACH ON THIS I I THINK THE AMENDMENT FOR THE PENALTY THAT MY COLLEAGUE MADE EARLIER IS A GOOD ONE I'M A LITTLE BIT WORRIED ABOUT WE'RE NOW ALLOWING BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE AN IMPOUND LOT OR EVEN IF WE DID HAVE ONE WE'RE ALLOWING THESE VEHICLES TO BE PICKED UP BY TOW TRUCKS FROM PRIVATE COMPANIES THE RATES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION SO THEY'RE GOING TO BE STANDARD RATES HOWEVER THESE COMPANIES CAN NOW TOW THE CAR AWAY BEFORE FURTHER DAMAGE THEY CAN STORE IT AND THEY ARE ENTITLED AFTER NOTICE HAS BEEN SENT AND 30 DAYS HAS PASSED THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED THAT THERE'S 30 DAYS HAS PASSED AND THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO SELL THAT VEHICLE ACCORDING TO THIS BILL IF ITS PAST THAT GIVES THEM AN INCENTIVE FOR DOING THIS WHEN THEY MIGHT BE PICKING UP VEHICLES THAT NOBODY WANTS TO CLAIM THERE'S ALSO A PROVISION THAT ALLOWS IF IF IT'S NOT A TOW TRUCK FOR DPW TO DO THE SAME FOR REVENUE AND TAXATION TO ALSO SELL THESE AT AUCTION IF THE ABANDONED VEHICLE IS NOT CLAIMED WITHIN AFTER THE 30 DAYS NOTICE I LIKE THE IDEA IN THIS BILL WHERE DPW IS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE THEY REALLY NAME WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THE IDENTIFICATION OFF OF THIS VEHICLE AND PUBLISHING THAT THAT I THINK IS WHAT WAS NEEDED A LOT BECAUSE WE HAD SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE JURISDICTION TO TO DO SOMETHING WITH THESE ABANDONED VEHICLES AND YET IT WASN'T VERY CLEAR JUST BE THERE'S A LOT OF THEM THEY HAPPEN ALMOST EVERY DAY AND SO THIS WOULD PUT DPW SQUARELY IN CHARGE OF AFTER 24 HOURS OF A VEHICLE BEING ABANDONED THAT DPW WILL GO OUT THERE AND GET PICTURES THE LOCATION THE TIME AND DAY THE VIN NUMBERS THE LICENSE PLATES ALL THE IDENTIFICATION OF THAT VEHICLE AND THEN THEY WOULD WILL GIVE IT TO REV AND TAX WHO WILL POST THAT INFORMATION ON ITS WEBSITE SO THIS IS NOT ONLY AVAILABLE TO ALL THE LAW ENFORCEMENT IT'S AVAILABLE TO DPW TO THE MAYORS TO EVERYBODY WHO MIGHT BE WANTING TO DO SOMETHING WITH THAT VEHICLE OR IS DOING SOMETHING WITH THAT VEHICLE AND REVENUE AND TAXATION'S INVOLVEMENT OF COURSE ASSURES US THAT WE'VE GOT THE THE LAST LEGAL OWNER OF THE VEHICLE OR THE LAST OWNER ACCORDING TO ITS RECORDS SO I JUST WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THOSE PROVISIONS IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE IT'S KIND OF LIKE THIS BILL SENDS OUT A BIG SIGNAL IT'S A WARNING TO THOSE WHO ARE DOING THIS THAT THERE ARE NEW TOOLS THAT CAN BE USED NOW TO TO TRACK YOU THIS DEFINES A JUNK VEHICLE AS A VEHICLE THAT IS INCAPABLE OF OPERATING ON PUBLIC STREETS ROADS AND HIGHWAYS AND I KNOW THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN ENTIRE TEAM OF PEOPLE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT WORKING ON JUNK AND ABANDONED VEHICLES INCLUDING THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DPW EPA THE MAYORS ESPECIALLY AND ALL OF THEM HAVE HAD INPUT INTO THIS BILL AND SO I'M HOPING THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH THIS AND THAT THEY WILL I'M TRUST I'M VERY CONFIDENT BECAUSE OF THEIR WORK SO FAR THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE PROMPT FEEDBACK AS TO WHICH PROVISIONS HERE THEY THEY HAVE ANY ISSUES WITH THE MONEY COLLECTED IS GOING FROM THE PENALTIES IS GOING TO GO TO OF COURSE GOOD USE IT LOOKS LIKE IN PICKING UP MORE OF THESE ABANDONED VEHICLES IT PROTECTS SCRAP DEALERS THE TOWERS AND AND ENSURES THAT EPA DPW AND THE MAYORS ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE BEGUN AND THAT NOTHING IN THIS BILL IS GOING TO IMPEDE



THAT WORK IT SHOULD ONLY FACILITATE THAT WORK SO I I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK ON THIS BILL AND DEFINITELY APPRECIATE THIS AUTHOR'S CONSISTENT WORK ON THIS TOPIC THIS IS NOT THE FIRST BILL BY THE LEGISLATURE AND CERTAINLY I'M SURE NOT THE LAST WHERE WE ARE TRYING SO VERY HARD TO DEAL WITH THIS HUGE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL DUMPING ABANDONED VEHICLES JUNK VEHICLES AND THE HUGE COSTS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT ON ALL OF US AS TAXPAYERS TO TO TAKE CARE OF THESE AND THE HUGE HEALTH RISKS THAT WE CONTINUE TO INCUR BY HAVING THESE VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND PUBLIC PROPERTY THERE ARE HUGE RISK I THINK WE HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN THE WORSE OF WHAT COULD HAPPEN EVEN THOUGH WE'VE SEEN THE FIRES AND OTHER YOU KNOW PESTS LIVING IN THESE THINGS HOWEVER IT'S ALSO A SIGNAL OF SOMETIMES CRIME ON GUAM RIGHT BUT THIS ALSO PROTECTS THOSE WHOSE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN STOLEN HOPEFULLY BECAUSE THE DPW WILL WILL HAVE TO GET THAT INFORMATION WITHIN 24 HOURS POST IT UP HOPEFULLY THAT CAN BE COORDINATED WITH GPD AND PRIVATE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD THEIR VEHICLES STOLEN THEY KNOW WHERE TO GO LOOK FOR VEHICLES THAT HAVE BEEN CLAIMED OR IMPOUNDED I WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL VEHICLE OWNERS IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOUR VEHICLES ARE TO REPORT IT BECAUSE TO GPD SO THAT THEY CAN USE THESE SYSTEMS TO FASTER TRACK YOUR VEHICLES AND THAT AGAIN I WANT TO THANK THE MAYORS FOR ALL THEIR WORK ON ON THIS THESE ABANDONED VEHICLES THAT GPD EPA DPW THIS IS A HUGE PROBLEM WE KNOW ON THE *CHAMORRO* LAND TRUST FOR THEY THINK SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK THOSE ARE DUMPING GROUNDS SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE ON THIS BILL AND I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON THE MAIN MOTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION.

**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I DEFINITELY COMMEND THE AUTHOR AND EVERYBODY WHO'S HAD THEIR HANDS ON THIS THIS BILL AND HAD A PART IN GETTING IT ON THE FLOOR HERE FOR THEIR HARD WORK HARD WORK THAT PUN INTENDED THAT WAS LITTERED WITH HARD WORK ALONG THE WAY I'VE SAT IN A INFORMATIONAL HEARING ACROSS THE HALL AND WE HAD SOME OF THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST MINDS SITTING AT THE TABLE AND THEY WERE REALLY RACKING THEIR BRAIN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM AND I COMMEND THE AUTHOR AGAIN FOR STREAMLINING THE THE PROCESS TO WHERE WE CAN NOW SEE AN ABANDONED VEHICLE THAT'S BEEN PARKED FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS HOURS ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY BE REMOVED AS OPPOSED TO THE VERY CONVOLUTED AND CONFUSING PROCESS THAT EXISTS IN THE CURRENT LAW I MEAN WE HEARD FROM THE REV AND TAX AND GUAM EPA AND WHILE THIS BILL STREAMLINES IT SO THAT A VEHICLE CAN BE PICKED UP ONCE IT'S BEEN PARKED FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS I MEAN IT SEEMED LIKE THE NOTICE PROCESS ALONE THAT THE DEPARTMENT REVENUE TAX ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT LAW AND THE BOOKS HAD TO GO THROUGH SEEMED LIKE IT TOOK 24 YEARS AND THEY ACTUALLY TESTIFIED IN THAT THAT HEARING AND I I WANT TO SAY COULD HAVE BEEN ANOTHER HEARING THAT THEY'VE ACTUALLY NEVER GONE THROUGH THIS PROCESS AND SO I THANK THE AUTHOR BECAUSE LORD KNOWS THIS IS A WE DIDN'T HAVE THIS PROBLEM WHEN WE WERE YOUNG YOU KNOW WHEN WE WERE YOUNG YOU COULD YOU COULD DRIVE AROUND THE ISLAND TAKING ITS BEAUTY NOW HERE IN 2024 I WALK OUTSIDE THE OFFICES IN *HAGÁTÑA* AND I SEE HOMELESS PEOPLE I SEE ABANDONED VEHICLES I SEE GRAFFITI AND IT'S SAD IT'S SAD THAT THAT A LOT OF OUR PEOPLE TAKE THIS PARADISE THAT WE CALL HOME FOR GRANTED THEY DON'T EVEN CONSIDER IT A PARADISE AND SO I FULLY SUPPORT THE PENALTY OF RAISING THAT PENALTY FROM \$100 TO \$1,000 AND IN THE HEARINGS THAT I ATTENDED WE HEARD FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ADMINISTRATION THAT *FERNAN* 5,000 WAS IT 5,000 ABANDONED VEHICLES OVER 5,000 ABANDONED VEHICLES HAVE BEEN PICKED UP SO FAR RIGHT AT THE TIME OF THE HEARING BUT YOU ASK MAYOR SAVARES SHE'S GOT A GREAT QUOTE ON THIS SHE SAYS SHE THINKS *DEDEDO* IS GROWING ABANDONED VEHICLES BECAUSE THEY GO OUT THERE TO SWAMP ROAD AND THEY PICK UP 10 ABANDONED VEHICLES AND *LANA'* THEY GO BACK TOMORROW AND 20 MORE GREW IN ITS PLACE AND THAT'S WHAT I MEAN ABOUT A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE OUT HERE WHO THEY I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THEY CAN BE REACHED BUT THEY DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT OUR ISLAND AND SO I COMMEND THE THE EFFORTS OF THE AUTHOR AND I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WORKED HARD ON ON THIS MEASURE BUT I ALSO ASK THE QUESTION HOW DO WE CHANGE THAT THAT MINDSET SO THAT WE REALIZE JUST HOW PRECIOUS THIS PARADISE IS I MEAN IN SO MANY WAYS I FEEL LIKE WE ARE TEETERING ON THE EDGE I MEAN I'VE I'VE BEEN IN HEARINGS

ON ON OTHER MEASURES AND AT A TIME WHEN YOU READ SO MANY DISTURBING THINGS ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OUR OUR WATER SUPPLY YOU HAVE TO WONDER WHY MORE PEOPLE DON'T SUPPORT THESE MEASURES THAT ARE GOING TO STRENGTHEN THE VERY POLICIES THAT PROTECT THIS PRECIOUS PARADISE AND I COMMEND THE AUTHOR AGAIN FOR DOING THE HARD WORK A LOT OF THIS ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION IS NOT EASY NOT EASY AT ALL IT'S PAINSTAKING OBVIOUSLY MANY OF THESE THINGS TAKE MANY YEARS AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR INPUT ESPECIALLY ON A ON A MEASURE AS LOFTY AS THIS ONE TO MAKE SURE WE GET EVERYTHING RIGHT YOU KNOW THE FIRST TIME LIKE SENATOR TAITAGUE HAD SAID AND SO I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO DO THE SAME SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE I MEAN I HOPE THIS IS THE SOLUTION I REALLY BELIEVE THIS IS THE SOLUTION BUT IF IT ISN'T IT'S A GREAT BIG BITE THAT WE'RE TAKING OUT OF THIS ABANDON VEHICLE OF APPLE FOR LACK OF A BETTER PUN SO NOTHING FURTHER MADAM SPEAKER AND AGAIN I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER BEFORE I DO MY CLOSING I WANT TO PROFFER SOME AMENDMENTS SO THE FIRST ONE HAS BEEN PASSED OUT IT'S BASICALLY TO ADD MORE CLARITY BY ADDING DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION AS THE AGENCY THAT WILL PROMULGATE THE FEES SO IT ON IT'S ON PAGE FIVE LINE 16 TO 21 SUBSECTION F.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT ON THAT AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION OR IS THERE ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK NO ONE TO SPEAK ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES AMENDMENT PASSES.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** SO THE OTHER AMENDMENT WOULD BE TO INCLUDE THE LANGUAGE SO THE AMENDMENT STILL BEING PRODUCED AND IT WILL BE SENT TO THE THE CLERKS MOMENTARILY IF I CAN ASK FOR A BRIEF RECESS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD YOU MIND DESCRIBING THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** IT'S ON PAGE FOUR IT'S TO ADD THE WORDS INCLUDES LIENHOLDER JUST TO BE REALLY CLEAR THAT THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** CAN YOU READ YOUR AMENDMENT SENATOR.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** OKAY SO IT'S PAGE FOUR LINE FOUR C DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION SHALL POST THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION B AND THE NAME OF THE ADDRESS OF THE OWNER WHICH INCLUDES THE LIENHOLDER OF THE ABANDONED VEHICLE ON ITS WEBSITE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT SO IT'S TO ADD THE WORDS WHICH INCLUDES THE LIENHOLDER IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO NOT HAVING THAT IN WRITING SEE NO OBJECTION WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROCEED WITH YOUR MOTION.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES YEAH I MOTION TO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT SO ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THE BILL BASED ON.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANY SENATOR BLAS ON THE AMENDMENT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BLAS:** JUST TO CLARIFY MADAM SPEAKER WHERE ON PAGE FOUR.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** LINE SIX WHERE IT SAYS NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER IT SHALL NOW RENAME AN ADDRESS OF THE OWNER OR THE LIENHOLDER.

**SENATOR BLAS:** WHY WHY LIENHOLDER WHY WOULD.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE AUTHOR WOULD YOU LIKE THE AUTHOR.

**SENATOR BLAS:** YES. I LIKED THE AUTHOR TO YIELD.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT YIELD.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES I YIELD TO THE QUESTION SO THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO ONE OF THE QUERIES ABOUT WOULD THAT INCLUDE THE LIENHOLDER AND JUST WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REACH TO GET A RESPONSE FROM DRT SO JUST TO BE SAFE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LET'S SAY THE BANKS FOR INSTANCE WHO HOLDS TITLE TO AN ABANDONED VEHICLE THAT THEY ALSO BE NOTIFIED IN ADDITION TO THE REGISTERED OWNER SO REALLY TO COVER ALL THE BASES.

**SENATOR BLAS:** I GUESS MA'AM MADAM IF I CAN GO AND PROFFER ANOTHER QUESTION DOES THIS MAKE THE LIENHOLDER RELIABLE TO THIS WOULD IT MAKE THE LIENHOLDER LIABLE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YEAH THE PURPOSE OF THIS IS TO NOTIFY THE OWNERS BECAUSE THE VEHICLE HAS BEEN ABANDONED SO THAT QUESTION YOU KNOW I THINK ULTIMATELY YEAH THE PERSON WHO WOULD PAY FOR THAT IS MY ESTIMATE IT WOULD BE THE REGISTERED OWNER IN THE ENDGAME.

**SENATOR BLAS:** YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I I DON'T MEAN TO THROW WRENCH INTO THE WHOLE SYSTEM BUT YOU KNOW WHEN WE IF WE'RE GOING TO DECIDE THAT WE'RE GOING TO GO AND POST THE INFORMATION TO OF THE LIENHOLDER FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO WE DO THAT WHAT OBLIGATION DOES LIENHOLDER HAVE LEAN HOLDER HAVE TO THAT AND WHAT LIABILITY DOES THE LIENHOLDER HAVE A LOT OF TIMES WE GOT TO BE VERY CAREFUL HOW BUT WE PUT IN STATUTE IN THE UNINTENDED CON CONSEQUENCE TO THE ACTION THAT WE'RE THAT WE'RE PROMULGATING AND FOR THE MOST PART WHEN YOU GOT IN AN ABANDONED VEHICLE CHANCES ARE THERE GOING TO BE NO LIENHOLDER AND I JUST DON'T WANT TO MAKE JUST PUT THINGS IN JUST FOR THE SAKE OF PUT PUTTING THINGS IN SO THAT IF THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO PLACE WHAT IF THIS BILL WERE TO PASS AND SET INTO LAW AND THERE SOMETHING THAT WE WE CAN HAVE A A DISCUSSION ON AND WITH REGARD TO THE PURPOSE AND THE CONSEQUENCE TO IT THEN I WOULD SUPPORT IT I'M JUST VERY I'M JUST VERY LEERY ABOUT PUTTING MORE PEOPLE IT'S ALMOST LIKE WE'RE BLAMING THEM TOO AND THERE'S NO IT IT'S NOT CLEAR AND AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE'S ANY LIABILITY ON THEIR PART SO I SEE THE POINT I'M JUST NOT COMFORTABLE YET WITH WHY THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN THE SENATOR FISHER ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MA'AM I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT TO ADD LIENHOLDERS BECAUSE LIENHOLDERS A LIEN IS NOTHING MUCH NOTHING MORE REALLY THAN A NOTICE OF A SECURITY INTEREST IN CHATTEL SUCH AS A CAR SUCH AS YOUR HOUSE SUCH AS ALL SORTS OF THINGS AND IF WE EXTINGUISH THE SECURITY INTEREST WITHOUT NOTICE THEN WE HAVE TAKEN SOMEBODY'S PROPERTY FROM THEM WITHOUT NOTICE SO I THINK THAT THE THE OFFEROR OF THE AMENDMENT IS MERELY PRESERVING THE RIGHTS OF ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN AN ABANDONED VEHICLE WHETHER OR NOT IT BE A YOU KNOW IN BRAND NEW SHAPE OR BURNED OUT NEVERTHELESS IT IS A THING WHICH IS OWNED BY SOMEONE IN MANY EVENTS AND AN INTEREST IN THAT IS A PROPERTY RIGHT SO I THINK THAT MAY BE WHY IT WAS OFFERED THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IF NO ONE ELSE ON THE AMEND SENATOR BARNETT ON THE AMENDMENT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I JUST WANTED TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT AND COMMEND MY COLLEAGUES FOR THIS BIPARTISAN SPIRIT AND THESE BIPARTISAN EFFORTS TO TURN OUT A REALLY GOOD BILL THAT I HOPE WILL BE PASSED SWIFTLY *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT I THINK I SUPPORT THE BILL TOO I DON'T WANT TO DISPARAGE ANYBODY'S HARD WORK THERE'S A LOT OF THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT I'VE GONE THROUGH OR IN THE PAST MAYBE A YEAR SINCE I'VE BEEN A WE'VE BEEN SENATORS THAT ABANDONED VEHICLE HAS ALWAYS BEEN YOU KNOW THE BANE OF OUR EXISTENCE AND I THINK ANY WORK TOWARD RECTIFYING THIS THIS ISSUE IS A GOOD THING I APPLAUD SENATOR BARNETT'S EARLIER SPEECH AND YOU KNOW IT IS VERY DISHEARTENING AND THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE ON THE ISLAND THAT DON'T CARE ABOUT ABOUT OUR ISLAND I USED TO PICKUP MY WIFE SHE HER WORK WAS RIGHT NEXT TO A A BUS STOP AND THEY WOULD JUST ABANDON A VEHICLE OVERNIGHT JUST DRIVE IT RIGHT THERE AND ABANDON ABANDON IT RIGHT NEXT TO WHERE WE PICK UP KIDS YOU KNOW THE BUS IT'S IT'S HORRIBLE AND THEY COME AND REMOVE IT AND THEN COUPLE MORE DAYS LATER THERE'S TWO MORE CARS THERE I MEAN IT'S EVEN FUNNY THAT THE NAVY IS HAVING A PROBLEM WITH IT THERE'S A COUPLE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES DOWN THERE NEXT TO INFUSION ON NAVY PROPERTY IT'S JUST A JUST A HORRIBLE STATE OF AFFAIRS THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS AND IRRESPONSIBLE CITIZENS WHO DON'T CARE ABOUT OUR ISLAND OR YOU KNOW HOW THEY BEHAVE YOU KNOW HOW WE BEHAVE AFFECTS WE WE AFFECT EACH OTHER BY THE WAY WE BEHAVE AND IF WE'RE GOING TO JUST DUMP IT THERE JUST CAUSES DISTRUST AMONGST US BUT ON THE SAME TOKEN I I WOULD WANT TO I I'VE BEEN TRYING TO RACK MY BRAINS OUT OUT BACK HERE AND I I LOOKED UP IN SINGAPORE HOW DO THEY DO THIS EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT IS MY DEFAULT PLACE I THINK I'M IN THE WRONG COUNTRY MAYBE I SHOULD JUST MOVE MOVE TO SINGAPORE BUT THEY THEY HAVE A WAY OF DOING IT DOWN THERE A WAY OF DOING THINGS AND WHAT I DID WAS JUST FOR GIGGLES I WANTED TO SEE HOW MUCH A SCRAP METAL WAS FOR A WHOLE ENTIRE VEHICLE AND IT'S IT'S ABOUT ABOUT \$150 AND YOU KNOW AFTER CALCULATING MOVING EXPENSES WITH THE TOW AND TAKING IT IN WITH THE THERE'S REALLY NO MONEY TO BE MADE SO I I THINK MOVING FORWARD I THINK WE CAN TRY TO FIND A WAY WHERE WE CAN ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO ABANDON THEIR VEHICLE IN THE RIGHT PLACE LIKE AT A SCRAP METAL PLACE MAYBE PROFFERING TAX INCENTIVES SO THAT THEY SO THAT ABANDONING A VEHICLE PROPERLY IS PROFITABLE FOR EVERYBODY INVOLVED MAYBE THAT'S FOR ANOTHER ANOTHER TIME BUT YES I DO AND I WANTED TO STAND IN SUPPORT OF SENATOR PEREZ'S BILL AND EVERYBODY WHO WORKS SO HARD WITH THIS IT'S IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO RECTIFY IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE YOU KNOW THESE VEHICLES ARE JUST JUST A BLIGHT ON EVERYTHING IT'S A BLIGHT ON OUR ON OUR LANDSCAPE AND IT'S ALSO THE WAY WE TREAT EACH OTHER I THINK THAT'S MOST IMPORTANT IF I IF I ABANDON SOMETHING IN THE FRONT OF YOUR YARD OR SOMETHING YOU KNOW IT'S IT'S IT'S IT'S NOT RIGHT AND I THINK WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER COMMUNITY AS A COMMUNITY TO TRY TO RECTIFY THIS AND BEHAVE PROPERLY AND ABANDONED VEHICLES WHERE WHERE WHERE IT'S MORE PROPER AND NEEDS TO GO BUT YES I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE BILL AS WELL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO' LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR ENGAGEMENT WITH THIS AMENDMENT AND SO WE DID REACH OUT TO DRT THEY ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THE AMENDMENT TO NOTIFY THE LIENHOLDER BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO BE A GAP THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS IN THEIR SOPS JUST TO KIND OF GIVE YOU AN IDEA THAT YOU KNOW I THINK IT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST TO NOTIFY THE LIENHOLDER BECAUSE THEY HAVE A CLAIM ON THE VEHICLE AND BEFORE THE TOW TRUCK COMPANY SELLS IT THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A CLAIM ON IT FOR THEMSELVES YOU KNOW THEY SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN THE LEAST BEFORE IT'S SOLD WITHOUT YOU KNOW IMAGINE IF THEY WAS SOLD WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND THIS IS SOMETHING I'M ALSO GETTING INFORMATION TOO THAT IT'S THE LIENHOLDERS HAVE A OWNERSHIP INTEREST AS FAR AS SECURITY OR COLLATERAL BUT NOT A BENEFICIAL INTEREST AND THAT THOSE WITH BENEFICIAL INTEREST CAN BE LIABLE FOR THE MISUSE OF THE PROPERTY SO THAT'S SOME OF THE THE RESEARCH THAT I'M GETTING RIGHT NOW OR COMMENTS IN REGARDS TO LIABILITY SO I THINK ULTIMATELY YOU KNOW GENERALLY SPEAKING YOU KNOW THE SITUATION ON GUAM A LOT OF THESE ABANDONED VEHICLES YOU KNOW PROBABLY DON'T HAVE LIENHOLDERS BUT THAT'S NOT TO SAY THEY THEY DON'T BUT THE THE LIKELIHOOD IS IS THAT AND THE LIKELIHOOD IS IS THAT YEAH THEY DON'T HAVE LOANS ON THEM RIGHT BUT IN THE CASE THAT THERE IS ONE I THINK IT'S IT'S IMPORTANT TO IDENTIFY AND NOTIFY THOSE WHO HAVE THOSE INTERESTS AND THEY COULD POTENTIALLY CLAIM IT AND RECOUP ANY KIND OF LOSSES IF ANY SO I THINK IT YOU KNOW IT ACTUALLY IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE LEAN HOLDER TO INCLUDE THEM IN THIS PROCESS AND SO I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION PASSES AMENDMENT PASSES YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED SENATOR PEREZ ON CLOSING.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** SO THE OTHER AMENDMENT IS TO ADD CO-SPONSORS BEFORE I DO A CLOSING SO SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS SENATOR JOANNE BROWN AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED UNLESS THEY CHOOSE NOT TO THANK YOU SO I JUST WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO ADDRESS THIS LONG-STANDING ISSUE OF ADDRESSING THE EPIDEMIC OF ABANDON AND JUNK VEHICLES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SORRY SENATOR WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THAT MOTION FOR ADDING CO-SPONSORS.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SO THE MOTION WAS TO ADD SENATORS TAITAGUE SAN NICOLAS AND BROWN AS CO-SPONSORS ON THAT MOTION ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SORRY PLEASE PROCEED SENATOR.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** AND THEN IF THERE'S ANY OTHER ANY ALL MY COLLEAGUES UNLESS THEY CHOOSE NOT TO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION TO ADD ALL OTHERS AS CO-SPONSORS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** OKAY THANK YOU I JUST AGAIN I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ENGAGING ENGAGING THIS PROCESS TO TO MAKE A BETTER BILL AND TO REALLY KIND OF SHINE A LIGHT ON THE NEED TO ADDRESS THIS EPIDEMIC OF ABANDONED AND JUNK VEHICLES IT'S IT'S EVIDENT THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS FED UP WITH THIS PROBLEM AND AND WE MUST DO SOMETHING YOU KNOW WE NEED TO STOP THE TALK WE NEED TO STOP THE THE MEETINGS AND DO SOMETHING AND I REALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND THE ABANDONED TASK FORCE GROUP THAT REALLY CAME TOGETHER TO REALLY HAMMER OUT A SOLUTION THAT THESE AGENCIES CAN COME TOGETHER AND IMPLEMENT AND THAT'S ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WE FOUND AT THE JUNK VEHICLE ROUNDTABLE IS THAT WE HAVE ALL THESE AGENCIES WITH OUR HANDS IN REMOVING IT BUT NO ONE AGENCY WAS ACCOUNTABLE AND SO THIS PROCESS REALLY KIND OF OPENED THE DOOR FOR THE NEXT STEP TO OCCUR WHICH WHICH IS TO ENSURE THIS INTERAGENCY GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT YOU KNOW FROM YOU KNOW DPW YOU KNOW AND ANY OF THE PEACE OFFICERS TO DOCUMENT THE ABANDONED VEHICLE AND THEN SUBMITTING THAT INFORMATION TO DRT WHO WILL POST IT ON THEIR WEBSITE AND THEN FROM THAT THAT POINT AFTER 30 DAYS THE VEHICLE CAN THEN BE DISPOSED OR SOLD AND SO THIS REALLY IS AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE CURRENT PROCESS BECAUSE WE WERE MIRED IN BURE BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE AND WHICH WAS NOT UTILIZED IN THE RECENT HISTORY TO REMOVE ABANDONED VEHICLES AND SO REALLY IT WAS THE WORK OF OF THESE THESE STAFF AND THE THE THE TASK FORCE TO REALLY COME TO A SOLUTION THAT I BELIEVE WILL WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE I KNOW YES THERE IS THE ISSUE THAT WE STILL NEED TO DEAL WITH IS IN REGARDS TO A PROPERTY YOU KNOW THAT IS ONE OF THE HURDLES BUT AGAIN WITH THE THE INTENT THE INTENTION OF THIS GROUP TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM THIS IS ANOTHER ISSUE THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS AND WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING AT IT AS WELL I THINK YOU KNOW THIS EPIDEMIC OF JUNK VEHICLES IS PART OF IT HAS TO DO PARTLY WITH THE IMPORTATION OF OUR VEHICLES RIGHT SO WE IMPORT OVER 8,000 VEHICLES ANNUALLY AND WE DON'T WE PROBABLY DON'T SEE THAT MUCH LEAVING ISLAND AND SO WE REALLY NEED TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF REMOVING THOSE BARRIERS AND OBSTACLES CHANGING OUR LAWS IS JUST ONE STEP AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE DO SO BECAUSE A LOT OF THESE VEHICLES POSE ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS IT POSES SAFETY HAZARDS AND IT IS VERY DEMORALIZING TO SEE IN OUR IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND SO IT IS WITH THIS THAT I PROFFER THIS BILL WITH THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES AND THE INPUT OF OUR COMMUNITY AND SENATORS SUCH AS SENATOR BLAS AND SENATOR TONY ADA AND ALL THOSE WHO I FAILED TO MENTION YOU KNOW I I THANK THOSE THAT YOU KNOW ON THE ON THE SHOULDERS THAT WE WHICH WE STAND TO CONTINUE THE THESE EFFORTS CAUSE THIS IS A CHRONIC ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AND I THINK WE HAVE WHAT IT TAKES AND SO I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR AND ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE IT ON THE BILL ON THIRD READING AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 166-37 COR PRIMARY SPONSOR SENATOR BROWN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION FOR BILL 166-37 TO BE PLACED IN THIRD READING AND I'D LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER ESSENTIALLY THIS BILL WAS ONE OF THE BILLS THAT IN TERMS OF CHANGE OF LAW THAT WAS REQUESTED BY OUR PUBLIC AUDITOR BJ CRUZ CERTAINLY I HAD SPEARHEADED DURING THE LAST LEGISLATURE THE REQUIREMENT MADAM SPEAKER THAT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS AND NOTICES YOU KNOW BE PLACED SO THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CERTAINLY COULD KNOW THAT WHEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE OCCURRING BE THEY BY BOARD COMMISSIONS THE GUAM LEGISLATURE WHOEVER IT MAY BE IN TERMS OF OUR OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT CAPACITY THAT THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC SO THEY WILL KNOW WHAT ISSUES ARE BEING DISCUSSED THIS PARTICULAR REQUEST IS ALMOST AN ADDITIONAL EXPANSION OF THAT BECAUSE WE ARE REQUIRING THAT WHEN THESE WHEN THESE MEETINGS ARE OCCURRING INCLUDING US WHEN WE'RE IN SESSION WHEN WE HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT THIS BE TELEVISED AND CERTAINLY IN THE CASES OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS THIS IS SOMETHING THEY'RE ABLE TO GET ONLINE AND PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO GET ON THEIR COMPUTERS THEIR PHONES WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE AND BE ABLE TO ACTUALLY WATCH THESE HEARINGS AND MEETINGS AS THEY'RE OCCURRING SO THAT THEY KNOW WHAT DISCUSSIONS ARE HAPPENING AND ALSO ULTIMATELY AS I MENTIONED WHAT DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE ON THEIR BEHALF THIS PARTICULAR REQUEST COMES FROM THE PUBLIC AUDITOR WITH NOT JUST HAVING THOSE PARTICULAR MEETINGS AS THEY ARE OCCURRING BEING ONLINE BUT ALSO ENSURING THAT THE RECORD OF THAT PARTICULAR MEETING IS KEPT ON THE WEBSITE OF THAT DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY SO THAT ANY TIME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY WANT TO GO BACK AS IN OUR CASE HERE IN THE GUAM LEGISLATURE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE NOT JUST ABLE TO WATCH THIS HEARING AS A SESSION AS IT'S OCCURRING OR OUR HEARINGS OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT HAPPEN YOU CAN CERTAINLY GO BACK AND SCROLL THROUGH AND LOOK AT ANY OTHER PUBLIC HEARING WHATEVER DAY THAT IT MAY HAVE HAPPENED AND BE ABLE TO VIEW THAT AT YOUR LEISURE AND SO THIS IS ESSENTIALLY REQUIRING THE VERY SAME THING FOR A LINK TO BE PUT IN PLACE FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO BE ABLE TO CARRY THIS ONLINE ON THEIR WEBSITE SO THE PUBLIC HAS THE ABILITY TO ACCESS AND REVIEW THESE MEETINGS AND HEARINGS AT THEIR LEISURE SO THAT ESSENTIALLY MADAM SPEAKER IS A SUMMARY OF THIS PARTICULAR BILL AND I CERTAINLY HOPE MY COLLEAGUES WILL SUPPORT IT THANK YOU.

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

**NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES**

**SENATOR BARNETT:** ON THE MAIN MOTION IS THERE ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL I WAS ONE OF THE SPONSORS ON THE UNDERLYING LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRED ARE THE AGENDAS AND THESE MEETINGS TO BE BROADCAST AT THE TIME WE WERE VERY CONCERNED WITH JUST THE COST TO THE AGENCY BIG LARGE AGENCIES I THINK HAVE NO PROBLEM DOING THIS AT THE TIME SMALL AGENCIES SOME OF THEM WERE NOT EVEN ABLE TO GET WEBSITES GOING THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO THEY DIDN'T HAVE EQUIPMENT TO RECORD THEIR MEETINGS OR THEY DID AUDIO RECORDINGS BUT THEY WERE NOT EQUIPPED AT THE TIME TO DO LIVE TRANSMISSIONS WHICH THEY ALL SEEM TO HAVE ACCOMMODATED AT THIS POINT SOME BETTER THAN OTHERS I JUST MY ONLY CONCERN IS JUST DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY WAS NOT THERE AND I WANT THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY TO I BELIEVE THIS IS GOING TO BE A MANDATE THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO FILL BECAUSE SOME OF THESE SMALL AGENCIES I DO NOT WANT THEM TO WASTE MONEY HIRING SOMEBODY WHO CAN TAKE CARE OF ALL OF THIS TECHNICAL STUFF FOR THEM AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT HAS HAPPENED ON THE BROADCASTING OF THE MEETINGS IS THEY'VE CONSULTED WITH THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET ADVICE ON HOW TO BROADCAST AND THEY'VE BEEN USING PLATFORMS LIKE YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK TO SAVE COST AS OPPOSED TO DOING IT THROUGH INTERNAL MEANS AND I'M WONDERING SO THE LINK SO THE THE BILL WILL NOW REQUIRE AGENCIES TO POST A LINK OF THESE RECORDINGS TO THE OPA WHICH IS GREAT AND THAT'S VERY EFFICIENT INSTEAD OF TRANSMITTING THE ENTIRE VIDEO TO OPA IS JUST THE LINK BUT THE AUDIO AND VIDEO FILES SHALL BE POSTED ON THE RESPECTIVE AGENCIES WEBSITE AND I JUST WANTED TO SEE IF IF THE AUTHOR HAS ANY ASSURANCE FROM OFFICE OFFICE

OF TECHNOLOGY OR THESE OTHER AGENCIES I DIDN'T SEE ANY OF THEM TESTIFYING AT THE HEARING AS TO YOU KNOW DOES THIS GOING TO REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL EXPENSE FOR THEM TO YOU KNOW TO ACCOMMODATE THESE AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDINGS ON THEIR WEBSITE I KNOW STORAGE SPACE ON WEBSITES IS LIMITED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** SENATOR BROWN WOULD YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. SPEAKER AND CERTAINLY I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION IT'S A VERY VERY LEGITIMATE QUESTION BY OUR SPEAKER WITH REGARDS TO THIS I'VE NOT RECEIVED FEEDBACK BY THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND ALSO WAS A BIT SURPRISED THAT THEY DID NOT ATTEND THE HEARING I DON'T KNOW IF THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE PROVIDED THAT NOTICE TO THEM BUT I WILL SAY MADAM SPEAKER THAT THIS WILL BRING THE ISSUE UP IT WILL FORCE THE ISSUE IF WE DO PASS THIS PRIMARILY BECAUSE YOU KNOW I I WAS NOT THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE THAT REQUIRED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO HAVE A WEBSITE IT IS HAS TAKEN TIME EVEN FOR THE EXISTING LEVEL OF WHERE WE'RE AT FOR DEPARTMENT AND AGENCIES TO COME IN COMPLIANCE THEY DID NOT READILY DO THAT WHEN THE MANDATE WAS PUT IN A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO SO YES THERE MIGHT BE ADDITIONAL COSTS BUT THAT'S SOMETHING CERTAINLY OF THE UPCOMING BUDGET THAT IF THERE IS AN UNBURDENED COST ON THESE DEPARTMENT AND AGENCIES THAT THEY WILL PUT THAT REQUEST IN THEIR BUDGET I FEEL IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT MORE SO AND EVEN THOUGH I HEAR COMPLAINTS ABOUT OH IT'S COSTING US MONEY TO DO THIS IT'S COSTING US MONEY TO DO THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE ALMOST A BILLION DOLLAR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AGENCY AND ANY INVESTMENT WE DO TO KEEP TRANSPARENT KEEP ACCOUNTABLE KEEP RESPONSIBLE IN TERMS OF ACTIONS AND DECISIONS OF GOVERNMENT ENTITIES INCLUDING MORE IMPORTANTLY HOW THEY ARE SPENDING TAX DOLLARS TO ME IS WELL INVESTED SO CERTAINLY I CAN'T DIRECTLY ANSWER YOUR QUESTION WITH REGARDS TO FEEDBACK OF OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY BUT I CERTAINLY HOPE THEY WILL EXTEND THEIR ASSISTANCE PARTICULARLY TO THE SMALLER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES THAT WE DO HAVE THAT MAY HAVE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS THAT WOULD FALL UNDER THIS REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE THEM THAT ASSISTANCE AND CERTAINLY I WOULD SUPPORT ANY EFFORT BUT I'M NOT ONE FOR FOR A LOT OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING I CERTAINLY IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA FEEL THAT IT'S ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY IN OUR GOVERNMENT AS WELL BUT THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU FOR YIELDING TO THAT QUESTION SO JUST BY CHANCE PRIOR TO SESSION I SAW I WAS LOOKING FOR ONE AGENCY'S AT *CHAMORRO* LAND TRUST MEETING THEY PUBLISHED ON FACEBOOK LIVE THEY ALSO PUBLISH ON YOUTUBE AND THE YOUTUBE LINK WAS ACTUALLY IT'S CALLED SOMETHING AND I DON'T HAVE IT IN FRONT OF ME BUT SOMETHING LIKE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM YOUTUBE LINK AND AND UNDER THAT THEY HAVE VARIOUS AGENCIES INCLUDING *CHAMORRO* LAND TRUST AND THAT THAT LINK WAS ACTUALLY MUCH CLEARER OR THE ANGLE OF THE CAMERA AND THE SOUND WAS MUCH CLEARER THAN THE FACEBOOK RECORDING JUST FYI BUT SO I'M JUST WONDERING INSTEAD OF ACTUALLY PUTTING THAT BULKY AUDIO OR VIDEO FILE IF WE COULD AMEND THE BILL TO JUST ADD ON THE FRONT OF THIS LINE A LINK TO THE WORDS A LINK TO AND THEN TO CONTINUE WITH ALL AUDIO OR VIDEO FILES SHALL BE POSTED ON THE RESPECTIVE AGENCIES WEBSITE AND THAT WOULD ALLOW OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY TO EITHER YOU KNOW CARRY THAT BULKY STUFF ITSELF OR ALLOW THE YOUTUBE TO CONTINUE I'M FINDING THAT SATISFACTORY MYSELF AND I DON'T HAVE THAT IN WRITING EITHER I JUST THOUGHT OF IT RIGHT NOW BUT MAY MAYBE I WOULD JUST ASK FOR A ONE MINUTE RECESS.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** LET'S TAKE A SHORT RECESS.

**RECESS**

**NOTE VICE MUNA BARNES PRESIDES**

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS SPEAKER I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE A PROFFERED AMENDMENT YOU MAY PROCEED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH I'D LIKE TO PROFFER THE AMENDMENT THAT ON SECTION TWO OF THE BILL LINE LOOKS LIKE 14 CURRENTLY IT SAYS THAT ALL AUDIO OR VIDEO FILES OF THE BOARD

AND COMMISSION MEETING SHALL BE POSTED ON THE AGENCY'S WEBSITE I'M LIKE TO AMEND THAT TO SAY OR A LINK TO SAID FILES SO ALL AUDIO AND OR VIDEO FILES IF APPLICABLE OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS OR A LINK TO SAID FILES SHALL BE POSTED ON THE RESPECTIVE AGENCY'S WEBSITE AGAIN THIS IS JUST HOPEFULLY TO SAVE COST FOR THAT AGENCY I THINK THEY'RE STILL REQUIRED TO KEEP THOSE RECORDINGS ACCORDING TO THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW BUT TO POST THEM UP IF THEY CAN DO THAT IN A WAY THAT SAVES MONEY AS OPPOSED TO PUTTING IT ON THEIR WEBSITE AND INCURRING THAT BULK STORAGE SERVER THEN I WOULD PROPOSE THAT WE ALLOW THEM TO DO THAT CURRENTLY I THINK THEY'RE DOING IT EVEN OTECH IS DOING IT THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OR THE YEAH GUAM YOUTUBE SITE.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SO MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** DOUBLE UNDERLINE.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** IT'S THE DOUBLE UNDERLINE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES OR A LINK TO SAID FILES.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** OR A LINK TO SAID OKAY ON THAT AMENDMENT ARE ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NONE THERE HEARING NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU STILL YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU I HAVE A SECOND AMENDMENT THIS IS VERY MUCH ALMOST IDENTICAL SO ON THE LAST SENTENCE OF THIS AMENDED BILL BILL AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE IT AGAIN PUTS A RESPONSIBILITY ON THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO POST THE AUDIO AND OR VIDEO FILES OF ALL BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS ON ITS WEBSITE AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THIS IS WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO NOT HAVE TO INCUR IS POSTING ALL THOSE ACTUAL VIDEOS THE BULK OF THEM BUT BUT THEY WILL POST A LINK TO SET FILES ON THE OPA WEBSITE SO THE AMENDMENT IS ON THE LAST SENTENCE TO SAY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY SHALL POST THE AUDIO AND OR VIDEO FILES OF ALL BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS OR A LINK TO SAID FILES ON AND INSTEAD OF IT'S PUT OPA'S WEBSITE JUST TO REITERATE.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON THAT AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SPEAKER YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** AGAIN I JUST WANT TO COMMEND THE AUTHOR ON THE BILL AND AND OPA OF COURSE ON ON THEIR GIVING US FEEDBACK ON THEIR ROLE THEY HAVE BEEN I WANT TO COMMEND THEM AS WELL ON THE ROLE THAT THEY'VE BEEN PLAYING THEY'VE BEEN ACTUALLY THE PLACE WHERE ALL ALL OF THESE RECORDINGS HAVE GONE ALL AUDIO RECORDINGS OF MEETINGS GO THERE SO WE ARE ABLE TO FIND THIS AND THIS I FOUND VERY HELPFUL BECAUSE SOMETIMES IF YOU LOOK AT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS THEY'RE SO INCOMPLETE OR THEY SAY A PHRASE WHEN REALLY THERE WAS AN ENTIRE DISCUSSION THAT TOOK PLACE AT THAT MEETING THEY'RE SUMMARIZING IN OTHER WORDS AND WE'RE NOT SEEING THE FULL EXTENT YOU KNOW OF OF THE DISCUSSION THAT TOOK PLACE AT THOSE MEETINGS SO SO I'M FINDING THE AUDIO OR VIDEO FILES VERY HELPFUL I I LOVE THE LIVE STREAMING AND I WANT TO THANK AGAIN THE AUTHOR FOR MANDATING THAT WE WE ARE NOW ABLE TO WATCH REAL TIME AND NOT HAVE TO RELY ON THE NEWS REPORTING WE CAN SEE FOR OURSELVES WHAT EXACTLY TOOK PLACE THERE SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *BUEN PRUBECHU* MADAM SPEAKER ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BROWN LEGISLATION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION I KNOW THAT SENATOR BROWN HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE OPA DIRECTOR AND AND PUTTING THIS TOGETHER AND TRYING TO FIND WAYS I MEAN NOT JUST THIS BILL AND OTHER BILLS TOO TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO CUT YOU KNOW COST OR OR SHAVE OFF WHAT THE EXPENSES THAT HE HAS IN HIS OFFICE AND SHE CONTINUES TO DO THAT TO THIS DAY THERE ARE ABOUT OVER ALMOST 70 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS THAT THE OPA HAS TO KEEP TABS ON AND AND THAT'S QUITE A FEW I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED TO THAT OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY WAS NOT THERE BECAUSE THEY CAN ALSO SHARE SOME OF THEIR THEIR WEALTH AND THEIR



ABILITY TO HOUSE SO MUCH OF THESE WHAT IS THE SERVERS THAT THE BULK OF OF THESE MEETINGS TO PUT ON THEIR SERVER THEY HAVE FUNDING FOR THIS FOR THEM NOT TO COME YOU KNOW IT'S THEY NEED TO BE MORE ENGAGED AND I HOPE BY MY COMMENTS BEING MADE TODAY CALLING THEM OUT THAT THEY NEED TO BE MORE ENGAGED ON PROVIDING THE SERVICES FOR OUR AGENCIES BECAUSE THEY DO HAVE THE FUNDING FOR IT NOT JUST WHAT'S APPROPRIATED TO THEM BUT YOU KNOW THEY HAVE GRANTS THAT ARE GIVEN TO TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS THEY ALSO BROUGHT INTO MY ATTENTION THE THE FACT THAT THESE LINKS THAT ARE DONE ON YOUTUBE AND I I JUST FOUND OUT TODAY THAT I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT IT'S FREE IT'S FREE TO PUT UP ANYTHING YOU PUT ON YOUTUBE AND I I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT BUT THERE'S GOING TO COME A DAY THAT WE CAN'T RELY ON THAT AND A LOT OF THE DATA AND INFORMATION THAT WE PUT ON OUR WEBSITE ON LINKS TO MAY DISAPPEAR ONE DAY AND WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO THERE AND I I THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ADDRESS DOWN THE LINE ON STORING THIS IN IN A SAFE SAFE AREA AND NOT BE RELIED ON A PRIVATE COMPANY TO HOUSE THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND DATA THAT WE WE USE EVERY DAY WHEN WE'RE WORKING ON LEGISLATION TO GO BACK TO REVIEW WHAT WAS SAID DURING A MEETING AND SO IT'S THAT IMPORTANT THAT THAT WE DO THAT LATER ON IN THE FUTURE SO I I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR TAITAGUE ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE THE MORE TRANSPARENCY THE MERRIER AND I COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR HER WORK ON THIS BILL I KNOW IT'S A BUSY A SESSION FOR SENATOR BROWN I ALSO COMMEND SPEAKER FOR INPUT INPUT ON THESE VERY FINE AMENDMENTS AND I ASK THAT MY COLLEAGUES ALSO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR BARNETT ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SENATOR BROWN YOU MAY CLOSE.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE INPUT OF MY COLLEAGUES AND SPEAKER TERLAJE WITH REGARDS TO HOW WE CAN FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS BILL BUT I ALSO CONCUR AS WELL WITH THE COMMENTS BY SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT THE FUTURE WILL BE WITH REGARDS TO THESE RECORDINGS I MEAN IN THE OLD DAYS WE WE HAD VHS TAPES YOU YOU REMEMBER THAT SENATOR MADAM SPEAKER WE WERE TOGETHER WHEN THAT WAS THE MEANS OF RECORDING THE HEARINGS AND AND SESSION THAT THAT OCCURRED IN THE GUAM LEGISLATURE CERTAINLY WE HAVE NEW TECHNOLOGY AND A WAY TO DO THAT BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S A WAY AND A MEANS TO KEEP PERMANENT RECORDS OF CERTAINLY OUR ACTIONS HERE AND OUR DECISIONS HERE ON THE FLOOR OF THE LEGISLATURE OUR INTENT WHEN WE ADDRESS LEGISLATION SAME THING FOR THE NEED OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RIGHT NOW HAVING THE LINK IS CONVENIENT IT'S COST EFFECTIVE FOR DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO FOLLOW UP ON WHAT ARE THE MEANS THAT WE ARE GOING TO MAINTAIN PERMANENT RECORDS BECAUSE CERTAINLY WE ARE DOING THIS AT THE LEISURE OF A PRIVATE COMPANY AND IF THEY SIMPLY CHOOSE DOWN THE ROAD OR THEY BECOME INOPERABLE OR THEY DECIDE TO ERASE THIS DATA WHAT DO WE DO IF THAT'S THE MEANS UNDER WHICH WE KEEP THESE OFFICIAL RECORDS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SO THAT CERTAINLY MEANS A FURTHER DISCUSSION I'M SURE AFTER THIS IF THIS BILL DOES BECOME LAW WE WILL ALSO STILL FOLLOW UP WITH THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND FINANCE OUT WHAT THEY CAN AND CANNOT DO AND WHAT ASSISTANCE THEY'RE PROVIDING TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES I MEAN ESPECIALLY THE SMALLER ONES I JUST GOT OFF THE PHONE WITH THE OPA OFFICE AND CERTAINLY THE BIGGER AGENCIES OF CCU THOSE TYPE OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE THE RESOURCES ARE ABLE TO READILY ADDRESS AND HAVE BEEN DOING THIS BUT OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE SMALLER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCIES THAT DON'T HAVE THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE ON HAND THAT WOULD NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY TO HELP FACILITATE THE ULTIMATE MANDATE OF THIS LEGISLATION SO AGAIN AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR INPUT AND CERTAINLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN COULD YOU PLEASE MOVE IT TO THE THIRD READING VOTING FILE.

**SENATOR BROWN:** SORRY MADAM SPEAKER IF I CAN I I WAS A BIT REMISS I ALSO WANT TO INCLUDE SENATOR JESSE LUJAN AS A CO-SPONSOR.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SENATOR.

**SENATOR BROWN:** CERTAINLY SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS AND ALL MEMBERS THAT ARE HERE TODAY IF THEY HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO BE INCLUDED AS CO-SPONSORS ON THIS BILL.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER FOR YOUR INDULGENCE.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR BROWN ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES ON THE MOTION TO PLACE IT THIRD READING SHE ADDED EVERYONE HERE.

**SENATOR BROWN:** YES.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** EVERYONE THAT'S HERE ON THE MOTION TO PLACE IT IN THE VOTING FILE.

**SENATOR BROWN:** YES MADAM SPEAKER AND ALSO JUST AGAIN THE MOTION TO ONCE AGAIN PLACE THIS BILL 166 ON THE THIRD READING FILE.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES COLLEAGUES OUR NEXT OUR NEXT BILL IS 169-37 COR AS PROFFERED INTRODUCED BY SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE AND I WILL RECOGNIZE HER AT THIS TIME YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON 169-37.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 169-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING ON TO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS MOTION.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YES MADAM SPEAKER YOU MAY PROCEED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* THIS BILL IS AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 14101 14102 AND 14103 OF CHAPTER 14 TITLE 18 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THE STATUTE CURRENTLY REQUIRES NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING QUOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY AND FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL WELFARE UNQUOTE TO PUBLISH ANNUALLY IN A GUAM NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION A FINANCIAL REPORT THIS REPORT MUST CONTAIN THE NONPROFITS INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR AND A BALANCE SHEET SHOWING ITS ASSETS AND LIABILITIES THIS STATUTE WAS ENACTED PRIOR TO THE INTERNET AS A PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO DONATE TO THESE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SO THAT THEY COULD SEE THE STATUS AND PRETTY MUCH THEIR BALANCE SHEETS TO SEE WHETHER THEY NEEDED THEIR MONEY BUT AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS THIS STATUTE PLACES A FINANCIAL BURDEN ON NONPROFITS TO PUBLISH AND SOME AS YOU KNOW THESE NONPROFITS THEY RAISE FUNDS SOME ARE SMALL AND BUT THEY RAISE THESE FOR MANY CHARITABLE OR PHILANTHROPIC PURPOSES THIS MONEY THAT THEY ARE RAISING HAS THEN DIVERTED TO PAY FOR THESE ADS IN THE NEWSPAPER WHICH ARE I WOULD SAY RELATIVELY COSTLY FOR THE VERY SMALL ORGANIZATIONS AND THEN THE MONEY IS NOT BEING ABLE TO BE FULLY SPENT ON THE ACTUAL CHARITY IF ENACTED THIS BILL WOULD STILL SATISFY THE PURPOSES BEHIND THE PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT BUT BE ELIMINATE THAT BURDEN OF PUBLISHING IN A NEWSPAPER SO UNDER THE BILL THE NONPROFITS WOULD ANNUALLY SUBMIT THEIR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION WHICH WILL THEN THE DEPARTMENT WILL POST THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT ON ITS WEBSITE THAT WAY ALL CONSUMERS OF CONTRIBUTORS TO THESE NONPROFITS CAN SEE THE REPORTS THEY'RE THE SAME REPORTS THAT ARE THERE'RE BEING SWORN TO BY A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT THEY ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE AND THAT THEY COULD THAT THE REVENUE AND TAX USES THESE TO SAY THAT THEY COMPLY WITH YOU KNOW THEIR NONPROFIT STATUS REQUIREMENTS AND THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO SEE ALL OF THESE AND THEY WILL KNOW WHERE TO GO AND THEY SHOULD BE EASILY AVAILABLE AND REVENUE AND TAX HAS DONE A VERY GOOD JOB AT ON THEIR WEBSITE I THINK AND MAKING THINGS AVAILABLE AND MAKING IT UNIFORM AND SO THAT THAT'S MY PROPOSAL UNDER THIS BILL IS TO SAVE THE NONPROFIT THOSE COST OF

PUBLISHING IN A PAPER THIS IS INFORMATION THAT SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO DONATE CAN ACTUALLY LOOK UP AND AND GET THE INFORMATION THAT THEY NEED SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I DO STAND IN SUPPORT AND THANK THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION INCLUDING ME AS A CO-SPONSOR IN THIS LEGISLATION I I DID WANT TO ASK THE QUESTION BECAUSE I KEPT LOOKING BACK AND FORTH YOU KNOW AND I ONLY HAVE ONE SCREEN TO TRY AND FIGURE OUT WHAT IS CHANGED BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN AMENDED IN COMMITTEE SO IF THE AUTHOR SHOULD YIELD TO A QUESTION THAT I HAVE OF WHAT IS CHANGED IN THIS BILL FROM THE ORIGINAL BILL.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR SPEAKER TERLAJE WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE THE CHANGES.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YEAH.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THE QUESTION FROM FROM THE RETIRING SPEAKER.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** IT IT IT'S THE ORIGINAL BILL WHAT AND NOW IT'S BEEN SUBSTITUTED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** I JUST I KEEP TRYING TO LOOK TO SEE WHAT THE BIG CHANGE IS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I LOOKED TOO IT WAS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE MAYBE THE COMMITTEE SPONSOR I MEAN THE COMMITTEE CHAIR WOULD.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SENATOR PEREZ WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THIS QUESTION.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES I DO YIELD AND IT WAS REALLY A MINOR CHANGE I THINK ANY TIME THERE'S A CHANGE WHETHER IT'S A HYPHE IN THIS CASE IT WAS A HYPHEN IT WAS JUST SIMPLE FORMATTING CHANGE AND I DON'T I WANTED JUST TO ANY CHANGE THAT'S OUTSIDE OF THE INTRODUCED VERSION WE WANTED TO MAKE A NOTE THAT IS IT IS AMENDED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE ALSO ONE OTHER QUESTION WITH REGARDS TO.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU TO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION ARE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ORGANIZATIONS REQUIRED TO HAVE A WEBSITE AND IS THERE ANYTHING IN LAW THAT REQUIRES THEM TO POST IT ON THEIR WEBSITE SO FIRST ARE THEY REQUIRED TO HAVE A WEBSITE A NONPROFIT NO RIGHT.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SPEAKER TERLAJE I MEAN YEAH TERLAJE WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I I'LL YIELD BUT I'M I'M A LITTLE BIT GUESSING BUT I'M PRETTY SURE NO THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED AT ALL TO HAVE A WEBSITE.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE DOES THAT HELP.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES IT DOES AND IT IT LEADS ME TO MAYBE TRYING TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION BECAUSE IF WE'RE GIVING A STATUS OF NONPROFIT AND GIVING BREAKS TO THESE AGENCIES AND THEN WE'RE TAKING AWAY THE THE YOU KNOW THE NEWSPAPER WHERE THEY HAVE TO YEARLY POST IT IN THE PAPER WE'RE TAKING THAT AWAY THEN THERE NEEDS TO BE ANOTHER OPTION OTHER THAN REV AND TAX SO YOU I'M NOT GOING TO PROFFER ANY AMENDMENT I THINK IT'S SOMETHING ELSE DOWN THE LINE BUT TO REALIZE THAT THESE NONPROFITS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A WEBSITE YOU KNOW TO TO PUT THE THEIR FINANCIALS ON WHICH WOULD MAKE IT MORE CONVENIENT FOR MOST PEOPLE SO MAYBE DOWN THE LINE WE CAN CHANGE

THAT SO OTHER THAN THAT I YOU KNOW THIS IS BEEN THIS MORNING HAS BEEN GREAT TRANSPARENCY IS IN FULL BLOOM IN THIS BODY AND EVERYONE CONTINUES TO DO THEIR PART TO SHOW THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO THAT WE WANT THEIR TRUST AGAIN AND THAT WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN WE CAN TO GET THAT TRUST BACK BY THIS BODY SO I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT AND THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ANYBODY ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SPEAKER TERLAJE WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE OR MOVE TO THE THIRD READING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR MY COLLEAGUES SPEAKING ON THE BILL AND THEIR SUPPORT AND I JUST WANT TO REITERATE SO THE REPORTS THAT NONPROFITS ARE SUPPOSED TO FILE ARE SUPPOSED TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR AND A BALANCE SHEET SHOWING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT SHALL CONTAIN A CERTIFICATE AS TO ACCURACY BY AN OFFICER OF THAT ORGANIZATION SO EXACT SAME REQUIREMENTS INSTEAD OF JUST BEING PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER THEY WILL NOW BE PUBLISHED ON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION'S WEBSITE FOR ALL NONPROFITS EVEN THOSE WITHOUT WEBSITES THEMSELVES SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS BILL.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** MOVE IT TO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** CAN I ALSO JUST THANK THIS ACTUALLY CAME TO MY ATTENTION BY NONPROFIT ONE OF THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN ORCUTT JUST LIKE TO THANK HIM FOR HIS HELP *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** CAN YOU MOVE IT TO THE THIRD READING MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES AND I'LL REITERATE MY MOTION TO PLACE THIS BILL ON THE THIRD READING AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES COLLEAGUES IT'S QUARTER TO 5 RIGHT NOW NOW SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I'LL MOVE TO RECESS TILL 9:00 A.M.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THAT MOTION WITHOUT ANY OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES THANK YOU GOOD NIGHT EVERYBODY PLEASE BE SAFE IT'S RAINING OUT THERE.

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**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *HÁFA ADAI YAN MANANA SI YU'OS I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS COLLEAGUES WHEN WE LAST LEFT WE HAD COMPLETED THE PREVIOUS BILL SO WE ARE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 182-37 COR IS AUTHORED BY SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ AND AT THIS TIME I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE HER FOR THE FOR THE PROCEEDING YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES I MOVED TO PLACE SUBSTITUTE BILL 182-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTED ONTO THE FLOOR SESSION AGENDA.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** COLLEAGUES THERE HAS BEEN A MOTION BY SENATOR SABINA PEREZ TO SUBSTITUTE BILL 182-37 COR ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 182-37 AS AMENDED AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR INTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WISH TO DISCUSS.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** PLEASE PROCEED SENATOR PEREZ THANK YOU.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU BILL 182-37 PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH AN ORDOT DUMP RESERVE FUND RELATIVE TO THE LANDMARK CIVIL CASE IN WHICH THE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT THE US GOVERNMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE IT WAS A RESPONSIBLE PARTY IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION FROM THE USE OF THE ORDOT DUMP SUBSEQUENTLY THE US DISTRICT COURT IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLUMBIA ADJUDICATED THE PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF 48.9 MILLION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ON SEPTEMBER 25TH 2023 OF THIS 48.9 MILLION IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 20% WILL PAY LITIGATION COST ANOTHER AMOUNT TO PAY USP ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND OTHER FEES WITH THE REMAINDER ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 27 MILLION IN THE NOVEMBER 20 NOVEMBER 22ND 2023 GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY INFORMATIONAL HEARING REGARDING THE RECEIVERSHIP AND THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT GENERAL MANAGER IRVINE SLIKE TESTIFIED THAT IN ORDER TO BE RECRA OR RE RESOURCE CONSERVATION RECOVERY ACT COMPLIANT FOR THE POST CLOSURE FINANCIAL PROCESS GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY WOULD NEED TO HAVE RESERVE FUNDS OF \$32 MILLION BY AUGUST 2026 CURRENTLY THE RESERVE FUND IS AT \$7 MILLION WHICH WOULD REQUIRE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY TO ADD A BALLOON PAYMENT OF 26 MILLION IN ORDER FOR THE FUND TO BE MADE WHOLE BY 2026 ADDITIONALLY GENERAL MANAGER SLIKE TESTIFIED THAT WITH A PASSAGE OF THIS BILL IT WOULD ELIMINATE 2 MILLION AND \$2 MILLION OF ANNUAL PAYMENTS AND THE RECRA INFLATION ADJUSTMENT PAYMENT OF AT LEAST 1.4 MILLION YEARLY THUS THE ANNUAL SAVINGS OF THE 3 MILLION COULD PAY FOR THE EXPANSION OF OTHER THINGS SUCH AS COULD PAY FOR OTHER THINGS SUCH AS THE EXPAND EXPANSION AT LEYON IMPROVE OPERATIONAL CAPACITY AND FUND A CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITHOUT THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL THE RATE HIKES IS EXPECTED TO BE ALMOST DOUBLE FOR THE GUAM SOLID WASTE CUSTOMERS ADDITIONALLY GUAM SOLID WASTE IS WORKING TO END THE PARTIAL RECEIVERSHIP IN WHICH THE RECEIVER CURRENTLY CONTROLS ORDOT POST CLOSURE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY TESTIFIED THAT TWO KEY COMPONENTS ARE NEEDED TO END PARTIAL RECEIVERSHIP ONE IS THIS TO SATISFY THE RECRA FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE OF HAVING \$32 MILLION IN RESERVE FOR POST CLOSURE MAINTENANCE BY AUGUST 2026 AND TWO DEMONSTRATING THAT GUAM SOLID WASTE HAS A TECHNICAL EXPERTISE NECESSARY TO TAKE OVER THE POST CLOSURE CARE OF THE ORDOT DUMP IN THE NOVEMBER 2ND 2023 USA REGION 9 LETTER IT STATES THAT QUOTE WE SUPPORT THAT GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY HAS THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND PERSONNEL TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF THE

CESSATION CERTIFICATION REQUIRED OF THE CONSENT DECREE END QUOTE THE LETTER FURTHER STATES THAT QUOTE THE UNITED STATES IS INDICATED IN THE FIFTH JOINT REPORT THAT THE TRANSITION PERIOD SHOULD EMPHASIZE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY TAKING TECHNICAL MATTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE END QUOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2ND NOVEMBER 2ND 2023 IN NOVEMBER 22ND 2023 GUAM SOLID WASTE INFORMATIONAL HEARING MR GERSHMAN OF THE RECEIVER STATED THAT THE TARGET DATE FOR ENDING THE RECEIVERSHIP IS JULY 1ST 2024 OF THIS YEAR HOWEVER THE COURT WOULD ULTIMATELY DECIDE BILL 182-37 IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT TO ENDING PARTIAL RECEIVERSHIP BY DEMONSTRATING THAT GUAM SOLID WASTE HAS A FINANCIAL CAPABILITY AND TO PROVIDE A SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$3 MILLION ANNUALLY THAT COULD PAY FOR OTHER OPERATIONAL NEEDS IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PROGRESS THAT GUAM SOLID WASTE HAS MADE AT THE HELM OF GENERAL MAN MANAGER SLIKE CHAIRMAN ANDREW GEL AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE MANY OF EMPLOYEES MANY EMPLOYEES OF GUAM SOLID WASTE WHO ARE ON THIS MISSION TO MAKE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY GAIN AUTONOMY BY SUCCESSFULLY OPERATING SANITARY LANDFILL COMPLYING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS AND SERVING THE DISPOSAL NEEDS OF OUR ISLAND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT IN SUPPORTING THE STEADY PROGRESS OF GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED GOOD MORNING.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES AS WELL I DO HAVE A SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION IF SHE SHOULD YIELD.

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

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THE QUESTION I HAVE IS IN THE LETTER FROM DIRECTOR SIKES HE MENTIONS THAT IN IN IT QUOTE AT THIS TIME IT IS LEGALLY REQUIRED THAT THE TRUST MUST BE MADE WHOLE YOU KNOW WHEN HE SAID THAT STATEMENT IT IT REALLY DIDN'T GIVE A TIME FRAME I MEAN THERE'S MENTION OF TIME FRAMES BUT CLEARLY IN THIS SENTENCE THAT HE AND HE COMMENTED ON THAT IT MUST BE MADE WHOLE SO ONCE WE RECEIVE THIS FUND FROM THE THE WARD IT GOES STRAIGHT INTO A WHAT WE WOULD CALL LOCKBOX BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE CREATING HERE A LOCKBOX FOR GSWA TO TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE AND COVER WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE COVERED TO TO MAKE WHOLE AGAIN OR I GUESS THERE ARE STIPULATIONS AND HOW THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT BUT THE QUESTION IS AGAIN IS WHEN HE SAID THAT IT MUST BE MADE WHOLE OR IT IS IT IS LEGALLY REQUIRED THAT IT THE TRUST FUND MUST BE MADE WHOLE SO I JUST WANT TO FIND OUT IF THAT'S YOU KNOW MEANING ONCE WE GET THE MONEY FROM THERE IT GOES INTO ACCOUNT IT'S GOT TO BE TO THE FULL SO IT'S JUST A QUESTION.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR PEREZ WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES I DO SO THERE'S A COUPLE OF THINGS SO YES THERE THERE WAS AN ESTIMATED SO RECRA REQUIRES THAT WHOEVER CONTROLS THE POST CLOSURE HAS TO HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR THE CARE AND SO IN 2021 THEY MADE AN ESTIMATE BASED ON INFLATION THAT THERE SHOULD BE APPROXIMATELY I BELIEVE 32 MILLION BY THE END OF THE CONSENT DECREE WHICH IS IN AUGUST OF 2026 SO THERE THE THE ADDED ISSUE IS THAT THERE WERE STILL UNDER PARTIAL RECEIVERSHIP AND THERE SHOULD BE SHOULD BE A TRUST FUND CONTROLLED BY THE RECEIVER AND RIGHT NOW THEY SAY THERE'S ONLY 7 MILLION IN THAT TRUST FUND WHEN IN FACT THE GUAM SOLID WASTE HAS BEEN PROVIDING I BELIEVE 2 MILLION EVERY YEAR I BELIEVE SINCE 2016 I THINK IS WHEN THEY STARTED THEIR PAYMENTS BUT THEY ONLY SEE 7 MILLION BECAUSE OF I GUESS EXPENDITURES SO THERE THERE IS THE ISSUE THAT YOU KNOW GUAM SOLID WASTE THINKS THAT THEY CAN USE THE MONEY MORE FRUGALLY THEY FEEL LIKE A LOT OF THE CONTRACTS THERE'S THEY THEY'VE ACTUALLY SHOWN SOME EVIDENCE THAT THEY COULD HAVE HAD SAVINGS IF THEY WERE FULLY IN CONTROL OF THE TRUST FUND WHICH THEY AREN'T AND SO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO IS THEY WANT TO PROVE THAT THEY CAN HOLD ON THEY HAVE THIS MONEY AND SO UPON THE ENDING OF THE RECEIVERSHIP THAT MONEY THEN CAN GO TO DIRECTLY TO THAT TRUST FUND SO IN REGARDS TO MAKING WHOLE YES THAT'S A REQUIREMENT IT'S A RECRA REQUIREMENT AND IN ORDER TO PREVENT A SUDDEN BALLOON PAYMENT OF 26 MILLION AT THE END OF THAT OF 2026 THEY THEY HAVE TO START INCREASING RATES IF THIS DOESN'T GO THROUGH THEY HAVE TO START INCREASING RATES BECAUSE RIGHT NOW GOING ON THE BOND MARKET IS NOT AN OPTION TO BORROW MONEY TO MAKE UP FOR THAT AMOUNT.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR TAITAGUE WILL THAT SUFFICE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES A COUPLE MORE QUESTIONS IF I CAN IT'S.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** PLEASE PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU WHAT IS THE AMOUNT THAT'S ANTICIPATED THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THIS AWARD FROM THE SUIT.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SENATOR PEREZ.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES SO AGAIN THEY ESTIMATE ABOUT 20% GOES TO THE THE LITIGATION FIRM AND THEN IF YOU SUBTRACT THAT MINUS THE USPA ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS PLUS OTHER PERHAPS FILING FEES IT WHITTLES IT DOWN TO 27 MILLION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY SO IT IS 27 AND OF THE 27 MILLION MADAM SPEAKER IF THE AUTHOR CAN ANSWER THIS QUESTION IS ANY OF THAT FUNDING CAN BE USED TO OFFSET THE COST OF TRASH PICKUP.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SENATOR PEREZ.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** FOR CUSTOMERS.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YEAH SO AT THE AT THIS TIME THE PRIORITY IS BECOMING RECORD COMPLIANT BECAUSE IF THEY DO THAT THEN THEY CAN SAVE A ESTIMATED 3 MILLION SO 3 MILLION CAN WHICH CAN THEN BE USED FOR THOSE OPERATIONAL NEEDS SO IT'S A REALLY SMART APPROACH I FEEL.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR TAITAGUE DOES THAT HELP.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES IT DOES SO IT IT LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT WHATEVER AWARD THAT WE RECEIVE GOES INTO THE OPERATIONS AND EVEN MAYBE THE EXTENSION OF THE LANDFIELD IF NEEDED GOING FURTHER AND THE SAVINGS THAT WE RECEIVE ONCE THEY THE RECEIVERSHIP ENDS IS GIVING GUAM THE \$3 MILLION ANNUALLY IN IN SAVINGS COST SAVINGS IN WHICH THAT MONEY THAT WE PUT OUT EVERY EVERY YEAR FOR THE RECEIVER IS CAN BE USED TO OFFSET THE COST OF CUSTOMERS PAYMENTS YOU KNOW TO ASSIST THEM OR YOU KNOW AS WE GO INTO THE UNIVERSAL TRASH BILL THAT MAY BE COMING UP THIS SESSION OR THE NEXT DISCUSS ON HOW TO ASSIST THOSE FAMILIES WHO YOU KNOW NEED NEED THAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE WHEN IT COMES TO PAYING TRASH IF THEY'RE MAN IF IT'S MANDATORY BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO YOU KNOW I I SUPPORT FIRST THIS THIS THE BILL AND ITS INTENT TO PUT IT IN AN AREA AND AND CONCENTRATE ON ON THAT MONEY BEING USED FOR WHAT IT'S INTENDED TO BE USED AND NOT FOR US TO GO IN THERE AND START YOU KNOW PLAYING YOU KNOW SHOPPING YOU KNOW GOING SHOPPING WITH THAT MONEY IT IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO BE STRONG ABOUT AND AND FIRM TO THIS I MEAN SO THAT BEING SAID I DO SUPPORT THE BILL THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION OF THE LEGISLATION IF NOT SENATOR BARNETT CAN YOU.

**NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES**

**SENATOR BARNETT:** ON THE MAIN MOTION IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. SPEAKER *YAN MANANA SI YU'OS* THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK ON ON THIS LEGISLATION BILL 182-37 COR MR. SPEAKER I I I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT AND THIS AMENDMENT IS BEING PROFFERED WITH THE SUPPORT AND AND CONVERSATION WITH THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR OF OFB OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN SO I MAY I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND READ THE AMENDMENT IT HAS BEEN PASSED OUT IT'S IT'S IN THE DRIVE AND IT'S ON PAGE TWO AND TO AMEND SECTION 51A 1003 OF THE BILL TO READ ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES MONEYS IN THIS FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED TO REIMBURSE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY FOR PAST COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLOSURE OF ORDOT DUMP AND OPENING AND RECENT EXPANSION OF THE *LAYON* LANDFILL IN ADDITION TO PAY FOR LITIGATION COSTS AND ASSOCIATED FEES THE SUM OF UP TO \$15 MILLION IS HEREBY RESERVED AND SHALL NOT BE EXPENDED FOR ANY OTHER EXPENSE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LAND CELL AND

MR. SPEAKER IF I MAY TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS AMENDMENT THIS AMENDMENT WHICH I AM PROFFERING AGAIN IS ON BEHALF OF SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN OFB CHAIR AND HE DOES THIS BECAUSE HE WOULD LIKE TO ENSURE THAT THIS NEW CRITICAL FUND CONTRIBUTES NOT JUST TO THE POST CLOSURE CARE OF THE *ORDOT* DUMP BUT ALSO THE NECESSARY EXPANSION OF OUR CURRENT LANDFIELD IN *LAYON* MR. ANDREW GALE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY TESTIFIED TO THIS BODY THAT A RESPONSIBLE SOLID WASTE OPERATOR SHOULD BE RESERVING MONEY FOR THE FUTURE EXPENSES AND THAT AMONG THESE ANTICIPATED COSTS IS THE MONEY NEEDED TO BUILD NEW SALES AT THE *LAYON LAYON* LANDFILL WE KNOW MR. SPEAKER THAT THE CURRENT USAGE OF OUR LANDFILL CELLS RUNS OUT OF SPACE AFTER ABOUT 10 YEARS OF USAGE THIS AMENDMENT MR. SPEAKER WILL ENSURE THAT THE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY HAS A SIGNIFICANT AGAIN HAS A SIGNIFICANT HEAD START ON HOW TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEXT NEEDED CELL AT *LAYON* AND UP TO 15 MILLION AS PROPOSED IN THIS AMENDMENT AT THE VERY LEAST WILL SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASE ANY DEBT THIS GOVERNOR TAKES ON THIS GOVERNMENT TAKES ON AND COULD IF SUPPORTED ALONG THE WAY LEAD TO THE NEXT CELL BEING BUILT WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL DEBT MR. SPEAKER I I WILL REMIND OUR COLLEAGUES THAT IN IN A PREVIOUS TERM WE AUTHORIZED \$30 MILLION BOND TO PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AT *LAYON* AND WHILE IT WAS ABSOLUTELY IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IT RESULTED IN A DEBT THAT TOOK 12 YEARS TO REPAY 2 YEARS MORE THAN THE POSSIBLE LIFE OF THE CELL AT *LAYON* IN A CONVERSATION BETWEEN MY OFFICE AND THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL SHE EXPRESSED AN UNDERSTANDABLE CONCERN THAT A PRESCRIPTIVE AMOUNT MAY NOT HAVE MAY HAVE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES WHEN AN ANALYSIS OVER THE FISCAL HEALTH OF THIS FUND IS MADE AS A RESULT I HAVE SOFTENED THE LANGUAGE TO ALLOW THE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY TO RESERVE AN AMOUNT IT FEELS IS RESPONSIBLE AT A TIME IT FEELS RESPONSIBLE BY USING THE WORDS UP TO 15 MILLION I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY WILL HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO PLAN FOR A NEW SALE AT *LAYON* WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING ANY DETERMINATION FROM THE RECEIVER OR COURT THAT THIS NEW FUND IS ADEQUATE AND SUSTAINABLE FOR THE *ORDOT* DUMP POST CLOSURE CARE MR. SPEAKER I I I HUMBLLY ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL SO THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO BETTER PLAN FOR THE NEXT CELL WE WILL NEED AT THE *LAYON* LANDFIELD AND *UN D'ANGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* MR. SPEAKER FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS ON THIS AMENDMENT FOR OUR OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET CHAIR SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN AND MYSELF I REALLY HOPE MY COLLEAGUES SHARE THE SAME *SAINA MA'ASE'*.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** *SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* VICE SPEAKER ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYBODY WHO SENATOR BROWN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. SPEAKER IF I COULD ASK OUR GOOD SENATOR THAT SPONSORED THIS AMENDMENT I UNDERSTAND THE INTENT AND SHE DID ELABORATE ON THAT QUITE WELL BUT DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF REIMBURSING THE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY FOR PREVIOUS EXPENSES I UNDERSTAND THE THE HISTORY OF WHERE WE'RE AT WITH REGARDS TO THE CLOSURE OF THE *ORDOT* DUMP AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW LANDFILL BUT DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT AMOUNTS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT ARE GOING TO BE SET ASIDE FOR THIS PURPOSE AND THEN WHAT IS THE INTENT OF THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY TO DO WITH THAT DIFFERENCE ARE THEY REINVESTING IT BACK IN CURRENT OPERATIONS OR WHERE EXACTLY AND WHAT EXACTLY IS THAT MONEY GOING TO BE USED FOR.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** *SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* SENATOR BROWN VICE SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YES THANK YOU MR.9 SPEAKER AND YES I WILL ANSWER THE LATHER I GUESS AS I SAID EARLIER THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR FOR THE USE FOR G GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BUT IF YOU CAN GIVE ME A MOMENT'S RECESS SO THAT I CAN CONFER WITH WITH THE COMMITTEE SO THAT I CAN GET THE ACTUAL NUMBER PLEASE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A SHORT RECESS.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU.

**RECESS**

**SENATOR BARNETT:** WE'RE BACK THE AMENDMENT HAS BEEN PASSED OUT TO THE MEMBERS VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.



**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE GOOD SENATOR FROM *INALÁHAN* OR *AGANA* FOR NOTING THAT THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS ON TOP OF OUR DESK WAS CHANGED BECAUSE THE AMOUNT IS UP TO THAT'S THE THE AMENDMENT THAT WE'RE WORKING ON SO TO ANSWER THE INQUIRY OF THE GOOD SENATOR FROM PAGO BAY MR. SPEAKER I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS AMENDMENT WOULD SIMPLY GIVE A CEILING FOR THE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY TO RESERVE IT IT IT WILL NOT AFFECT ANY OF THE REIMBURSEMENT FIGURE AND FOR THE AMOUNT BASED ON THE AUTHOR I MEAN BASED ON THE CALCULATION THERE WILL BE ABOUT 27 MILLION LEFT BASED ON ESTIMATES OF LEGAL COST BUT THIS AMENDMENT WOULD NOT REQUIRE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY TO JEOPARDIZE THE TRUST FUND THAT BEING SAID THERE WILL BE MORE FUNDS COMING IN WHEN WE REACH THE FINAL SETTLEMENT MR. SPEAKER MORE THAN ANYTHING THIS AMENDMENT IS A STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO SEND A MESSAGE THAT WE WANT TO HELP GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY PLAN FOR THE NEW SALE WE WILL EVENTUALLY NEED AND I HOPE THAT ANSWERS THE QUESTION MR. SPEAKER THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU VICE SPEAKER SENATOR BROWN YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAK MR. SPEAKER AND I ALSO APPRECIATE THE RESPONSE OF OUR GOOD VICE SPEAKER I JUST THINK IT STILL DOESN'T GIVE ME QUITE A CLEAR IDEA OF EXACTLY WHAT THE FINANCES ARE AND WHAT THE INTENTION OF GUAM SOLID WASTE IS WITH REGARDS TO THESE FUNDS HOW MUCH ARE GOING TO BE AGAIN THE REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT THAT SAYS HERE IS GOING TO GO BACK TO THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY FOR PAST COST OF COURSE WE'RE AWARE OF THOSE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ORDOT DUMP WHAT IS THE AMOUNT DO WE KNOW WHAT THAT FIGURE IS AND THEN WE REIMBURSE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO WITH THOSE FUNDS ARE THEY GOING TO PAY IT FORWARD OF EXISTING OBLIGATIONS THEY HAVE WE UNDERSTAND NEW CELLS HAVE TO BE CONSTRUCTED WHERE ARE WE WITH THAT BECAUSE I I I APPRECIATE THE FACT AND HAVE NO ARGUMENT ABOUT SETTING ASIDE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO ADDRESS A NEW CELL BECAUSE WE KNOW NEW CELL IS YOU KNOW IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME BUT I I JUST DON'T IN MY MIND HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE WHAT EXACTLY THESE FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE USED FOR I THINK HAVING AN ANSWER TO THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL I DON'T KNOW IF THE MAIN SPONSOR OF THE BILL CAN ELABORATE FURTHER OR DO WE ASK THE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT TO COME IN AND PROVIDE THAT RESPONSE TO US AND TO THE PUBLIC SO THAT WE HAVE AN IDEA OF WHERE WE'RE AT OVERALL I'M CERTAINLY APPRECIATIVE OF THESE FUNDS DON'T GET ME WRONG I'M I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE THAT WE HAVE THESE FUNDS COMING IN BUT I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF OF WHAT EXACTLY THESE MONEYS ARE GOING TO BE USED FOR AND HOW HOW WE'RE MOVING FORWARD FROM HERE BEFORE I VOTE ON THIS THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. SPEAKER.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN ARE YOU ASKING THE MAIN SPONSOR OF THE BILL TO YIELD TO YOUR CONCERNS ARE YOU.

**SENATOR BROWN:** IF THE MAIN SPONSOR IS ABLE TO RESPOND TO MY CONCERNS CERTAINLY I I WOULD BE OPEN TO THAT I I THINK I'D LIKE TO GET A GOOD PICTURE OF WHAT EXACTLY WE'RE DOING WITH THESE TYPES OF AMOUNTS OF MONEY THANK YOU.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER I DO YIELD TO THE QUESTION AND SO I WOULD APPEND THE THE TESTIMONY ACTUALLY THE TESTIMONY IS IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT IN REGARDS TO HOW GUAM SOLID WASTE INTENDS TO UTILIZE THE MONEY SO FIRST AND FOREMOST THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE THE RECRE FINANCIAL ACCOUNT WHOLE THAT IS THE CRITICAL THING RIGHT NOW BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THEY ARE SHORT A ROUGHLY \$26 MILLION AND BY 2026 THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE THAT WHOLE AND EVEN BEFORE THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY INFLATION COST AS SOON AS THE END OF THIS MONTH TO THE TUNE OF 1 MILLION OVER \$1 MILLION AND SO THEY HAVE THEY'RE ON A MISSION THEY'RE ON A MISSION TO MAKE SURE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY ABIDES BY THESE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS WHICH INCLUDES THE FINANCIAL REGULATION OR FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT SO THIS IS THE FIRST AND FOREMOST THING THAT THEY HAVE IN MIND AND JUST ALSO TO NOTE THAT THIS AMENDMENT IS NOT TO FORM IT'S USING THE OLD VERSION AND NOT THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION SO IT WOULD HAVE TO BE REFORMULATED BUT YES THAT'S THE THE HIGH THING IN REGARDING THAT AN ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR BROWN DOES THAT SUFFICE.

**SENATOR BROWN:** I WILL ACCEPT THAT RESPONSE AT THIS JUNCTURE APPRECIATE IT THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. SPEAKER.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR FISHER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND THE THE AMENDMENT IT SAYS SUM OF UP TO \$15 MILLION SO THAT WOULD THE WAY THIS IS WRITTEN THERE IS A CEILING ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH MUST BE SET WHICH CAN BE SET ASIDE BUT THERE IS NO FLOOR SO THE AUTHORITY COULD PUT ASIDE ONE PENNY AND THAT WOULD MEET THE PLAIN LANGUAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT BUT THEY CANNOT SAVE MORE THAN \$15 MILLION SO \$15 MILLION AND ONE CENT WOULD NOT BE PERMISSIBLE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WHAT WE HAVE DONE BY SAYING UP TO \$15 MILLION IS WE'VE COMPLETELY STRIPPED OUT THE FUND WHICH IS SUPPOSEDLY GOING TO BE USED FOR THE NEW LANDFILL CELL DO I UNDERSTAND THIS AMENDMENT CORRECTLY COULD I ASK THE AUTHOR.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER VICE SPEAKER WOULD YOU YIELD TO THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY SENATOR FISHER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** AS NOTED EARLIER MR. SPEAKER IT'S JUST GIVING GSWA THE THE FLEXIBILITY AND THE AUTHORIZATION TO TO WORK WITHIN AND RECEIVING THE FUNDS SO THAT'S WHERE I'M AT WITH THIS.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** DOES THE ANSWER SATISFY YOUR CONCERN SENATOR FISHER.

**SENATOR FISHER:** NOT ENTIRELY MY QUESTION WAS IS MY UNDERSTANDING CORRECT THAT THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY NEED NOT SET ANY MONEY ASIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LANDFILL CELL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** VICE SPEAKER DO YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THE ANSWER IS YES.

**SENATOR FISHER:** OKAY WELL I I YES THE ANSWER IS YES SO THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY NEED NOT SET ASIDE A PENNY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW LANDFILL IF THAT'S THE CASE WHAT IS THE PURPOSE THANK YOU SIR.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER VICE SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** AGAIN MR. SPEAKER IT JUST GIVES THEM THE AUTHORITY TO DECIDE HOW MUCH AND WHEN UP TO THE 15 MILLION AND THIS IS THE PURPOSE FOR THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU VICE ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR DUENAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR DUENAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. CHAIRMAN CERTAINLY WANT TO CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO THE DISCUSSION BUT I HAVE TO SAY THAT I'M MAYBE INCLINED TO RECOGNIZE THE VALIDITY OF SETTING ASIDE SOME AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM THIS REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF BUILDING NEW CELLS I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT MR. CHAIRMAN FIRST AND FOREMOST TO GO BACK TO THE HISTORY ACTUALLY IN THE 31ST GUAM LEGISLATURE I INTRODUCED A BILL TO MOVE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ACTION ON POSSIBLY GOING OUT AND TAKING LEGAL ACTION ON THIS ISSUE WITH REGARD TO THIS CLAIM THEN ARTHUR CLARK DOWN AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WAS PUSHING VERY STRONGLY FOR THIS AND SO AS TIME WENT BY IT SEEMED LIKE THAT SPARKED THE INTEREST THERE WAS LEGIS THERE WAS SOME THOUGHT IN THE LEGISLATURE AT THE TIME THAT YOU KNOW MAYBE THIS SHOULD ALWAYS STAY AT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO NOT MIX UP UP KIND OF THE ISSUES OF LEGAL AUTHORITY AND THE LIKE SO AT LEAST IT LOOKS LIKE IT ACCOMPLISHED ONE OF THE MAIN MISSIONS OF THEN GOVERNOR CALVO WAS TO MOVE FORWARD AND TRY TO SOLVE THIS ISSUE AND EVENTUALLY GOT TAKEN UP BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT AS WELL AS I READ THE AMENDMENT IF WE GO TO THE ORIGINAL BILL WHEN WE USE THE OPERATIVE TERMS OF MONIES IN THE FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED TO REIMBURSE THE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY FOR PAST COST ASSOCIATED WITH CLOSURE OF ORDOT DUMP THAT IS WHAT'S CONTAINED IN THE CURRENT BILL AS IS WRITTEN SO I THINK THAT'S WHY THE AUTHOR

YIELDED TO THE FACT THAT THIS IS THE OPERATIVE LANGUAGE ALREADY IN THE BILL THIS IS NOT ADDITION TO AND SUB AND THE SUBSTANCE OF THE UP TO 15 MILLION SO I GUESS LIKE I SAID I WANT TO CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO THE DISCUSSION BUT I THINK IF WE LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THAT LED TO WHY WE ENDED UP BEING FORCED TO INSTEAD OF TAKING OUR OWN ACTION TO BUILD THE LANDFILL WAS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WELL NOT BECAUSE OF THE FACT BUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING AT THE TIME OBVIOUSLY WAS WE HAD AN ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE ON OUR HANDS WE WERE NOT DOING ANYTHING AT THE TIME TO MITIGATE THE ISSUE WE WERE SIMPLY OPERATING A DUMP AND NOW WE HAVE A LANDFILL NOW FOR ME I HOPE SOMEDAY WE MOVE BEYOND THIS BUILDING OF CELLS I THINK IT'S RIDICULOUS AND WE'RE CONTINUING TO TO REALLY JUST DUMP IN AN AREA BUT AT LEAST IT'S A LANDFILL NOW IT'S GOT THE LINER IT'S GOT THE PROTECTIONS IT'S EPA APPROVED IT'S NOT EVERYTHING AND ANYTHING JUST THROWING INTO A HOLE NEXT TO A RIVER THAT CAN POLLUTE OUR WATER BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO THIS UNTIL WE COME UP WITH ANOTHER SOLUTION I THINK THAT THERE'S SOME PRUDENCE TO THIS AND I ALSO THINK IT'S NOT RESTRICTIVE MY GOOD COLLEAGUE SENATOR FISHER IS RIGHT I MEAN IT COULD BE A PENNY AND YOU'VE MET THE REQUIREMENT BUT THE IDEA IS IS THERE'S A RANGE OF FUNDING UP TO 15 MILLION OF THIS REIMBURSEMENT TO BE USED FOR WHAT I THINK IS ONE OF THE MAIN PRIORITIES OF THE NEW OPERATION OF THE CURRENT *LAYON* LANDFILL I DON'T LOOK AT THIS AS ANYTHING FRIVOLOUS I DON'T LOOK AT THIS AS ANYTHING BUYING YOU KNOW OF OF OF EQUIPMENT THAT MAYBE IS NOT NEEDED FOR EXPANSION OF THE OPERATION I I DON'T SEE IT AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE MAIN FUNDAMENTAL MISSION OF A LANDFILL WHICH IS TO HAVE AN AREA FOR WHICH YOU CAN PLACE OUR REFUSE UNTIL WE HAVE A BETTER SOLUTION SO I WANT TO CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO THE ARGUMENT BUT I TEND TO THINK THAT THERE'S THERE'S SOME PRUDENCE HERE AND I TEND TO BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE IT'S WRITTEN IN THAT MANNER OF UP TO THAT IT'S NOT RESTRICTIVE AND SHOULDN'T DISALLOW THEM FROM WHATEVER THEY NEED TO DO TO BE ABLE TO GET TO THAT 3 MILLION ANNUALLY OF REIMBURSEMENT THERE'S THERE'S IF I WOULD THINK THAT IF IT WAS MORE RIGID AS IT WAS PRIOR WRITTEN OF 15 MILLION THAT WOULD SQUEEZE THEM AND THE BOARD AND AND THEIR AND THEIR AUTHORITY FROM MAKING DECISIONS BUT I THINK THAT THE RANGE THAT'S BEEN IDENTIFIED HERE ALLOWS FOR THAT FLEXIBILITY AND SO ONCE AGAIN I BELIEVE THAT AS WRITTEN AND AS THE BILL CALLS FOR THE MONIES TO BE EXPENDED AND REIMBURSED ARE NOT NEW LANGUAGE THAT ACTUALLY EXISTS IN THE BILL ALREADY AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE REFORMATTING THAT THE I GUESS THE MOVER OF THE AMENDMENT AND THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL CAN CAN TAKE THAT UP IN TERMS OF WHAT HAD IDENTIFIED BUT THE CLEAR READING OF THE SUBSTITUTE BILL SHOWS THAT WRITING MR. CHAIRMAN AND SO AT THIS TIME I WANT TO CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO THE DISCUSSION BUT I'M INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT THAT'S AN ADEQUATE PRIORITY TO SET ASIDE MONEYS GOING FORWARD FOR NEW SALES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. CHAIRMAN.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR DUENAS SENATOR PEREZ ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIR JUST POINT OF ORDER I THINK THIS AMENDMENT IS OUT OF ORDER BECAUSE IT'S BASED ON AN OLD VERSION SO I CAN TALK TO THE THE PROFFER BUT I THINK THIS IS THIS IS OUT OF ORDER.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YEAH LET'S TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS AND SORT THAT OUT.

**RECESS**

**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS WE LEFT OFF ON.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THE AMENDMENT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 182-37 AN AMENDMENT BY VICE SPEAKER VICE SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAME SPEAKER AND FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK THE AUTHOR FOR RECOGNIZING THE THE DISCREPANCY ON THE AMENDMENT AND I WANT TO AT THIS TIME MADAM SPEAKER TO WITHDRAW THE PRESENT AMENDMENT AND INTRODUCE ANOTHER THE UPDATED VERSION BASED ON THE SUBSTITUTED VERSION OF THE LEGISLATION THAT WAS INTRODUCED THIS MORNING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SO AT THIS TIME MADAM SPEAKER THE INTENT AS AND MY COLLEAGUES SHOULD HAVE A HARD COPY ON ON THEIR TABLES AND IT'S ALSO UPLOADED ON THE DRIVE THAT THE THAT AND IF I SHOULD READ THE FULL AMENDMENT BUT STRESS THAT IT WAS THE UP TO VERSION THAT I WAS WORKING WITH OF THE \$15 MILLION SO PAGE TWO TO AMEND SECTION 51A 1003 OF THE BILL TO READ MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED TO REIMBURSE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY FOR COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLOSURE AND AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ORDOT DUMP AND THE OPENING OF THE RECENT EXPANSION OF THE LEYON LANDFIELD ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES SHALL INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO EXPENSES OF MONITORING TESTING ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PERMITS AND LAWS LITIGATION FEES AND COSTS CONSULTANT FEES AND FEES AND COSTS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE PERMITS THE SUM OF UP TO \$15 MILLION IS HEREBY RESERVED AND SHALL NOT BE EXPENDED FOR ANY OTHER EXPENSE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW LANDFILLED CELL AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER WANTING TO THANK THE THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION FOR RECOGNIZING THE THE DISCREPANCY AND THANK LEGAL FOR MAKING THE NECESSARY CHANGES AND FORMATTING PROPERLY SO I REALLY HOPE AGAIN THAT MY COLLEAGUES WILL HELP SUPPORT THIS EFFORT ON ON ON THIS MEASURE AGAIN ALLOWING GS GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY THE FLEXIBILITY FOR THE FUNDING THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VICE SPEAKER WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS AGAIN FOR AUDIO TO RESET THEY'RE HAVING SOME TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES ONE MINUTE RECESS.

### RECESS

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS AUDIO HAS FIXED THE ISSUES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND WE LEFT OFF THE VICE SPEAKER HAD INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION IT'S BEEN PASSED OUT I MEAN SORRY AN AMENDMENT THAT'S BEEN PASSED OUT IS THERE ANY ONE WHO WANTS TO SPEAK ON THIS AMENDMENT BUT SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAME SPEAKER I HAVE TO RESPECTFULLY OBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT I THINK THAT SO IT'S BEEN SAID AT THE I KNOW THE LANGUAGE UP TO 15 MILLION BUT WHAT IF THE 15 MILLION IS DECIDED TO BE USED FOR *LAYON* THAT WOULD REALLY IMPACT THE RECRA COMPLIANCE AND SO YOU KNOW IF I CAN YOU KNOW HAVE MY COLLEAGUES RECALL BACK IN 2010 THERE WAS THIS MILLION DOLLAR MONDAYS WHERE THE COURT ORDERED GOV GUAM OR DOA TO PAY A MILLION DOLLARS EVERY MONDAY TO ENSURE THE CONSENT DECREE WAS FOLLOWED AND SO I THINK THAT IS A POOR WAY TO MANAGE THIS MONEY BECAUSE IF WE PUT THIS MONEY IN THIS RESERVE TODAY THAT MILLION DOLLAR MONDAYS NOT ONLY WILL BE PREVENTED BUT IT THAT MILLION DOLLAR MONDAYS MAY BECOME A \$2 MILLION MONDAYS BECAUSE WE'RE NOT FACTORING THE INFLATION COST THAT'S REQUIRED OF RECRA SO I THINK ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS AT ITS FACE TO BE A FLEXIBLE AMENDMENT IT ALSO CAN CREATE DAMAGE AND JUST TO TO ALSO I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THE GENERAL MANAGER SLIKE WHEN HE CAME ON TO GUAM SOLID WASTE ONE OF HIS PRIORITIES WAS THE TIMELY EFFICIENT OPENING OF THE CELLS AND SO HE ALREADY WAS PLANNING AT THAT POINT FOR CELLS TO BE PRE-EXCAVATED DETERMINE THE COST IN ORDER TO GET THE BEST POSSIBLE COST FOR THESE CELLS AND SO IF WE PASS THIS BILL TODAY IT NOT ONLY ARE WE PREVENTING THOSE MILLION PLUS DOLLAR MONDAYS WE ARE ALSO PREVENTING WE ARE ALLOWING SAVINGS TO OCCUR TODAY \$3 MILLION AT LEAST \$3 MILLION A YEAR AND IF WE IF WE SAVE UP THAT \$3 MILLION OR OR WE CAN DIVERT THOSE \$3 MILLION TO THE EXPANSION OF THE CELL SO JUST BY DOING THIS ONE MOVE IT DOES MANY THINGS BENEFICIAL THINGS AND THIS AMENDMENT WILL HARM THE FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF GUAM SOLID WASTE AND IT WOULD HURT THE PEOPLE SO I AGAIN I I RESPECTFULLY OBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE THE HARM THAT CAN COME THANK YOU.

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

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ACTUALLY SENATOR PEREZ BROUGHT UP THE MILLION DOLLAR MONDAY WHICH I KNOW THAT LASTED ONLY FOR ABOUT A MONTH I REMEMBER THAT SCENARIO IN FACT I WAS IN THE 30TH GUAM LEGISLATURE WHEN THE WHOLE DESCENT DECREE CAME ABOUT AND AND THE YOU KNOW BEING TURNED OVER TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND REQUIRING US TO PAY ABSORBENT AMOUNTS OF MONEY YOU KNOW TO COMPLY WITH AND WE'VE COME THIS FAR AND A LOT OF IT WAS BECAUSE

WE STAYED OUT OF IT WHENEVER THE GUAM SOLID WASTE OR ANYTHING THAT WAS NEEDED THEY WOULD COME TO THIS BODY REQUESTING FOR IT AND GIVING US JUSTIFICATION AND WE WOULD LISTEN TO WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY NOW WE HAVE THIS NEW GENERAL MANAGER WHO'S DONE AND MADE GREAT STRIDES ACTUALLY TRYING TO KEEP EVERYTHING IN ORDER TRYING TO KEEP THE COST OF OUR TIPPING COST DOWN AND I JUST DON'T SEE US YOU KNOW DANGLING A CARROT IN FRONT OF HIS FACE GIVING HIM THAT AUTHORITY TO BE ABLE TO PUT SOME MONEY ASIDE AND JEOPARDIZE THE THE POSSIBILITY OF RAISING OUR TIPPING FEES BECAUSE WE HAVE TO MAKE UP FOR THE MONEY THAT WE ARE FALLING SHORT SHORT IT'S ALREADY PROVEN THAT WE ARE FALLING SHORT ON BEING ABLE TO FILL THE RECRA IS THAT HOW THEY PRONOUNCE IT THE RECRA OR YOU KNOW ACCOUNT SO I I YOU KNOW I TOO RESPECTFULLY OBJECT I THINK THE LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO STAND BACK AND JUST ALLOW THEM TO DO THEIR JOB AND THEN IF TIME COMES AND WE HAVE TO BUILD A NEW CELL WHICH I I AGREE WITH THE SPEAKER I MEAN THE VICE SPEAKER AND THE AMEND THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT THAT IT'S GOING TO COME TIME VERY SOON AND WE DON'T WANT TO BE IN THAT PREDICAMENT BUT AT THIS TIME THERE'S NO NEED TO BE DANGLING A CARROT YOU KNOW FOR SOMEONE TO TO ATTACH TO OR GIVE THEM THE YOU KNOW WHAT'S THE WORD WELL WE SHOULDN'T GIVE THEM THE OPTION RIGHT NOW UNLESS THEY COME IN FRONT OF US TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY NEED IT SO

**SENATOR BARNETT:** CORRECTION OF THIS AMENDMENT AS IT WILL PREVENT THE FULL FUNDING OF THE RECRA TRUST FUND THE FINAL SETTLEMENT CAN BE USED FOR THAT IF WE DON'T FUND THE RICK TRUST FUND GUAM SOLID WASTE WILL NEED TO RAISE RATES OVER \$40 A MONTH TO RAISE THE MONEY FOR THE RECRA TRUST FUND AND THAT'S BECAUSE THERE'S SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR THIS WHAT THIS AMENDMENT PROPERS AND TO MEET THE RECRA TRUST FUND REQUIREMENT SO I WOULD JUST CAUTION AGAINST SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* ALL RIGHT ON THE AMENDMENTS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT VICE SPEAKER YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I I I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS AIRED BY BY THE GOOD AUTHOR AND SOME OTHERS BUT I DON'T BELIEVE MADAM SPEAKER THAT THE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY WILL WILLINGLY JEOPARDIZE ANY OF THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AND I THINK WE SHOULDN'T ASSUME THE MANAGEMENT WOULD CHOOSE TO EARMARK 15 MILLION IF THEY COULD NOT AFFORD TO DO SO AND IF DOING SO WOULD RESULT IN FINANCIAL PENALTIES BEING ORDERED BY THE COURT SO MADAME SPEAKER I THINK THAT THE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD AND ITS MANAGEMENT ARE HAVE DEMONSTRATED MADAM SPEAKER THAT THEIR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE WITH ALL THE PROGRESS MADE TO WHITTLE DOWN THE RECEIVERSHIP AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT MORE THAN ANYTHING AGAIN THIS AMENDMENT IS A STATEMENT OF OF LITERALLY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO SEND A MESSAGE THAT WE WANT MADAM SPEAKER WE WANT TO HELP THE GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY PLAN FOR THE NEW SELL THAT WE WILL EVENTUALLY NEED BECAUSE THE FULL SETTLEMENT AMOUNT IS SOME TIME AWAY MADAM SPEAKER I TRULY BELIEVE THIS FLEXIBLE LANGUAGE ENSURES THAT THERE WILL BE A WAY TO BEGIN SAVING FOR A NEW SALE WITHOUT MADAM SPEAKER WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING THE IMPORTANT DEADLINES AHEAD TO BEGIN FUNDING POST CLOSURE CARE FOR THE ORDOT DUMP MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU ON THE AMENDMENT THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ALL IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT AMENDMENT FAILS ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL ON THE BILL IF NOT SPONSOR YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YEAH I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THIS LIVELY DEBATE AND I THINK IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE SUPPORT GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY AT THIS JUNCTURE OF THEY'VE DONE SO MUCH SINCE THE THE PARTIAL RECEIVERSHIP THE START OF THEIR ENDING OF THE RECEIVERSHIP AND THEY ARE ON GOOD FOOTING TOWARDS THE TARGET DATE WHICH WAS STATED AT ONE OF THE INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS TO END THE RECEIVERSHIP ON JULY 1ST 20 OF THIS YEAR IN FACT SO THEY HAVE SHOWN TO US EPA WHICH THEY PRODUCED IN WHICH THEY PRODUCED A LETTER STATING THAT GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY HAS A TECHN EXPER EXPER TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND PERSONNEL THAT'S REQUIRED FOR THE POST CLOSURE CARE OF ORDOT DUMP THE ONE CRITICAL COMPONENT REMAINING IS THIS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT WHICH IS WHICH IS TO HAVE \$32 MILLION IN A TRUST FUND TO ENSURE THE MONEY IS AVAILABLE FOR THE CONTINUED CARE OF ORDOT DUMP AND SO THIS IS THE PRIORITY THAT THE GENERAL MANAGER TOGETHER WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE MADE IT THEIR MISSION TO DO THIS TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS ACCOUNT IS MADE WHOLE

AND BY DOING SO IT PREVENTS HAVING TO PAY ADDITIONAL FEES INFLATIONARY COSTS AND THOSE COSTS CAN THEN BE DIRECTED AS TO OTHER NEEDS OF THE AGENCY SO THIS IS A WISE INVESTMENT THIS IS A WISE MOVE POLICY FOR THIS BODY TO SUPPORT OTHERWISE WE MIGHT FACE RATE INCREASES FOR ALL RATE PAIRS WE MIGHT FACE THESE MILLION DOLLAR \$2 MILLION MONDAYS FOR THE WHOLE YEAR TO MAKE THIS ACCOUNT WHOLE SO REALLY IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE SUPPORT THIS IT IS A SMART FINANCIAL MOVE IT'S A SMART POLICY AND I ASK HUMBLLY ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT THANK YOU AND I'D LIKE TO MOVE BILL 182-37 AS AMENDED AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTED ONTO THE VOTING FILE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT THE NEXT BILL ON THE AGENDA IS BILL NUMBER 184 WE'RE GOING TO RECESS WE'LL RECESS UNTIL 2 P.M. TODAY ALL RIGHT SO RECESS UNTIL 2 P.M. OR I'M SORRY JUST HOLD ON WE'LL TAKE A ONE-MINUTE RECESS RIGHT NOW ONE MINUTE RECESS.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR BERNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE MOVE MOVE BILL 188-37 UP IN FRONT OF BILL 184 AND 185.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION NOT WITHSTANDING THE RULES OF COURSE YES THERE ON THAT NOTWITHSTANDING MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SO WE ARE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 188-37 COR SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND THEN *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BARNETT FOR MOVING MY BILL UP SO GOOD MORNING AGAIN TO MADAM SPEAKER AND TO MY COLLEAGUES I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO PLACE BILL 188-37 COR WHICH IS AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT TO USE THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF THE APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW 35-22 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING AUDIOVISUAL RECORDING EQUIPMENT TO BE USED DURING INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY GPD PERSONNEL INTRODUCED BY MYSELF SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SENATOR JOANNE BROWN SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS SENATOR JESSE LUJAN SENATOR FRANK BLAS JR AND SENATOR WILL PARKINSON ONTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND PRO PROVIDE A BRIEF REMARKS

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER ON MAY 22ND 2020 2019 BILL 132-35 BECAME PUBLIC LAW 35-22 WHICH PROVIDED 200,000 TO PURCHASE OPERATE AND MAINTAIN SECURITY CAMERAS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT IN PUBLIC AREAS ON DECEMBER 26TH 2019 I SENT A LETTER TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE REQUESTING FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT BE MADE MAY BE AVAILABLE REGARDING EFFORTS GPD HAS MADE SINCE THE ENACTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW 35-22 UNFORTUNATELY BY THE TIME THE CHIEF GOT BACK TO ME WE WERE DEALING WITH THE FIRST EFFECTS OF COVID AND ANY EFFORTS WAS PUT ON HOLD LATER I WAS TOLD AN RFP HAD GONE GONE OUT FOR THE CAMERAS BUT THERE WERE NO TAKERS KNOWINGLY HOW HELPFUL SECURITY CAMERAS ARE PARTICULARLY TO THE WOMEN AND MEN OF GPD WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE AND MOST ESPECIALLY MOST RECENTLY HOW CAMERAS HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE RECENT CAPTURING AN OF THE UNFORTUNATE FATAL ROBBERY THAT TOOK PLACE IN TUMON CAMERAS NO DOUBT WILL ASSIST WHERE MANPOWER IS LACKING HOWEVER THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTENT OF PUBLIC LAW 35-22 HAS SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT AMOUNT IN PUBLIC LAW 35-22 CAN STILL BE USED FOR CAMERAS AND AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT TODAY THE ABILITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOW IS THE REASON WHY I ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES INTRODUCED THIS LEGISLATION NOT TOO LONG AGO ALLEGATIONS OF POLICE BRUTALITY IN OUR COMMUNITY WAS BROUGHT TO LIGHT WHILE IT MAY BE PREMATURE TO TAKE ANY SIDE IN THIS MATTER IT IS CLEAR THAT WE NEED TO DO MORE TO PROTECT BOTH THE PUBLIC AND OUR LAW LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY AND WE CAN DO THIS BY BEING PROACTIVE IN THE MEANTIME THE EFFORTS I MADE IN 2019 TO PROVIDE SECURITY CAMERAS IN PUBLIC AREAS WILL CONTINUE TO BE MY GOAL I'VE SPOKEN WITH GOVERNOR AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WHO HAS SHARED WITH ME HE HAS FOUND FUNDING THAT WILL HELP TO PROVIDE SECURITY CAMERAS IN AREAS IN WHICH I HAD FIRST ADVOCATED FOR IN 2019 BILL 188-35 USES THE UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN PUBLIC LAW 35-22 TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT IN POLICE PRECINCTS IDENTIFIED BY GPD I BELIEVE THIS WILL GO A LONG WAY AND HELPING TO PROTECT EVERYONE'S BEST INTEREST BOTH OUR

PUBLIC AND OUR POLICE FORCE GPD ASSURED ME THE COST IS ENOUGH AT THIS TIME I THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND LOOK FORWARD TO ANY COMMENTS SUGGESTIONS AND QUESTIONS MY COLLEAGUES MAY HAVE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE WHO LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR INTRODUCING THIS BILL AND I ALSO THANK HER FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE A CO-SPONSOR I LOOK AT IT AS A COMPANION MEASURE TO THE BODY CAM LAW THAT THE GOOD BODY PASSED JUST LAST MONTH AND SO I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS BILL IT WAS IT WAS SURPRISING THERE WAS AN INCIDENT RECENTLY IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED THAT THAT THEY WERE MISTREATED WHILE AT ONE OF OUR GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT PRECINCTS AND THERE WAS NO VIDEO OF THAT AND I BELIEVE THAT LIKE THE AUTHOR HAS SAID VIDEO RECORDINGS VIDEO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY DETECTIVES GO A LONG WAY TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY NOT JUST IN THE WAY THAT THE OFFICERS ARE GOING TO TREAT INDIVIDUALS THAT THEY'RE DEALING WITH BUT ALSO ON ON THE FLIP SIDE OF THAT WHEN YOU HAVE INDIVIDUALS WHO MAKE COMPLAINTS OR ALLEGATIONS THAT SOMETIMES TURN OUT TO NOT BE TRUE SO I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVE THAT THE MORE TRANSPARENCY THE BETTER AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND I AGAIN COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR INTRODUCING IT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BARNETT ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THAT' LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE WHO' LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL.

**NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES**

**SENATOR BARNETT:** SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND I'D LIKE TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND THANK THE SPONSORS FOR IT'S THE WORK ON IT THEY FOUND FUNDING FOR RECORDING OF INTERVIEWS AT EVERY PRECINCT OR I'M NOT SURE HOW FAR THIS WOULD GO BUT AT LEAST FOR SOME OF THE PRECINCTS WHICH ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE THERE ARE NONE THEY THEY HAVE TWO RECORDING SYSTEMS AND AS OF NOVEMBER 2023 ONE WAS AT THE INVESTIGATION OFFICES IN TIYAN AND THE OTHER ONE WAS LOCATED AT THE DOMESTIC ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM OR THE DART OFFICES AND THAT'S IT SO FOR EVERY OTHER PRECINCT THAT'S 24/7 WHERE THEY ARE BRINGING PEOPLE IN DOING INTERVIEWS AND THERE ARE NONE NO RECORDING EQUIPMENT SO THIS IS GOING TO HELP I'M SURE IT'S GOING TO HELP OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY IT HELPS GPD IN THEIR INVESTIGATIONS IT HELPS PROSECUTION IN THEIR PROSECUTION AND IT'S GOING TO HELP THE PUBLIC AS WELL BECAUSE THESE INTERVIEWS WILL BE RECORDED AND IF THERE ARE ANY ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPER CONDUCT THAT THOSE CAN EASILY BE INVESTIGATED SO I WANT TO COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR FINDING THIS FUNDING AT THE BALANCE OF THE FUNDS AND AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOR AT LEAST SOME EQUIPMENT AND SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS BEING IMPLEMENTED AT THE POLICE PRECINCTS SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TO THE SPONSOR AND TO THE OTHER SPONSORS OF THIS BILL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER IS THERE ANYONE ELSE ON THE BILL ON THE MAIN MOTION IF THERE'S NO ONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU MAY CLOSE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER AND THANK THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO SPOKE ON ON THE MEASURE YOU KNOW IT'S IT'S IT'S A WAY THAT WHAT WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW TO CONTINUE THE MOMENT OF SECURITY AND AND TRUST TO OUR PEOPLE BY YOU KNOW NOT HAVING MONEY SIT AROUND AND WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY USE THIS MONEY AND IT WILL GO TO GOOD USE SO I AT THIS TIME MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADD CO-SPONSORS ALSO ON THIS LEGISLATION OF COURSE YOURSELF MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR FISHER SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR PEREZ AND WELL ANY SENATOR LUJAN'S ALREADY ON HERE SO AND EVERYONE ELSE THAT IS ALREADY HERE TODAY IS ON ON THE LEGISLATURE AS CO-SPONSOR SO.

**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO ADD CO-SPONSORS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION THAT MOTION CARRIES.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** AND THAT BEING SAID MADAM SPEAKER I MOTION TO PLACE BILL 188-37 IN THE THE VOTING FILE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL 188-37 AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR AND THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE RECESS UNTIL 9:00 A.M. TOMORROW SO THAT WE CAN HEAR BOTH OF THE HOSPITAL BILLS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** A MOTION TO RECESS TILL 9:00 A.M. TOMORROW IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEE NO OBJECTION WE'LL RECESS UNTIL 9:00 A.M. TOMORROW *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* COLLEAGUES.

**RECESS**



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**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *MANANA SI YU'US* GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION WE'RE CONTINUING TODAY ON THE SECOND READING FILE IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE ONE SHORT OF A QUORUM SO WE'RE GOING TO WAIT FOR ONE MORE PERSON TO ARRIVE SO WE'LL BE ON RECESS UNTIL THAT QUORUM IS HERE.

**RECESS**

**NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES**

**SENATOR BARNETT:** *MANANA SI YU'US* WE'RE BACK FROM A SHORT RECESS WANT TO FIRST THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR BEING HERE AND MAKING QUORUM SO WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS AND WE'RE STILL IN THE SECOND READING FILE WE'RE NOW IN BILL 184-37 SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *MANANA SI YU'US* COLLEAGUES AND I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 184-37 (COR) AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE. THIS WAS INTRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES BY REQUEST OF *IMAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM. IT IS AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GUAM ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION TO SELL OR LEASE LOTS 2453 2453-1 2454 2455 2457 AND 2457-1 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF *BARRIGADA* TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AT FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR USE AS THE SITE OF A NEW MEDICAL COMPLEX. I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT THIS BILL BE PLACED INTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT MOTION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IN 2019 THE LEGISLATURE PASSED A LAW AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A HOSPITAL ON GOVERNMENT OF GUAM LAND. THE GOVERNOR'S TEAM DECIDED NO GOVERNMENT OF GUAM LAND WAS ACCEPTABLE AND PURSUED FEDERAL LAND EAGLES FIELD AND WHEN THE AG DID NOT APPROVE THE LEASE THE ADMINISTRATION CHANGED COURSE AND THEY ARE NOW PURSUING LANDS FROM THE GUAM ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION LAND BANK. THESE LANDS ARE RESERVED TO COMPENSATE THOSE LANDOWNERS WHOSE PROPERTY WAS RETURNED BY THE UNITED STATES BUT BUT WOULD NOT BE RETURNED TO LANDOWNERS BECAUSE IT WAS KEPT FOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM USES. CURRENTLY THOSE LANDOWNERS INCLUDE THE TIYAN AIRPORT LANDS AND THE BARRIGADA LANDS USED FOR NATIONAL GUARD FACILITIES. POTENTIALLY INCLUDES USO OR OTHER LANDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF BEING RETURNED. BILL 184 WOULD AUTHORIZE THE LEASE OF 61 ACRES FROM THE LAND BANK BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND THE GUAM ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION. AS OF TODAY NEITHER THE GUAM ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS AN APPRAISAL OR ANY EVEN SOLICITED AN APPRAISAL FOR THIS PROPERTY. THE BILL PROPOSES A SALE. THE ORIGINAL BILL PROPOSED A SALE OR LEASE OF THE ADACAO CROWN AGAGA PROPERTY. THIS IS ON THE BACK ROAD TO ANDERSON ON ROUTE 15. THIS IS OUTSIDE OF THE STATUTORY PROCESS ALREADY AUTHORIZED TO THE GUAM ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION TO LEASE PROPERTY UP TO 5 YEARS. PASSAGE OF THE BILL AS INTRODUCED WOULD BYPASS LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF THE LEASE OR SALE TERMS AND ANY FINANCIAL OR IN-KIND COMMITMENTS BINDING THE PEOPLE OF GUAM FOR POTENTIAL FEDERAL FUNDING ON THIS PROPERTY AND WOULD WAIVE ANY FURTHER REVIEW OF THE USE OF THIS PROPERTY BY THE LEGISLATURE. ALL NEGOTIATIONS FOR SALE OR LEASE TERMS WOULD BE BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND THE ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION. SALE OF THE PROPERTY OUT OF THE INVENTORY REMOVES THE ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION'S ABILITY TO FURTHER GENERATE REVENUE FOR THE LAND BANK BENEFICIARIES FROM THAT PROPERTY. SALE WOULD BE FINAL AND ACCORDING TO TESTIMONY THERE ARE CURRENTLY 3 000 LOTS WHOSE OWNERS HAVE TO BE COMPENSATED AND THUS IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THE SALE AMOUNT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO COMPENSATE LAND BANK

BENEFICIARIES FOR THEIR LOSS. THE APPRAISAL THAT ANCESTRAL LANDS HAD SUBMITTED TO B.B.M.R. WAS NOT I DON'T THINK IT WAS A FORMAL APPRAISAL BUT THEIR ESTIMATE WAS \$6 MILLION IN POSSIBLE REVENUES FOR THAT LAND. THE COMMITTEE AMENDED THE BILL TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF LEAF'S TERMS LONGER THAN 50 YEARS OR FOR A SALE. THE GOVERNOR ADVISED IN DISCUSSIONS ON THIS BILL THAT IF FEDERAL FUNDING SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IT WILL BE AVAILABLE REGARDLESS OF THE LOCATION OF THE MEDICAL COMPLEX. THERE ARE NO DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE OR IN THE MATRIX STUDY WHICH EVIDENCE FEDERAL FUNDING TOWARDS A HOSPITAL COMPLEX. MATRIX ESTIMATES THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES FOR THIS ADACAO CROWN PROPERTY ON ROUTE 15 OR THE BACK ROAD TO ANDERSON WOULD COST \$100 MILLION AND WOULD REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIX-LANE HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS THAT WOULD TAKE TWO TO THREE YEARS. CORRESPONDING UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD TAKE ONE YEAR FOR DESIGN AND TWO YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION FOR A GPA POWER SUBSTATION. GWA RECOMMENDED A NEW WATER STORAGE TANK FOR SUFFICIENT PRESSURE A WATER PUMP AND WELL AND UPGRADES TO WASTEWATER. ELECTRICITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES MUST OCCUR BEFORE THE CAMPUS'S DEVELOPMENT ACCORDING TO MATRIX. THE BILL DOES NOT SPECIFY FUNDING FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE HOWEVER THE GOVERNOR CONFIRMED VERBALLY TO US THAT THE ARP MONEY WOULD BE USED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT HAVE CONFIRMATION OF THE USE OF THOSE FUNDS OR THAT THAT IS AN ALLOWABLE USE UNDER ARP BUT THAT'S THE GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATION. JUST IN CONTRAST THE MATRIX ALSO DID AN ESTIMATE FOR YPAO WHICH FOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES WHICH WOULD COST 20 MILLION VERSUS THE 100 MILLION PROPOSED FOR THIS PROPERTY. ACCORDING TO THE MEDICAL CAMPUS PLAN PREPARED BY MATRIX CONSTRUCTION COSTS ARE THE HIGHEST FOR THIS PROPERTY THIS ADACAO PROPERTY OVER EAGLES FIELD AND OVER YPAO POINT. THE MEDICAL CAMPUS PLAN STATES THAT THE ESTIMATED COST OF DEVELOPING THE NEW HOSPITAL RELATED MEDICAL FACILITIES AND THE REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTURE IS BETWEEN 800 MILLION AND 1 BILLION. THAT'S JUST FOR THE HOSPITAL AND RELATED MEDICAL FACILITIES NOT NECESSARILY WE COULD NOT CONFIRM WHETHER THAT COST ESTIMATE ALSO INCLUDES A VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FACILITY PUBLIC HEALTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES OR THE THE OTHER THINGS ON ON THE DESIGN. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONFIRMED DURING HEARINGS ON THIS BILL THAT THEY ARE SECURING A SITE IN MANGILAO FOR THE CDC LAB. IN 2020 THE ARMY CORP ENGINEERS ESTIMATED THE COST OF A NEW HOSPITAL WOULD BE 743 MILLION. NOT INCLUDING THE COST OF LAND OR TRANSFERS OR UPGRADES TO INFRASTRUCTURE. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TESTIFIED IN THE HEARINGS ON THIS BILL THAT THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER AT THE PROPOSED MEDICAL COMPLEX ONLY OFFICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT. BILL NUMBER 184 WAS INTRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES BY REQUEST OF *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN*. THERE WERE FOUR SEPARATE HEARINGS HELD ON THIS BILL BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE. THOSE PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN RECORDED TRANSCRIBED AND PRESENTED IN THIS IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT TOGETHER WITH ALL TESTIMONY RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE AND DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED IN THE MEDIA A SERIES OF HER OWN MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED MEDICAL COMPLEX BUT THE COMMITTEE REPORT WE NOTED THAT THE TRANSCRIPTS FROM THOSE MEETINGS DOCUMENTS PRESENTED IN THOSE MEETINGS OR THE COMMENTS MADE DURING THOSE PROCEEDINGS WERE NOT TRANSMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THUS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE LEGISLATIVE RECORD AND NO TESTIMONY WAS SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR ON THE BILL THAT SHE REQUESTED. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY OF THIS BILL TOTALED 61 ACRES AND IS AGRICULTURALLY ZONED. I JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT MATRIX'S DESIGN FOR ALL THE BUILDINGS THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BUILD AT EAGLES FIELD INCLUDING THE 17 ACRES OF FLAT PARKING SPACES TOTALED 38 ACRES. THAT'S ALL THE BUILDINGS AND THE PARKING FOOTPRINT 38 ACRES. THIS BILL IS A TOTAL OF 61 ACRES THE MATRIX STUDY RANKED THIS ADACAO CROWN SITE BEHIND EAGLES FIELD AND YPAO POINT NOTING THAT YPAO WAS PREFERABLE FOR TRAVEL DISTANCE PROXIMITY TO ARTERIAL ROADS DISTANCE FROM CLINICS AND HOSPITALS POWER WATER WASTEWATER CONSTRUCTION COSTS LAND USE ZONING COMPATIBILITY. ADACAO CROWN LANDS WAS PREFERABLE UNDER THE CATEGORIES OF SIZE PROPERTY VALUE. I THINK IT MEANS CHANGES TO PROPERTY VALUE IMPACT TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND FUTURE EXPANSION CAPABILITY. THE BILL DOES NOT CONTAIN THE PLANS FOR THE MEDICAL CAMPUS AT ADACAO PROPERTY. IT ONLY AUTHORIZES THE ANCESTRAL LAND COMMISSION TO LEASE OR SELL THE PROPERTY AND AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ONLY ALLOWS THE ANCESTRAL LANDS TO LEASE FOR UP TO 50 YEARS OTHERWISE IT CAN CONTIN IT CAN LEASE BEYOND THAT OR IT CAN SELL THE PROPERTY IF IT DISCLOSES THE TERMS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND GETS APPROVAL ON THAT. WE HAD REQUESTED DURING THE COURSE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR ANY DOCUMENTS THAT WOULD EVIDENCE THAT THE VETERANS AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION THE FEDERAL VETERANS AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION

WAS PARTNERING WITH GUAM TO BUILD A FACILITY ON THIS PROPERTY OR TO CONFIRM WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WAS BUILDING A VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITY OR A FLOOR ON ITS OWN HOSPITAL FOR VETERANS OR TO GET CONFIRMATION OF THAT AND WE REALLY COULD NOT GET CONFIRMATION OF OF ANY OF THOSE THEY ALL SEEM TO BE SUGGESTIONS. MATRIX HAD NO DETAILS THE ONLY DOCUMENT THAT WE DID RECEIVED CONFIRMS SORRY THE ONE DOCUMENT THAT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY DEFENSE LIAISON OFFICE TO THE JOINT REGION MARIANAS WAS A MAY 9TH 2023 DOCUMENT REQUESTING FUNDING FOR A VA STATE HOME AS THIS IS A POTENTIAL VETERANS PROJECT AND THAT THEY WERE REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES. A VA STATE HOME I DON'T HAVE THE DEFINITION HERE BUT I THINK AT THE HEARING WE CLARIFIED THAT THAT IS IT'S LIKE A A A HOME FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES OR LONG-TERM LIVING AND WHO COULD NOT TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES RIGHT ALL RIGHT. THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES THAT GEDA WILL HAVE COGNIZANCE OR JURISDICTION AFTER THE ANCESTRAL LAND COMMISSION PROPERTY IS SOLD OR LEASED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM. COINCIDENTALLY GEDA IS ALSO THE PROPERTY MANAGER FOR THE ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION WHO ASSISTS THE ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION IN NEGOTIATING FOR ITS ITS LEASES TO THIRD PARTIES. THE BILL PROPOSES THE SALE OF THE IDENTIFIED LOTS AT FAIR MARKET VALUE OR THE LEASE AT THE FAIR MARKET VALUE AND AS NOTED EARLIER THE COMMITTEE AMENDED THIS BILL TO APPROVE AT LEASE UP TO 50 YEARS AT A MINIMUM OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE. THE ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION IN THEIR RESOLUTION HAVE AGREED TO ALLOW THE SURVEYING AND APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTIES. THE APPRAISAL IS BEING PAID OR WAS THE MONEY FOR THE APPRAISAL WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION FROM THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM SO SHE'S PAYING FOR THE APPRAISAL THAT WILL BE USED IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER AS I SAID EARLIER DPW AS OF TODAY THERE IS NO APPRAISAL THAT HAS BEEN SOLICITED. THE MAIN ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY DISCUSSED IN THIS BILL IS ROUTE 15 OR THE BACK ROAD TO ANDERSON. THE MATRIX STUDY NOTES THAT THERE IS NO SECONDARY ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY THAT WAS ONE OF THEIR CONCERNS THE DLM THE LAND MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DID TESTIFY THAT THERE IS A PROPOSAL TO CONNECT ROUTE 15 TO ROUTE A THROUGH THE ADACAO CROWN LANDS FOR SECONDARY ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY BUT THAT IS NOT IN ANY DOCUMENT. THERE WAS DRIVE TIME ANALYSIS PERFORMED BY MATRIX THAT SHOWS THE DRIVE TIME TO YPAO POINT WAS IN A 20-MINUTE RANGE FOR MORE OF THE POPULATION THAN TO ADACAO CROWN BY 14 000 PEOPLE ALMOST 3 000 MORE PEOPLE WILL NOT BE SERVED WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF ADACAO CROWN OR EDA AGAGA THAN YPAO POINT. ACCORDING TO MATRIX TIME FROM MALESSO HUMATAK OR AGAT WOULD BE OVER 30 MINUTES TO EITHER LOCATION. THERE WAS TESTIMONY AT THE HEARING FROM THE INALAHAN AND MALESSO MAYORS AND AND RESIDENTS THAT SUGGESTED THAT DRIVE TIME WAS SHORTER TO THE PROPOSED MANGILAO SITE THAN TO THE CURRENT GMH DUE TO TRAFFIC. SO AGAIN YES SO MY I'VE REACHED MY TIME I'M TRYING TO GIVE THE FACTS ON THE BILL FOR THE GOVERNOR THE GOVERNOR'S BILL AND SO I'M OPEN TO ANY QUESTIONS IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN HELP WITH. SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'.

**NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES**

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SPEAKER. ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION ON 184 IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ON BILL 184 SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AT THIS TIME GOOD MORNING.

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** MORNING MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS THE GOVERNOR'S BILL RIGHT

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YES IT IS SIR.

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YEAH THANK YOU YOU KNOW WHEN I WAS A KEEP REMINDING OF MYSELF ABOUT MY PAST WHEN I WAS OH FIRST OF ALL MADAM SPEAKER IF YOU DON'T MINE I WANTED TO SAY GOOD MORNING TO CALEB HE'S IN WASHINGTON HE'S ONGOING SOME CHEMOTHERAPY AND HE SENT ME A A SANTA LETTER. SO I'M PRAYING FOR YOU OUT THERE SON. YOU COME HOME QUICKLY. GET WELL. THANK YOU. WHEN I WAS A KID I ASKED MY DAD I SAID DAD WHY DO THEY CALL THAT GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND HE SAID WELL THAT'S BECAUSE IT BELONGS TO THE THE GOVERNMENT AND SCRATCHED MY HEAD AGAIN AND I SAY WHY DOES THE GOVERNMENT HAVE A HOSPITAL HE GOES BECAUSE WHEN ALL THE CLINICS CLOSE DOWN AND WHATEVER ELSE PLACES THAT MIGHT HELP OUR PEOPLE THE HOSPITAL IS NOT ONLY OUR LAST RESORT BUT YOU KNOW IT'S A IT'S OUR GOVERNMENT'S DUTY TO TAKE TAKE CARE OF ITS PEOPLE AND IF EVERYBODY ELSE CLOSES DOWN THE HOSPITAL IS ALL WE HAVE AND GOT ME THINKING YOU KNOW WHEN I WAS I DON'T KNOW WHEN I WAS A A CHILD I FOUND OUT THAT THERE ARE TWO PLACES THAT INTERESTED ME THE MOST AND I FOR THE MOST PART IN MY MY LIFE I ENDED UP WORKING ON ONE OF THEM. I'VE ALWAYS HAD A A THING ABOUT THE HOSPITAL AND

THE AIRPORT AND YOU KNOW YOU SEE HOW PRETTY THE HOSPITAL IS YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS FOUND THESE TWO PLACES TO BE VERY MYSTICAL. IT'S WHERE PEOPLE COME INTO YOUR LIVES AND WHERE PEOPLE EXIT YOUR LIVES. JUST FOR FUN I USED TO OPEN UP THE DOOR OF THE EXIT AND AT CUSTOMS AND WATCH PEOPLE FALL INTO EACH OTHER'S ARMS. IT'S WHERE YOU MEET PEOPLE. AT THE HOSPITAL IT'S ANOTHER PLACE WHERE PEOPLE FALL INTO YOUR ARMS SOMETIMES WHEN THEY LEAVE YOU. AND SO COULD YOU IMAGINE IF WE GAVE THE HOSPITAL THE ATTENTION WE GIVE TO THE AIRPORT WE GIVE WE MAKE THE AIRPORT SO PRETTY FOR ALL OUR ARRIVING GUESTS BUT WE DON'T TAKE CARE OF THE HOSPITAL ENOUGH FOR OUR DEPARTING AND OUR ARRIVING CITIZENS. THE GOVERNOR SHE GOES *HÁFA DWAYNE NA ANGGEN PARA TI PARA I TÁOTÁO-TA TI MALGU HAMYU MANGUIFEN DÁNGKOLO* SHE SAID WHEN IT COMES TO OUR PEOPLE WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO DREAM BIG YOU KNOW THE GOVERNOR IN HER PAST IN HER IN HER TIME IN OFFICE DID SOMETHING FOR FOR FOR US THAT I THOUGHT I WOULD NEVER LIVE TO SEE ONE OF WHAT ONE OF ONE OF IT WAS LEGALIZING CANNABIS FOR FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO SUFFER FROM CHRONIC PAIN. THAT WAS AMAZING. I NEVER THOUGHT IN A MILLION YEARS YOU KNOW AS CONSERVATIVE AS I AM I NEVER THOUGHT THAT THAT COME TO PASS THEN SHE ALSO LEGALIZES FIREWORKS SOMETHING I THOUGHT NEVER WOULD EVER COME TO PASS BUT SHE HAS AND IT'D BE NICE TO ACTUALLY SEE A BRAND NEW HOSPITAL. SHE ACTUALLY GAVE US HER YOU KNOW SHE ACTUALLY TOLD US THAT IF SHE WOULD IF WE WOULD GIVE HER THIS BILL SHE WOULD RELEASE THE FUNDS TO TO GET THE BALL ROLLING TO GET US THAT NEW HOSPITAL. LAST FRIDAY I WAS ACTUALLY AT THE HOSPITAL AND SOME OF THE NURSES SAYS SAY TO ME YOU KNOW SENATOR THANK YOU FOR ACTUALLY LISTENING TO US. I WAS THERE FOR A SMALL LITTLE PROCEDURE I DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE PICTURES AND POST IT ON FACEBOOK *SA ESTA* PROBABLY SOMEBODY'S GOING TO SAY WE NEED TO GET OUT THE CORN SOUP *SA' ESTA PARA U HÁNAO SI SAN NICOLAS SI SAN NICOLAS*. BUT IT WAS IT CAUSED IT WAS IT WAS IT WAS YOU KNOW JUST A MINOR THING NO CAUSE FOR ALARM BUT WHILE I WAS SITTING IN THE THE HOS THE HOSPITAL ER YOU KNOW I COULD GO TO NAVAL HOSPITAL I COULD GO TO NAVAL HOSPITAL BUT WHY SHOULD I I WANTED TO GO TO OUR OWN HOSPITAL AND SO I ENDED UP THERE. EVERYBODY WAS KIND OF CURIOUS TO SEE WHY SANTA WAS SITTING AT THE EMERGENCY ROOM CHAIR THERE. PEOPLE KEPT COMING BY WANTED TO GIVE ME A MASK CAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT ME TO CATCH ANYTHING BUT I HEARD FROM SECURITY GUARDS I HEARD FROM NURSES I HEARD FROM DOCTORS THAT THAT WERE THERE AND I ASKED THEM HOW TRUE IS THE THE CONDITION OF OUR HOSPITAL AND THEY SAY YOU KNOW SENATOR IT'S TIME WE NEED A NEW HOSPITAL THEN I ASKED ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE A COUPLE MONTHS BACK I SAY I ASKED I SAID HOW HOW LONG IS IT GOING TO TAKE TO BUILD A HOSPITAL AND HE REMARKED 10 YEARS 10 YEARS BEFORE WE SEE A HOSPITAL I HAD A BOSS IN CUSTOMS WHO WOULD ALWAYS SAY FUNNY THINGS LIKE *MÁTAI HU PÁPA YÁO CHA' TI HU CHAGI ENÁO NA* I'LL DIE DOWN AND I'LL NEVER H HAVE TRIED THAT. I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME WE WE DO SOMETHING REAL FAST ABOUT THIS AND URGENTLY AND GET THAT HOSPITAL BUILT AND AND I I THINK COMPROMISING COMPROMISE IS WHAT WILL GET US TO THAT PLACE MUCH QUICKER THAN HAVING OUR EGOS TRAMPLE ON EACH OTHER AND STALL THIS VERY VERY IMPORTANT THING THAT WE ARE NOW TRYING TO EMBARK ON SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT FOR THIS NEW HOSPITAL *HÁYI PARA UN HONGGE PARA UN HONGGE EYU I GOBETNO-TA NI I GINEN HALE'-MU OR PUT I MEDIKU YA I YANGGEN NI BÁBA SINENTEÑ MALAGU' PARA U HÁ TSA GUE' YA HU CHULE' I UFISINÁÑA YA ILEKÑA PÁO HÁNAO PARA SANLAGU HÁYI PON HONGGE NIHI YA TA FACHUCHUI HÁFA PARA MINÁOLEK I TÁOTÁO-TA YA NIHI TA TUTUHON PÁ'GU NA DIHA YA TA HÁ TSA EYU I ESPITAT PARA TODU I TÁOTÁO-TA SIHA HOKOG HA PARA I TIHU NA PARA BAI FACHUCHUI ESTE I TÁOTÁO-TA PARA MINÁOLEK NIHA MAGOF NIHA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *BUEN PRUBECHU* SENATOR NICHOLAS. ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION ON 184 ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON 184 SENATOR TOM FISHER I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE YOU. GOOD MORNING. YOU MAY PROCEED.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES AND GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER. I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNOR'S BILL. I THINK IT IS APPARENT FOR ANYONE EVEN THE MOST CASUAL READER OF THE ORGANIC ACT WOULD REALIZE THAT CONGRESS THROUGH THE ORGANIC ACT SPECIFICALLY PLACED THE HEALTH CARE OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IN THE HANDS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. WHY AND WE ALL KNOW THERE ARE TWO BILLS WHICH WILL BE COMPETING WHY THE GUAM LEGISLATURE FEELS IT'S APPROPRIATE TO INSERT ITSELF IN A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE PLACEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL IS INAPPROPRIATE THE QUESTION WHY WE DO THAT IS BEFUDDLING ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT THIS LEGISLATURE THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE SEEMS TO HAVE SOME SORT OF AN IMPERIAL STREAK THAT LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT WE CAN CONTROL EVERY ASPECT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. I SUPPOSE IT WON'T BE TOO LONG BEFORE

WE'LL BE REACHING INTO THE JUDICIARY. THIS IS NOT OUR PLACE COLLEAGUES IT IS NOT OUR PLACE. THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM WHOEVER SHE OR HE IS OR WILL BE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM. SHE IN THIS CASE HAS MADE AN ELECTION AS IS HER DUTY TO LOCATE IDENTIFY THE APPROPRIATENESS OF A PLACE FOR THE NEW HOSPITAL. SHE HAS APPLIED HER EXPERTISE TO THIS QUESTION. NO ONE IN THIS BODY NO ONE IN THIS ROOM CAN SAY THAT THE GOVERNOR'S SELECTION IS ARBITRARY CAPRICIOUS OR UNREASONABLE IT IS AN ABSOLUTE FUNCTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH'S RESPONSIBILITY AND RIGHT. THIS SORT OF DISCUSSION WHERE WE ARE GETTING WAY OUT OF OUR LANE AND DECIDING THAT WE OURSELVES ARE GOING TO MONOPOLIZE TAKE OVER LIBERATE FROM THE GOVERNOR THE ABILITY TO TAKE CARE OF THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IS INORGANIC AND IT'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IF WE CONTINUE ON THIS PATH I FORESEE A TIME WHEN WE AS A BODY WILL BE DISCUSSING WHETHER OR NOT THE GOVERNOR'S CHOICE OF A RUG COLOR IS APPROPRIATE. WE ARE INVITING OURSELVES TO GET SO FAR IN MA'AM NO WE ARE INVITING OURSELVES ALONG A PATH WHERE WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO TREAD. THE GOVERNOR HAS MADE AN ELECTION. AGAIN IT IS A RATIONAL CHOICE WE CANNOT GAIN SAY IT. THIS IS HER CHOICE. I THINK THAT ALL OF US WILL ADHERE I HOPE TO AGAIN OUR OATH OUR DUTY AND LEGISLATE. WE ARE NOT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** DO YOU HAVE A POINT OF INFORMATION YES SPEAKER YOU MAY STATE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* YES AS TO THE IMPERIAL STREAK AND OUTSIDE OF OUR LANE I JUST WANT TO CITE THE AG'S OPINION WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT THE EAGLES FIELD LEASE AND SOME PEOPLE MADE THAT SAME. FIRST OF ALL THIS LAND BELONGS TO THE ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION THEY ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO SELL IT OR LEASE IT BEYOND 5 YEARS WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL. THAT IS SQUARELY WITHIN OUR LANE AND WHEN IT COMES TO BUILDING A HOSPITAL THE AG OPINION ON MARCH 31 2023 SAID NOTABLY IN BORDALLO V BALDWIN THE LEGISLATURE MAY OF COURSE DETERMINE WHETHER A HOSPITAL SHALL EXIST AT ALL WHERE AND HOW LARGE IT SHALL BE THE SIZE AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GOVERNING BODY AND A WIDE VARIETY OF OTHER MATTERS ESTABLISHING THE LAWS OF GUAM SUBJECT TO WHICH THE GOVERNOR PERFORMED HIS FUNCTION WITH RESPECT TO THE HOSPITAL BUT IT MAY NOT NEGATE THE COMMAND OF THE ORGANIC ACT THAT THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNANCE OF THE HOSPITAL BE IN THE GOVERNOR. THE AG OPINION ALSO STATES IN BORDALLO V BALDWIN THIS WAS A 1989 CIRCUIT CASE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO HAVE A HOSPITAL CAN FALL WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE GUAM LEGISLATURE. GUAM LEGISLATURE CLEARLY STATED IN THE GUAM 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER ACT OF 2021 AND HAS EARLIER CREATED BY STATUTE THE EXISTING GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OKA POINT TAMUNING FACILITY THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SHALL HAVE ITS OWN HOSPITAL FOR THEIR OWN EXCLUSIVE USE SO IT'S SQUARELY WITHIN OUR RESPONSIBILITY *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SPEAKER THANKS THANK YOU SPEAKER.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YOUR HONOR OR EXCUSE ME SPEAKER POINT OF ORDER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** I I WILL GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR POINT OF ORDER.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES MA'AM. I WOULD ASK THAT THE BODY TAKE DOWN THOSE RECENT REMARKS THAT WAS NO POINT OF INFORMATION THAT WAS MERELY ADVOCACY FOR A POSITION.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU DULY NOTED SENATOR FISHER. ANYBODY ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION OF BILL 184 SENATOR BROWN I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME. GOOD MORNING.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER GOOD MORNING I WAS WONDERING WHAT TO SAY ABOUT THIS BILL BUT AS I LISTEN TO SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES I GUESS I'M FORMULATING MY THOUGHTS IN MY MIND OF WHAT I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WITH THIS WHOLE ISSUE AND DEBATE WITH REGARDS TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL WHICH I'VE PUBLICLY STATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL OR AN ALTERNATIVE OF HOW WE CAN UPGRADE PARTICULARLY JUST THE TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS YOU KNOW AND THE GROWTH OF HOSPITALS THAT THAT WE WOULD CERTAINLY NEED ON GUAM. BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS WHOLE IDEA THAT THIS WHOLE HOSPITAL AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL IS WRAPPED AROUND THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM. YOU KNOW I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S OUR COLONIAL HISTORY THAT MAKES US COW TAIL TO THESE TYPE OF IDEAS BUT YOU KNOW BEING ONE OF THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE WHEN WE HAVE TO BE ADDRESSING THE FUNDING

OF THE HOSPITAL WHEN WE ARE EXPECTED BY OUR PEOPLE TO ADDRESS HEALTH CARE ISSUES AS WELL. I LOOK AT OUR CURRENT HOSPITAL NOW AND WHERE WE'RE AT AND CERTAINLY I THINK WE ALL KNOW WHERE WE'D LIKE TO BE AND WHAT WE'D LIKE TO SEE. BUT WE HAVE A TOTAL INABILITY INCLUDING THIS CURRENT ADMINISTRATION TO EFFECTIVELY OPERATE THE EXISTING FACILITY THAT WE HAVE AND I THINK TO BE OF THE IDEA THAT IF WE BUILD THE WALLS AND THE NEW STRUCTURE THAT MIRACULOUSLY WE'RE GOING TO GET QUALITY HEALTH CARE. WE CAN'T GET THAT NOW AND WE WERE PROMISED THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WERE PROMISED LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ELECTION AND WHO GOT ELECTED AND WHO WROTE ON THE ISSUE OF THEIR BACKGROUND IN HEALTH CARE AND LOOK AT THE THE BUDGET HEARING THAT I ATTENDED FOR THIS BUDGET YEAR. WHEN YOU ASK BASIC QUESTIONS LIKE WHAT DO YOU OWE YOUR VENDORS OH WE OWE OUR VENDORS \$30 MILLION. REALLY ALL THE MONEY FLOATING AROUND THAT WE'RE BAGGING BRAGGING ABOUT ALL THE EXCESS REVENUE. DON'T WE HEAR THAT THAT'S A NEW VOCABULARY WORD EXCESS REVENUE. LOOK AT ALL THE MONEY FALLING OH AIN'T WE JUST GRAND BECAUSE WE'RE IN OFFICE WE GOT ALL THIS MONEY. WOW! BOY PEOPLE AT GUAM HAVE BEEN WAITING ALL THESE YEARS JUST FOR US TO ARRIVE BECAUSE OUR MAGIC TOUCH MAKES IT HAPPEN AND YET LOOK AT THE PAPER. LOOK AT THE NEWS. WHAT MEDICATIONS DOES GMH NOT HAVE SHORTAGE OR NO SHORTAGE. ONLY NOW BECAUSE OF ACTIONS BY THIS BODY REALLY THE LEADERSHIP HAD TO COME OUT OF THIS BODY TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS AT GMH. ONLY AFTER DID THE ADMINISTRATION COME FORWARD SAY HEY WE'RE GOING TO THROW SOME MONEY IN THE POT. ALL THIS MONEY WE'VE BEEN HOLDING ON FOR SO LONG WHILE THE CRISIS IS BEFORE US. WHILE WE'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT MOLD. SENATOR JESSE I MEAN HOW MANY MONTHS AGO DID YOU GO UP TO GMH AFTER THE STORM. WE CAN'T ADDRESS THE MOLD. AND THEN OH MY GOODNESS THE AIR CONDITIONING. Hafa Adai! CAN YOU IMAGINE IN YOUR OWN HOME PURCHASING AN AIR CONDITIONING UNIT AND HAVING SIT IN THE BOX CAUSE AI ADAI WE DIDN'T GET THE ELECTRICIAN TO ASSESS OR GET THE WIRES TO CONNECT IT. THESE HIGH PAID ADMINISTRATORS AND THIS IS THE KIND OF NONSENSE THEY COME BEFORE THIS BODY AND THE PEOPLE TO JUSTIFY THEIR INEFFECTIVENESS IN PROPERLY MANAGING A FACILITY BUT NO NAI THE ANSWER PEOPLE IS WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL. WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A WHOLE MULTI COMPLEX. LET'S NOT KID OURSELVES WHY IS PUBLIC HEALTH IN MANGILAO SITTING UP THERE DETERIORATING ONLY TO FIND OUT THE PUBLIC HEARING DID THE BUILDING BURN WAS THERE A FIRE WE WE HAD SOME SMOKE. I'VE BEEN IN A YOU KNOW AT THE PORT WHEN THE THE BUILDING BURNED. WHEN IT WAS CHARRED AND WE HAD TO GO IN THERE AND CLEAN UP AND GET THAT BUILDING OPERATIONAL AGAIN. WHEN EVERY SURFACE HAD NOTHING BUT SMOKE DAMAGE ON IT AND STILL OPERATE AND STILL MOVE AND GET IT RENOVATED AND GET IT MOVING. BUT WE KNOW WHY IT'S SITTING UP THERE BECAUSE A WE DON'T WANT THAT OPERATIONAL BECAUSE WE GOT TO BUILD A COMPLEX DOWN THE ROAD. WHILE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF OUR PEOPLE ARE NOT GETTING SERVICE. FROM 13 000 A YEAR TO 3 000 ONLY. TO HAVE EMPLOYEES FROM PUBLIC HEALTH COMING FORTH AND SAYING NOT ONLY DO THEY NOT HAVE THE SPACE TO BARELY OPERATE THEMSELVES THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THE SPACE TO PROPERLY SERVE THEIR CLIENTS AND GIVE THEM THE PRIVACY THEY NEED FOR THE MEDICAL CARE THAT THEY'RE SEEKING. SO WHEN YOU SEE STUFF LIKE THIS IT'S REALLY HARD. IT'S REALLY HARD IN MY MIND TO TO UNDERSTAND THIS BIG RACE THAT NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE TO BUILD A HOSPITAL WE'VE GOT TO BUILD A WHOLE COMPLEX AND WE GOT TO BUILD IT WAY UP NORTH AWAY FROM EVERYBODY AT AN OUTRAGEOUS AMOUNT OF INFRASTRUCTURE COST. BECAUSE WE GOT A VISION THAT WILL OUTS SURVIVE THIS ADMINISTRATION AND YET THE KE KEY AREAS WHERE OUR PEOPLE SHOULD BE SERVICED AT THE THE HOSPITAL NOW AND OUT IN THE PUBLIC WITH PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS HAS DETERIORATED. AM I MAKING THIS UP PEOPLE FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DIDN'T ATTEND THAT HEARING. THAT'S THE REALITY AND IT'S NOT JUST COMING FROM US IT'S COMING FROM THE OFFICIALS THAT SERVE IN THESE AREAS THAT WORK IN THESE AREAS EVERY DAY WHEN WE WE CAN'T DO THAT AND WE THINK OH ONLY THE BIGGER VISION. CAUSE WE'RE THE ONLY ONES LIKE *AI ADAI* THAT HAVE THAT BIG VISION. WE THINK BIG AND IF YOU DON'T AGREE WITH US YOU MUST BE THINKING VERY SMALL. WHEN YOU SEE AND HEAR THIS KIND OF POLITICAL NONSENSE THAT IS IS BEING BROUGHT OUT HERE AND THEN THE GOVERNOR SITS UP THERE AND WONDERS WHY SHE DOESN'T HAVE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT. WHY HER IDEAS ARE NOT OVERWHELMINGLY EMBRACED AND LOVED AND CHERISHED. OH MY GOD THIS IS WHAT THE GOVERNOR WANTS LET'S BEND DOWN AND COW TOW. WHEN WE CAN'T DELIVER NOW. THE RECORD FOR THE ADMINISTRATION ON HEALTH CARE. WHERE ARE WE WHERE ARE WE MY DEAR COLLEAGUES SHOW ME THE SUCCESS STORIES. SHOW ME WHAT'S BEEN IMPROVED UP THERE AT THE HOSPITAL. I'M WAITING. I'M LOOKING. I'M HOPING. MAYBE AT SOME POINT I GOT TO START DREAMING BECAUSE I GUESS THOSE OF US THAT HAVE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE OH WE MUST HAVE VERY SMALL MINDS. THIS IS LOOK AT WHERE WE'RE AT TODAY WITH ALL THIS EXCESS REVENUE. WHAT DO OUR PEOPLE WANT THEY WANT A GOOD EDUCATION FOR THEIR KIDS. THEY WANT TO HAVE GOOD HEALTH CARE. GOSH EVEN NOWADAYS

THEY WANT TO HAVE SOME SENSE OF SAFETY FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILY. THEY WANT TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO LIVE HERE. COME ON WHERE ARE WE HITTING THOSE MARKS TELL ME. BUT WE HAVE THIS VISION THAT IF WE BUILD THIS NEW HOSPITAL OH MY GOODNESS MAYBE WE'LL NAME IT AFTER SOMEBODY. OUR PEOPLE MIRACULOUSLY OH HEALTH CARE IS GOING TO BE GREAT BECAUSE WE THINK IT'S THESE WALLS. BUILDING NEW WALLS THAT ARE GOING TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. HOW WE'RE GOING TO PAY FOR IT HOW WE'RE GOING TO SUSTAIN IT HOW WE'RE GOING TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE PROFESSIONAL EXPERT THAT'S GOING TO BE WORKING THERE AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO ENSURE THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE THE EQUIPMENT AND THE MEDICINES THEY NEED TO TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE WHERE ARE WE WITH THAT NOW TODAY IN 2024 WHERE ARE WE THE FACT THAT THE GUAM LEGISLATURE HONESTLY YOU KNOW SENATOR FRANK BLAS WE HAD THIS DISCUSSION WHY DID WE HAVE TO INITIATE THAT WHY WASN'T THE ADMINISTRATION COMING AND BRINGING THESE ISSUES TO LIGHT AND COMING FORTH SAYING HEY WE HAVE A CRISIS SITUATION AND THIS IS WHAT WE'RE DOING TO ADDRESS IT CAN YOU IMAGINE BEING A DIRECTOR OF A DEPARTMENT AND BEING BROUGHT DOWN HERE AND LITERALLY DRAGGED THROUGH THE THROUGH THROUGH THE CARPET TO BE TOLD HOW TO RUN YOUR AGENCY BECAUSE YOU CONSISTENTLY ARE FAILING BUT WE WANT TO BELIEVE THE THE PRAISES WE GET AND YET LOOK AT WHERE THINGS ARE AT RIGHT NOW IF WE WERE SAILING UP THERE AND MAKING SURE OUR PEOPLE GOT GOOD HEALTH CARE AND SAY OKAY LET'S KICK IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL BUT WE'RE NOT EVEN THERE YET WE'RE NOW YEAR SIX THIS IS YEAR SIX MAYBE THE FIRST FEW MONTHS MAYBE THE FIRST-YEAR GRACE PERIOD NEED TIME THEY NEED TIME TO GET GROUNDED NEED TIME TO GET ORIENTATED NEED TIME TO TAKE THE REIGNS SIX YEARS LATER AND I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE ON THIS FLOOR ANYBODY RIGHT NOW COULD HAVE BEEN THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM AND COME OUT WITH THE OUTCOME THAT WE'RE SEEING AT GMH ANYONE COULD HAVE BEEN THE GOVERNOR GUAM RIGHT NOW AND SEEING THE OUTCOME OF WHAT WE HAVE AT PUBLIC HEALTH WHERE LESS OF OUR PEOPLE ARE GETTING SERVICED AND WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE LEADERSHIP THERE AT PUBLIC HEALTH FOUR YEARS AGO OH WE HAVE SOME SMOKE DID WE GET THE BUILDING ASSESSED DID WE GET AN YOU KNOW A MASTER ELECTRICIAN IN THERE AND ASSESS THE BUILDING AND DETERMINE WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE TO CORRECT THAT ISSUE SO IT COULD BE SAFE FOR EVERYBODY NO WHAT DID WE DO WE ABANDONED IT AND WE LEFT IT THERE DID WE DO ANYTHING TO ENSURE THAT WE DIDN'T LOSE THE ABILITY TO ENSURE THE PROGRAMS WERE STILL THERE FO.R OUR PEOPLE DID WE GO OUT OF OUR WAY TO GET OUT THERE IN THE COMMUNITY MAKE SURE WE DIDN'T LOSE THOSE PEOPLE WHERE ARE THOSE 10 000 PEOPLE A YEAR NOW THAT ARE NOT GETTING SERVICED OUT THERE THAT NEED THAT SERVICE THAT DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES OTHERWISE TO GET THAT CARE OR THE MONEY TO GET IT WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THAT NOW SOME PEOPLE MIGHT THINK OH LANAT IT'S JUST BEING POLITICAL SO HEY WE DON'T LIKE THE GOVERNOR WE WE DON'T LIKE THE ADMINISTRATION CAUSE THEY'RE THE OPPOSITE PARTY GOODNESS WE HAVE WORKED OVER THE AISLE WITH ME MANY PEOPLE DEPART YOU'RE DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN I THINK WE ALL KNOW THESE ARE CRITICAL ISSUES REGARDLESS OF OUR PARTY YOU THINK OUR PEOPLE WOULD PUT UP WITH THAT BUT THAT'S THEIR RECORD I DIDN'T MAKE IT UP BECAUSE OH I DON'T LIKE THEM WHAT'S MORE DISAPPOINTING IS THE EXPECTATION WAS HIGH AND WE WERE MADE TO EXPECT A LOT AND YET HERE WE ARE SIX YEARS LATER AND WE CAN'T EVEN TAKE CARE OF THE BASIC NEEDS OF THAT HOSPITAL HOW LONG AGO WAS A TYPHOON I'LL TELL YOU IF THIS WAS DIFFERENT IF THIS IS A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR UP ON THE HILL EVERY ONE OF YOU WOULD BE UP HERE DOING THIS IF NOT MORE I'VE SEEN IT WE GET RABID AND WE ATTACK BUT IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE THE REALITY IS THERE OF WHAT WE SEE AND YET WE TRY TO GLOSS OVER ALL THAT AND PRETEND IT DOESN'T EXIST BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT MY PEOPLE DON'T DON'T LOOK HERE BECAUSE IF WE BUILD THIS LOOK AT WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE IF WE CAN'T MANAGE AND MAINTAIN WHAT WE HAVE NOW HOW CAN WE EXPECT WE'RE GOING TO GET BETTER AT A TIME WHEN THIS ADMINISTRATION AND THIS LEADERSHIP WILL NOT BE IN CHARGE HERE AND NOW IS WHAT THEY HAVE TO DELIVER ON AND I HAVEN'T SEEN IT YET I HAD HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE THERE BECAUSE BOY WE NEEDED THAT LEADERSHIP AND WE NEEDED THAT DIRECTION ALL THE BRAGGING OH MY GOODNESS WHEN THEY SAT ON THE BOARD DURING THE CAMACHO ADMINISTRATION THE HOSPITAL GOT ACCREDITED UMBE NAI AND NOW THAT WE'RE IN CHARGE OF IT ALL THE HOSPITAL AND THE ADMINISTRATION THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ARE WE ANY BETTER OFF ALL OF A SUDDEN WE DON'T CARE WHAT THE DOCTORS WANT WE DON'T CARE WHAT THE ME THE MEDICAL FILLED PEOPLE WANT HERE WE'RE GOING TO DECIDE BUT YOU KNOW WHAT IF WE'RE EXPECTED AND WE'RE ALSO ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE WARTS AND ALL TO REPRESENT THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC TO ENSURE THAT YEAH YOU KNOW IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THESE STATEMENTS OR WE'RE GOING TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO DELIVER THAT WE ACTUALLY CAN AND THAT WE HAVE THE MONEY THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN AFFORD ALL THE DREAMS WE WANT TO GIVE THEM BUT MY DEAR COLLEAGUES WHEN WE CAN'T EVEN SEE THAT NOW AT A TIME WHEN WE BRAG ABOUT EXCESS REVENUE AND I'LL TELL YOU WHEN IT STARTS SLIDING DOWN AND IT WILL

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PAY FOR IT ALL HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR THE DREAM I THINK WE ALL WANT A LOT OF THINGS BUT CAN YOU AFFORD IT AT THE END OF THE DAY WE CAN'T DO IT NOW WE CAN'T DO IT NOW WE GOT ALL THIS FEDERAL MONEY SITTING THAT WE'RE HOLDING ON THAT WE'VE BEEN HOLDING ON TO FOR HOW MANY YEARS NOW AND ALL THEY CAN PRODUCE ARE PRESS RELEASES AND ATTACKS AND PRESS RELEASES AND LITTLE MORE ATTACKS I WISH THEY'D TAKE ALL THAT EFFORT AND PUT IT INTO TANGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS AND BENEFITS THAT WE COULD ACTUALLY SEE AT THE HOSPITAL LIKE GET THOSE AIR CONDITIONERS HOOKED UP AND GET THAT MOLD ADDRESS AND MAKE SURE YOUR VENDORS ARE GETTING PAID SO YOU HAVE A LINE OF CREDIT THAT YOUR VENDORS WANT TO DELIVER THE MEDICATIONS THAT ARE NEEDED BY OUR PEOPLE GOSH THE EXPLANATIONS WE GET OH WE JUST WORK WITH OTHER VENDORS REALLY WE GOT A LINE OF VENDORS JUST WAITING TO STAND IN LINE TO NOT GET PAID WHAT A THE SAME OLD STORY OUR PEOPLE DESERVE BETTER THAN THIS IF I THOUGHT IT WOULD ALL GET RESOLVED BY BUILDING THE NEW HOSPITAL I'D BE LIKE AMEN WHY NOT SOUNDS LIKE AN EASY ROUTE AND WE CAN ALL TAKE CREDIT FOR IT WOW I THINK YOU KNOW IT'S NOT THE TALK IT'S THE DOING IT'S THE ACTION IT'S A REALITY OF WHERE WE'RE AT AND IF THEY CANNOT THIS ADMINISTRATION CANNOT DELIVER NOW WHEN THEY'RE AT THE HELM TO MANAGE THE HOSPITAL MANAGE OUR PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS HOW ARE WE SOMEHOW GOING TO EXPECT THAT THEIR GRAND IDEA OF A MEDICAL COMPLEX THAT THEY NOW WANT TO TAKE ANCESTRAL LANDS TO BUILD ON IS GOING TO MIRACULOUSLY ADDRESS ALL OUR HEALTH CARE NEEDS AND THAT OUR PEOPLE SHOULD FEEL SAFE IT'S REALLY HARD TO BUY THIS STORY WHEN THIS IS WHERE WE'RE AT UNFORTUNATELY MADAM SPEAKER SO WITH THAT I WILL CONCLUDE MY COMMENTS THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE WELCOME SENATOR BROWN ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN SMALL MOTION SENATOR PARKINSON I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME AND THEN SENATOR TAITAGUE DID YOU RAISE YOUR HAND OKAY SENATOR PARKINSON YOU MAY PROCEED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM MADAM CHAIR I'VE THOUGHT LONG AND HARD ABOUT THIS HOSPITAL BUSINESS IN MY TIME TALKING TO PEOPLE JUST AROUND THE ISLAND THE SENTIMENT I'VE HAVE SEEN IS THAT TO THE AVERAGE GUAMANIAN THEY DON'T REALLY CARE WHERE A HOSPITAL IS BUILT AS LONG AS ONE IS BUILT AND THE MORE I GO ALONG THIS PROCESS THE MORE I SHARE THAT SENTIMENT THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS I HAVE HEARD THREE DIFFERENT PROPOSALS FOR HOW WE CAN ADDRESS THE HOSPITAL FIRST LET'S HAVE ONE IN MANGILAO SECOND LET'S HAVE ONE IN TAMUNING AND THE THIRD LET'S BUY ONE FROM A RICH LOCAL BUSINESSMAN THAT ALREADY EXISTS AND JUST MOVE IN I THINK ALL OF THOSE SOLUTIONS ARE VALID AND I THINK ALL OF THOSE SOLUTIONS HAVE PROBLEMS THAT BEING SAID WHAT IS PLAGUING THE LEGISLATURE AND THE ISLAND IN GENERAL IS OUR REFUSAL TO CHOOSE ONCE WE CHOOSE ONE REGARDLESS OF THE VALIDITIES OR THE PROBLEMS WE DEAL WITH IT AND WE HANDLE IT AND WE COMMIT TO THE PROCESS BECAUSE THIS PROCESS IS NOT QUICK IT IS A MULTI-YEAR PROCESS AND BY US BEING HAMSTRUNG HERE FOR SIX YEARS NOW ALL WE'RE DOING IS DELAYING THE START OF A LENGTHY PROCESS EVEN MORE OF ALL THE THREE VIABLE SOLUTIONS THE GOVERNOR CLEARLY WANTS MANGILAO AND KUDOS TO MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR FISHER FOR MENTIONING THAT THIS IS THE CALL OF THE EXECUTIVE HE IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT AND SO WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO ASK OURSELVES AS A BODY AND AS A SOCIETY IS DO WE WANT THIS HOSPITAL STARTED IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS OR DO WE WANT THIS STARTED IN 2028 WHY 2028 BECAUSE THE GOV CLEARLY WANTS THE HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WANTS IT AND IF THE LEGISLATURE WILL NOT SUPPORT HER IN THAT THEN THERE IS NO POINT IN THESE CONVERSATIONS LET'S JUST PACK UP THIS CONVERSATION TILL 2028 BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT FOR A NEW GOVERNOR THIS LEGISLATURE IS GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT FOR A NEW GOVERNOR THAT COMES CORRECT OTHERWISE WE ARE NEVER GOING TO GET THE HOSPITAL BUILT AND IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT LET'S OWN IT LET'S OWN THAT WE'RE GOING TO SHUT DOWN HOSPITAL NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL WE GET OUR WAY WE GET IT IN TAMUNING OR ELSE WE GET A NEW GOVERNOR THAT'LL GIVE IT TO US IF THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO FINE THEN LET'S DO THAT AS A BODY BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I CHOOSE I CAN'T WAIT TILL 2028 I CAN'T WAIT TILL 2026 FOR A NEW GOVERNOR TO GET ELECTED TO BE SWORN IN IN 2027 TO FIGHT TO GET IT ON THE AGENDA ALL YEAR BECAUSE YOU KNOW THIS LEGISLATURE NOTHING EVER GOES SMOOTH WITH US AND THEN MAYBE IF THIS IS THE BEST GOVERNOR WE'VE EVER HAD SINCE SLICED BREAD MAYBE IT GETS ON THE AGENDA IN 2028 AND MAYBE WE JUST START TO GET OUR ACT TOGETHER BY 2030 THAT'S WHAT WE ARE SAYING IF WE REJECT THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL THAT WE ARE WILLING TO WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE DECADE RATHER THAN WORK WITH HER AND IF THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING LET'S OWN THAT BUT I CAN'T WAIT I HAVE A BABY GIRL COMING I'D LIKE HER TO HAVE A HOSPITAL I'D LIKE HER TO HAVE A HOSPITAL AS SHE GROWS UP AND NOT HAVE TO BE DEPENDENT ON FLYING OFF ISLAND FOR OUR MEDICAL



NEEDS AND I'D LIKE EVERYBODY'S CHILDREN TO NOT HAVE TO FLY OFF ISLAND TO ADDRESS THEIR MEDICAL NEEDS BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE CAN'T SOME PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THAT PRIVILEGE AND SO IT IS OUR DUTY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY COULD ACCESS THOSE SERVICES HERE AT HOME AND BY FIGHTING THIS BY SAYING THAT WE KNOW BETTER THAN THE GOVERNOR WE'RE GOING TO DO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH'S JOB FOR HER WELL ALL WE'RE JUST SAYING IS WE DON'T WANT A HOSPITAL TILL THE END OF THE DECADE AND SO I CAN'T WAIT I CAN'T I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS BILL I'M GOING TO SUPPORT ANY BILL THAT TRIES TO ERECT A HOSPITAL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND BY SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S BILL I BELIEVE THAT IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO GETTING A HOSPITAL ERECTED YES THERE ARE VALIDITIES TO THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN YES THERE ARE HUGE PROBLEMS WITH HER PLAN BUT THAT WILL BE TRUE OF ANY SITE WE SELECT SO LET'S MAKE IT DECISION DO WE WANT TO BUILD A HOSPITAL NOW OR DO WE WANT TO DRAG OUR FEET AS A LEGISLATURE AND WAIT TILL THE END OF THE DECADE I CAN'T WAIT AND I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES CAN'T WAIT AS WELL AND WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR WILL PARKINSON ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR TAITAGUE I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES YOU KNOW FIRST I WANT TO MAKE SURE MADAM SPEAKER THAT IT DOES STAY IN THE RECORD THE COMMENTS MADE BY OUR SPEAKER SPEAKER TERLAJE WITH REGARDS TO WHAT SHE WAS QUOTING THAT WAS LEGITIMATE AN LEGITIMATE OPINION THAT SHOULD STAY IN THE RECORD I I JUST HOPE I I KNOW YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THAT MADAM SPEAKER OR CALLED THAT IT' BE STRICKEN OUT BECAUSE THE LAST TIME I CHECKED THERE ARE THREE BRANCHES IN THIS GOVERNMENT THAT IS RECOGNIZED IN THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM THREE BRANCHES AND THEY'RE USED FOR THE CHECKS AND BALANCES FOR THIS GOVERNMENT CHECKS AND BALANCES LET'S REMEMBER THAT TRANSPARENCY ACCOUNTABILITY NOW WHETHER WE WANT TO WORK TOGETHER THOSE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT IS ANOTHER STORY MADAM SPEAKER WHEN I RAN IN 2018 I RAN ON THE PLATFORM OF A NEW HOSPITAL THE FIRST LEGISLATION I INTRODUCED WHEN I WAS ELECTED IN THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE WAS A TASK FORCE A TASK FORCE TO LOOK AT BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL A TASK FORCE TO ALSO ADDRESS THE CURRENT HOSPITAL AS WE MOVE TOWARD THAT THE GOVERNOR DIDN'T WANT TO SIGN THIS BILL A SIMPLE BILL THAT WOULD ACTUALLY BRING ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS TO THE TABLE OUR MEDICAL COMMUNITY THIS BODY THE AVERAGE CONSTITUENT THE ADMINISTRATION THE AGENCIES ALL TO COME TOGETHER AND WORK ON THIS TOGETHER THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN SHE CITED DECIDED TO DO IT HER WAY AND FOR US WE ALL TOOK THE HIGHWAY IS WHAT SHE POINTED IN THE DIRECTION FOR EVERYBODY ELSE WHO WANTED TO BE INVOLVED BECAUSE THEY KNOW THE IMPORTANCE THAT ITS TIME TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL IN A TIME IS NOW THAT WAS IN THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE MADAM SPEAKER BUT INSTEAD WHAT SHE DOES IS HAS HER OWN GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT SHE WANTED IN A TASK FORCE THAT DIDN'T INCLUDE US BUT I WASN'T GOING TO LET THAT HAPPEN I WAS GOING TO STILL BE INVOLVED I SHOWED UP AT THOSE MEETINGS IT WAS ON ZOOM DURING THE TIME I KNOW THAT SPEAKER'S OFFICE AS A CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH ALSO MADE AN EFFORT TO LISTEN IN ON WHAT WAS GOING ON BUT OF COURSE WE WEREN'T INVITED TO BE PART OF THE TASK FORCE JUST TO STAND IN THE SIDELINES AND WATCH SO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THIS IS THE KIND OF GOVERNOR THAT WE HAVE THE HIGHWAY OR HER WAY OR THE HIGHWAY MAKING DEALS WITH CERTAIN IN THIS BODY TO GET THEIR VOTE NO MATTER IF IT IT HURTS OUR COMMUNITY OR TAKES THE SAFETY AWAY FROM OUR CHILDREN IN THIS COMMUNITY BY PASSING CERTAIN LAWS JUST TO WIN SOMEBODY'S VOTE THAT'S THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT TODAY SHAME I DON'T I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I'VE HAD TO SAY THAT IN THE THREE YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN HERE SHAME ON THIS ADMINISTRATION IF YOU LOOK AT THE LOGIC OF THESE TWO BILLS THAT THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE HEARD TODAY YOU LOOK AT THE COST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THE BURDEN THE SHOULDERING OF THIS AMOUNT THAT'S GOING TO BE PLACED ON OUR CHILDREN OUR GRANDCHILDREN EVEN OUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN THAT BY TIME WE TRY AND PAY THIS OFF OUR HOSPITAL IT'S IT'S ALREADY TIME TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL BECAUSE IT'S ALREADY SHOWED IN THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS THAT HOSPITALS USUALLY ONLY LAST FOR ABOUT 45 TO 50 YEARS BEFORE IT NEEDS TO BE MAJOR OVERHAUL OR A NEW HOSPITAL BE MADE OR BE BUILT HERE WE'RE TRYING TO BUILD A CENTURY 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE FACILITY I CALL IT THE TAJ MAHAL THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT OUR PEOPLE DESERVE THE BEST HEALTH CARE THERE IS NO DOUBT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THAT FOR YEARS BUT WHEN THEY SAY IF WE BUILD IT THEY WILL COME IT'S BEEN PROVEN BY OUR OWN PHYSICIANS ON THIS ISLAND THAT'S NOT THE CASE THAT IS NOT THE CASE IF WE NEED SPECIALISTS WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY NOW WITH TECHNOLOGY ON TELEMEDICINE BUT WE DON'T NEED A TAJ MAHAL TO BE ABLE

TO SPEAK TO SOMEBODY ON TELEMEDICINE AN ELABORATE BALLROOM SOCIAL HALL TO GET THE CARE WE NEED HERE IT'S THE COST MY DEAR COLLEAGUES THE COST AND THIS IS WHERE THE CHECKS AND BALANCES COME INTO PLAY CAN WE AFFORD IT IS IT FEASIBLE EVERY SINGLE PERSON ON THIS ISLAND WHEN THEY LOOK IN THEIR CHECKBOOK AND MAKE ANY KIND OF PAYMENTS AT ALL THEY SAY OKAY CAN I AFFORD THIS I I APOLOGIZE I FORGOT TO PUT MY RINGER ON I'LL PAY THE FINE OKAY BUT CAN WE AFFORD THIS ABSOLUTELY NOT RIGHT NOW WE ARE SEEING AN EXODUS MY DEAR COLLEAGUES AN EXODUS FROM THIS ISLAND AND IF ANYTHING THAT'S GROWING IN POPULATION HERE IT'S THE MILITARY ARE THEY EXPANDING THEIR HOSPITAL BECAUSE DOG ON IT THEY SHOULD WE KNOW THEY'RE HELPING OUT THE VA BY RENTING SPACE OVER GMRC THEY'RE MAKING EFFORTS BUT WE NEED TO LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS ELSE WE WILL LOSE EVERYTHING HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU SEEN PEOPLE PURCHASE THINGS THEY CAN'T AFFORD LATER ON IT'S REPOSSESSED OR THEY PUT THEMSELVES IN A PREDICAMENT WHERE THEY LOSE EVERYTHING NOT JUST WHAT THEY PURCHASE BUT EVERYTHING DO WE REALLY WANT TO DO THIS TO THE NEXT GENERATION WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE HERE IN THE NEXT 5 10 YEARS OR MAYBE SOME OF US WILL THE YOUNGER ONES MIGHT OTHERS WILL RETIRE BUT IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TODAY TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAKE OF ALL THOSE VOTES THAT YOU RECEIVED FROM THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WHO ENTRUSTED YOU TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT'S NOT OKAY SIGN MY BILL AND THEN I'LL VOTE FOR YOUR BILL OR MAKE DEALS ON THE SIDELINE THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THIS ISLAND PLEASE PEOPLE THINK OF THAT LET'S ALSO THINK ABOUT ANCESTRAL LANDS ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT CAME OUT HERE TO PROTEST ON THE EAGLES FIELD THAT BULL DIDN'T PASS LUCKILY NOW WE'RE LOOKING AT CROWN'S PROPERTY THE ANSWER LET ME TELL YOU ONE THING IF WE SELL THE LAND IF ANCESTRAL LANDS SELLS THE LANDS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM YOU'RE LOOKING AT ABOUT 12 MILLION THEY HAVEN'T DONE THE APPRAISALS FOR THIS AND THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO GET TWO APPRAISALS ABOUT 12 MILLION IF THEY LEASE THE LAND BASED ON THE APPRAISAL AMOUNT IN A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF 8% TO 7% YOU'RE LOOKING IN 50 50 YEARS WILL BE \$44 MILLION UNLEASING IT I'M SURE THIS IS GOING TO GENERATE MONEY IF THEY LEASE IT IT'S BETTER OFF TO LEASE IT IF YOU ASK ME AND I'M SURE THEY'RE LOOKING AT SOME FUNDS COMING IN BUT I CAN TELL YOU EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHOSE LAND WAS TAKEN AWAY EITHER THROUGH THE MILITARY LANDS TIYAN AIRPORT LANDS THAT WERE TAKEN AWAY THEY WANT LAND BACK THAT'S MORE PRECIOUS TO THEM THAN A FEW DOLLARS BECAUSE THE ROOTS THAT WERE STRIPPED FROM THEM CAN BE REBUILT WITH THE FAMILY THEY HAVE TODAY AND THEIR CHILDREN TO BUILD ROOTS ON LAND AND START AGAIN SO THAT SOMEDAY THEY CAN SAY WE ARE FROM MANGILAO MY GRANDFATHER GOT THIS LAND AND NOW MY CHILDREN WILL HAVE THIS LAND AND IT'LL GO ON FOR GENERATIONS THAT'S WHAT'S MORE PRECIOUS TO THE PEOPLE IS LAND AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE CROWN LANDS TO BE PUT IN A LOTTERY INSTEAD OF GETTING FUNDING FOR LANDS THAT WILL NEVER BE BROUGHT BACK TO THEM THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE LAND LAND THE MOST PRECIOUS COMMODITY ON THIS ISLAND AND HERE WE ARE JUST READY TO TAKE IT AWAY AND GIVE PENNIES ON THE DOLLAR OR RELEASE IT AND THEY STILL HAVE NOT ADDRESSED HOW THESE FUNDS WILL BE GENERATED BUT I CAN TELL YOU ONE THING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUTTING THESE CROWN LANDS INTO A LOTTERY FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHOSE LAND WERE TAKEN AWAY IS IS REAL IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY LET'S NOT FORGET THAT MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL IN DECIDING ON THIS BILL THE LAST THING IS THIS IT MAY COST THE GOVERNMENT QUITE A BIT OF MONEY AND IF YOU THINK THAT OH WELL WE'LL JUST BUILD THE HOSPITAL FIRST AND THEN LATER ON BUILD A YOU KNOW THE BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS CENTER THE VETERANS CLINIC THE YOU KNOW THAT THAT'S NOT THAT'S NOT TRUE WHY ARE YOU GOING TO PURCHASE SO MUCH PROPERTY IF YOUR INTENTIONS ARE NOT TO REALLY BUILD THIS TAJ MAHAL OF A HEALTH CARE FACILITY WE KNOW IT'S ONCE IT GOES THIS DIRECTION IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN THAT WAY BUT DID ANYBODY STOP TO THINK ABOUT THE COST OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR THE HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS THE HOSPITAL THAT TAKES CARE OF OUR PEOPLE THE MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WERE SPENT IN AN AREA TO SUPPORT WHERE THE HOSPITAL IS TODAY AND HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST THEM TO MOVE THEIR FACILITIES AND MOST ESPECIALLY HOW MANY OF THEM ARE GOING TO GIVE UP AND SAY THAT'S IT I'M DONE HONEY LET'S PACK UP AND MOVE MOVE SOMEWHERE ELSE AND TAKE MY HEALTH CARE CLINIC SOMEWHERE ELSE SELL IT OFF WE STAND TO LOSE PHYSICIANS BECAUSE OF THIS I'M HEARING ALREADY CERTAIN BUILDINGS ARE BEING PUT UP FOR SALE CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ARE BEING PUT UP FOR SALE IF THIS BILL DOES NOT PASS AT LEAST WE HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE TO KEEP WHAT WE HAVE HERE TODAY ON OUR ISLAND SO WE REALLY REALLY NEED TO PUT YOUR CONSCIENCE INTO THIS AND YOU DEFINITELY HAVE TO REMEMBER WHY YOU WERE VOTED INTO THIS BODY THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM NOT JUST ONE PERSON WHO SAYS IT'S MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

## NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR TAITAGUE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE A ONE-MINUTE RECESS FOR AUDIO EQUIPMENT AND THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM THE VICE SPEAKER ONE MINUTE RECESS.

## RECESS

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS AUDIO'S BEEN FIXED SO CONTINUING ON BILL 184 THE VICE SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS MEASURE AND BEFORE I START MY OFFICIAL PRESENTATION I JUST WANT TO NOTE TO YOU AND MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE RECORD THAT THE BIASNESS I HAVE ABOUT GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS BECAUSE I LITERALLY WAS RAISED THERE MY MOTHER THE LATE ANN MUNA LITERALLY HAD MORE THAN 60 YEARS AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FROM ITS ORIGINAL HOSPITAL AFTER THE WAR TO TO HER DEATH LITERALLY AFTER WORKING MANY DECADES AS AN EMPLOYEE RISING UP TO THE RANKS AND EVEN BEING A CHAIRPERSON TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GMH PASTORIAL CARE AND TAKING CARE OF THE HOSPITAL CHAPEL FOR MANY MANY DECADES WAS ALSO IN HER HEART SO I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I I BROUGHT THAT UP TO MY COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I'VE I'VE BEEN SPENDING THESE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS LISTENING TO TO TO OUR TO OUR COMMUNITY TO OUR CONSTITUENTS AND ENGAGING WITH STAKEHOLDERS OVER WHAT IS THE BEST PLAN TO MOVE PAST OUR CURRENT HEALTH CARE OFFERINGS TODAY THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS NOT IN THE SHAPE TO MEET OUR NEEDS WE ALL KNOW THAT LET ALONE OUR ISLAND'S NEEDS IN THE FUTURE WE ALL KNOW THE TROUBLES THERE THE DETERIORATING FACILITY THE INADEQUATE PARKING THE CONSTANT EROSION FROM SALT SPRAY TODAY MADAM SPEAKER OUR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IS DECENTRALIZED AND EVEN YEARS AFTER A FIRE COST THIS IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS TO DISPERSE AND JUST RECENTLY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES WORKERS TESTIFIED TO THIS BODY THAT THEIR CLIENTS ARE STILL CONFUSED AS TO WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN REHOUSED TOO MADAM SPEAKER COLLEAGUES TODAY OUR VETERANS HAVE AN INADEQUATE COMMUNITY CLINIC AND A LACK OF SPECIALTY CARE SOME ARE WAITING WEEKS TO SEE A DOCTOR SOME WAIT FOR MONTHS TO PLAN OFF ISLAND APPOINTMENTS AND DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS FROM OUR HOSPITAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF DESPITE A LOT OF EMPATHY FROM OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS WE IN GOVERNMENT MADAM SPEAKER WE WE IN GOVERNMENT NEED TO DO BETTER FOR OUR ISLAND PEOPLE AND THAT IS WHERE THIS MADAM SPEAKER AND ANOTHER MEASURE ON OUR AGENDA COMES IN TO LITERALLY DETERMINE THE WAY FORWARD TO BEGIN THE PROCESS THAT WILL END IN GENERATIONAL CHANGE FOR THE BETTER THAT ANSWER MADAM SPEAKER ISN'T SO EASY TO DETERMINE AS MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER ONLY BLACK AND WHITE ISSUES BUT AFTER COUNTLESS MEETINGS AND CONVERSATIONS I'D LIKE TO SHARE SOME OF THE THINGS I'M CONSIDERING AND I'M THINKING OF OF COURSE ABOUT THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF THIS AND THE ALTER AND AND THE ALTERNATIVE SITE BUT I'M ALSO THINKING ABOUT WHAT INVESTMENTS WILL BE LONGER LASTING WHICH POTENTIAL DOLLAR USED WILL OUR ISLANDS STILL BE BENEFITING FROM 10 20 OR 50 YEARS FROM NOW IT'S OBVIOUS THAT WE SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT PROPOSALS ARE PRACTICAL NEEDS AND WHICH ARE OPTIONAL WANTS BUT MADAM SPEAKER I'M ALSO CONSIDERING WHAT LIMITATIONS WE ALWAYS END UP SETTling FOR AND WHAT QUALITY SERVICES WE DESERVE BUT WE NEVER COMPLAIN ABOUT NOT GETTING COLLEAGUES MY COLLEAGUES A GOOD PLAN MIGHT BE BETTER IN THE SHORT TERM IT MAY BE MORE AFFORDABLE IT MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED QUICKER QUICKER AND MAY AND IT MAY BE EASIER TO ACHIEVE BUT I ASK YOU BUT DOES THAT MEAN THAT OUR PEOPLE SHOULD BE DENIED A BETTER OPTION OR EVEN THE BEST OPTION SHOULD A RESERVATION TO WORK HARDER BE THE REASON WE SETTLE ON A SOLUTION WITH NO POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH SHOULD WE SETTLE FOR A CHEAPER SOLUTION BECAUSE IT WOULD BE EASIER TO FIND THE FUNDING FOR IT SHOULD WE CHOOSE A SITE THAT CAN ADDRESS ONE OF OUR HEALTH CARE PROBLEMS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OTHERS FOR ME MADAM SPEAKER EVEN IF IT MAY BE HARD FOR ALL TO UNDERSTAND I AM LEANING TOWARD A MORE HOPEFUL A MORE COMPLETE SOLUTION YES IT MAY REQUIRE TOUGH WORK WE MAY NEED TO BE MORE DILIGENT IN OUR OVERSIGHT AND I'M CONFIDENT I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS BODY HAS SHOWN IT DOES NOT SHY AWAY FROM HARD WORK AND WE WILL ACTIVELY ACTIVELY WATCH OVER THIS GOVERNMENT TO BETTER INFORM THE PUBLIC OF ITS ACTIONS THERE'S A FUTURE THAT WE CAN LIVE IN IF WE ALLOW OUR GOVERNMENT TO PLAN FOR A MEDICAL CAMPUS IT IS ONE WHERE PRIMARY URGENT AND EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE ARE ALL IN CLOSE PROXIMITY IT'S A FUTURE WITH ROOM TO GROW TO MEET NEEDS WE CAN'T FORESEE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE WON'T PREDICT THIS

HEALTH CARE COMPLEX WON'T BE FINISHED MADAM SPEAKER UNDER THIS GOVERNOR THE FULL EXPANSION WON'T BE FINISHED UNDER THE NEXT GOVERNOR AND THERE WILL PROBABLY BE MORE ROOM FOR THE GOVERNOR AFTER THAT TO BRING THEIR OWN EXECUTIVE INFLUENCE TO THIS SITE SO MY SUPPORT FOR THIS MEASURE IS NOT TIED TO ANY SUPPORT FOR THIS ADMINISTRATION OR ANY MAGA'HAGA IT'S BECAUSE IN MY HEART TRULY MADAM SPEAKER I THINK IT'S THE STRATEGY THAT WE NEED FOR THE FUTURE AND WHEN DONE RIGHT IT'LL RESULT IN THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE OUR PEOPLE DESERVE I KNOW THERE IS A COMPETING MEASURE ON THIS AGENDA AND I'M ASKING MY COLLEAGUES TO AT LEAST ALLOW THIS BILL OR BOTH BILLS A FULL UP AND DOWN VOTE AT THE END OF THE SESSION AND BEFORE I END MADAM SPEAKER I I I DID HAVE A A QUESTION FOR THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S YOU OR IT HAS TO DO WITH ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION AND IF I CAN STATE THE QUESTION FIRST MADAM SPEAKER WHEN THE LAST TIME THE ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION EARNED REVENUE THROUGH A LEASE YOU KNOW WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THE ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION EARNED REVENUE THROUGH A LEASE OR SELL OF PROPERTY IN THEIR INVENTORY AND HOW MUCH IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO COMPENSATE THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR EIGHT THROUGH THE GUAM ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION.

**NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES**

**SENATOR BARNETT:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER SPEAKER TERLAJE DO YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES I WOULD YIELD TO THAT QUESTION AS THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR OF ANCESTRAL LANDS WE DID HAVE AN OVERSIGHT HEARING OF THE ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION ON ONE OF THE DAYS THAT WE HAD A HEARING ON THIS BILL SO THAT WE COULD FLUSH THAT OUT AND SO THEY TESTIFIED THEY THEY ARE ACTUALLY NOT AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO SELL ANY OF THEIR PROPERTY SO THEY HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO LEASE AND THEY ARE UNDER CURRENT LEASES I THINK YOU READ IN THE NEWSPAPER THEY'RE ACTUALLY OWED FOR SOME OF THEIR CURRENT LEASES IN THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS HOWEVER THEY DO HAVE 11 MILLION IN THE LAND BANK IT'S CALLED THAT'S THEIR CASH INVENTORY THAT'S THE MONEY THAT IF THAT'S THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TOGETHER WITH ANY MONEY THAT THEY RECEIVE ACCORDING TO THIS BILL.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MR SPEAKER IF I MAY MAYBE JUST JUST FOR PERSPECTIVE AND AND AND TO BE INCLUSIVE AND BRING PARODY ACROSS FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION AT THIS TIME JUST SO THE PUBLIC CAN BE MADE AWARE OF OUR OUR RESPECTIVE RECORDS IN A SESSION CONVENED BY THIS BODY IN SEPTEMBER OF 2021 THE GUAM LEGISLATURE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE \$600 MILLION TO BUILD A HEALTH CARE CENTER AND TO BE CLEAR THIS LAW CODIFIED AS PUBLIC LAW 36-56 CALLS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HEALTH CARE CAMPUS A PLANNED IN INTENDED ACCORDING TO THE LEGISLATURE TO INCLUDE ALL HEALTH CARE AGENCIES OF THIS GOVERNMENT THAT INCLUDES ALL THE HEALTH CARE AGENCIES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SO OF COURSE GMH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND I JUST THINK MR SPEAKER THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE AND FAIR FOR OUR PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT THE MEMBERS STILL SERVING IN THIS BODY VOTED FOR THIS VISION OR FOR A VISION AND AND SO I JUST FOR FOR RECORD SAKE I MOVE FOR BILL 126-36 AND I KNOW I'M CORRECT BECAUSE I HAD MY STAFF RESEARCH IT BE APPENDED TO THE DIGEST FOR THIS BILL ONLY TO GIVE THE PERSPECTIVE OF WHAT WAS VOTED AND AND IT CAN BE DONE SO IT'S JUST A MOTION TO APPEND THAT PUBLIC LAW THAT CODIFICATION TO THIS BILL FOR RECORD SO THERE'S A MOTION I KNOW IT'S NOT DEBATABLE BUT I'M ASKING THAT IT BE APPENDED TO THE THE THE RECORD IF IT'S OKAY AND THEN THEN THEN I WILL CLOSE AND THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER ON THE MOTION TO APPEND BILL 126-36 SAY AGAIN.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** NO ONE TWO LET ME LET ME GET IT RIGHT SO IT IT'S ONE TWO IT'S 121-36 IT'S THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE BECAUSE WE'RE IN THE 37TH.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** ON THE MOTION TO ADD BILL 121-36 YOU DON'T WANT TO ADD IT THE PUBLIC LAW TO THE LEGISLATIVE.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** NO YEAH BUT IT WAS CONFIDE BUT IT WAS SO I JUST WANTED TO APPEND IT FOR THE RECORD.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** SO ON THE MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** TO THE JOURNAL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THE PUBLIC LAW OR THE BILL VICE SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** WE CAN HAVE LEGAL DO THE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S THE RIGHT JOURNAL THE RIGHT THE RIGHT BILL BUT IT IS 121-36 AND AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND VOTED ON.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** LET'S TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS FOR SOME CLARIFICATION.

**RECESS**

**SENATOR BARNETT:** WE'RE BACK SO AGAIN THE MOTION VICE SPEAKER DID YOU WANT TO RESTATE YOUR MOTION.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** TO CLARIFY TO BE CLEAR THE VOTING RECORD MADAM SPEAKER TO BE FAIR THE VOTING RECORD OF 121-36.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** ON THE MOTION TO APPEND THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR BILL 184-37 WITH THE VOTING RECORD FOR BILL 121-36 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION APPENDED TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR BILL 184-37 SO AGAIN THE MOTION COLLEAGUES IS TO APPEND THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE BILL CURRENTLY DISCUSSING.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** NO THE VOTING SHEET.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** SO WE'RE GOING TO BUT WE'RE GOING TO ADD THE VOTING SHEET TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THIS BILL.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YES SIR THE VOTING SHEET THANKS.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** ON THE MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION OKAY SEEING NONE MOTION PASSES VICE SPEAKER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR SPEAKER AND AGAIN WE HAVE TO MAKE THE THE TOUGH DECISIONS MADAM SPEAKER MEAN MR SPEAKER I WAS IN PUERTO RICO LOOKING AT A VETERANS HOSPITAL THAT WAS BUILT IN 1968 AND WHEN I SAW IT I WAS IN AWE OF HOW BRAND NEW WOULD STILL LOOK AND THE VETERANS HOSPITAL THAT THAT THE VETERANS AFFAIRS BUILT THE NEW ONE 10 YEARS AGO AND BOTH OF THEM STILL LOOK BRAND NEW AND I KNOW THAT THAT'S AN MAY BE A FAR DREAM TO REACH BUT I KNOW THAT IF WE COLLABORATIVELY WORK TOGETHER AND LOOK AT THE INENT OF WHAT WE DID EVEN IN PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES I THINK THAT THAT THAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS BUILDING OF A HOSPITAL FOR OUR PEOPLE OF GUAM MAYBE NOT HOPEFULLY BEFORE THE END OF MY LIFETIME *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS MEASURE 184 SAINA MA'ASE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER ON THE MAIN MOTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION ON THE MAIN MOTION COLLEAGUES ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE BILL GOING ONCE ON ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYBODY WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE BILL AGAIN IF THERE'S NO ONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION I'LL TURN IT OVER TO SPEAKER FOR THE CLOSE ON THE MAIN MOTION NO ONE WISHES TO SPEAK OKAY SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU AGAIN TO ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE DEBATE ON THE BILL AND I THINK THIS IS THE GOAL OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO ON BOTH OF THESE BILLS IS WE'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO DO OUR JOBS AND I WANT TO COMMEND THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THEIR JOB TO BE HERE LAY OUT THE FACTS DO COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS LISTEN TO TESTIMONY AND WEIGH THE DECISIONS THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE COUNTING ON US THEY'RE NOT LOOKING TO US TO HIDE OUR HEADS IN THE SAND AND CLOSE OUR EYES AND SAY WHATEVER YOU SAY WE WILL DO THAT'S NOT HOW THIS IS SUPPOSED TO WORK WE ARE A LEGISLATURE AND I REALLY WONDER WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE IF IT'S NOT IN THE AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE EVEN THE GOVERNOR RECOGNIZES SHE CANNOT TAKE LAND OUT OF THE ANCESTRAL LAND BANK THAT WOULD VIOLATE LAW EVEN SHE RECOGNIZES IF SHE WANTS TO TAKE LAND OUT OF CHAMORRO LAND TRUST SHE NEEDS LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL IF SHE WANTS TO DO A LEASE OVER 5 YEARS SHE NEEDS LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SO THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS HOW WE WORK

TOGETHER WE WORK TOGETHER BY DOING OUR JOB TO ITS FULLEST AND WE REPRESENT THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE COUNTING ON US TO DO JUST THAT AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND LAND I CONCUR 100% THAT A HOSPITAL A NEW HOSPITAL IS URGENT WE RULED OUT LONG AGO TRYING TO REBUILD THE CURRENT BUILDING AND WE WERE GOING TO BUILD NEW THAT'S A CONSENSUS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE SHOULD CELEBRATE WE ALL AGREE AND SO FOR ANY SENATOR IN HERE TO IMPLY THAT SOMEBODY WANTS TO TAKE LONG I THINK THEY'RE IGNORANT WHERE WERE THEY WHEN WE WERE VOTING TO FINANCE IN THE BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF FINANCING OR MORE FOR A NEW HOSPITAL AND WE ALLOWED LEASE BACK ON THE LAND AND OTHER OPTIONS ON GOVERNMENT LAND THAT WAS BACK IN 2019 AND WHAT I WOULD HAVE AND WE EVEN SET UP A COMMITTEE AS ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES REF REFERENCED A COMMITTEE SO THAT THAT PROCESS OUR BILLION DOLLAR NEW HOSPITAL WOULD BE TRANSPARENT THAT'S ALL WE ASKED WE GAVE THE LAND THE AUTHORITY THE FINANCING BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED THE COMMITTEE MET A COUPLE TIMES AND THEN DECIDED NOT TO MEET ANYMORE SO ALL THE OTHER DECISIONS WERE NOT MADE BY A COMMITTEE THEY WERE MADE BY DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS AND THAT'S WHY THE HEARING PROCESS WAS QUITE DIFFICULT BECAUSE WE HAD SOME THINGS NOT IN WRITING ANYWHERE EVEN TO THIS DAY HOW THE DECISIONS WERE MADE SO I AM HERE TRYING TO BE OBJECTIVE AND I TRIED TO BE OBJECTIVE THROUGH THIS WHOLE PROCESS BUT WHAT I WOULD HAVE REALLY APPRECIATED WAS FULL TRANSPARENCY BUT INSTEAD OF FULL DISCLOSURE THERE WERE SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH SPECULATION IN MANY INSTANCES NOT PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD THAT WE ARE GOING TO RELY ON OR WE ARE CALLED BY OUR DUTY TO RELY ON PUBLIC RECORD IN MAKING OUR DECISIONS THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO BASE MY DECISIONS ON THE FACTS AS I CAN DETECT THEM AND THE PLACES WHERE THERE ARE NO REAL FACTS ONE OF THE MOST DISAPPOINTING ADMISSIONS IN THIS PROCESS WAS BY THE GMH FACILITIES MANAGER WHO WAS ELEVATED TO OPERATIONS MANAGER OR ANOTHER POSITION BY THE GOVERNOR AND WHEN WE ASKED HIM WHY HAVE YOU NOT TAKEN CARE OF THESE CIP PROJECTS SINCE WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THEM IN 2018 OR 2019 UNTIL NOW AND HE SAID BECAUSE WE WERE CONCENTRATING ON THE NEW HOSPITAL AND THEY WANT TO TALK ABOUT DREAMS WELL DO WE HAVE TO DREAM IN ORDER TO GET OUR CURRENT HOSPITAL TO OPERATE EFFICIENTLY TO BE REPAIRED FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS AS WAS ALREADY TOLD US BY ARMY CORPS WHILE WE BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL CAN WE DO BOTH CAN WE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM DO BOTH AT THE SAME TIME THAT WAS THE MANDATE THAT WAS THE EXPECTATION THAT THE FISCAL TEAMS ALL THE PR TEAMS ALL THE MANAGEMENT TEAMS WERE GOING TO FOCUS ON THE CURRENT HOSPITAL AND BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL THERE'S NO REASON WE CAN'T DO THAT WE'VE RECEIVED INCONSISTENCIES IN TESTIMONY COMPARED TO THE MATRIX STUDY WHICH YOU HEAR ME CITE A LOT BECAUSE IT'S ONE OF THE FEW DOCUMENTS WE ACTUALLY HAVE WHERE FACTS ARE LAID OUT AS OPPOSED TO SPECULATION AND IN SO SOME OF THE TESTIMONY THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE AGENCIES IS CONTRADICTORY TO THE MATRIX STUDY THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED DURING THESE HEARINGS ANOTHER THING THAT HAPPENED WAS SOME OF THE TESTIMONY COMPLETELY CHANGED FROM ONE HEARING TO ANOTHER OR ONE PUBLIC OUT THERE MEETING TO WHAT WE HEAR IN HERE THAT'S ANOTHER THING WE HAD TO DEAL WITH AND SOME THINGS WERE JUST NEVER DISCLOSED BUT I AM DOING MY BEST AND I AM SO GRATEFUL TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO COME IN HERE AND DO THEIR BEST TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL TO LAY OUT THE FACTS TO DO THE COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS TO AUTHORIZE LAND TRANSFERS LEGALLY WHO ATTEND THE HEARINGS LISTEN TO ALL THE TESTIMONY READ THE COMMITTEE REPORTS READ THE MATRIX STUDIES IT'S NOT US WHO'S BEEN DRAGGING OUR FEET SINCE 2019 AND I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN PROCEED TO BUILD THIS HOSPITAL WITH OUR CURRENT GOVERNOR I WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN AND I THINK IT SHOULD HAPPEN THERE SHOULD BE NO EXCUSE WHY IT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN BUT THE FACTS SHOW US THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE MAYBE THREE YEARS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE ALONE ARMY CORPS ESTIMATED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL IS GOING TO TAKE AT LEAST 5 YEARS AT LEAST AFTER INFRASTRUCTURE IS ADDRESSED SO WE SHOULD BEGIN WE SHOULD BEGIN AFTER THIS SESSION AND I BELIEVE AS ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES STATED EARLIER THERE IS NO PERFECT DECISION BECAUSE THERE MAY BE ISSUES WITH BOTH PROPERTIES BUT WE'RE GOING TO DO THE BEST THAT WE CAN WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE BEST DECISION WE CAN BASED ON THE FACTS THAT ARE BEFORE US BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW WHAT WE COULD GATHER AND BASED ON WHO WE REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SO THANK YOU AGAIN TO MY COLLEAGUES AND THANK YOU FOR THE HARD DECISION THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE ON THIS BILL SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'.

**NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES**

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** MADAM SPEAKER ARE YOU GOING TO MOVE THE BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SURE I ALREADY DID BUT I'LL REPEAT MY MOTION TO MOVE THE BILL TO THE THIRD READING.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THAT MOTION TO PUT IT IN THE THIRD READING VOTING FILE ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES WE ARE NOW ON BILL 185 WE ARE NOW ON BILL 185 SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 185-37 LS INTRODUCED BY MYSELF SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION 83 117 CHAPTER 83 TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REQUIRING ANY NEW HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTED PURSUANT TO THE GUAM 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER ACT OF 2021 TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON LOT 5173-1-R2 NEW-R7 LOT 5173-1-R2 NEW-R7 AND LOT NUMBER 5173-1-R2 NEW-6 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAMUNING AND I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THE MEASURE MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES AND TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WHO ARE WATCHING THIS VERY IMPORTANT AND HISTORIC SESSION THE DEBATE HAS BEEN VERY HOT THIS MORNING SO HOT THAT OUR FIRE ALARM JUST WENT OFF A FEW MINUTES AGO AND I AND I HONESTLY DIDN'T THINK THAT THIS DAY WOULD COME SO SOON I REMEMBER LAST YEAR WHEN THE GOVERNOR'S MEASURE WAS INTRODUCED AND WE WERE RECENTLY CALLED OUT BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN AN INTERVIEW THAT SAID THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE GOVERNOR'S BILL WHICH WE JUST DISCUSSED BUT I BEG TO DIFFER BECAUSE WE ATTENDED SO MANY HEARINGS ON THIS ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL AND SO THERE HAS BEEN ACTION AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WANT TO SEE MORE ACTION PEOPLE I TALK TO ARE TIRED OF US TALKING ABOUT THIS ISSUE SO I JUST ASK MY COLLEAGUES THAT WE DISCUSS AND DEBATE THIS MEASURE WE VOTE ALL ALL THE BILLS UP AND DOWN AND MOVE FORWARD THE BILL LET ME JUST GO OVER WHAT THE BILL DOES THERE ARE SOME GOOD AMENDMENTS IN THE COMMITTEE THE BILL OBVIOUSLY MANDATES THAT WE BUILD AT YPAO POINT AND IT ALSO AUTHORIZES THE GOVERNOR TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST FOR THE SALE OR LEASE OF THESE LOT WHICH ALL THREE LOTS TOTAL 38 ACRES THERE'S ALSO IT WAS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE SECTION 4 COMPATIBILITY AND EFFICIENCY WITH ADJACENT FACILITIES THE HOSPITAL AND ANY OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITY SHALL BE BUILT AND DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT THE REVERENCE OF THE *NÁFTAN MAÑAINA-TA SHRINE* AUTHORIZED IN PUBLIC LAW 33-204 AND TO INCORPORATE PATIENTS ACCESS TO THE HEALING CLIFF LINE VIEW AS INTENDED BY THE ORIGINAL LAND OWNERS OF FRANCISCO D PEREZ FAMILY I KNOW THERE WAS A PRESS RELEASE THAT HAD COME OUT OF ADELUP LOOP LAST NIGHT AT 8:00 P.M. THAT ELUDED TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT CONSTRUCTING THE NEW HOSPITAL AT YPAO POINT WOULD SOMEHOW JEOPARDIZE THE *NÁFTAN MAÑAINA-TA SHRINE* THAT WOULD WOULD SOMEHOW JEOPARDIZE THE *SAGAN KOTTURAN CHAMORU* AND I I BEG TO DIFFER WITH ALL DUE RESPECT THE *NÁFTAN MAÑAINA-TA SHRINE* IS A IT'S ENSHRINED IN LAW AND IT'S SAFE AND ON THE SUBJECT OF *SAGAN KOTTURAN CHAMORU* THE BILL WAS ALSO AMENDED TO ADD A NEW SECTION 5 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL SHALL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER POWER SEWER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS POWER TO THE PEOPLE AT THE CHAMORRO CULTURAL CENTER *SAGAN KOTTURAN CHAMORU* SO THAT'S WHAT THE BILL DOES AND I I JUST WANT TO GO OVER A WHOLE LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE WE STARTED DISCUSSING OF THIS IS IS ISSUE AND A WHOLE LOT OF ATTACKS HAVE BEEN LEVIED WE HAVE BEEN CALLED NOT VISIONARY IN A INTERVIEW WITH KUAM NEWS JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO THE GOVERNOR'S SPOKESPERSON QUOTED I WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM I WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE MEMBERS OF THE 37 GUAM LEGISLATURE TO STOP BEING SHORTSIGHTED TO THINK BEYOND TODAY'S NEEDS I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR FOR THEM TO CALL US SHORT-SIGHTED WHEN THEY ARE BLIND TO THE PROBLEMS OF TODAY THEY ALSO SAY WE CAN'T BUILD AT YPAO POINT BECAUSE THERE'S NO ROOM FOR EXPANSION IT'S TOO SMALL THEY SAY AGAIN I RESPECTFULLY BEG TO DIFFER GRMC IS BUILT ON 7.9 ACRES OVER IN HAWAII AS WE HEARD IN TESTIMONY ON THIS BILL THE *KAPI'OLANI* WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SITS ON 4.8 ACRES AND THEY'RE CURRENTLY EXPANDING TO 250 BEDS AND 300 PARKING SLOTS THE HONOLULU MEDICAL CENTER SITS ON 5 ACRES THE CURRENT GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOOTPRINT IS 5 ACRES AND SO AGAIN WHEN THEY SAY THERE'S NO ROOM FOR EXPANSION I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE AND I'LL TELL YOU WHAT OUR PEOPLE THINK OUR PEOPLE DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE IN THE EXPANSION BUSINESS WHEN WE CAN'T EVEN HANDLE THE BASIC HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF OUR ISLAND IT'S TRAGIC IT'S DISAPPOINTING IT'S HEARTBREAKING THAT WE WERE TOLD THAT IF WE ELECT A NURSE OUR HEALTH CARE TROUBLES WOULD DISAPPEAR AND THEY'VE ONLY GOTTEN WORSE THERE ARE SOME IN OUR

BODY WHO ARGUE THAT WE'RE STEPPING ON THE GOVERNOR'S TOES WE'RE STEALING OUR AUTHORITY WE'RE DRIVING OUTSIDE OF OUR LANE THEY ARGUE THAT THE ORGANIC ACT GIVES THE GOVERNOR THE AUTHORITY TO CARE FOR OUR HEALTH CARE AND UNFORTUNATELY THE GOVERNOR AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HAVE FAILED IN THAT RESPONSIBILITY SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ARGUED HERE TODAY THAT MAYBE WE NEED A NEW GOVERNOR I WOULD COUNTER MAYBE WE NEED NEW SENATORS BECAUSE SOME OF THE SENATORS WE HAVE IN THIS BODY KNOW HOW THEY'RE GOING TO VOTE BEFORE THEY EVEN SEE THE BILL AND THAT DOESN'T BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THEY ALSO SAY THAT YPAO POINT IS TOO SMALL BECAUSE OUR POPULATION IS GROWING THAT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME BECAUSE WE ALL WE HAVE HAD MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY LEAVE OUR ISLAND LEAVE THEIR HOME TO SEEK BETTER OPPORTUNITIES ELSEWHERE BECAUSE OUR GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED TO DELIVER THOSE OPPORTUNITIES TO OUR PEOPLE RIGHT HERE AT HOME SO WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION SAYS THE POPULATION IS GROWING I WONDER WHICH POPULATION ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE THE ONLY POPULATION THAT'S GROWING THAT'S GOING TO BE GROWING IS THE MILITARY POPULATION AND THE CIVILIAN POPULATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE MILITARY BUILDUP AND I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE GOVERNOR IS TRYING TO DO WITH THE MEDICAL COMPLEX I COMMEND HER FOR HER EFFORTS BUT THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH UNCERTAINTY THERE'S A LACK OF CLARITY WE MET WITH THE GOVERNOR LAST YEAR IN GOOD FAITH BECAUSE I WANTED TO HEAR MORE INFORMATION SADLY WE DIDN'T GET THAT INFORMATION BUT WHAT WE DID GET WAS THE GOVERNOR TELLING US THAT NO MATTER WHERE WE BUILD THE NEW HOSPITAL NO MATTER WHERE WE BUILD THE MEDICAL COMPLEX THE FEDERAL FUNDING WILL FOLLOW SOME HAVE SAID CHAMORROS CAN DREAM *HUNGGAN SIÑA MA SUENO D'ANGKOLO* YOU CAN DREAM BIG BUT OUR PEOPLE ARE DREAMING RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OUR HEALTH CARE REALITY IS A NIGHTMARE AND THAT'S THE TRUTH THEY SAY DON'T BUILD INTO TAMUNING BECAUSE IT'S TOO CONGESTED BUT THE MATRIX STUDY SHOWS THAT THE YPAO POINT SITE IS ACCESSIBLE FROM MULTIPLE POINTS THE MATRIX STUDY SHOWS THAT THE YPAO POINT SITE WILL SERVE MORE OF OUR POPULATION THAN THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED LOCATION OUR HEALTHCARE IS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY I BELIEVE BUILDING AN YPAO POINT IS THE QUICKEST MOST PRUDENT WAY TO MEET OUR PEOPLE'S DESPERATE HEALTH CARE NEEDS WE KNOW THE STATE OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THERE'S A PRESS RELEASE THAT HAD COME OUT OF ADELUP LAST NIGHT AGAIN THAT THAT ASKED THE QUESTION WHY SHOULD WE LIMIT OURSELVES WHY SHOULD WE LIMIT OURSELVES THIS IS WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT LIMITING OURSELVES OUR PEOPLE OUT THERE ARE SAYING WE CAN'T EVEN MANAGE AND MAINTAIN THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND YET WE ARE ASKING FOR THEIR PERMISSION TO BUILD A BILLION DOLLAR MEDICAL COMPLEX OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF BACK ROAD AND IT'S NOT ABOUT LIMITING OURSELVES IT'S ABOUT MAKING SURE WE DEAL WITH WHAT'S ON OUR PLATE AND SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DREAMING BIG WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR HEAD DOESN'T STAY IN THE CLOUDS IT'S GOING TO BE CHEAPER TO BUILD AT YPAO POINT AND ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES HAD ARGUED TODAY THAT CHEAPER ISN'T ALWAYS BETTER BUT WHILE BUILDING AT ADACAO WILL REQUIRE \$100 MILLION OF PRECIOUS ARP FUNDS BUILDING AN YPAO POINT REQUIRES AN INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE TO ALREADY EXISTING POWER WATER AND SEWER IN THE AREA AND THAT UPGRADE WILL ONLY COST US \$26 MILLION SOME SOUTHERNERS HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE *EDA AGAGA* PROPOSAL BUT AGAIN I'M GOING TO SAY THAT THESE SAME SOUTHERNERS WHO ARE CRYING FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN HEALTH CARE ARE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LET DOWN BY THIS ADMINISTRATION YOU CANNOT TELL RATHER YOU SHOULD NOT TELL THE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD A HOSPITAL FOR THEM THAT'S ON THE BACK ROAD TO YIGO THAT'S LIKE ME TELLING THE PEOPLE OF YONA THAT I'M GOING TO BUILD THEM SOMETHING FOR THEM UP IN DEDEDO IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE FAILED TO INVEST IN THE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES THAT SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH THAT ARE ACTUALLY LOCATED IN THE SOUTH AND THOSE ARE THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT THIS BODY IS DEDICATED TO DELIVER WE HAVE LEGISLATION IN THE WORKS WE'VE HAD HEARINGS ON THESE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY CENTERS I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO HERE TODAY I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE GOING TO PASS BOTH OF THESE MEASURES OR I DON'T KNOW IF BOTH OF THEM ARE GOING TO FAIL TO PASS BUT WHATEVER HAPPENS AS LONG AS WE DO OUR JOB I THINK WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AS A BODY AND SO AS I'VE ALWAYS SAID THE FACTS FAVOR YPAO WHILE WE HAVE LOOKED FOR FACTS CONCERNING *EDA AGAGA* UNFORTUNATELY THOSE FACTS HAVE BEEN SLOW TO NO INCOMING AND SO WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING AN INFORMED DECISION I THINK WE HAVE THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE YPAO POINT LOCATION IN FRONT OF US AND THEY HAVE TRIED EVERYTHING TO DISCREDIT THIS LOCATION THAT THE MATRIX STUDY SAID WAS THE HIGHEST RATED LOCATION OUTSIDE OF EAGLES FIELD THEY SAID THERE'S BILLIONS OF LITTLE FIRE ANTS THEY SAID THERE WAS A FAULT LINE THEY PRODUCED A HASTILY RECEIVED LETTER FROM A BOND A BOND COUNSEL THAT SAID FINANCING WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN BUT THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUSTS HAD TOLD US IN



PREVIOUS HEARINGS THAT THEY WANTED TO LEASE THIS PROPERTY COMMERCIALY AND SO SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE AND SO IF WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS BILL AND WE DO BUILD AT YPAO POINT I THINK WE'RE GOING TO SEE A LOT OF THESE ISSUES DISAPPEAR LIKE THE LITTLE FIRE ANTS WE HEARD TESTIMONY THAT THERE WERE BILLIONS UPON BILLIONS OF LITTLE FIRE ANTS AND WE BROUGHT THE GUY IN FROM DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE AND HE SAID HEY YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO LITTLE FIRE ANTS AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE WHEN YOU CLEAR EVERYTHING AND YOU CONSTRUCT THEY DISAPPEAR SO THAT WASN'T AN ISSUE AND THE FAULT LINE WAS NEVER AN ISSUE UNTIL WE STARTED DISCUSSING THE VIABILITY OF YPAO POINT AS A LOCATION AND SO WHATEVER HAPPENS TODAY WHATEVER WE DECIDE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE'S HEALTH CARE I JUST HOPE THAT WE GET THE SUPPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TO MOVE FORWARD ON IT THREE YEARS TO PUT IN INFRASTRUCTURE AT ADACAO AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT THE GOVERNOR SAID ON THE RECORD ABOUT THE FUNDING WE DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE'S GETTING THE MONEY IS IT FROM DOD IS IT FROM CONGRESS WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT \$800 MILLION I THINK THAT'S GOING TO TAKE AN ACT TO CONGRESS AND THAT MEANS WE COULD BE 8 TO 10 YEARS AWAY FROM COMPLETING CONSTRUCTION AT ADACAO AND I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN BUILD FASTER AT YPAO WE CAN BUILD BETTER AND WE COULD DELIVER OUR PEOPLE'S FUTURE HEALTH CARE NEEDS MUCH SOONER THAN ANY OTHER LOCATION AND SO MY COLLEAGUES I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS MEASURE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BARNETT ON BILL 185 OH I'M SORRY AUDIO DID BRING TO MY ATTENTION THEY ARE CONTINUING TO HAVE SOME ISSUES WITH OUR AUDIO SO I'M GOING TO WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BREAK FOR LUNCH AND ALLOW THEM TO FIX IT HOPEFULLY ONCE AND FOR ALL SO WE'LL WE'LL TAKE A RECESS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO COMING BACK ABOUT 1:30 UNTIL 1:30 RECESS UNTIL 1:30 *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**RECESS**

**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *HÁFA ADAI* GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES THE *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION WE'RE CONTINUING ON BILL NUMBER 185 -37 LS SENATOR BARNETT CONCLUDED HIS INTRO OF THE BILL SO ON THE BILL AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO' LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR FISHER YOU RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO MY COLLEAGUES I'M LOOKING AT BILL 185 AND COMPARING IT TO BILL 184 AND IF I COULD JUST ITERATE A LITTLE BIT OF THE EVOLUTION OF 185 THIS BILL WAS INTRODUCED IN A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FORM WHEN IT CAME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE FOR HEARING THE BILL IDENTIFIED NO PROPERTY NO PARTICULAR PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE OF *TAMUNING* AND IN FACT DIDN'T EVEN TELL US WHICH MIGHT SOUND A LITTLE SILLY BUT IT NEVER TOLD US WHERE THE VILLAGE OF *TAMUNING* WAS WE THINK WE KNOW WHERE THE VILLAGE OF *TAMUNING* IS BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION FORTUNATELY IN COMMITTEE IT WAS AMENDED SO SPECIFIC LOTS WERE IDENTIFIED 5173-1-R NEW NEW ETC AND SO FORTH SO THE BILL ORIGINALLY CAME OUT UNSUPPORTED BY VITAL INFORMATION AND WAS FORTUNATELY AMENDED IN COMMITTEE NOW IN FACT WE DO KNOW WHAT THE PROPERTY IS THAT IS BEING DISCUSSED I ALSO NOTE THAT BILL 184 WHICH WE DISCUSSED THIS MORNING WAS INTRODUCED ON OCTOBER 11TH 2023 BILL 184 IS WELL THOUGHT OUT BILL 184 YOU KNOW IT TICKS ALL THE BOXES IT TELLS US WHERE THE HOSPITAL WILL BE AND IT IS A THOUGHTFUL BILL IF WE JUXTAPOSE 185 AGAINST WHAT WAS THOUGHT THROUGH ON BILL 184 WE SEE THAT BILL NUMBER 185 WAS INTRODUCED 48 HOURS 48 HOURS AFTER THE GOVERNOR'S INTRODUCTION THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON RULES BILL 184 I WOULD SUBMIT TO THE BODY THAT BILL NUMBER 185 IS NOT OFFERED IN GOOD FAITH BILL 185 WAS OFFERED IN ORDER TO BLOCK THE EXECUTIVE BRANCHES APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION OF THE PLACE FOR THE HOSPITAL A CONCLUSION THAT WE CAN DRAW FROM THAT IS THAT THE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION OF 2026 IS WELL AND CLEARLY UNDERWAY THE BILL IS 184 185 RATHER IS ENTIRELY POLITICAL IN NATURE AND IS NOT SERIOUS NOW I HOPE THE AUTHOR WILL SUBMIT TO A QUESTION MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU DOES THE AUTHOR BELIEVE THAT THIS BILL COMPLIES WITH TWO GUAM CODE ANNOTATED 2107 BRAVO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** COULD YOU PLEASE READ THE STATUTE IF YOU HAVE IT.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OR AT LEAST THE PART YOU'RE REFERRING TO.

**SENATOR FISHER:** I'M SORRY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THE PART THAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO.

**SENATOR FISHER:** 2107B 2 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED NO BILL AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF LAND OR LEASING OF LAND MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE LEGIS MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATURE ON THE THIRD READING UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO APPRAISALS ON ALL LAND CONCERNED APPRAISED FOR HIGHEST IN BEST USE SO IN OTHER WORDS THE BILL AS OFFERED IS ILLEGAL IT CANNOT BE PASSED BY THE BODY SINCE I BELIEVE AND THE REASON I BELIEVE THAT IS BECAUSE I HAVE RECEIVED NO APPRAISAL SO MA'AM HAVING READ A PORTION OF THE RELEVANT STATUTE I WOULD ASK MY FRIEND WHETHER OR NOT HE BELIEVES TWO GUAM CODE ANNOTATED 2107 BRAVO HAS BEEN MET IN HIS BILL IF SO PLEASE EXPLAIN.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WILL THE AUTHOR YIELD.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MA'AM THE BILL CAN BE AMENDED TO ADDRESS THE SENATOR'S CONCERN THANK YOU MA'AM.

**SENATOR FISHER:** SO I WOULD I WOULD TAKE THAT TO MEAN MA'AM THAT THE AUTHOR DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE BILL AS OFFERED IS CURRENTLY.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MA'AM MAY I JUST .

**SENATOR FISHER:** MA'AM I HAVE I HAVE I HAVE THE FLOOR THANK YOU SIR I WOULD TAKE THAT TO MEAN THAT THE AUTHOR AGREES THAT 2107B WHICH IS A NECESSARY PREREQUISITE HAS NOT BEEN MET AND THEREFORE UNAMENDED AND WE DON'T KNOW THAT IT WILL BE AMENDED IS SIMPLY NOT DOABLE NOW I OFFER THAT FACT AND A FACT IT IS AS A FURTHER ILLUSTRATION OF THE BAD FAITH SUBMISSION OF THIS BILL THE AUTHOR COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BOTHERED TO LOOK AT THE RELEVANT LAW AFFECTING THIS BILL AND AFFECTING ALL OF US HERE ON GUAM BILLS AS WE AUTHOR THEM AND OFFER THEM MUST CERTAINLY BE THOUGHT THROUGH RELEVANT LAW MUST BE ADDRESSED SO THAT WHEN A BILL IS SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR CONSIDERATION WE DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH A VEXATIOUS PROCESS OF FIXING ERRORS WHICH WERE EVIDENT AT THE BIRTH I THINK I WILL CONCLUDE MY REMARKS MA'AM BY JUST REITERATING WHAT I SAID EARLIER THIS BILL IS DESIGNED TO BLOCK AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH A PROPER EXECUTION OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH AUTHORITY AND IT IS OFFERED IN BAD FAITH THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR FISCHER ON THE BILL AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO' LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR PEREZ ON THE BILL YOU RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANT TO THANK ALL THE COMMUNITY THAT CAME OUT TO TESTIFY REGARDING THE FUTURE LOCATION OF OUR HOSPITAL ONE THAT HAS PROVEN TO BE DIVISIVE BUT DESPITE THESE DIVISIONS I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT TO EXPRESS THAT WE ARE IN A UNIQUE POSITION AND A CROSSROADS AND DECIDING NOT ONLY THE FUTURE LOCATION OF OUR HOSPITAL BUT OUR HEALTHCARE AS I'VE STATED BEFORE MY VISION FOR HEALTHCARE FOR GUAM IS ONE THAT INCREASINGLY BECOMES LESS RELIANT ON ACUTE CARE AND MORE ON PREVENTIVE CARE AND THE FOCUS ON WELLNESS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN MAKING THE DECISION OF WHERE TO BUILD OUR NEW HOSPITAL WHICH I BELIEVE IS URGENT AND TIMELY BASED ON THE CURRENT AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND THE STATE OF OUR CURRENT ONE WE MUST ALSO CONSIDER THE OPPORTUNITY COST TO CREATE A HEALTHCARE SYSTEM THAT SERVES THE NEEDS NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS AND ONE THAT PROMOTES HEALTH PREVENTIVE CARE AND WELLNESS AND ALL TOO OFTEN WE HEAR ABOUT HOW MANY OF OUR PEOPLE FIRST SEEK MEDICAL CARE IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM WHICH SHOULD NOT HAPPEN IF WE HAVE PROPER ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND IS MORE COSTLY WE NEED TO TAKE A MORE HOLISTIC APPROACH TO ENSURE GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SUCH AS EXPANDING MEDICAID AND MEDICARE SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES THE HYPERFOCUS OF THE HOSPITAL SHOULD NOT COMPROMISE THIS OPPORTUNITY COST FOR AN EQUITABLE HOLISTIC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM ON GUAM I ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT MY VOTE FOR BILL 12136 TO AUTHORIZE THE BUILDING OF A MEDICAL COMPLEX WAS BASED ON THE TRUST THAT I PLACED ON GEDA TO SEEK WAYS TO MAXIMIZE THE USE OF LIMITED GOVERNMENT FUNDS IN

ORDER TO REDUCE BORROWING AND THE FINANCING COST WHICH GENERALLY DOUBLE THE OVERALL COST A FINANCIAL BURDEN THAT WE ARE PLACING ON FUTURE GENERATIONS TO BEAR WITHOUT THEIR SAY AND THAT WE MUST BE COGNIZANT OF WHEN WE MAKE OUR DECISIONS IT IS THESE FUTURE COSTS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO OUR HIGH COST OF LIVING AND ONE THAT WE NEED TO DEAL WITH HOLISTICALLY THE PRINCIPLE OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY HOLDS IN DECIDING THE LOCATION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL IN LOOKING AT THE CHOICES IN THE LOCATION OF A NEW HOSPITAL BILL 185 PROVIDES A MORE COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTION THAT COULD POTENTIALLY FREE UP LIMITED FUNDS TO MAKE THIS HOLISTIC VISION A REALITY THE INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS ALONE ARE ESTIMATED TO BE AN EST AT LEAST 500% MORE OR EQUAL TO \$80 MILLION \$80 MILLION CAN BE BETTER SPENT ELSEWHERE SUCH AS PURCHASING OR PROCURING AN INTEGRATED MEDICAL RECORD SYSTEM AND BILLING SYSTEM FOR OUR HOSPITAL TO KEEP UP WITH THE REVENUES OR TO ENSURE REVENUES ARE RECEIVED RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF MUCH NEEDED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS NURSES DOCTORS SPECIALISTS THOSE THAT WE WHICH WE LACK TODAY MITIGATING MOLD AND OVERALL IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF CARE IN OUR CURRENT HOSPITAL IN SHORT ADDRESSING THESE CHRONIC ISSUES SO THAT IT DOES NOT FOLLOW US TO THE NEWLY BUILT ONE WITH THE DWINDLING ARP FUNDS AND THE GROWING NEED OF BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL IT IS IN IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE INVEST IN BUILDING A NEW ONE TODAY AT THE MOONING LOCATION WHICH IS WHAT WAS THE WISH AND INTENT OF THE LATE FRANK PEREZ WHEN HE ADED THE PROPERTY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ADDITIONALLY THIS SITE HAS BEEN VETTED AND CLEARED WHICH WAS ONE OF THE OUTCOMES WHEN IT WAS USED AS A DEBRIS STAGING SITE AFTER MAWAR AND IT WAS CLEARED EXPEDITIOUSLY BY THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS HOWEVER ASSESSMENTS SURVEYING DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE HAVE LONGER TIMELINES AT THE ADACAO SITE SOME OF WHICH HAS NOT YET BEGUN ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL SURVEYS UNEXPLODED OR UNEXPLODED ORDINANCES AND THE GEOLOGICAL SUITABILITY OF THE SITE HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED THESE ALL TAKE TIME WHICH RACKS UP THE COSTS AND I BELIEVE THAT ADDRESSING THE URGENCY BY BUILDING THE HOSPITAL IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY AND BILL 185 PROVIDES A COST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION BY FOCUSING ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOSPITAL WE DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF TIME AND MONEY TO DETERMINE IF THE ADACAO IS SUITABLE WHEN WE ALREADY HAVE AN OPTION THAT EXISTS READY TO GO AND OF COURSE THERE ARE QUESTIONS WE'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT THE PELLE PROJECT MISSILE SITES THAT ARE GOING TO BE PLACED IN THE VICINITY OF THAT BACK ON THE BACK ROAD POTENTIAL PLACEMENT OF MICRONUCLEAR REACTORS WHICH WE DON'T KNOW AND THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED IT WOULD BE TRULY UNFORTUNATE IF WE BUILD AND INVEST IN A BILLION DOLLAR FACILITY WHEN IT'S PLACED IN HARM'S WAY I APPRECIATE OUR COMMUNITY WHO HAS WEIGHED IN ON THIS MATTER AND THE COMMITMENT TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL WITH OR WITHOUT A MEDICAL COMPLEX THROUGH MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCESS I DO BELIEVE THAT 185-37 WILL SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE NOW AND FOR OUR FUTURE AND BY PROVIDING MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD A HOLISTIC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM A SUSTAINABLE LEGACY THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR PEREZ ON THE BILL 185 IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I GREW UP IN THE VILLAGE OF *INALÁHAN* IT WAS A PLACE THAT I'VE ALWAYS KEPT DEAR TO MY HEART EVEN TO THIS DAY WHEN PEOPLE ASK ME WHERE I'M FROM EVEN THOUGH I'M LIVING IN *TAMUNING* RIGHT NOW I SAY I'M FROM *INALÁHAN* WHEN DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING WHEN WE HAD SOME CONSTITUENTS FROM *INALÁHAN* AND COMING TO TESTIFY NOT IN FAVOR OF BILL 185 BECAUSE OF THE DISTANCE IN FACT THEY EVEN CALLED MY NAME OUT BEING A DAUGHTER OF *INALÁHAN* THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING YOU KNOW THE FACILITY THERE TO GAIN ACCESS QUICKER BUT IT SHOWED COMPLETELY SHOWED DURING ALL THE RESEARCH AND STUDY IF ANYTHING YOU KNOW IT'S IT'S A DIFFERENCE OF ABOUT 3 MINUTES OR FOUR MINUTES THAT WAS IT THEN I THOUGHT TO MYSELF THAT WHAT YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN WORKING HARD ON TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO RENOVATE THE OLD PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING IN *MANGILAO* BECAUSE THAT WAS UTILIZED QUITE A BIT FOR THE SOUTHERNERS IN GUAM TO GO THERE INSTEAD OF HAVING ALL THE GO ALL THE WAY TO DEDEDO AND I I THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR YOUR LEGISLATION THAT YOU BROUGHT UP BECAUSE IT WAS I WAS ABLE TO TO PROVE THAT YOU KNOW WITH THE THE DOC ENTS THAT CAME IN FROM THE ASSURANCE ADJUSTERS SHOWING THAT THE ONLY DAMAGE THAT WAS THERE WAS \$600 FOR A DOOR A DOOR IT WAS SO FRUSTRATING TO HEAR THAT WE COULD HAVE SAVED SO MUCH MONEY IN RENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SO MUCH MONEY FOR RENT THAT COULD HAVE GONE TO A NEW HOSPITAL IF WE HAD HAVE KEPT THAT FACILITY THERE BUT MOST ESPECIALLY TO PROVIDE A PLACE FOR THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND TO TO GO TO WHEN THEY HAD ANY KIND OF CARE THAT'S NEEDED I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF 185 I BELIEVE THAT THREE MINUTES IT COULD MAKE A

DIFFERENCE BUT IF WE CAN PUT TOGETHER THE PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING IN MANGILAO LIKE IT WAS BEFORE AND AND PROVIDE EMERGENCY CARE THERE FOR ANYONE FROM THE SOUTH TO GET THEM STABILIZE BEFORE TRANSFERRING TRANSFERRING THEM TO THE HOSPITAL THAT'S THE ROUTE WE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN 3 YEARS AGO FOUR YEARS AGO THEN THAT'S AN OPTION IF YOU LOOK IN THE US MAINLAND AND YOU SEE SOME OF THEIR AREAS LIKE RURAL AREAS FARMLAND YOU KNOW PLACES THAT ARE ALMOST AN HOUR AND A HALF AWAY FROM A HOSPITAL OR EVEN A CLINIC THEY HAVE THESE SATELLITE AREAS OF HEALTH CARE OR CLINICS PUT IN PLACE YOU KNOW WE LIVE IN A SMALL ISLAND NOTHING TAKES AN HOUR AND A HALF TO GET TO YOUR DESTINATION UNLIKE IN THE STATES WHEN THEY'RE OUT IN THE WOODS IN THE FOREST OR FARMLAND WHERE IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO GET BUT YET AGAIN THEY PROVIDE THESE SATELLITE AREAS TO KEEP THEIR PATIENTS STABLE UNTIL THEY CAN BE TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER HOSPITAL I I JUST REPEATED MYSELF I'M SORRY BUT THAT'S THAT'S THE REALITY HERE THAT THAT WE HAVE TOO BUT WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AN ADDITIONAL 3 MINUTES AND THAT'S WITHOUT THE MANGILAO HEALTH FACILITY RECONSTRUCTED AND PUT UP THAT'S WITHOUT IT MADAM SPEAKER IT'S IT'S VERY DISAPPOINTING IN THAT AS WELL THE MILITARY BUILDUP DID NOT TAKE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ADDITIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS COMING TO GUAM THEY BUILT A HOSPITAL THEY RENOVATED THE HOSPITAL NOT TOO LONG AGO 3 YEARS 3 4 YEARS AGO AND DIDN'T TAKE IN CONSIDERATION THIS MILITARY BUILDUP AND NOW I'M I'M HEARING THAT THE GOVERNOR IS PLANNING ON GETTING FUNDING FROM THE MILITARY FROM DOD TO HELP WITH THIS BILLION DOLL HOSPITAL AND YET I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING IN WRITING IT'S LIKE A PREVIOUS SPEAKER HAS SAID WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF COMMENTS BEING MADE BUT NOTHING TO JUSTIFY IT OR TO PROVE ITS POINT THAT IT'S TRUE TO FORM BUT WHAT WE DO KNOW THAT'S IN FRONT OF US TODAY IS THAT WE HAD VETERANS WE HAD DOCTORS WE HAD NURSES WE HAD CONSTITUENTS WE HAD MAYOR A MAYOR COME BEFORE THIS BODY SUPPORTING THIS BILL WE HAD THE HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY COMING IN FRONT OF US SAYING THE BEST BET IS TO KEEP IT INTO TAMUNING I MENTIONED EARLIER THAT WE COULD STAND TO LOSE THE HEALTH CARE THAT WE HAVE HERE TODAY FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE JUST LIKE FED UP AND THEY SPENT HOW MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN SOME INCIDENTS WHERE THEY BUILD THEIR CLINICS NEAR THE HOSPITAL TO SUPPORT IT OR WHERE DOCTORS FIND HOMES BUY HOMES CLOSE TO THE HOSPITAL SO THEY CAN GET TO THE HOSPITAL IN LIKE 2 OR 3 MINUTES EVEN LESS SO MUCH INFRASTRUCTURE WAS BUILT IN THIS AREA AND NOW WE'RE JUST GOING TO UPROOT IT AND LIVE ON THE PREMISE THAT THESE THESE PHYSICIANS OR THESE HEALTHCARE SPECIALISTS ARE GOING TO STAY ON GUAM YOU REALLY WANT TO TAKE THAT CHANCE I DON'T THINK SO ALL THOSE WHO WERE TESTIFYING THAT CAME IN FRONT OF US WERE PEOPLE WHO REALLY REALLY THOUGHT WHAT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THIS ISLAND NONE OF THEM WERE WORRIED ABOUT LOSING THEIR JOB IF THEY CAME AND TESTIFIED IF YOU LOOK AT THOSE WHO CAME AND TESTIFIED IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU KNOW THEY WERE COHORTS TO TO COME AND TESTIFY ELSE THEY WOULD LOSE THEIR JOB OR MAYBE EVEN GET A JOB IF THEY CAME AND TESTIFY AGAINST THIS BILL BUT THOSE WHO CAME AND TESTIFIED FOR IT HAD THEY HAD NOTHING TO LOSE ONLY BUT ONLY FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THIS ISLAND AND WHAT WOULD SUSTAIN SUSTAINED SUSTAIN THIS ISLAND'S HEALTHCARE WHAT THEY HAVE TODAY SO THAT BEING SAID MEN AND SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 185 IT'S FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE IT MAKES SENSE OR COMMON SENSE WHICH MOST UNCOMMON IS COMMON SENSE BUT IT MAKES SENSE TO KEEP IT THERE YOU KNOW IF THE NAVAL HOSPITAL UP IN HAG *AGANA HEIGHTS* CAN HAVE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF THE OCEAN WHY CAN'T OUR PEOPLE OF GUAM HAVE THAT SAME BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF THE OCEAN TOO IT'S A GREAT LOCATION ESPECIALLY WHEN SOMEBODY IS RECOVERING WHO IS SICK THAT THEY CAN LOOK OUT THE WINDOW AND SEE HOW BEAUTIFUL GUAM IS WHAT A GREAT VIEW IT'S A PERFECT LOCATION AND IT WAS THOUGHT OF MANY MANY YEARS AGO IT'S TIME TO GO BACK HOME TO BRING GUAM MEMORIAL BACK HOME TO OKA POINT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE BILL AS AMENDED IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I STAND WITH THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WHO JUST WANT A HOSPITAL BUILT REGARDLESS OF WHERE IT IS AT I WANT FOR THE PEOPLE AT HOME TO UNDERSTAND THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF VERY SCARY LANGUAGE BANDIED ABOUT THE VARIOUS BILLS BUT I WANT EVERYONE WATCHING TO KNOW THAT BOTH BILLS HAVE VALIDITY AND MERIT BOTH OF THESE PLANS COULD WORK BOTH OF THESE PLANS HAVE PROBLEMS AND THAT'S OKAY WHATEVER PLAN WE CHOOSE WILL HAVE PROBLEMS BUT BOTH SITES ARE PERFECTLY VALID CHOICES WHAT WE HAVE IN THIS CHAMBER IS A FUNDAMENTAL DISAGREEMENT WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ON WHERE THIS HOSPITAL SHOULD BE THE UNFORTUNATE THING IS IN THIS POWER STRUGGLE THAT FRANKLY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM DON'T CARE ABOUT THEY JUST WANT

RESULTS ON A HOSPITAL WE ARE NOT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND WE ARE NOT THE GOVERNOR THIS IS NOT OUR PLACE TO DICTATE WHERE THE GOVERNOR IS GOING TO EXECUTE ON HER RESPONSIBILITIES THAT BEING SAID EARLIER TODAY I SAID I WOULD ALWAYS VOTE FOR ANYTHING THAT LOOK TO ERECT A HOSPITAL ON THIS ISLAND AND SO I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR THIS BILL AND I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR THE OTHER BILL TOO AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE STILL OUT THERE WITH THEIR MIND UNMADE UP NOT MAKING ANY COMMENTS NOT SHARING THEIR POSITION I SEE YOU I SEE YOU THOUGHTFULLY WEIGHING OUT THE POSITIONS AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO ARE ON THE FENCE TO JOIN ME AND VOTE FOR BOTH BILLS VOTE FOR BOTH BILLS AND LET'S SEE WHERE THE CARDS MAY LAY BECAUSE ULTIMATELY THAT WHAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE LOOKING FOR THEY'RE LOOKING FOR THE QUICKEST MOST EFFICIENT SOLUTION WE CAN FIND TO BUILDING THIS HOSPITAL MY PERSONAL BELIEF IS IT'S PROBABLY BETTER IN MANGILAO THAT BEING SAID I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR BOTH AND IF THE TAMUNING LOCATION IS THE LOCATION THAT WINS OUT AND I WILL FIGHT JUST AS HARD FOR THAT LOCATION TO BE SUCCESSFUL AS I WILL FIGHT FOR THE OTHER ONE BUT WE AS A BODY WE HAVE TO CHOOSE AND IT'S NOT A CHOICE BETWEEN THESE TWO LOTS NOT REALLY THE CHOICE IS DO WE WANT TO ACT ON THIS NOW OR DO WE WANT TO REJECT THE GOVERNOR AND KICK THIS CAN DOWN THE ROAD TO THE END OF THE DECADE DO WE WANT TO DRAG OUR FEET FOR ANOTHER SIX YEARS DOING NOTHING WHILE WE WAIT FOR A GOVERNOR WHO WILL GREENLIGHT OUR DEEPEST WISHES OF THIS CHAMBER OR ARE WE GOING TO WORK WITH THIS GOVERNOR TAKE A STEP BACK AND LET HER DO HER JOB THE JOB SHE WAS ELECTED TO DO I JUST LOOKING FOR A SOLUTION SO I WILL BE VOTING YES ON THIS BILL AND I WILL BE VOTING YES ON THE GOVERNOR'S BILL AND I HOPE THOSE WHO ARE UNDECIDED WOULD COME AT IT WITH THE SAME OPEN HEART AND OPEN MIND AND OPEN EYES AND VOTE FOR BOTH BILLS AS WELL WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE BILL 185 HAS AMENDED SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I'M GLAD WE'VE ARRIVED AT THIS DAY CAUSE THIS DAY IS LONG OVERDUE AND I'M GLAD THAT WE ARE GOING TO MAKE A DECISION WITH TWO AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED WORTHY BILLS BEFORE US BUT I'VE CHOSEN TO STATE SOME FAVORABLE COMMENT COMMENTS ON BILL 18537 MADAM SPEAKER AS I WAS SITTING HERE SOMEBODY SENT ME SOME PHOTOS AS YOU KNOW MAYBE ON FACEBOOK THERE'S BEEN A GROUP THAT'S BEEN POSTING PHOTOS OF GUAM AND THE HISTORY OF GUAM THE OLD ACME BUILDING I CAN GO ON AND ON THE BOAT BASIN WHERE MY UNCLE GREG TAUGHT ME TO GO TROLLING AND FISHING AND THEN I SAW THE HOSPITAL THE OLD HOSPITAL ON YPAO POINT AND I REMEMBER MOMENT IN MY LIFE TO THAT WAS AN UNUSUAL MOMENT OF JOY I WAS JUST A YOUNG BOY OF 10 YEARS OLD BUT MY SISTER IS THE OLDEST IN THE FAMILY WHO I'M VERY CLOSE TO AND WE LIVED IN PARISVILLE AT THE TIME AND SHE WAS GIVING BIRTH AND SO I RAN ACROSS THE FIELD TO GO SEE MY SISTER AND SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A BEAUTIFUL BABY GIRL MY OLDEST NIECE MY FIRST NIECE I WAS AN UNCLE AT 10 YEARS OLD SO I WENT RUNNING ACROSS THE FIELD TO GO TELL DAD AND EVERYBODY THAT DEBBIE GAVE BIRTH TO THIS BEAUTIFUL BABY I TELL THAT STORY JUST BECAUSE CERTAINLY THAT AREA OF TAMUNING AND PARISVILLE VERY NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART FULL DISCLOSURE FRANK D PARIS IS MY UNCLE HIS WIFE CARMEN IS MY FATHER'S SISTER I GREW UP LEARNING SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS FROM THE PARIS FAMILY MY COUSINS AND MY UNCLES AND I JUST WANTED TO SHARE THAT MEMORY IN TERMS OF THE DEPTH OF WHAT I KNOW ABOUT THIS AREA AS I GREW UP THERE AS A YOUNG BOY MADAM CHAIR I'VE DECIDED TO MAKE FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON THIS BILL BECAUSE I'M IN FAVOR OF A NEW HOSPITAL I KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY FACILITIES THAT ARE IN DISREPAIR AND THERE'S A GREAT THOUGHT PROCESS TO ALL OF THE CO-RELATED MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES AND MEDICAL TREATMENT REGIMEN THAT OUR GOVERNMENT IS IN CHARGE OF SERVING OUR PEOPLE AND THOSE SERVICE DELIVERIES BUT AT THIS TIME I HAVE TO SAY YOU'RE RIGHT MADAM SPEAKER IN SOME OF YOUR COMMENTS THAT YOU MADE EARLIER THAT THERE IS A CONSENSUS AND A CONSENSUS UNIVERSALLY ON THIS ISLAND IS WE NEED A NEW HOSPITAL A HOSPITAL THAT'S SCALABLE TO THE NURSES AND THE PHYSICIANS AND THE SERVICES THAT WE CAN PROVIDE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY FOR OUR PEOPLE MADAM SPEAKER WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT IT'S JUST A SIMPLE TRUTH AS I GO THROUGH SHARING MY COMMENTS FAVORABLE TO 185 IS THE FACT THAT THE MEDICAL INFRASTRUCTURE BY AND LARGE 90% PLUS EXISTENT TAMUNING I DON'T THINK THAT WAS DESIGNED NOT TO LIKE MANGILAO I THINK IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WE'VE ALWAYS HAD REALLY THE FORMER OLD HOSPITAL GMH WHICH WAS EVENTUALLY TORN DOWN AND WHICH THE NEW GMH BECAME THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL CENTER OF THE MARIANAS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER THAT'S THE REASON WHY BUY AND LARGE THE CURRENT

INFRASTRUCTURE OF SPECIALTY DELIVERY SERVICES AND CLINICS IS IN TAMUNING IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH NOT LIKING MANGILAO AND IN FACT SOME CLINICS HAVE POPPED UP IN MANGO OF RECENT AND DATE I THINK THERE'S EVEN ONE DIALYSIS CENTER THAT'S JUST ABOUT TO BE COMPLETED THERE SO THAT ONCE AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER LENDS ME TO THINK THAT THIS IS THE PATH TO GO WE TALK ABOUT AND IT'S BEEN ENERATED SO I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT IT WE TALK ABOUT HOW QUICKLY WE CAN GET TO AND THE ADEQUATE FOOTPRINT OF PROPERTY THAT EXIST TO BE ABLE TO BUILD A HOSPITAL I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY DEBATE ON THAT ANYMORE MADAM CHAIR I THINK IT'S VERY CLEAR IN TERMS OF WHAT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES NEED TO BE DONE AS WELL AS THE FOOTPRINT OF PROPERTY THAT'S MORE THAN CAPABLE TO INCLUDE PROPERTIES THAT WILL STILL BE IN THE INVENTORY OF GOVERNMENT GUAM WHEN THE NEW HOSPITALS BUILT BEING THE OLD HOSPITAL INVENTORY AS WELL AS OTHER PROPERTIES IN THE SURROUNDING AREA IT WAS MENTIONED THAT A MAYOR WHO IS MY MAYOR OF TAMUNING CAME AND TALKED ABOUT HOW WHAT I'VE JUST MENTIONED *TATUHA* HAS BEEN FOR DECADES AND DECADES THE EPICENTER OF OUR HOSPITAL AND ANSARY MEDICAL SERVICES CLINICS AND SPECIALTIES MADAM SPEAKER ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS BROUGHT UP DURING THE DISCUSSION ON THE CONCEPT OF BUILDING BIGGER BUILDING BETTER THINKING BIG I I DON'T DISAGREE WITH THAT THERE HAS GOT TO BE THE WAY ALL OF US THINK BUT I BELIEVE ALSO THERE IS A REALITY CHECK SOMETIMES THAT WE HAVE TO JUST BE COGNIZANT OF I SPENT A LOT OF TIME MADAM SPEAKER SPEAKING TO A VARIETY OF NOT JUST ONE PARTICULAR TWO PARTICULAR THREE PARTICULAR DOCTORS WHO ARE YOU KNOW PROBABLY MORE AT THE FOREFRONT OF PITCHING FOR YPAO POINT OTHER MEDICAL PROVIDERS WHAT I WALKED AWAY WITH IN TERMS OF REALLY UNDERSTANDING THE COMPLEXITY OF SPECIALTY CARE IS YOU NEED TO HAVE A LARGE ENOUGH POPULATION FOR SPECIALTIES TO BE ABLE TO BE PROVIDED BECAUSE PRACTITIONERS IN THOSE SPECIALTIES HAVE TO HAVE THE CASES TO BE PROFICIENT IN WHAT THEY DO AND ALSO TO FOR IT TO BE ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE I'M TALKING ABOUT THINGS LIKE CARDIAC CARE I COULD GO ON AND ON BUT I THINK I THINK WE ALL KNOW KIND OF WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE A HOSPITAL BY AND LARGE IS DESIGNED TO STABILIZE INDIVIDUALS TO MAINTAIN THE SEVERITY OF THE HEALTH CONDITION THAT'S BROUGHT THEM THERE TO BRING THEM TO A LEVEL TO WHICH THEY CAN BE RELEASED FOR CARE OUTSIDE OF THAT SETTING AND TO PLAN FOR WHATEVER HAS HAPPENED AND TRANSPIRED THAT MAY REQUIRE A SERIES AND A LEVEL OF CARE THAT'S BEYOND THE EMERGENT AND URGENT CARE THAT THEY RECEIVED GOING FORWARD MANY TIMES THAT'S GOING TO BE OFF ISLAND MADAM CHAIR AND AND THAT THAT EXISTS EVEN WITH LARGER ISLANDS WITHIN YOU KNOW OUR AREA OF THE WORLD LAST TWO POINTS MADAM SPEAKER I THINK WE ALL SHARE ONE THING WE'VE REALIZED DURING THIS PRACTICE AND I FEEL FOR ALL THOSE I'VE SAT THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEARINGS I'VE LISTENED INTENTLY I FEEL FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE AND KNOW AND IT'S TRUE THAT HAVE BEEN UNDERSERVED PARTICULARLY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF GUAM MADAM SPEAKER IF WE'RE GOING TO BE HONEST WITH OURSELVES AND NOT POINT FINGERS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ALL SAY WE HAVE FAILED AND WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT ABOUT IT IMMEDIATELY WE HAVE FAILED TO ACCOMPLISH THE REALITY OF URGENT CARE AND EMERGENT CARE WITHIN REGIONS OF OUR ISLAND IT IS A PRACTICE AND A STANDARD OF CARE AND THE SADDEST PART IS IT'S NOT FOR LACKING THE FACILITIES IT'S FOR LACKING THE COMMITMENT TO STAFF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL CENTER WITH MORE DOCTORS WITH MORE HIGH LEVEL NURSING CARE WITH BED SPACE AND A BAY THAT COULD STABILIZE INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT HAVING TO TAKE A FULL TRANSPORT UP NORTH PARTICULARLY IF THERE'S EMERGENCY AMBULANCES AND THE LIKE THAT MIGHT FOR SOME REASON TAKE A LITTLE LONGER TO GET A PATIENT THAT KIND OF URGENT STABILIZING CARE TO AWAIT TRANSPORT SO THAT EVEN INDIVIDUALS WHO TESTIFIED MADAM CHAIR THAT THEY DROVE THEIR LOVED ONES BECAUSE THE TIME WAS TICKING AND IT IN THEIR MIND THERE WAS LIKE THERE WASN'T TIME I'VE GOT TO AT LEAST MEET MAYBE AMBULANCE HALFWAY OR SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES WE HEARD THOSE STORIES SO IN ALL OF THIS TOTALITY OF OUR DISCUSSION AND DEBATE AND DELIBERATION WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO OUTSIDE OF JUST PASSING A BILL THAT WILL ALLOW FOR THE NEXT STEPS IN BUILDING A HOSPITAL I WANT TO CLOSE WITH THIS MADAM CHAIR BECAUSE I THINK IN ALL OF THIS DISCUSSION AND I HAVE THIS IS JUST ME SPEAKING BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'VE HAD DIFFICULTY WITH IS WHETHER YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE THE BRAVADO OR MAYBE THE YOU KNOW THE PRESENTATION OF SOME MEDICAL PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY EXCITABLE AND VERY PASSIONATE I WANT TO SAY THAT I BELIEVE AT THEIR CORE BECAUSE I NOT ONLY KNOW THEM PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY BUT I'VE WATCHED THEIR PRACTICES THAT WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE ON GUAM TO HAVE THE MEDICAL PERSONNEL THAT WE DO THAT I BELIEVE LOVE THIS ISLAND THAT I BELIEVE HAVE CHOSEN TO BE HERE EVEN THOUGH THEY COULD PRACTICE ELSEWHERE PEOPLE WHO DON'T BRAG ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY GIVE CARE FOR FREE THAT THEY'LL DROP WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN ANY INSTANCE A LOT OF TIMES TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE AND IN NEED I SAY THIS ONLY TO SAY MADAM SPEAKER AS WE GO

FORWARD WHEN THIS DECISION IS MADE I THINK IT'S GOING TO BEHOOVE ALL OF US TO GET TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN AND BRING IN THESE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS BECAUSE THIS IS REALLY THE FIRST OF THOUSANDS OF STEPS LITERALLY WHEN WE TAKE THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS THE FUNDING THE CONSTRUCTION THE GETTING OF ALL OF THE SPECIALLY EQUIPMENT TO THE FINAL DAY WHEN WE CUT THAT RIBBON THOUSANDS OF STEPS MADAM SPEAKER THAT ARE GOING TO BE INVOLVED THERE AND WE CANNOT GO FORWARD LIKE THAT IN MY H BLE OPINION BEING AT WAR WITH ONE ANOTHER OUR PEOPLE DESERVE MORE OUR PEOPLE DESERVE FOR US TO SET ASIDE THOSE DIFFERENCES ONCE THIS DECISION IS MADE AND TO WORK IN THEIR BEST INTEREST THIS IS A DIFFICULT DECISION MADAM SPEAKER BUT WE ASKED FOR IT WE ASKED TO BE THE PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVE WE KNOW THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE ON EITHER SIDE ARE NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY WITH THE FINAL DECISION BUT MAYBE MADAM SPEAKER THAT SPEAKS TO THE WORK THAT WE ALL ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO TO PROVE THAT OUR HEART WAS IN THE RIGHT PLACE THAT OUR MIND WAS IN THE RIGHT PLACE AND THAT OUR ACTIONS WILL BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE GOING FORWARD THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE OUR ACTIONS NOT OUR REACTIONS THIS IS THE TEST THE NEXT TEST THAT WE WILL FACE I PR PRAY MADAM SPEAKER WITHOUT MALICE TOWARDS ANYONE THAT WE ALL RISE AND PASS THAT TEST WITH FLYING COLORS I WILL NOT BE VOTING FOR BOTH BILLS I WILL MAKE A DECISION WHEN THE VOTING TIME COMES I BELIEVE WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO MY COLLEAGUES THEIR VOTE IS THEIR CHOICE BUT I BELIEVE THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE REQUIRES A SOLID DECISION WITH THAT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS ON 18537.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR DUEÑAS ON BILL 185 IS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU MAM SPEAKER GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES FULL DISCLOSURE I'M FROM THE TAMUNING I WAS BORN WE WERE IN SINAJANA AND THEN A YEAR OLD MOVED TO TAMUNING WAS ONCE WAS CALLED PACIFIC TERRORIST NOW JONESTOWN I DON'T KNOW HOW IT TURNED TO JONESTOWN BUT ANYWAY AND LIKewise IN A EARLIER CAREER I WORKED IN THE OLD GMH WHICH HAS NOW HAD BEEN DEMOLISHED AS VOLUNTEER WORKED AT OPD AND THEN IN SURGICAL DEPARTMENT THEN ALSO IN INHALATION THERAPY AND LIKewise THE MCM MEDICAL CENTER OF THE MARIANAS WHEN IT WAS OWNED BY THE ARCH DASES AND INHALATION THERAPY THE NAME HAD CHANGED TO RESPIRATORY THERAPY SO I HAD THE UNDER I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AT BOTH FACILITIES NEVER WORKED AT THE NOW NEW GMH WHEN IT BECAME THE NEW GMH SO AGAIN IN FULL DISCLOSURE HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN BOTH FACILITIES DO WE NEED A NEW HOSPITAL NOW THE ANSWER IS NOT JUST YES HECK YES WE DO DO WE NEED TO FIX THIS CURRENT SITUATIONS THAT NEED TO BE CORRECTED AT THE CURRENT HOSPITAL WE HAVE RIGHT NOW NOT JUST YES HECK YES WILL THE SAME PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE NOW WITH GMH PERSIST OR CONTINUE WHEN WE MOVE TO A NEW FACILITY OPERATED BY SAME STYLE OF MANAGEMENT OPERATED BY THE GOVERNMENT GUAM NOT JUST YES HECK YES MOLD AIR CONDITIONING PROBLEMS YEAH A FEW MONTHS BACK WE WENT AND TOURED THE PLACE AND SAW THAT YOU KNOW THE FINDINGS OF THE MODE HAVE NOT YET BEEN RELEASED WONDER WHY IT'S A PUBLIC HOSPITAL PUBLIC INFORMATION WHY IS IT NOT RELEASED AIR CONDITIONERS WE AT THAT TIME THEY SAID THEY HAD BOUGHT HOW MANY SPLIT AIR AIR AIR CONDITIONERS BECAUSE THEY MAIN BIG AIR CONDITIONER IS OUT AND THEIR MOTHERBOARD I THINK REQUIRES I DON'T KNOW HOW HOW MUCH HOW MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WE CAME TO LEARN THAT SOME ARE STILL IN BOXES SOME HAVE BEEN INSTALLED BUT OOPS IN INSTALLING WHERE'S THE POWER SOURCE LECHAE WOW YOU WOULD THINK THEY HIRED ME TO PUT IN THE AIR CONDITIONER PUT IT UP AND THEN *MANGGE TÁYA* POWER YEAH THEN WE HEAR ABOUT MEDS PAIN MEDICATION MOST ESPECIALLY FOR LABORING WOMEN AND WE WERE TOLD OF COURSE SUPPLY CHAIN OF COURSE WE KNOW SUPPLY CHAIN IT'S IT'S IT'S BEEN HAPPENING SHORTAGE ACROSS THE NATION ABSOLUTELY BUT AGAIN WHEN THEY PRIORITIZE THE SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUE IT'S PRIORITIZED BY WHO'S THE BETTER PAYER WHO CAN PAY FIRST WHO'S THE BETTER PAYER YOU KNOW IT'S BEEN TALKED ABOUT BEEN SAID WELL YOU KNOW LOOK THE TAMUNING IS SO CONGESTED ALREADY SO CONGESTED ALREADY WE'RE YOU KNOW YEAH WE CAN ENGINEER IT AND WE CAN BUILD AROUND THE EARTHQUAKE FAULTS AND ALL THAT YEAH WE CAN ENGINEER IT BUT IT'S GOING TO COST MONEY TONING IS SO CONGESTED THAT JUST RECENTLY ROUTE 14 THE OUTSIDE LANES HAVE BEEN CLOSED OFF FOR BIKE LANES BIKE LANES THAT NOBODY BIKES ON *TÁYA MU U'USA EYU PA BISKILETA* WE'RE SO CONGESTED NOW WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE OUTSIDE LANES AND NOW WE MADE THEM INTO BIKE LANES THAT'S HOW CONGESTED WE ARE THEY SAID THINK BIG WE GOT TO THINK BIG NOBODY'S GOING TO FOLLOW THE GOV GUAN FOR NOT THINKING BIG WE'RE BIG THINKERS WE THOUGHT BIG WHEN WE BUILT SOUTHERN HIGH WE THOUGHT BIG THAT IS THE MODEL OF ALL SCHOOLS BUT LET ME ASK YOU LET ME ASK LET ME ASK YOU HOW MANY GRADU FROM THE FROM THE TIME SCHOOL FROM THE TIME THAT

SCHOOL STARTED OR OPEN UP UNTIL NOW HOW MANY STUDENTS WHO HAVE GRADUATED THERE HAD SWAM IN THAT SWIMMING POOL HOW MANY HOW MANY AND WE THOUGHT BIG ONE OF THE LATEST EXAMPLES IS I FEW YEARS AGO WE THOUGHT BIG YOU WANT TO SHOWCASE GUAM FESTPAC WE BUILD THE HUTS WE NOW HAVE SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOFS WHAT ARE THEY POWERING WHAT THOSE SOLAR PANELS POWER WE THOUGHT BIG WE ARE BIG THINKERS WE HAVE TO START NOT JUST THINKING BIG BECAUSE NOBODY'S GOING TO SAY THAT WE'RE NOT BIG THINKERS WE GOT TO START THINKING SMART AND CONSERVATIVELY YOU KNOW IT'S TALKED ABOUT THAT WE SAID THAT THE MILITARY OR DOD IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THE MILITARY IT'S GOING TO BE DOD THAT WILL HELP FUND THE BUILD OF THE HOSPITAL BUT LET ME TELL YOU I KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT DC AND HOW THEY WORK A LITTLE BIT NOT TOO MUCH BUT WHEN THEY FUND IT IT'S GOING TO COME WITH A CAVEAT THEY'RE NOT JUST GOING TO GIVE YOU A BLANK CHECK AND SAY HERE THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE THAT WITH THE STATUS QUO OF MANAGEMENT WHEREVER WE BUILD THIS HOSPITAL WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO HAVE THE SAME TYPE OF MANAGEMENT RUN BY GOV GUAM WE GOT TO GET INTO SOME KIND OF PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD YOU KNOW THE DEFINITION OF INSANITY IS DOING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND EXPECT DIFFERENT RESULTS THIS PROBLEM IS GOING TO PERSIST IF WE WHAT WHEVER WHEREVER WE BUILD A HOSPITAL IF WE DON'T CHANGE THE TYPE OF MANAGEMENT WE HAVE AND I'M NOT PARTICULARLY TALKING ABOUT A THIS PARTICULAR MANAGEMENT OR WHATEVER ADMINISTRATION I'M JUST SAYING MANAGED BY GOV GUAM BEFORE THE MILITARY IS GOING TO PUT A SCENT INTO INTO A HOSPITAL THEY'RE GOING TO SAY WAIT A MINUTE WAIT A MINUTE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A SAY IN HOW THIS HOSPITAL IS MANAGED THEY WON'T WANT TO MANAGE IT BUT THEY'RE GOING TO WANT DIFFERENT TYPE MANAGEMENT WHY DO I SAY THAT THEY HAD CONTINUED TO GIVE US MONEY TO DOE FEDERAL MONEY AND THEN WHEN IT WAS FOUND THAT AH THEY WEREN'T THEY WENT UP TO THE DESIRES OF GD OR DOE THEY SEND A FEDERAL RECEIVER IN TO BE THE THE BABYSITTERS SO THEY'RE NOT GOING TO PUT IN A SCENT BELIEVE ME THEY ARE WATCHING OUR EVERY MOVE RIGHT NOW WE HAVE CODELL COMING IN AND OUT OF GUAM WHAT JUST TO VISIT CAMP BLAS THE MILITARY KNOWS THAT IS IF THERE'S CONFLICT IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD IF THERE'S CONFLICT IN GUAM THEY KNOW THAT COMBINED HOSPITAL NAVY HOSPITAL AND GUAM AND GU HOSPITAL AND EVEN GRMC CANNOT FULFILL THE NEED THEY KNOW THAT THEY'RE WATCHING OUR ACTIONS AS WELL AND THEY'RE PROBABLY IN THEIR MINDS THEY'RE PROBABLY THINKING YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO SEGREGATE WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A HOSPITAL IN SIGHT LIKE THEY THREATENED US BEFORE IN THE VERY BEGINNING OF THIS MILITARY BUILD UP THEY THREATEN TO SEGREGATE THEIR POWER THEY THEY THREATEN TO SEGREGATE THEIR POWER WHY AT THE TIME BECAUSE THEY WE HAD WE DIDN'T HAVE RELIABLE POWER AND IT WAS DIRTY POWER THEY THREATENED TO SEGREGATE IT A MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM WE'RE GOING TO BE BRIEFED ON TOMORROW IT'S GOING TO BE OUT HERE BELIEVE ME THEY ARE THINKING OF HOSPITAL THEY'RE THINKING OF POWER GRIDS THEY'RE LOOKING AT AS CODELL ARE COMING OUT HERE NOT JUST VISITING CAMP BLAS BUT TO LOOK AT THE INFRASTRUCTURE WHAT IS NEED WHAT IS NEEDED IN TIMES OF CONFLICT AND IF THEY'RE GOING TO PUT ANY MONEY INTO THE CIVILIAN SIDE OF THE HOSPITAL GOV GUAM IT'S GOING TO COME WITH CONDITIONS AND BELIEVE ME THE CONDITIONS OF CURRENT GOV GUAM MANAGEMENT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT SITS WELL WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE THIS I GUARANTEE YOU WE HAVE PLENTY TO SHOW IN REGARDS TO HOW THEY COME IN AND AGAIN IF WE'RE GOING TO PUT IN YOUR MONEY THE MONEY THIS IS WHAT THEY DID WITH A D P THEY DID THAT WITH A D P SO WE HAVE TO NOT ONLY THINK ABOUT WHERE THIS HOSPITAL IS GOING TO BE WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE BUILT BUT WE HAVE TO SERIOUSLY THINK SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATE ON A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH NEEDS WITH WITH HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF VERY OF THE FUTURE THAT HAS TO BE IN TANDEM WITH WHERE WE WANT TO BUILD THIS HOSPITAL LIKE I SAID THE DEFINITION OF INSANITY IS DOING THE SAME THINGS OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND THINKING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET A DIFFERENT RESULT FROM DOING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND ALTHOUGH AGAIN THAT THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION SEEKS TO AGAIN ADDRESS TAMUNING AS A NEW HOSPITAL LOCATION IT ALSO IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE DIFFICULTIES COULD DEVELOP AT ANY SITE ANY SITE AGAIN WHEREVER WE GO AND WE SHOULD SERIOUSLY SERIOUSLY LOOK AT THE ADVANTAGES OF A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT RATHER THAN CONCENTRATING ON JUST A SINGLE AREA WHEREVER IT IS AGAIN IF WE CONTINUE TO MANAGE IT G GUAM STYLE THE BIG THINKERS THAT WE ARE WE HAVE TO AGAIN I DON'T THINK EVERYBODY'S GOING TO FAULT US WE ARE BIG THINKERS WE HAVE TO START NOW THINKING SMART CONSERVATIVELY AND WISELY YOU KNOW LIKE MY PREVIOUS COLLEAGUES I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR BOTH BILLS ABSOLUTELY NOT I'VE MADE UP MY DECISION ON WHERE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS HOSPITAL BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY AGAIN WHATEVER PREVAILS ON WHERE THIS HOSPITAL SITE IS TO BE AT WE HAVE TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER AGAIN THE FACT THAT WE GOV GUAM ARE NOT GOOD



MANAGERS OF HOSPITAL OF HOSPITALS AND WE NEED HELP WE NEED TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BECAUSE IT'S NOT THE LOCATION THAT'S THE PROBLEM OF THE HOSPITAL IT'S GOV GUAM MANAGEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL SO AGAIN I'VE MADE IT MY DECISION AND TIME TO VOTE I WILL VOTE FOR A LOCATION THAT I THINK WITH MY EXPERIENCE AND IN AND IN COMMUNICATION WITH PROFESSIONALS AND NOT JUST PROFESSIONAL BUT LAY PERSON AND IF YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT TAMUNING IS SO CONGESTED WHY THE HECK DID WE CLOSE THE OUTSIDE LANES WERE SO CONGESTED AND TURNED IT INTO A BIKE LANE THAT NOBODY BIKES ON I SEE THE SCI OF BIKE LANE MAYBE THEY SHOULD PUT *LECHAY* LANE ANYWAY MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES AND LOOK FORWARD TO AGAIN A VOTE ON THIS BILL THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR LUJAN ON BILL 185 IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW ABOUT THE LAST FEW HOURS SAT INTENTLY LISTENED TO THE ARGUMENTS THE FORS THE AGAINST TWO DIFFERENT PIECES OF LEGISLATION WHERE TWO DIFFERENT PIECES OF PROPERTY TO BUILD ONE PARTICULAR TYPE OF STRUCTURE AND AS I SAT HERE ONE OF THE THINGS I RECOGNIZED AS ACTUALLY JUST VERY FEW COLLEAGUES IS WE WOULD HAVE NEVER HAD THIS KIND OF DISCUSSION 10 YEARS AGO MUCH LESS 20 YEARS AGO WHY CUZ MANA DIDN'T FALL FROM THE SKY GOVERNMENT WASN'T FLUSH WITH CASH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WEREN'T MADE AVAILABLE REVENUES WERE NEVER IN EXCESS MONTH AFTER MONTH BUT YOU KNOW WHAT WASN'T PROBLEM BACK THEN HEALTHCARE BECAUSE WE FOCUSED ON IT WE CONCENTRATED ON IT WE TOOK CARE OF IT WITH WHAT WE HAD WE SQUEEZED THE NICKEL FROM TWO PENNIES TO TRY TO BRING HEALTHCARE TO A LEVEL THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN BE CONFIDENT WITH SO THAT HEALTHCARE WAS EFFICIENT AND SOMETHING THAT WE WEREN'T SCARED OF AT ONE TIME WE WERE EVEN ACCREDITED THIS IS BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN WE WERE RUNNING ON DEFICITS TODAY WE DON'T TALK ABOUT LEGISLATION WE DON'T TALK ABOUT ISSUES AND ARGUE ABOUT WHERE WE'RE GOING TO GET 10,000 THERE 50,000 100,000 NO WE'RE TALKING NOW IN THE MILLIONS BUT WHILE THAT'S HAPPENING WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR HEALTHCARE LET'S SEE JUST VERY RECENTLY WE RAN OUT OF MEDICATION WHILE WE BLAME IT ON SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES WE HEAR THAT OH NO THAT I JUST CALLED MY VENDOR AND I GOT IT RIGHT AWAY MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE THE VENDOR THAT WE WERE GETTING IT FROM DIDN'T LIKE THE EXPERIENCE THEY HAD OVER THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS OF NOT HAVING TO GET PAID ALTHOUGH EVERYTHING ELSE WAS BEING PAID AIR CONDITIONING HOW LONG IS IT WE HOW LONG HAVE WE HEARD ABOUT THE 450 TON CHILLERS BEING OUT AT AND HAVEN'T BEEN REPAIRED YET ABOUT THE 90 SPLIT UNITS THAT WERE INSTALLED BUT OH WE FORGOT THE POWER SOIL BEDDING MOLD A DILAPIDATED PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY IT'S DILAPIDATED BECAUSE OF A SUPPOSED FIRE THAT CAUSE AN EVACUATION THAT WE COULDN'T FIX AND WHAT IS OUR SOLUTION TO THIS LET'S BUILD A NEW FACILITY WE CAN'T EVEN TAKE CARE OF THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE TODAY WE ALREADY WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE THE MONEY TO BE ABLE TO DO IT BECAUSE EVERY MONTH WE JUST WE PUT OUT A PRESS RELEASE WE'RE FLUSHED WITH CASH EVERY MONTH WE PUT OUT A PRESS RELEASE WE'VE GOT COOPERATION FROM THIS AGENCY AND THAT AGENCY THEY THEY'RE HELPING OUT EVERY EVERY MONTH WE SAY OUR FINANCIAL STATUS IS BETTER THAN IT'S EVER BEEN BUT YET WE ASK A EXPECTANT MOTHER TO FIRST WHEN THEY COME TO THE HOSPITAL WE WE CAN'T TRIAGE YOU IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM BECAUSE THE VENTILATION SYSTEM IS NOT CONDUCIVE OR WON'T HANDLE THE ISSUES WITH COVID SO WE'RE GOING TO TRIAGE YOU IN THE PARKING LOT AND THEN WAIT FOR A ROOM WHILE YOU'RE EXPECTING BUT OH BY THE WAY BRING A FAN CAUSE IT'S HOT BUT BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME OR THE EFFORT TO BE ABLE TO FIX THE PROBLEMS CUZ WE'RE CONCENTRATING ON BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL I THINK THAT'S THAT THAT WAS ONE OF THE ISSUES THERE OR THINGS THAT WAS BROUGHT UP THIS MORNING THAT WHEN HOSPITAL WHEN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WERE BROUGHT BEFORE US AND ASK WHY WHY HAVEN'T YOU BEEN WORKING ON THESE ISSUES IN THE HOSPITAL THEY SAID WELL BECAUSE WE'RE FOCUSING ON BUILDING ON ON ON ON THE PLANS FOR THE NEW ONE THAT'S LIKE TELLING ME THAT NEVER MIND THAT MY TOILET IS BROKEN OR THAT MY WINDOW IS CRACKED IN MY LIVING ROOM OR THAT MY REFRIGERATOR IS ON THE IS ON THE BLITZ AND THEN IT'S NOT COOLING DOWN MY MY MY MY MY PRODUCE IN MY FRIDGE MY FREEZER DOESN'T WORK WE WON'T DEAL WITH IT WE WON'T SPEND THE MONEY THERE BECAUSE WE GOING TO BUILD A NEW HOUSE WHAT I'M GETTING AT MADAM SPEAKER IS REALLY WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL AND WHAT KIND OF HOSPITAL WE'RE GOING TO BUILD WHEN THE HOSPITAL THAT OUR PEOPLE RELY ON TODAY WHEN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM THAT OUR PEOPLE DEPEND ON TODAY IS IN SHAMBLES AND IT'S NOT LIKE WE DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY BECAUSE THEY SAY WE HAVE THE

MONEY MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO PUT THE EFFORT IN IS BE LET'S NOT FIX IT LET'S PUT LET'S LET'S DESTROY IT LET'S LET LET'S GET IT TO BE DESTROYED AND OUR SAVING GRACE WILL BE WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL CONVERSATION IS NOT DONE YET IF IT IS THE THIS BODY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DECIDE WHERE THE HOSPITAL IS GOING TO BE BUILT YOU KNOW THE NEXT ONE IS GOING TO BE THIS BODY IS GOING TO HAVE TO DECIDE WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING TO COME FROM IN THE MEAN TIME WE HAVE A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM ON THIS ISLAND THAT NEEDS REPAIR AND WE'RE NEGLECTING IT THEY ARE NEGLECTING IT BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME WE'RE GOING TO BE VOTING ON THESE BILLS I LIKE I I WANT TO CHALLENGE MY COLLEAGUES TAKE A LOOK AT THE FOOTAGE OF ALL THE HEARINGS THAT WE HAD WHETHER IT BE FOR WHETHER WHETHER OR NOT THIS HOSPITAL IS SUPPOSED TO BE BUILT IN POINT A OR POINT B AND LISTEN TO THE TESTIMONY IS IT TRULY ABOUT WHERE THE HOSPITAL WAS AT OR IS IT OR IS IT ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THAT CURRENTLY EXIST IN OUR IN A HOSPITAL TODAY IS IT TRULY ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT IT SHOULD BE IN MANGILAO OR TAMUNING OR IS IT ABOUT THE TIME AND THE DISTANCE THAT IT TAKES TO GET MEDICAL CARE FROM THE SOUTH IS IT ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT IT SHOULD BE A HOSPITAL OR IT SHOULD BE A MEDICAL COMPLEX OR IS IT ABOUT THE DECREPIT CONDITIONS THAT OUR PATIENTS THE PATIENTS WOULD HAVE TO ENDURE WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING FOR HEALTHCARE RIGHT NOW LOOK AT IT I VENTURE TO SAY THAT THE BULK OF THE TESTIMONY IS NOT ABOUT WHERE THE HOSPITAL SHOULD BE BUILT OR WHAT KIND OF A HOSPITAL IT'S ABOUT GETTING THE HEALTH CARE THE PEOPLE DESERVE IN NEED TODAY AS MY COLLEAGUE FROM TAMUNING HAD STATED BEFORE ME OKAY YOU KNOW IF YOU BUILD SOMETHING NEW BUT PUT SOMETHING OLD IN IT GUESS WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE BECAUSE WE'RE ON YOUTUBE I WON'T SAY BUT I'LL GIVE YOU THE THE ACRONYMS SOS THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

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

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER SINCE MY OTHER COLLEAGUES WERE DISCLOSING I'M GOING TO DISCLOSE I DON'T LIVE IN TAMUNING SPENT A LOT OF YEARS THERE MY YOUNGER YEARS WRITING WITH MY COUSINS ALL OVER BECAUSE MY MOM'S SISTER LIVED THERE FOR MANY YEARS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL TAMUNING FAMILIES AFTER THE WAR BUT YOU KNOW I I APPRECIATE THE THE MOST PREVIOUS SPEAKERS WITH THE COMMENTS THAT THEY'VE MADE BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT'S WHEN YOU GET RIGHT DOWN TO THE REALITIES OF THE ISSUES THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH WHERE WE'RE AT TODAY CERTAINLY WHERE WE'D LIKE TO BE BUT WHERE WE'RE AT TODAY AND AS I MENTIONED EARLIER IN THE PREVIOUS BILL WE'VE NOT BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN ADDRESSING THE CURRENT CHALLENGES NOR HAS A CURRENT MANAGEMENT TEAM YOU KNOW THESE HEARINGS THAT WE TALK ABOUT KNOW IT ALMOST DOESN'T MATTER WHICH ONE YOU ATTEND THE OUTCOME AND THE ENGAGEMENT IS THE SAME WHAT IS IT THAT WASN'T ACCOMPLISHED AND THIS IDEA THAT WANT YOU KNOW THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO SELL TO OUR PEOPLE THAT IF WE BUILD A NEW FACILITY SOMEHOW MIRACULOUSLY ALL THOSE ISSUES AND CHALLENGES ARE GOING TO DISAPPEAR AND WE'VE SEEN IT TIME AND TIME AGAIN NEW FACILITIES I MEAN GOODNESS I REMEMBER WHEN THE SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL WAS BEING BUILT WHEN IT WAS NEW WHAT WHAT IT WAS LIKE WHEN IT WAS NEW AND THE CHALLENGES THAT HAVE HAPPENED SINCE THEN I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THIS BILL NOT BECAUSE OH THAT'S NOT WHERE THE GOVERNOR WANTS TO LOCATE THE HOSPITAL BUT YOU KNOW SOMETIMES YOU GET RIGHT DOWN TO THE BRASS TAX YOU NEED TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS AND IF WE CAN'T AFFORD TODAY RIGHT NOW TO ENSURE THAT VENDORS ARE PAID ON A REGULAR BASIS AND THAT THE HOSPITAL HAS THE EQUIPMENT THAT IT NEEDS THAT THE HOSPITAL HAS THE PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL STAFF THAT IT NEEDS THAT THEY HAVE THE SUPPLIES THAT THEY NEED THAT WHEN THINGS BREAK DOWN THEY CAN BE FIXED WELL THOSE ARE REAL PRACTICAL REALITIES AND I DON'T THINK YOU CAN SUGARCOAT THAT IF YOU'RE THAT PATIENT YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS THAT PATIENT UP THERE AT THE HOSPITAL THAT'S A REAL REALITY AND WE CAN'T DO THAT NOW WITH ALL THE PROMISES THAT WERE MADE LOT OF PROMISES GET MADE IN CAMPAIGN SEASON YET WHEN IT COMES TIME TO DELIVER ALL THOSE GREAT IDEAS ALL THOSE GRAND PLANS WHEN YOU'RE IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT YOU GET TO MAKE THAT DECISION WHERE ARE WE THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT IS MOST DISTURBING WHERE ARE WE AND BEYOND THE ADMINISTRATION YOU KNOW JUST SENDING THEIR PRESS RELEASES AND THERE SPOKESPEOPLE THAT SOMEHOW HAVE RISEN TO A LEVEL OF THEY THINK THAT WHEN THEY SPEAK MY GOODNESS WE SHOULD LISTEN I'M I'M IMPRESSED YOU KNOW REALLY WE SHOULD BE IMPRESSED WITH THEIR WHOLE BACKGROUND OF EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE THEY HAVE TO SPEAK AS IF THEY'VE ACTUALLY HAD ANY PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE DOING WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT AND WE'RE JUST SUPPOSED TO BLINDLY FOLLOW ALONG WELL I DIDN'T GET ELECTED TO RUN FOR OFFICE TO COW TAIL TO THIS OR ANY OTHER ADMINISTRATION INCLUDING A REPUBLICAN ONE I SER YOU KNOW THAT I I WAS HERE IN THE LEGISLATURE WE HAD A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR WE HAD A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY I THINK IF

THERE ARE ISSUES TO QUESTION WE SHOULD AND WE SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID TO DO THAT BECAUSE OH WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE IN THE IN GROUP SOMETIMES YOU KNOW WE SHOULD DO WHAT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO BUT I ALREADY KNOW HOW THESE VOTES ARE GOING TO LINE UP DO YOU MADAM SPEAKER I GOT A GOOD IDEA MAYBE I SHOULD BET AND GAMBLE BECAUSE I ALREADY KNOW THOSE VOTES WERE DECIDED BEFORE WE CAME IN TODAY TO EVEN DEBATE THESE BILLS BUT IF WE CAN'T AFFORD TODAY WHILE WE'RE FLUSH WITH CASH TO PAY VENDORS IN A TIMELY FASHION AT THE HOSPITAL SO THAT WE CAN GET THE RESOURCES THAT WE NEED TO PROPERLY OPERATE THE HOSPITAL HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO IT WITH THE HOSPITAL WE BELIEVE IF WE APPROVE THIS TODAY IS GOING TO BE BUILT IN 10 YEARS THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THIS GRAND PLAN AND GRAND SCHEME OR HEY THE MILITARY'S GOING TO COME AND HELP US BUILD IT YOU SITUATION FOR THE MILITARY I MEAN I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR CONTINGENCY PLAN IS YOU KNOW IT'S LIKE THEIR PLAN 15 YEARS AGO TO MOTHBALL THE SHIP REPAIR FACILITY AND OH WE'RE GOING TO MOTHBALL ANDERSON AND OUR MISSIONS MOVED IN THE REGION YEAH I SAT UP UP THERE ON THE HILL WHEN THEY GAVE THOSE BRIEFINGS AND I JUST LOOKED AT THAT MAP AND I THOUGHT I SEE GUAM THAT LITTLE PIECE THAT LITTLE DOT UP THERE IN A VERY SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE WORLD AND HERE WE ARE NOW WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT NORTH KOREA NOW WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT CHINA YOU KNOW 10 YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS IN THE MY DAD WAS IN THE HOSPITAL UP AT NAVAL HOSPITAL SPENT QUITE A LOT OF TIME UP THERE LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW THE SECOND FLOOR WHILE THE NEW HOSPITAL IS BEING CONSTRUCTED VERY NICE DOESN'T LOOK VERY BIG CONSIDERING HOW OLD THE NAVAL H THIS THE OLD NAVAL HOSPITAL THE SIZE YOU KNOW REMEMBER THOSE LONG HALLWAYS YOU WANT TO TAKE A BOWLING BALL AND JUST ROLL IT DOWN BECAUSE BOY THEY KEPT THOSE THINGS NICELY WAXED OVER THE YEARS IT WAS ALWAYS LIKE STEPPING BACK IN TIME CUZ THE HOSPITAL LOOKED THE SAME OF COURSE UNTIL THEY DEMOLISHED IT AND BUILT A NEW ONE AND I DON'T THINK THEY PLANNED THAT WELL CUZ THAT HOSPITAL'S NOT VERY BIG IT CANNOT ABSORB ANYTHING MORE THAN WHAT IT PRETTY MUCH HAS NOW EVEN THEIR BEDROOM CAPACITY UP THERE IS VERY LIMITED I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR ULTIMATE PLAN WAS OF COURSE THEY BUILT A NEW CLINIC DOWN AT NAVAL STATION BUT IF WE HAVE ANY MAJOR INCIDENT IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD YOU KNOW LIKE WE DID DURING VIETNAM M I I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PLAN IS TO ARE THEY GOING TO POP UP TENTS MAYBE THEY GOT NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT CAN ADDRESS THAT BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO LEAVE THAT TO THE MILITARY PLANNERS TO DECIDE WHAT THEY NEED TO DO FOR THEIR PEOPLE AND THEIR TROOPS OUR JOB IS TO DECIDE WHAT IS IT WE NEED FOR OUR PEOPLE AND WE ALL WANT THE BEST OF COURSE WE DO I GOODNESS IF I COULD AFFORD IT I'D BUY IT ALL BUT YOU KNOW I KIND OF LOOK AT MY ROLE HERE IS MAKING RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL DECISIONS LIKE I TRY TO MAKE IN MY OWN LIFE I TRY TO LIVE WITHIN MY MEANS I TRY TO LIVE LIKE IF I HAD WAS UNEMPLOYED TOMORROW WHAT CAN I COVER FOR WHAT PERIOD OF TIME AND THAT MEANS SOMETIMES SACRIFICING OTHER THINGS I'D LIKE TO HAVE BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY I GOT TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS IF IT'S MY OWN DOLLAR THAT I GOT TO MAKE AND SURVIVE ON WELL I KIND OF LOOK AT THAT ROLE HERE THAT'S WHY I'M NOT LIKE HEY LET'S SPEND EVERYTHING WE GOT AND THEN SOME MAN LET'S LIVE UP THE PARTY LIKE SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES HERE WANT TO DO BECAUSE THEY CAN'T SPEND THE MONEY FAST ENOUGH WE CAN'T RAISE SALARIES AND EVERYTHING ELSE FAST ENOUGH EVEN THOUGH WE WHO CARES OF A YEAR OR TWO OR THREE DOWN WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO PAY FOR IT MAYBE I'LL BE GOVERNOR BY THEN I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT SO SOMETHING AS IMPORTANT AS A HOSPITAL FACILITY YES I MEAN I'D LOVE TO SEE A NEW FACILITY I'M SUPPORTIVE OF A NEW FACILITY BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE CAN AFFORD TO RUN IT AND MAINTAIN IT AND NOT BE IN THE SAME SITUATION WE HAVE SEEN OURSELVES TIME AND TIME AGAIN WHERE WE TAKE THE POLITICS AND PREY ON THE FEAR OF OUR PEOPLE BECAUSE ULTIMATELY WHEN YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR OWN HEALTH OR THE HEALTH OF A LOVED ONE THAT'S THAT'S A PRETTY BIG FEAR I THINK WE'VE ALL BEEN THROUGH IT HAVEN'T WE IF NOT OURSELVES A DEAR CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER THAT HAS HAD TO GO THROUGH MAJOR HEALTH ISSUES WONDERING DO WE HAVE THE RESOURCES AND FACILITIES AND EXPERTISE HERE CU YEAH NOT EVERYBODY CAN AFFORD AND EVEN THOSE THAT DO THERE'S NO GUARANTEE OF THE TIME TO GET ON A PLANE OR BE STABLE ENOUGH TO BE TRANSPORTED SO OF COURSE WE WANT TO HAVE A GOOD HOSPITAL OUR QUALITY OF LIFE IS VERY DEPENDENT UPON IT BUT THIS PARTICULAR ISSUES BECOME SO POLITICIZED AND UNFORTUNATELY VERY DIVISIVE NOT BECAUSE NOBODY HERE DOESN'T WANT A NEW HOSPITAL BUT WHERE WE'RE GOING TO PUT IT AND WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO MAINTAIN IT DOWN THE ROAD THERE'S NOT AN INFINITE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND WHAT WE'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH YEAH NOW WE'VE BEEN FLUSHED WITH MONEY FOR A LITTLE WHILE IT'S NOT GOING TO LAST PEOPLE AND YOU KNOW SOME OF OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES BROUGHT UP YEAH A LOT OF OUR OWN PEOPLE ARE LEAVING GUAM THEY DON'T SEE THEIR FUTURE HERE THEY DON'T SEE THEIR CHILDREN'S FUTURE EVEN MORE THEY DON'T SEE THEIR CHILDREN'S FUTURE HERE THERE A WHOLE LOT OF OTHER REASONS

LEADING TO WHY THAT IS THE CASE BUT I THINK WE NEED TO MEET RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS AND IF WE CAN BUILD A FACILITY WITHIN TAMUNING IF IT CAN BE PUT UP AT THE FORMER LOCATION THAT TO ME IS MORE COST EFFECTIVE THEN THAT'S THE RESPONSIBLE DECISION BECAUSE IF WE CAN DO THAT THEN THERE'S OTHER THINGS WE CAN HAVE THE MONEY IF THE MONEY IS THERE TO INVEST IN THE ACTUAL OPERATIONS OF THE FACILITY WHICH I THINK IS THE MOST CRITICAL THING WE'RE PUTTING TOO MUCH INVESTMENT IN OLD THE NEW BUILDING AH THAT'S THE THAT'S THE CURE ALL THAT'S GOING TO BE THAT'S GOING TO BE THE PANACEA TO OUR PROBLEMS I THINK IT'S IN A LOT OF WAYS IT'S THE FOCUS OF LOOKING OH PEOPLE GO LOOK DOWN THE ROAD SO YOU DON'T SEE HOW DEFICIENT WE ARE TODAY UNDER OUR LEADERSHIP CUZ REALLY HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR HAS TO BE TOLD OR WHY YOU CAN'T CONNECT THE AIR CONDITIONER REALLY OR YOUR GUESTS HAVE TO COME IN AND TELL YOU HOW TO CLEAN THE MOLD OR WHY HAVEN'T YOU CLEAN THE MOLD ISSUE OR WHY REALLY THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS SUPPOSED TO BE IN PLACE TO KNOW WHAT TO DO WE SHOULDN'T BE HAVING TO RAISE THOSE QUESTIONS THEY SHOULD BE TELLING US WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO FIX IT BUT YET HEARING AFTER HEARING AFTER HEARING THEN TO FIND OUT EVEN MORE THE THAT OUR PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS THAT USED TO BE SUCH A HAVE SUCH A PRESENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY I GREW UP WITH THE MILLO PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER I USED TO GO TO THE MANGILAO PUBLIC HEALTH MY WHOLE CLASS USED TO GO UP THERE WE USED TO GO ON FIELD TRIPS UP THERE GET OUR SHOTS GET OUR DENTALS CHECKED WOW ISN'T THAT SOMETHING HOW COOL DO OUR KIDS GET TO DO THAT NOW AND YET ALL WE END UP FINDING OUT IS LESS SERVICES ARE BEING PROVIDED IT'S NOT COMING FROM US TO SAY WE JUST WANT TO BASH THE ADMINISTRATION IT'S THE PEOPLE THAT WORK IN THE WORK IN PUBLIC HEALTH THAT ARE COMING OUT AND SAYING WE CAN'T TAKE CARE OF OUR CLIENTS AND THE PLACES YOU PUT US INTO RENT DON'T PROVIDE US THE SPACE TO DO THAT OR WE DON'T HAVE THE EQUIPMENT WE DON'T HAVE THE FACILITIES TO DO THAT THAT'S WHAT OUR FOCUS NEEDS TO BE AND DOING WHAT ULTIMATELY NOT THAT WE CAN AFFORD BECAUSE LET'S NOT KID OURSELVES THIS MONEY AIN'T COMING OUT OF OUR POCKET IS WHAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM CAN AFFORD AND WHAT WE CAN SUSTAIN THOSE ARE THE TYPE OF REAL ISSUES WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THEN VISION OH YOU GUYS DOWN LET DON'T GOT BIG ENOUGH VISION TALK IS EASY WRITING PRESS RELEASES OH MY GOODNESS WOW WHAT AN EFFORT INSTEAD OF ENSURING THAT WE'VE GOT BETTER COMMUNITY OUTREACH AT PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS AND PREVENTATIVE EDUCATION GOING ON OUT THERE AND THAT WE HAVE A HOSPITAL THAT'S BEING RUN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENTLY AND RESPONSIBLY THAT VENDORS AREN'T STANDING IN LINE TO GET PAID BECAUSE IT'S REALLY THE LEGISLATURE HAD TO INITIATE THIS LAST PAYMENT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THE NEXT ONE IF THINGS ARE ALL GOING TO BE THE SAME WHAT ANOTHER MONTH ANOTHER EIGHT NINE MONTHS A YEAR WE'RE GOING TO BE BACK IN THE SAME SITUATION THAT WAS A SURPRISE I HAVE TO TELL YOU MAN I WAS A SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THAT THE THEW MORAL HOSPITAL WAS THAT BACK IN DEBT TO VENDORS I I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT I EXPECT HIM TO TELL ME AH YOU KNOW WE'RE 2 MILLION YOU KNOW BUT THAT'S REGULAR YOU KNOW JUST REGULAR ROUTINE AND IT AND IT WASN'T SO YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE FASCINATING THE VOTE BUT I'M NOT GOING TO BE SURPRISED I DON'T THINK ANY OF US HERE ARE GOING TO BE SURPRISED BY THE VOTE OF HOW THIS IS ALL GOING TO TURN OUT AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S GOING TO GO IT'S BECOME SUCH A POLARIZING ISSUE BUT WHEN YOU CAN'T TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION SOME VERY PRACTICAL REALITIES AND AND EVEN THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY I'M SURE THEY DON'T AGREE A THOUSAND PERCENT WITH EACH OTHER I THINK A MAJORITY OF THEM HAVE RELATED TO US THEIR CONCERNS AND ALL OF A SUDDEN WHEN IT'S CONVENIENT WE JUST IGNORE THEM OH WHO CARES WHAT THEY THINK EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE THE PROFESSIONALS THAT WE DEPEND ON THAT WE NEED TO SUPPORT AND OPERATE OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND PROVIDE OUR PEOPLE THE CARE THAT'S NEEDED THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT MATTER WE DON'T MATTER THE ADMINISTRATION DOESN'T MATTER AT THE END OF THE DAY WHEN YOU GET RIGHT DOWN TO IT TOO MUCH RING KISSING GOING ON THESE DAYS MAN AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR PEOPLE THAT'S JUST ISN'T HOW IT SHOULD BE WE SHOULD BE DEBATING A NEW FACILITY THAT WE CAN AFFORD THAT CAN GIVE US GIVE OUR PEOPLE THE HEALTH CARE THAT THEY NEED AND THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATED NOW WITH THE CURRENT OPERATIONS AND YOU KNOW IT'S SAD WHEN OUR PEOPLE SAY INSTEAD OF GETTING BETTER WHAT DO THEY SAY I DON'T NEED TO ANSWER THAT I THINK WE KNOW WE FEEL IT WE SEE IT SO I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL IT'S NOT BECAUSE HEY MAN IT'S IN TAMUNING I I DON'T LIVE IN TAMUNING PROBABLY THE FACILITY BACK ROAD WOULD PROBABLY BE CLOSER TO MY FAMILY BUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT'S BEEN INVESTED IS THERE AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF GETTING THAT HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTED SOONER ARE THERE AND OUR ABILITY TO ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO BUILD AND AFFORD IT ARE THERE AND THOSE ARE THE ISSUES THAT I'M LOOKING AT AND WANTING TO SEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOSPITAL FACILITY WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED.

**NOTE: BARNETT RESIDES AS SPEAKER**

**SENATOR BARNETT:** SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TO MY COLLEAGUES ALSO FOR FOR THE EXCELLENT DEBATE I THINK ON THE BILL AND THIS BILL WOULD MANDATE THAT THE FINANCING THAT THE LEGISLATURE PASS IN 2019 BE USED TO BUILD A HOSPITAL OR A MEDICAL CAMPUS IN TAMUNING AND JUST FOR THOSE WHO AREN'T SURE WHERE TAMUNING IS THAT IS DEFINED IN OUR STATUTES AND IN CHAPTER ONE TITLE ONE OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED THE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THE GOVERNOR GEDA ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT WITH MATRIX TO DO A STUDY OF THE PROPOSED HOSPITAL SITES AND ALL OF THE SITES WERE NARROWED DOWN BY I GUESS GEDA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND GIVEN TO MATRIX ALONG WITH EVERY ALL THE INFORMATION THAT THEY HAD WE PAID MATRIX \$1.8 MILLION THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY SAID THEY QUESTIONED \$2 MILLION OF THOSE COSTS JUST BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE CONTRACT WAS PROCURED THAT'S ASIDE THE POINT THOUGH WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT WE PAID FOR THIS STUDY AND ACCORDING TO THAT STUDY YPAO POINT IS BIG ENOUGH FOR A MEDICAL COMPLEX THE ENTIRE MEDICAL COMPLEX IN FACT IT'S BIG ENOUGH AND SUITABLE ENOUGH TO BE RANKED BY MATRIX NUMBER TWO AFTER EAGLES FIELD AND EAGLES FIELD HAS BEEN RULED OUT SO MATRIX REMAINS RANKED NUMBER ONE IN ALL OF THE LANDS THAT THEY STUDIED ON GUAM TO PUT A HOSPITAL ON IF IT'S IT WAS ALSO RANKED WAY BACK IN 2010 IN ANOTHER STUDY THAT MATRIX DID FOR A PROJECT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR A NEW HOSPITAL IT SAYS IT DESCRIBED THE THE THE PROBLEMS WITH THE CURRENT HOSPITAL AT THAT TIME AND THAT OKA POINT IS LOCATED LESS THAN HALF A MILE FROM THE EXISTING HOSPITAL WHICH PROVIDES THE TRANSITION FOR CLOSE PROXIMITY OF SHARING MEDICAL STAFF AND PHASING OF ANY FUTURE HOSPITAL EXPANSIONS OVER THE YEARS MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE COMPANIES HAVE LOCATED WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE EXISTING HOSPITAL AND THE HUB OF PRIVATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CREATING A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE INCLUSIVE OF BOTH THE EXISTING HOSPITAL AND THE PROPOSED NEW MEDICAL AND HEALTHCARE CAMPUS ON OKA POINT AND I JUST READ THAT BECAUSE IT'S VERY INTERESTING TO ME THAT THEY BEFORE ANY OF THESE DOCTORS DID CITED THIS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN THIS AREA BACK IN 2010 I'M NOT SURE HOW IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE PROPERTY THAT'S RANKED NUMBER ONE IN A \$2 MILLION STUDY HOW SOMEONE IN HERE CAN DESCRIBE THIS BILL TO BE IN BAD FAITH I ALSO DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW SOMEONE IN HERE CAN DESCRIBE THIS BILL TO BE BAD FAITH WHEN THIS PROPERTY ACCORDING TO THE STUDY IS GOING TO BE FASTER TO BUILD A HOSPITAL AND CHEAPER LESS EXPENSIVE TO PUT IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE HOW IS THAT IN BAD FAITH WE IN THE COMMITTEE IN THE COMMITTEE WORK THAT WE DID AGAIN HELD THE HEARINGS GOT ALL THE TESTIMONY AND WE TRIED TO ADDRESS ALL THE CONCERNS THAT WERE BROUGHT UP AND AND THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL RAISED SOME OF THE CONCERNS AND HOW WE ADDRESSED THEM SO I THINK WE DID A VERY GOOD JOB IF I SAY SO MYSELF IN ADDRESSING MANY OF THE CONCERNS THAT WERE BROUGHT UP THE YPAO POINT SITE I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE SIZE AND THIS VARIES ACCORDING TO WHO YOU ASK AND ON WHAT DAY YOU ASK MATRIX IN THEIR REPORT SAID IT WAS 35 ACRES THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT TESTIFIED IT'S ONLY 25 USABLE ACRES TODAY IN THE GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE THEY THEY GO BACK TO 38 ACRES MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE I INCLUDED THE 2 ACRE SIDE LOT AND THE 3 ACRE SIDE LOT BUT REGARDLESS EVEN IF WE TOOK THE SMALLEST AMOUNT THAT WAS TESTIFIED 25 ACRES OF USABLE LAND THE FOOTPRINT OF THE ENTIRE MEDICAL COMPLEX ACCORDING TO MATRIX IF YOU TAKE OUT THE 17 ACRES OF PARKING IS 21 ACRES TO BUILD ALL THE BUILDINGS THAT THEY TALK ABOUT THE HOSPITAL THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING THE LAB THE PHARMACY THE VA WING THE MEDICAL DATA CENTER THE PHYSICAL PLANT SUBSTATION THE STAFF PARKING THE HELIPAD THE PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BUILDING THE MEDICAL PROVIDER OFFICES FOR THE SPECIALISTS AND AND FUTURE OFFICES I THINK WE CAN FIND A WAY TO FIT THOSE THINGS IF THERE ARE ONLY 21 ACRES IN OUR 25 TO 35 ACRE PROPERTY AND THAT WE CAN FIND A WAY INSTEAD OF SPREADING OUT 17 ACRES WORTH OF PARKING TO PERHAPS BE MORE CREATIVE MAYBE TWO STORIES WOULD STILL BE 10 ACRES OF PARKING 10 ACRES IS WHAT THE ENTIRE CURRENT HOSPITAL SITS ON 10 ACRES THE BUILDING THE SURROUNDING PROPERTY THE PARKING STRUCTURE SO SO DOUBLE THAT IS WHAT THEY'RE LOOK IS WHAT MATRIX PROPOSED TO BUILD FOR A PARKING STRUCTURE AND I JUST SAY WE WE CAN MAYBE DO BETTER THAN THAT BUT THE COMPLEX CAN BE BUILT ON YPAO ACCORDING TO THESE STUDIES AND IT CAN INCLUDE SPECIALISTS AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WAS PROPOSED WE DID AMEND THE BILL TO SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS YPAO AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAMORU LAND TRUST

WHO CURRENTLY HAS CONTROL OF THAT PROPERTY TO LEASE IT FOR 50 YEARS IF YOU MAY RECALL THERE IS ALREADY EXISTING LAW I THINK IN 20 WELL I'M SORRY I DON'T REMEMBER THE YEAR BUT WAY BEFORE US THAT ALLOWED THE TOMOR LAND TRUST TO LEASE THIS PROPERTY OUT FOR COMMERCIAL TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AND THEY GOT SOME VERY SIGNIFICANT PROPOSALS FOR HUGE THINGS INCLUDING CASINOS AND APARTMENT UNITS THEY CALL THEM LET ME LET ME JUST SEE I HAVE A LIST OF THOSE BUT I'LL GET TO THAT LATER BUT ANYWAYS THAT THE PROPERTY WAS BIG ENOUGH FOR ALL OF THOSE THINGS SO THE CHAMOR LIST IS MANDATED TO LEASE THIS AND THEY WERE NOT GOING TO USE IT FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES THE INFRASTRUCTURE AT YPAO IS ESTIMATED TO COST 20 MILLION VERSUS THE 100 MILLION ESTIMATES FOR THE ADEKO CROWN PROPERTY ON THE BACK ROAD TO ANDERSON THEY ALSO MATRIX ALSO FOUND THAT THE ATAL PROPERTY INFRASTRUCTURE WAS GOING TO TO TAKE JUST FOR THE ROADS AT LEAST 2 TO THREE YEARS TRAFFIC SIGNALS HIGHWAYS ONE YEAR FOR DESIGN AND TWO YEARS CONSTRUCTION FOR GPA POWER SUBSTATION AND THEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH WATER WATER P P UPGRADES TO WATER WASTE WATER ELECTRICITY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE WE DID ASK G GPA AND GWA ABOUT THE CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMUNING AND THEY RESPONDED WELL GWA RESPONDED THAT THEY IDENTIFIED \$237 MILLION IN PROJECTS THAT WERE EITHER COMPLETED IN PROGRESS OR CONSTRUCTION PENDING DESIGN PROGRESS PLANNED OR BEING PLANNED AND IN PRELIMINARY STAGES THAT WOULD SUPPORT WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES FOR A HOSPITAL AND TAMUNING ACCORDING TO THE MEDICAL CAMPUS PLANED BY MATRIX THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS WERE LOWER FOR OW POINT THAN AT THE ATAL CROWN PROPERTY MATRIX REPORTED THAT USING AN OBJECTIVE RANKING SYSTEM YPAO WAS PREFERABLE OVER ADEKO CROWN OVERALL AND UNDER THE CATEGORIES OF TRAVEL DISTANCE PROXIMITY TO ARTERIAL ROADS DISTANCE FROM CLINICS AND HOSPITALS POWER WATER WASTEWATER CONSTRUCTION COSTS LAND USE AND ZONING COMPATIBILITY THEY CITED THE PRIMARY ACCESS ON CHALIN SAN ANTONIO AND A SECONDARY ACCESS COMPONENT FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE THROUGH BOTH *SAN VITORES* AND GOVERNOR CARLOS CAMACHO STREET THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TESTIFIED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IN THIS NEW MEDICAL CAMPUS ONLY OFFICES AND THAT THEY WERE MOVING THE CDC LAB OUTSIDE OF THIS PROPOSAL TO ANOTHER SITE IN MANGILAO NEAR UOG WE ALSO HEARD ABOUT FAULT LINES AND YOU KNOW AGAIN WE PAID MATRIX \$2 MILLION AND THEY STILL DESPITE THE FAULT LINES CAME UP WITH THIS PROPERTY IS RANKING NUMBER ONE THEY ALSO CITED FOR THE ATTAKA CROWN PROPERTIES SINKLES THAT HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED OR STUDIED MORE MORE WE ALSO RECEIV RECEIVED DURING THE HEARINGS TESTIMONY FROM DR JONATHAN SADELL PRESIDENT OF THE MEDICAL STAFF OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT THE TIME EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT OF BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL ON YPAO POINT KEY REASON IS THAT MANY OF THE MEDICAL STAFF LIVE WITHIN 10 MINUTES FROM THE CURRENT HOSPITAL AND THAT IS SO THEY CAN RESPOND TO LIFE-SAVING EMERGENCIES THE RESPONSE TIME IS CRITICAL FOR PROVIDERS TO ATTEND TO PATIENTS AND WITHOUT THIS ACCESS FOR PROVIDERS PATIENTS WOULD BE LEFT WITH THEIR LIVES AT RISK WE RECEIVED TESTIMONY FROM THE GUAM MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WITH CITED FIVE REASONS IT IS IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW HOSPITAL AT EAL POINT AND TO INCLUDE OVER 90 % OF MEDICAL STAFF ARE WITHIN 10 MINUTES THIS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT IN RESPONSE TO LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NEW HOSPITAL IS ALREADY IN PLACE AROUND YPAO POINT WE RECEIVED WRITTEN TESTIMONY FROM SEVERAL PEDIATRICIANS AS A GROUP INCLUDING DR ANTONIO GARCIA OF MED FIRST DR MARIA BLANCO FLOR MPG PEDIATRICS DR GLADIS LAN DR DINA DEANT DR D SENTO DR CHRISTINA MANALOTO DR ETNA SANTZ AND DR MILET FUS AMC PEDIATRICS STATED THAT THEY ARE IN SUPPORT OF BILL NUMBER 18537 BECAUSE OF ITS ACCESSIBILITY TO THEIR PATIENTS AND PEDIATRICIANS AROUND THE AREA WRITTEN TESTIMONY WAS FROM THE GUAM MEDICAL SORRY THERE WAS ALSO TESTIMONY A JOINT TESTIMONY FROM THE AMERICAN MEDICAL CLINIC THE FHP CLINIC AND THE 7TH DAY ADVENTIST CLINIC THEY CITED THAT THERE ARE MANY REASONS FOR THE SITE TO CHOOSE THIS SITE ONE OF THEM IS BECAUSE ALL THREE OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE CLINICS ARE LOCATED WITHIN 10 MINUTES OF YPAO SITE AND WE HAVE OVER 120,000 PATIENTS UNDER OUR CARE AT ANY POINT IN TIME WE HAVE CRITICAL PATIENTS WHO MUST BE TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL FROM OUR CLINIC AND THE NEAREST LOCATION IS YPAO POINT WRITTEN TESTIMONY FROM THE ANESTHESIA DEPARTMENT AT THE GUAM MARA HOSPITAL IN SUPPORT OF BILL 185 STATES KEEPING THE LOCATION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL IN NEAR PROXIMITY TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ADJUNCT SERVICES AND THE POPULATION IS PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST AND SAVING LIVES THERE WAS MANY OTHER TESTIMONY BUT I PRETTY MUCH JUST PUT OUT THE MEDICAL PROVIDERS WHO TALK ABOUT SAVING LIVES AND THAT IS REALLY THE PURPOSE OF OUR NEW HOSPITAL I HOPE AND I'M SURE WE COULD MAKE IT WORK IN ANY LOCATION BUT I I DO I DO HEAR THEIR CONCERNS AND I DO RECOGNIZE THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE THAT IN HEALTHCARE THAT HAS BEEN BUILT UP IN OUR COMMUNITY OVER THE YEARS AND I DO RECOGNIZE THE SIZE AND THAT IT IS

ADEQUATE AND THAT THE FAULT LINE HAS NOT STOPPED ANYBODY ELSE FROM MAKING HUGE PROPOSALS FOR THAT PROPERTY IN THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT FAULT LINES THAT ARE MUCH BIGGER RUN THROUGH OTHER PARTS OF GUAM THAT HAVE NOT IMPEDED ANY OF THE CONSTRUCTION SUCH AS ANDERSON AIR FORCE BASE ADAL LOOP AND MANY OTHER PLACES SO WE'VE TAKEN CARE I HOPE OF THE CONCERNS OF THE NAFTAN AND THAT NAFTAN IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE BUILT THERE AND I HOPE IN FACT THAT THIS PASSAGE OF THIS BILL WILL EXPEDITE THAT SO SO I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR DEBATE AND I THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON THE MAIN MOTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IF NOT I WILL CLOSE.

**NOTE: SPEAKER RESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON BILL 185 IS THERE ANYONE ELSE TO SPEAK IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D ACTUALLY LIKE TO PROFFER AN AMENDMENT THAT COULD GET PASSED OUT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER THE AMENDMENT IS BEING PASSED OUT AND IT IS AN AMENDMENT TO LINE 20 PAGE 4 TO ADD A NEW SECTION SIX OF THE BILL TO READ SECTION SIX EXEMPTION FROM 2 GCA SUBSECTION 2107 THE SAILOR LEASE OF THE IDENTIFIED LOTS AS PROVIDED HEREIN SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION 2107 OF TITLE TO GUAM CODE ANNOTATED BELIEVE THIS AMENDMENT ADDRESSES THE CONCERNS OF PREVIOUS SPEAKER AND I ASKED FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT OF IT SO THAT WE CAN MOVE ON TO THE CLOSING *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE!*

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR FISHER YOU RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I DO APPRECIATE THE AMENDMENT THAT BRINGS BRINGS THIS BILL 185 INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW I WAS A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED WHEN I HEARD SOME MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE SAYING THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT 185 AS ORIGINALLY OFFERED AND UNAMENDED SINCE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARY THING TO SUPPORT AN ILLEGALITY THAT IS NOT WHAT WE WOULD EXPECT HERE BUT IT'S BEEN AMENDED AND YOU KNOW WHEN WE RUSH AND WHEN WE DON'T THINK ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHAT WE'RE DOING AND WE DON'T EXAMINE THE LAWS WE OFTEN WILL GO FROM BAD TO WORSE HERE ON THIS AMENDMENT WE'VE TAKEN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY OUT OF THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT THERE BE A APPRAISAL AND I LOOK AT THAT AND I THINK WELL THAT'S GOOD BUT UNFORTUNATELY IF WE COMPARE THIS TO BILL 184 THE ORIGINAL EXEMPTED ACT THE GOVERNOR SAID IN HER BILL DESPITE THE LAW THAT THEY WOULD APPRAISE THE LOTS AND IT WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR FINAL APPROVAL IT'S RIGHT THERE IN SECTION TWO IT'S YOU KNOW IN FRONT OF GOD AND EVERYBODY THERE IT IS AND ALSO SALE OR LEASE OF THE THE IDENTIFIED LOTS MUST BE FOR NO LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE SO 184 AS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN CONTAINS N EROUS PROTECTIONS FOR THE PEOPLE'S PURSE AND THIS IS A OBVIOUSLY THIS IS SECTION 2 AND 184 IS A PRODUCT OF REFLECTION AND CONSIDERATION NOW WITH BILL 185 2107 IS EXEMPTED BUT WE WILL NOT GET UNDER THE TERMS WE THE LEGISLATURE WON'T APPROVE THE LEASE THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT THAT PROPERTY BE TRANSFERRED FOR NO LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE SO YOU KNOW IT'S JUST PEOPLE WERE WORRIED ABOUT TRANSPARENCY AND DARKNESS AND SO FORTH BILL 185 IS BRIGADED WITH SHADE IT IS AN INVITATION FOR MISCHIEF SINCE THERE ARE NO BUILT-IN PROTECTIONS AND WE HERE IN THE LEGISLATURE WILL NEVER LOOK AT THE LEASE THERE'S NO REQUIREMENT THAT WE GET THE LEASE SO YOU KNOW ACT IN HASTE REPENT AT LEISURE BILL 184 AS AMENDED I SUSPECT THE AMENDMENT WILL PASS BUT BILL 185 AS AMENDED IS WORSE THAN THE BILL AS UNAMENDED I HOPE WE WILL ALL THINK TWICE I HOPE NONE OF US WILL SUPPORT ILLEGALITIES THANK YOU MA'AM.

**NOTE: PEREZ RESIDES AS SPEAKER**

**SENATOR PEREZ:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU SENATOR IS ANYONE ELSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SPEAKER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU YES I I I DON'T WANT TO LET THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER WORDS GO UNCHALLENGED MAYBE BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT ACCURATE FIRST OF ALL THE BILL 185 AS AMENDED IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO BILL 184 IN TWO REGARDS ONE IS THAT THE LEASE IS FOR 50 YEARS IS AUTHORIZED AND THAT SELL OR LEASE OF THE LOTS MUST BE FOR NO LESS THAN THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY BILL 185 DID NOT HAVE THE PROVISION TO WAVE AN APPRAISAL ALTHOUGH WHEN REQUIRING FAIR MARKET VALUE THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE AN APPRAISAL BUT WE DID NOT WAVE THAT THAT'S MY ERROR IN COMMITTEE BECAUSE THE ORIGINAL BILL DID NOT NEED THAT BECAUSE IT DID NOT NAME ANY SPECIFIC LOTS IT JUST SAID TAMUNING SO IT'S TRUE WE NEED TO WAVE THE APPRAISALS FOR THIRD READING BUT WE ARE NOT WAVING THE APPRAISALS BY THE LAND TRUST OR BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FOR THESE PROPERTIES SO AND THAT'S EXACTLY THE SAME THING THAT DONE FOR BILL 184 THERE IS NO APPRAISAL EVEN THOUGH THEY PROMISED AN APPRAISAL MONTHS AGO MAYBE 5 MONTHS AGO THEY WERE AUTHORIZED TO GET AN APPRAISAL THERE'S NONE WE'VE CONSIDERED THAT BILL WITHOUT AN APPRAISAL BUT WE'VE DONE THE EXACT SAME THING AND THAT IS WAVE THE APPRAISAL FOR US HERE IN THE LEGISLATURE ON THIRD READING FOR A LEASE UP TO 50 YEARS BUT NOT WAVE THE APPRAISAL AND REQUIRE AT LEAST FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR FOR THE SALE OR LEASE OF THOSE LOTS AS WELL ALMOST IDENTICAL SO I JUST WANTED TO CORRECT THAT RECORD AND AND I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT THAT'S JUST GOING GOING TO WAVE THAT APPRAISAL TODAY WHEN WE GET THIS IN THIRD READING AND WE VOTE ON IT HOPEFULLY OR FRIDAY WHEN WE VOTE IN THIRD READING IN SECOND READING IT'S PERFECTLY LEGAL TO CONSIDER THIS BILL AND IF THIS AMENDMENT PASSES PERFECTLY LEGAL TO CONSIDER IT IN THIRD READING SO THANK YOU MADAM MADAM SPEAKER.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT I DON'T SEE ANYBODY AT THIS POINT THEN I RECOGNIZE THE SPONSOR TO CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER NOTHING FURTHER APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES AND PRAY THAT WE CAN GET THIS AMENDMENT PASSED *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**NOTE: SPEAKER RESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND THREE FOUR FIVE AMENDMENT PASSES SENATOR BARNETT ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE DEBATE AND THE DISCUSSION TODAY IT WAS EVERYTHING I HAD ANTICIPATED AND I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY A FEW THINGS FOR THE RECORD THAT WERE MENTIONED BY THE GOOD SENATOR FROM IPAN FIRST OF ALL MY BILL 185 WAS DRAFTED ONE MONTH BEFORE THE GOVERNOR'S INTRODUCTION OF BILL 184 AND THE REASON WHY WE HAD KICKED AROUND THE IDEA OF INTRODUCING IT WAS BECAUSE THERE WERE AFTER THE GOVERNOR AND THE ADMINISTRATION REFUSED TO COME TO THE TABLE TO ENGAGE US ON THE FACTS RELATIVE TO EAGLES FIELD THERE WAS NO FORWARD MOVEMENT ON A NEW HOSPITAL ANDOR A MEDICAL COMPLEX AND AND SO I FELT THAT THE OPTION THAT REMAINED THAT WAS BEST REVIEWED BY THE MATRIX STUDY YPAO POINT NEEDED TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND I WAS SURPRISED FRANKLY WHEN THE GOVERNOR'S BILL WAS TRANSMITTED DOWN TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES BECAUSE IN DEALING WITH EVERYTHING THAT WAS GOING ON WITH THE SCHOOLS WE DIDN'T MAKE THE TIME TO INTRODUCE THE MEASURE SO THE MEASURE WAS FOR THE RECORD AND IN FACT NOT INTRODUCED IN BAD FAITH I NOTICED THAT WHEN WE FIGHT FOR OUR CO-EQUALITY AS A SEPARATE BUT CO-EQUAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT THERE ARE SOME COLLEAGUES IN HERE WHO TAKE EXTREME OFFENSE TO THAT AND THAT'S JUST TOO BAD I BELIEVE WE'RE ACTING WELL WITHIN OUR RIGHTS WITH BILL 185 I BELIEVE BUILDING AT YPAO POINT IS THE QUICKEST AND MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO MEET OUR PEOPLE'S URGENT AND PRESSING HEALTHCARE NEEDS I WAS THINKING LAST NIGHT I HAVE A PICTURE UP IN MY REFRIGERATOR NEXT TO ALL THE PICTURES OF MY KIDS AND IT'S A PICTURE OF ONE OF THE FIRST REMOTE BROADCASTS I CONDUCTED AS A RADIO DJ WAY BACK IN 1998 AND THAT BROADCAST WAS CONDUCTED FROM THE GROUNDS OF THE OLD GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT YPAO POINT AND AT THE TIME THE DISCUSSION WAS WHEN WERE WE GOING TO DEMOLISH THE OLD HOSPITAL AND SO I DECIDED TO DO A BROADCAST FROM THERE AND I I JUST THINK IT'S INTERESTING THAT HERE 25 YEARS LATER I AM PUSHING A VERY BIG BILL RELATIVE TO ADDRESSING OUR PEOPLE'S HEALTHCARE NEEDS I ALSO WANT TO ADDRESS THE ALLEGATIONS THAT POLITICS IS AT PLAY WITH MY BILL 185 I KNOW ONE OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAD SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE GUBINATORIAL RACE ALREADY STARTING AND I WOULD JUST REMIND THAT COLLEAGUE THAT NOT A SINGLE



INDIVIDUAL IN THIS LEGISLATIVE HALL HAS MADE ANY DECLARATION ABOUT THEIR INTENT TO SEEK HIGHER OFFICE IN 2026 IN FACT IT WAS NONE OF THE SENATORS WHO MADE SUCH A PRONOUNCEMENT BUT THE ADMINISTRATION SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO LEVY THE ALLEGATION THAT WE ARE PLAYING POLITICS I BEG TO DIFFER AND PART OF WHY THIS DEBATE AND DISCUSSION ON THIS VERY PRESSING ISSUE HAS BEEN SO CONTENTIOUS IS BECAUSE THERE QUITE SIMPLY HAVE NOT BEEN ENOUGH FACTS TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR'S DESIRE TO BUILD AT *EDA AGAGA* THEY SAY WE'RE NOT VISIONARY AND AGAIN I DISAGREE AND SINCE THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE FACTS THEY HAD TO GO WITH ARGUMENTS OF EMOTION ARGUMENTS LIKE WHY LIMIT OURSELVES WHY CAN'T CHAMORRO'S DREAM THINK BIG THEY SAY WHILE THEY'RE SAYING WE NEED TO BE THINKING BIG OUR PEOPLE ARE WONDERING IF WE'RE EVEN THINKING AT ALL LET ME SHARE WHAT I BELIEVE WOULD BE VISIONARY WE BUILD AT YPAO POINT AGAIN WE KNOW GMH HAS A LIFE EXPECTANCY OF ANYWHERE FROM FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS I THINK IT'S CLEAR THAT WE ARE TOO EARLY IN THE PROCESS RELATIVE TO *EDA GAGA* AND THE FINANCING IT'S GOING TO TAKE THREE YEARS TO STUDY WE KNOW THAT THE DIRECTOR OF LAND MANAGEMENT HAS CITED THE ISSUE OF SINK HOLES ON THAT PROPERTY SO WE COULD STUDY IT FOR THREE YEARS AND IT STILL MIGHT NOT BE GOOD ENOUGH TO BUILD ON MEANWHILE DESPITE WHAT THE HATERS SAY YPAO POINT IS IN MY OPINION VERY CLOSE TO BEING MOVE IN READY BUILD AT YPAO POINT LET'S TAKE THE EXISTING GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOOTPRINT AND MAYBE WE ENTER INTO A NONPROFIT MODEL SIMILAR TO A GOOD SAMARITAN REOPEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRAL CLINIC IN MANGILOA MAKE THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE THE SOUTH HAVE DESERVED FOR MANY YEARS IMPROVEMENTS THAT THAT WOULD RESTORE THE URGENT CARE FACILITY AT THE INALAHAN SOUTHERN PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY CENTER AND IF THE GOVERNOR IS SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING THE FUNDING THAT SHE HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT AND LET ME JUST IN IN FEBRUARY OF LAST YEAR THE GOVERNOR AT SPOKE ON THE K57 PATIO ROYO SHOW SHE HAD JUST COMPLETED A TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC SHE SAID SHE FELT THE TRIP WAS SUCCESSFUL SHE WENT BEFORE SENATOR MANSIONS COMMITTEE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR WITH THE FOCUS BEING A REQUEST FOR \$700 MILLION TO BUILD THE HOSPITAL AND ALSO SHE DISCUSSED RICA THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT AND WE KNOW HOW THAT TURNED OUT SO WE HAD LITTLE DETAILS IN FEBRUARY LET'S FAST FORWARD TO OCTOBER 26TH OF 2023 THE FINANCE IS THERE THE GOVERNOR SAID SHE'S IN SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH FEMA AND THE PENTAGON TO TRY AND GET FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT SHE SAID IN OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR THE NEW HOSPITAL LOAN IS NOW BEING BUILD AT AROUND \$800 MILLION AND FUNDING FOR IT IS AT THE TOP OF A LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS SENT TO MILITARY OFFICIALS THEY HAVE ALSO MADE WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE FALSE PROMISES TO OUR PEOPLE WHEN WE MET WITH THE GOVERNOR TO GET MORE INFORMATION I ASKED HER BECAUSE THE PEOPLE FROM THE MEETINGS THAT SHE HAD HAD THAT WEREN'T PUBLICLY NOTICED THEY SAID THE GOVERNOR TOLD THEM THAT IF WE BUILD AT *ED GAGA* NO ONE WILL HAVE TO GO OFF ISLAND FOR MEDICAL CARE AGAIN AND WHEN I ASKED THE GOVERNOR IF SHE SAID THAT TO THESE PEOPLE SHE SAID NO BUT I WAS ABLE TO FIND AN INTERVIEW ON A PRESS RELEASE FROM ADELUP DATED OCTOBER 30TH 2023 IN WHICH OUR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOSH TENORIO WAS QUOTED AS SAYING WE HAVE RELATIVES LIVING ABROAD WHO WANT TO RETURN HOME BUT BECAUSE GUAM DOESN'T HAVE THE SPECIALTY CARE THEY NEED THEY'RE FORCED TO LIVE IN THE STATES BUT THEIR DESIRE IS TO BE HERE WE NEED TO BUILD THIS TIMELY SO WE CAN RETURN OUR FAMILIES HOME THIS WILL BE ONE WAY TO BRING THEM BACK HOW I WISH THAT WERE TRUE OH HOW I WISH IT WAS REALISTIC BUT WHEN WE TALK TO THE DOCTORS AND WE TALK TO THE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY AND WE SAT THROUGH HOURS UPON HOURS OF TESTIMONY THEY MADE THE CASE VERY CONVINCINGLY THAT IF YOU BUILD IT THEY WILL COME IS A FANTASY THAT QUOTE IS FROM THE MOVIE FIELD OF DREAMS AND SADLY THIS MEDICAL COMPLEX PROPOSAL FROM THE GOVERNOR HAS SEEMED EXACTLY LIKE A FIELD OF DREAMS BECAUSE WE ARE SHORT ON THE FACTS WE ARE SHORT ON THE FINANCIALS *GOF MAYAMAK* HOSPITAL GET ME TO HAWAII WE USED TO MAKE THESE JOKES BACK IN THE YEAR 20 AND HERE 25 YEARS LATER WE'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT THE CONDITIONS AT THE HOSPITAL THEY DID A SURVEY AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF THE STAFF AND IT WAS RELATIVE TO WHERE THEY WANTED THE NEW HOSPITAL TO GO THEY NEVER RELEASED THE SURVEY IT MUST BE JUST LIKE THE MOLDER REPORT MAYBE THEY DIDN'T LIKE WHAT IT SAID MAYBE THEY DIDN'T LIKE WHAT IT SAID SO I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE VERY VERY ENGAGING DEBATE AND DISCUSSION I WILL NOT BE VOTING FOR TWO BILLS I NO OFFENSE BUT IF YOU'RE VOTING FOR BOTH BILLS YOU MIGHT AS WELL NOT VOTE FOR ANY WE WERE ELECTED TO MAKE THE TOUGH DECISIONS SO I IMPLORER YOU MY COLLEAGUES LET'S MAKE ONE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BARNETT ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL 185-37 LS.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR PARKINSON YOUR RECOGNIZED WE'RE CURRENTLY ON BILL NUMBER 191-37 COR IN SECOND READING SENATOR PARKINSON YOU RECOGNIZE ON THAT BILL UNLESS YOU WANT TO MAKE A MOTION.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YEAH YES MA'AM AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE BILL NUMBER 201-37 COR AN ACT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION 8113.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** JUST A MINUTE THEN CAN WE GET A MOTION THAT WE WE'RE GOING TO MOVE BILL NUMBER 191 TO THE BOTTOM.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT ON BILL NUMBER 201-37 YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YES MA'AM I'D LIKE TO ADD BILL 201-37 AND ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION 81131 15 TO ARTICLE ONE OF CHAPTER 8 TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATIVE RELATIVE TO PROVIDING MAINTENANCE OPERATION AND OVERHAUL OF DIESEL GENERATORS I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS MEASURE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THE GOAL OF BILL 201 IS SIMPLE TO AND LOAD SHEDDING BILL 201 RESOLVES PROCUREMENT PROTESTS THAT HAD HAMPERED THE REPAIR OF CRITICALLY NEEDED 76 MEGAWATTS OF POWER GENERATION 40 MEGAWATT YIGO DIESELS 20 MEGAWATT *TENJO* DIESELS 6 MEGAWATT MDI PULANTAT DIESELS AND 6 MEGAWATT *TALO'FOFO* DIESELS NEED TO BE MAINTAINED OVERHAUL AND OPERATED TO STEM THE NEED FOR LOAD SHEDDING THERE ARE NEARLY 70 SMALLER GENERATORS THAT PROVIDE 1.1 MEGAWATT OF POWER EACH BUT WHEN COMBINED PROVIDES 76 MEGAWATTS OF POWER MORE THAN ANY OF THE ISLAND'S MAJOR BASELINE GENERATORS SINGULARLY PROVIDE HOWEVER GPA HAS BEEN STUCK IN PROCUREMENT PROTESTS WITH NO END IN SIGHT PREVENTING THE CRITICAL POWER GENERATOR GENERATION FROM COMING ONLINE AND STAYING ONLINE BILL 201-37 WOULD CLEAR PROCUREMENT HURDLES AND THIS CLEARER EMERGENCY SITUATION GPA HAS EXPRESSED THAT THEY HAVE NO CONFIDENCE THAT THE DIESEL GENERATOR PMC PERFORM PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT APPEAL WILL BE TIMELY RESOLVED DESPITE THE NEED FOR THESE GENERATORS TO STOP LOAD SHEDDING AS OUR BASELINE GENERATORS GO OFFLINE FOR EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE TYPHOON MAWAR ALSO DESTROYED THE NEARLY COMPLETE OKKODO POWER PLANT FUEL AND WATER TANKS REQUIRING THE COMPLETE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE TANKS AND DELAYING THE POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION BY AN ADDITIONAL 21 MONTHS ADDITIONALLY THE 20 MEGAWATT YIGO COMBUSTION TURBINE WAS DAMAGED BY TYPHOON MAWAR REQUIRING A 30 MILLION OFF ISLAND REPAIR TO THE ROTOR PROCUREMENT PROTESTS AND APPEALS TO GPA'S 40 MEGAWATT RENEWABLE ENERGY WITH LOAD SHIFTING BATTERIES AND DIESEL GENERATOR PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS FURTHER EXACERBATED THESE DELAYS THE 2-YEAR 40 MEGAWATT RENEWABLE ENERGY APPEAL WAS DECIDED IN GPA'S FAVOR BUT THE CONTRACTOR REFUSED TO PROCEED DUE TO DRASTICALLY HIGHER PROJECTED COST AFTER SUCH A PROTRACTED PROTRACTED TIME THE FOREGOING EVENTS CAUSED AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE LACK OF POWER GENERATED CAPACITY AND THE RESULTING ONGOING LOAD SHEDDING SITUATION RESPONSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR TEMPORARY POWER GENERATION AND REPAIR OF EXISTING DIESEL GENERATORS ARE NEEDED IMMEDIATELY AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE NEEDED UNTIL THE UKODO POWERPLANT IS COMMISSIONED IN JANUARY 2026 TO INCREASE POWER GENERATION CAPACITY AND END SCHEDULED ISLAND WIDE LOAD SHEDDING I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO HELP ME SO GET GPA THESE CRITICAL PROCUREMENTS DONE BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE ARE IN A LULL IN CAPACITY BUT IN S MER WHEN OUR CAPACITY PEAKS AGAIN WE COULD BE SEEING MORE LOAD SHEDDING UNLESS THESE PROJECTS GET DONE THIS HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY GPA THE CCU AND THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF GPA IN THEIR TESTIMONY AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE SUPPORT IN THIS MEASURE SO WE CAN

GET OURSEL OUT OF THE DARKNESS BUT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

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

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SO I REMEMBER THIS BILL WAS PROFFERED I BELIEVE IT WAS BACK IN DECEMBER WHEN GPA WAS UNDERGOING A PROCUREMENT PROTEST WHICH I BELIEVE HAS BEEN RESOLVED AND THEY'VE ACTUALLY MOVED ON TO EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT I KNOW THEY DID RECENTLY TESTIFIED TO SUPPORT THIS BUT I'M JUST WONDERING KNOW GIVEN THEIR MOVE TO EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT SO IS THERE HAS THE NEEDS BEEN REASSESSED TO TO CIRC VENT PROCUREMENT ALL TOGETHER SO THIS QUESTION IS FOR THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YES I'LL YIELD TO THE QUESTION IN MY TALKS WITH GPA AND THEIR GENERAL MANAGEMENT NOTHING HAS CHANGED THEY SAID THAT THEY NEED THIS BILL THEY ARE STILL HAVING PROCUREMENT PROBLEMS THAT THEY'RE HAVING AND THEY WOULD LIKE THIS BILL TO GO FORWARD AND SO UNLESS I HEAR ANYTHING ELSE FROM THEM I'M FULL SPEED AHEAD WITH THIS BILL AS WELL.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** TAKES OUT IT CIRCUMVENTS PROCUREMENT PROTEST BUT IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY CIRCUMVENT ANY KIND OF JUDICIARY ACTION THAT COULD TAKE PLACE HAS THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL CONTEMPLATED OTHER POTENTIAL JUDICIAL ACTIONS THAT COULD THAT THIS BILL COULD CREATE AND THEN REALLY YOU KNOW THE THE CONCERN IS THAT WE CIRC UMVENT PROCUREMENT YOU KNOW THE REASON WE HAVE PROTESTS IS BECAUSE THERE'S A NEED FOR IT THERE'S A NEED TO ADDRESS ANY KIND OF INCONSISTENCIES THAT ARE NON-COMPLIANCE WITH OUR PROCUREMENT LAW WHICH PROTECTS REALLY THE YOU KNOW IT PROTECTS THE RATE PAIRS ALTOGETHER THE LAST TIME I KNOW THIS WAS USED IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH ATTORNEY FRED HERKI HE STATED THE LAST TIME THIS WAS USED WAS FOR CABERS 3 AND 4 AND SO SO KNOW WE KNOW THAT WHAT'S WHAT'S THE OUTCOME OF THOSE THOSE GENERATORS AND SO MY CONCERN IS THAT IF WE TRY TO RUSH AND CIRCUMVENT PROCUREMENT IS IT REALLY GOING TO SAVE PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC EVEN THOUGH AT FACE VALUE IT MIGHT SPEED THINGS UP BUT ARE WE GOING TO GET THE BEST VALUE FOR WHAT GPA IS SEEKING SO I DON'T THINK THAT THIS HAS BEEN TRULY VETTED I KNOW THERE WAS INTEREST IN JUST GOING DIRECTLY TO THE PUC BUT I THINK THERE'S IT'S PROBLEMATIC THIS BILL IS PROBLEMATIC AND I'M NOT YET CONVINCED THAT WE HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION AS FAR AS WHETHER WE REALLY NEED TO RELY ON CIRCUMVENTING PROCUREMENT ALTOGETHER VERSUS UTILIZING TOOLS SUCH AS EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT AND THE RECENT BILL THAT WE PASSED 35-36 WHICH WILL HELP EXPEDITE PROTESTS WITHOUT HAVING TO CIRCUMVENT PROCUREMENT ALTOGETHER SO I KNOW WE YOU KNOW THESE AGENCIES WANT THE EASY WAY OUT BUT I JUST CAUTION MY COLLEAGUES IN REGARDS TO YOU KNOW CIRCUMVENTING IT ALL TOGETHER WE KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST IN THE RECENT PAST WITH CIRCUMVENTING OF PROCUREMENT YEAH IT OPENS A DOOR TO A LOT OF MISCONDUCT POTENTIALLY AND THAT THAT THIS BILL DOESN'T PROTECT THAT IT DOESN'T PROTECT THE OTHER INSTANCES OF THAT WHICH CAN PRETTY MUCH STALL PROCESSES THERE IS ALSO THIS THING CALLED THE DOCTRINE OF INJURIOUS RELIANCE KNOWN AS EQUITABLE STOPPLE WHICH GENERALLY APPLIES TO X POST FACTO OR THE CONTRACTS CLAUSE TO PREVENT THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FROM CHANGING THE RULES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GAME UNDER CURRENT LAW UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS ARE ALLOWED TO PROTEST BID AWARDS FOR TWO REASONS THEY BELIEVE THE RULES WERE VIOLATED OR THEY BELIEVE THAT THE AGENCY AIRED IN REVIEW OF ITS BID IF PROTESTS ARE DISALLOWED AFTER A PARTY HAS FILED A PROTEST A COURT WILL LIKELY STEP IN AND ISSUE AN INJUNCTION TO PREVENT THE BID FROM BEING AWARDED APPARENTLY THE BIDS THAT GPA WANTS TO AWARD TO REPAIR THE GENERATORS IN QUESTION IS UNDER PROTEST AND IS DELAYING GPA FROM MOVING FORWARD IN APPLYING THE RULE OF INJURIOUS RELIANCE AND EQUITABLE AS STOPPLE THE PROTESTERS SPENT MONEY TO PREPARE PROTEST PROTEST THE AWARD OF GPA'S BID AND PASSAGE OF THIS BILL WOULD VOID THE PROTEST AND ALLOW GPA TO PROCEED THIS WILL CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR EQUITABLE AS STOPPABLE ALSO THE CONTRACTS CLAUSE CAN BE APPLIED IN A SIMILAR MANNER AND THE CONTRACT'S CLAUSE READS NO STATE SHALL ENTER INTO ANY TREATY ALLIANCE OR CONFEDERATION GRANT LETTERS OF MARQUEE AND A REPRISAL COIN MONEY EMIT BILLS OF CREDIT MAKE ANYTHING BUT GOLD AND SILVER COIN A TENDER AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS PASS ANY BILL OF OF A TENDER EX POST FACTO LAW OR LAW

IMPAIRING THE OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTS OR GRANT ANY TITLE OF NOBILITY SO I THINK THIS BILL IS MORE PROBLEMATIC AND I I RISE AND NOT AN OBJECTION OF THIS BILL THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I KNOW THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF HARDWORKING EMPLOYEES OVER AT GPA AND I KNOW THEY ALWAYS GET THE THAT END OF THE STICK ESPECIALLY A LOT OF TIMES THEY DON'T WANT TO BE KNOWN AS AS WORKING AT GPA BECAUSE SOMEBODY IS BOUND TO YOU KNOW HARP ON THEM FOR LOAD SHEDDING AND RUINING SOME OF THEIR APPLIANCES ETC BUT I DO KNOW THAT THIS HAS ALMOST BECOME A HABIT AT GPA IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY TIME THEY DON'T GET THE PERSON THEY WANT TO HAVE THE CONTRACT FOR A PARTICULAR RFP THAT GOES OUT THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY CREATE CHAOS AND SAYING THAT THIS IS SOMETHING WE REALLY NEED AND WE NEED TO GO TO THE LEGISLATURE AND CONVINCED EVERYBODY AND HOLD HOSTAGE YOU KNOW THE COMMENTS OF NOT THE COMMENTS BUT HOLD HOSTAGE PEOPLE OF GUAM BY SAYING WE'RE GOING TO LOAD SHED AND NOBODY WANTS TO SEE THAT HAPPEN IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT SOMETIMES THEY'VE BEEN DOING THIS WITHOUT EVEN NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC AND THIS CAUSES A LOT OF ISSUES BECAUSE THEY CAN'T PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME ESPECIALLY IF THOSE WHO ARE ON MEDICAL ELECTRONICAL MEDICAL APPARATUS TO HELP THEM LIKE BREATHING MACHINES THINGS LIKE THAT SO THEY CAN PREPARE AND OTHER MEDICAL FACILITY YOU KNOW THINGS THAT THEY KEEP AT HOME FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE THIS LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT THAT UTILIZES ELECTRICITY THAT IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY TIME THEY THEY GO THROUGH A PROCUREMENT AND IT'S NOT IN THEIR FAVOR THEY YOU KNOW THEY COME TO US AND AND DO THIS TO US BY CRYING WOLF AND SAYING WE'RE GOING TO LOAD SHED IF YOU DON'T PASS THIS BILL ARE WE'RE GOING TO RAISE THE RATES IF YOU DON'T INTERVENE AND GIVE THIS PARTICULAR CONTRACT CONTRACTOR THE DEAL NOW I LOOKING THROUGH THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND TRYING TO LOOK AT PUC'S COMMENTS THAT ARE BEING MADE AND YOU KNOW PUC HAS BEEN PUT INTO PLACE TO OVERSEE OUR UTILITIES AND TO SURE THAT THEY'RE DOING EVERYTHING CORRECTLY BY THE PROCESS THEY KNOW THEY NEED GENERATORS THEY KNOW THE TIME FRAME IT TAKES TO GO THROUGH THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS ARE THEY DOING THAT ON TIME OR THEY'RE JUST DELAYING AND DELAYING SO THEY CAN ACTUALLY DICTATE WHAT COMPANY GETS THE CONTRACT IS PUC LOOKING INTO THAT ENSURING THAT THEY'RE THEY'RE DOING THIS CORRECTLY THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO COME TO THE LEGISLATURE BECAUSE WE HAVE THESE PROCUREMENT PROCESSES IN PLACE FOR A REASON YOU KNOW I COMMEND AND AND LOOK TOWARD SENATOR PEREZ WHO HAS ACTUALLY TAKEN THE COURSES IN PROCUREMENT AND STUDY PROCUREMENT THROUGHOUT HER ACTUALLY THIS IS HER THIRD TERM AND I LOOK TO HER FOR GUIDANCE BECAUSE SHE SURE KNOWS A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN I DO AND EVEN HER COMMENTS BEING MADE THAT PROCUREMENT IS IN THERE FOR A REASON THE PROCESS IS THERE FOR CHECKS AND BALANCES AND TO SURE THERE ARE NO SHENANIGANS GOING ON HERE YOU GOT TO REMEMBER THIS IS THE PEOPLE'S MONEY AND THERE SHOULD BE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY PUT IN PLACE FIRST AND FOREMOST NOT BYPASS FIND A WAY A LOOPHOLE TO BYPASS SO THAT A PARTICULAR COMPANY CAN GET A CONTRACT BE AWARDED A CONTRACT SO I DON'T SEE ANYTHING IN THERE FROM PUC AND I'M I'M VERY VERY CONCERNED ABOUT HOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BYPASS THIS WHEN THE PROCESS WAS NOT COMPLETELY FOLLOWED I MEAN THERE'S AN ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY MADAM SPEAKER FOR GPA TO USE THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCESS TOO WHY HAVEN'T THEY DONE THAT AT LEAST THERE'S SOME MECHANISM IN THERE TO REALLY HAVE THAT ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY EVEN IN THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT THAT SPEEDS UP THE PROCESS WHY HAVEN'T THEY UTILIZED THAT BECAUSE IT'S A LOT EASIER TO COME HERE AND SAY THAT WE'RE GOING TO LOAD SHED THREATEN LOAD SHEDDING A LOT MORE IF THEY WE DON'T PASS THIS BILL WHAT'S NEXT THEY'RE GOING TO KEEP HOLDING US HOSTAGE LIKE THIS LET'S HOPE ANOTHER OTHER AGEN AGENCIES DON'T FOLLOW SUIT TO GET SOMETHING THROUGH SO I HAVE GREAT RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS LEGISLATION AND GREAT RESERVATIONS FOR GPA TO CONTINUE TO COME DOWN TO THIS BODY TO BYPASS THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE SENATOR BROWN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I YOU KNOW I I DON'T KNOW IT'S A QUESTION OF GETTING THEIR FAVORITE CONTRACTOR I HAVE NO IDEA BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU YOU KNOW AND I I DID SERVE AT A TIME AS THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR FOR BOTH THE GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY AND THE GUAM POWER

AUTHORITY AND SO YOU KNOW I UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES THEY HAVE THEY HAVE QUITE A BIG OPERATION THAT THEY NEED TO ADDRESS BUT I TOO HAVE SOME RESERVATION BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE CREATED ESSENTIALLY THE CCU TO OVERSEE THE UTILITIES AND AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE DEPOLITICIZE THE OPERATIONS OF OUR UTILITIES AND I AM YOU KNOW I UNDERSTAND WE HAD COVID AND I UNDERSTAND THEIR CHALLENGES AND YOU KNOW I REMEMBER A SITUATION WE WENT AND WE WENT TO MADAM SPEAKER TO GO SEE UP THERE IN MARBO WITH THEIR CONTRACTOR FOR THE SOLAR FARM AND THE MESS THAT CREATED AND THE PLAYERS THAT WERE ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL THAT CREATED THE SITUATION THAT OCCURRED THAT TOTALLY COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED AND NOW YOU KNOW WE UNDERSTAND WHO WANTS TO GO THROUGH LOAD SHEDDING I MEAN YOU'RE WONDERING WHICH IS THE NEXT APPLIANCE THAT'S NOT GOING TO WORK THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO OUT AND BUY AND YOU KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO TAKE THE TIME TO BOTHER TO CLAIM YOU KNOW THE REFRIGERATOR THE AIR CONDITIONER WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE THAT'S BEEN DAMAGED AS A RESULT OF THIS I MEAN THEY THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY RIGHT NOW YOU KNOW AND I'M SURE BEST EFFORTS ARE BEING PUT FORWARD BUT THEY JUST DON'T LOOK LIKE THEY'RE IN THE BEST SITUATION HOW THEY'RE PROJECTING THIS ISSUE AND THEN SOMEHOW THE BURDEN NOW BECOMES OURS I DON'T RUN THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY I DON'T MAKE DECISIONS WITH WHAT THEY DO AND HOW THEY DO IT BUT SOMEHOW AS A LEGISLATOR NOW WE'RE BEING TOLD BY THE CURRENT OVERSIGHT CHAIR THAT WE DON'T PASS THIS LEGISLATION THEN YOU KNOW WHERE THE REASON LOAD SHEDDING IS HAPPENING I DON'T MIND TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY MADAM SPEAKER WHEN IT'S MINE TO TAKE WHEN I'M IN CHARGE OF AN OPERATION THEN BY ALL MEANS IF I FAIL IN MY MISSION THEN I'M TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BUT AS A LEGISLATOR YOU KNOW OUR ROLE IS TO PASS POLICY AND THIS TO TO SAY ESSENTIALLY THAT THE GUAM GOSH SORRY I HAVE TO READ IT I MEAN WE'RE ESSENTIALLY SAYING THAT WE'RE WAVING THAT GPA IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO USE SUCH METHODS OF SOURCE SELECTION AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GPUC THAT'S NICE BUT NOW IT BECOMES ALL OF A SUDDEN NOW GPA BRINGS THIS DOWN TO US AND IT'S OUR PROBLEM AND THAT I THINK THEY JUST NEED TO DEAL WITH I MEAN YOU KNOW I APPRECIATE THE CHALLENGES THEY'RE THEY'RE BEING AFFECTED WITH A NEW POWER PLANT I THINK WE'RE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CONSTRUCTION BEING COMPLETED ON THAT PROJECT YOU KNOW I DID SEE THE PICTURE WHERE THE THE YOU KNOW THE FUEL TANK WAS DAMAGED YOU KNOW SEVERELY DAMAGED AND WAS JUST RECENTLY COMPLETED AS A RESULT OF THE TYPHOON BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THESE ARE THE HITS AND MISSES WE ALL DEAL WITH IN RUNNING MAJOR OPERATIONS IN THIS GOVERNMENT IS THE SOLUTION FOR EVERY GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT FOR WHATEVER REASON IF THERE'S A CHALLENGE THEY'RE GOING TO COME RUNNING TO US AND SAY OH CAN YOU WAVE THIS LIKE DOE WHICH TO A DEGREE WE DID BECAUSE WE SAID OH MY GOODNESS EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN IS A PRIORITY WE YOU KNOW WE GOT TO YEAH WE GOT TO GOSH IF WE DON'T WE'RE GOING TO LOSE ALL THIS FEDERAL MONEY CAUSE YOU KNOW THE PEOPLE MANAGING THE OPERATION JUST AIN'T MANAGING AS WELL AS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE BUT IF THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO GPA IS A LITTLE BIT RIGHT NOW LITERALLY AND I'VE BEEN A SUPPORTER OF GPA AS THEIR OVERSIGHT CHAIR THEY CAN'T SAY I DIDN'T MAKE THE TIME OF DAY TO SPEND WITH THEM AND FACILITATE WHAT THEY NEEDED DONE FOR THEIR OPERATIONS IT'S VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THEM BUT THIS IS A LITTLE BIT TOO MUCH CRYBABY FOR ME EVEN LITTLE TOO MUCH CRYBABY WE CAN'T DO THIS THAT'S WHY YOU GOT YOU KNOW YOU'RE AT THE HELM TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS AND YOU KNOW I I HAVE HATS OFF TO JOHN B I I GIVE HIM CREDIT FOR DOING ALL THE WORK THAT HE'S DONE THE WORK THAT HE CONTINUES TO DO AND THE FACT THAT HE STAYED ON AS LONG AS HE HAS AND I RECOGNIZE THAT YOU KNOW THESE ARE OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH WHEN YOU HAVE SUCH A HUGE PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO ADDRESS BUT I DON'T THINK THIS IS A COMFORTABLE SOLUTION FOR ME AT THIS JUNCTURE TO SAY NO PROBLEM I'M GOING TO LET YOU GUYS DO WHATEVER YOU GOT TO DO I I THINK THERE'S STILL AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS AND AND ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES AND GET WHAT THEY NEED IN PLACE WHILE THEY'RE WAITING FOR THE NEW POWER PLANT TO BE COMPLETED BUT YOU KNOW COMING DOWN HERE EVERY TIME YOU TURN AROUND IT'S LIKE AFTER A WHILE YOU KNOW YOU JUST CAN'T PLAY THIS TOO OFTEN BECAUSE THEN WE'RE GOING TO START RAISING OUR EYEBROWS AND WONDERING WHY ARE YOU COMING DOWN HERE AND MAKING THIS OUR PROBLEM WHEN WE'VE GIVEN YOU THE AUTHORITIES TO RUN THE UTILITIES SO IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE I HAVE RESERVATION OTHERWISE I'M OTHERWI YOU KNOW VERY SUPPORTIVE OF GPA BUT IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE I I'M NOT I'M NOT SURE THAT I'M GOING TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS BILL BECAUSE IT IT'S JUST A LITTLE BIT TOO MUCH AT THIS POINT SO WITH THAT THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL CAN WE TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS ONE MINUTE RECESS.

**RECESS.**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANTED TO RISE IN THE CAUTION ANYTIME WE START TAKING THE GUARD RAILS OFF TO PROCUREMENT I WORRY AND I BELIEVE THERE ARE EXISTING CHANNELS THAT THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY CAN USE TO PROCURE THESE GENERATORS AND I'M JUST NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THE MENTIONING OF THE THE CONTINUED THREAT OF THE LOAD SHEDDING BECAUSE I I WAS LOOKING OVER TESTIMONY IN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS BILL AND I KNOW THAT THE GOOD CHAIRMAN HAD ASKED JOHN BENEVENTE THE GENERAL MANAGER OF GPA AND I'LL JUST GO AND AND READ FROM THE TRANSCRIPT MY NEXT QUESTION IS IF I WAVE MY MAGICAL CHAIRMAN GAVEL AND I'M ABLE TO GET YOU ALL THE LEGISLATION YOU NEED HOW MANY MONTHS ARE WE GOING TO BE LIVING WITH THIS LOAD SHEDDING UNDER BEST CASE SCENARIO TO WHICH THE GENERAL MANAGER JOHN BENEVENTE REPLIED AGAIN YOU'RE LOOKING AT LIKE I ALWAYS MENTIONED 6 TO 9 MONTHS WHICH IS AROUND MAY SO IT'S JUST MY OPINION BASED ON THOSE FACTS MA'AM THAT NO MATTER WHAT WE DO TODAY WHAT WE DO TOMORROW WE'RE STILL GOING TO BE DEALING WITH THE LOAD SHEDDING UP UNTIL MAY AND I THINK THAT GIVES GPA ENOUGH TIME TO KIND OF GO THROUGH THE EXISTING CHANNELS AND THAT'S HOW I FEEL ABOUT IT TODAY *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I AM ONE WHO IS KNOWN AS CRITICAL AGAINST GPA AND THE CCU AND IN FACT I FAMOUSLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO DISBAND THE CCU SO LET NO ONE HERE BE CONFUSED THAT I AM CARRYING WATER OR SOME BIG ALLY TO GPA IN THE CCU I AM VERY CRITICAL OF THEIR WORK AND I THINK THEY HAVE A LOT OF THINGS THAT THEY COULD DO BETTER A LOT OF THINGS THAT THEY HAVE FAILED AT AND A LOT OF THINGS THAT BOY WHAT WERE YOU GUYS THINKING BUT THAT BEING SAID I WILL NOT LET MY CRITICISMS OF GPA GET IN THE WAY OF ME OFFERING THEM A HELPING HAND WHEN THEY SAID THEY NEED IT NOW I AM NOT A TECHNICAL EXPERT I'M NOT SURE IF WHAT THEY'RE TELLING ME IS TRUE IF THIS IS AS DIRE AND AS NECESSARY AS IT'S NEEDED AS THEY'RE SAYING YOU KNOW MAYBE SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES ARE RIGHT TO HAVE APPREHENSION BUT AT THIS POINT AT THIS THIS JUNCTURE I CHOOSE TO APPROACH GPA IN THE CCU IN GOOD FAITH I'M GOING TO PUSH THIS LEGISLATION I'M GOING TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION BECAUSE IN THIS SITUATION I'M GOING TO GIVE GPA THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT THAT THEY'RE NOT TRYING TO SCREW US THAT THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO DO THEIR JOB AND THEY'RE TRYING TO HELP PREVENT LOADSHEDDING THIS SUMMER YOU KNOW MAYBE MAYBE I'M WRONG AND MAYBE I'M NAIVE AND GPA IS JUST TRYING TO PLAY FANCY GAMES WITH US BUT I'M GOING TO LOOK AT THEM AND SEE THE BEST I'M GOING TO SEE THAT THEY ARE WORKING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ISLAND AND THEY'RE ASKING OF THIS ASKING US OF THIS IN GOOD FAITH AND I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS BILL AND ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT IT AS WELL HOPEFULLY GPA CAN DO SOMETHING WITH THAT PUBLIC TRUST AND REBUILD IT BECAUSE I KNOW IT'S BEEN DAMAGED AND FOR AS MUCH CRITICISM AS I HAVE OF THEM I WOULD LIKE THEM TO HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO EARN THAT BACK BECAUSE IT DOES NOT SERVE THE ISLAND FOR SUCH A ACRIMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND OUR PUBLIC UTILITIES SO I PLEASE ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS BILL LIKE I SAID I AM NOT A TECHNICAL EXPERT MAYBE THEY NEED THIS MAYBE THEY DON'T BUT THIS IS WHAT GPA IS ASKING FOR AND NOTHING IN MY COMMUNICATIONS WITH THEM HAS CHANGED IN THAT REGARD THEY STILL SAY UP TO FIVE MINUTES AGO THAT THEY NEEDED THIS BILL SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OBJECTION I'M SORRY ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL 201-37 AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ONTO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS ALL RIGHT WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 198-37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO SET ASIDE THAT AND MOVE ON TO RESOLUTION 234-37 LS.

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

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION 234-37 LS SPONSORED BY MYSELF WILLIAM A PARKINSON JESSE A LUJAN DWAYNE TD SAN NICHOLAS JOE S SAN AGUSTIN ROY AB QUINATA AND TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES LEGITIMATE AND HISTORICAL CLAIM TO THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA REAFFIRMING THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE INVALUABLE TIES IN COMMON HISTORY BETWEEN GUAM AND THE PHILIPPINES I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE IT TO THE THIRD READING AND DISCUSS IT MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA IS MORE THAN JUST A BODY OF WATER IT IS A SYMBOL OF THE PHILIPPINES IDENTITY PRIDE AND HISTORY THE PHILIPPINES CLAIM TO THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA IS GROUNDED IN THE FOUNDATION AS SOLID AS THE ANCIENT ROCKS THAT FORM ITS ISLANDS AND AS CLEAR AS THE WATER THAT SURROUNDS THEM IT IS CLAIM SUPPORTED BY HISTORICAL EVIDENCE VALIDATED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ECHOED BY THE RULING OF THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION IN 2016 THIS IS NOT JUST A TERRITORIAL DISPUTE IT IS A STAND FOR WHAT IS RIGHT GUAM SUPPORT IS NOT JUST A GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP IT IS A TESTAMENT TO THE SHARED VALUES AND THE MUTUAL RESPECT THAT BIND OUR COMMUNITIES AS THE RESOLUTION SAYS THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES BASED ON ITS HISTORICAL RECORDS ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE AND LEGAL INSTRUMENTS POSSESSES ENDURING CLAIMS OVER TERRITORIES AND MARITIME ZONES WITHIN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA NOTABLY THE SPRATLY ISLANDS SCARBOROUGH SHOAL AND THEIR ADJACENT WATERS THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTIONS ON THE LAWS OF THE SEAS TO WHICH BOTH THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ARE SIGNATORIES ESTABLISHES THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK THAT DELINEATES THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONS IN THEIR USE OF THE WORLD'S OCEANS AND IN 2016 THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION IN THE HAGUE ACKNOWLEDGING THE PRINCIPLES SET DOWN RULED OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF THE PHILIPPINES DECLARING THAT CHINA'S EXPANSIVE NINE-LINE CLAIM OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA HAS NO LEGAL BASIS AND CONFIRM THE PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER ITS EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA WE ARE CONCERNED BY THE INCREASING ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST BIODIVERSE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS WHERE DREDGING AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES HAD LED TO THE DIRECT LOSS OF OVER 3,000 ACRES OF CORAL REEFS ENDANGERING SPECIES DEPENDENT ON THESE HABITATS AND AFFECTING FISHERY RESOURCES DREDGING HAS INCREASED WATER TURBIDITY THREATENING MARINE LIFE BY BLOCKING SUNLIGHT AFFECTING PHOTOSYNTHESIS AND MARINE PLANTS AND POTENTIALLY HARMING FISH LARVAE AND OTHER MARINE ORGANISMS IN THIS JOURNEY LET US REMEMBER THAT OUR FIGHT IS NOT ONE OF AGGRESSION BUT OF ASSERTION NOT OF HOSTILITY BUT OF DIGNITY WE SEEK NOT TO CREATE CONFLICT BUT TO PREVENT IT WE STRIVE NOT FOR CONQUEST BUT FOR JUSTICE AND OUR AIM IS NOT TO DIVIDE BUT TO UNITE UNDER SHARED PRINCIPLES OF FAIRNESS AND RESPECT FOR ALL NATIONS LET US MOVE FORWARD WITH HOPE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION AND LET US CONTINUE TO BUILD ALLIANCES AND FOSTER UNDERSTANDING LET OUR VOICES BE JOINED AS A CLARION CALL FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE TOGETHER WE CAN TURN THE TIDE OF HISTORY TOGETHER TOGETHER WE CAN ENSURE THAT THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA REMAINS A SEA OF PEACE COOPERATION AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU MY COLLEAGUES AND I ASK EVERYBODY TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS LEGIS THIS RESOLUTION IN AFFIRMING THE PHILIPPINES CLAIM TO THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA WITH THAT I I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON RESOLUTION NUMBER 234-37 IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT THEN SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE RESOLUTION.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AS A AS AN AMERICAN AS A FILIPINO AS A GUAMANIAN I'M VERY PROUD TO INTRODUCE THIS RESOLUTION AND I THANK ALL THOSE WHO SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF IT AND WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME LET'S GET TO IT I OH EXCUSE ME I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THIS TO THE THIRD READING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT SO THERE'S A MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION 234-37 TO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION NUMBER 207-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE AUTHOR SPONSORED BY WILLAM A PARKINSON RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING CORAL REEFS AS ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE COAST OF GUAM AND ITS INHERENT RELATIONSHIP AND THE CONSERVATION OF BEACHES AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF NATURE I'D LIKE TO ADD IT TO THE THIRD READING AND DISCUSS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** I INTRODUCE RESOLUTION 207-37 COR TO DESIGNATE CORAL REEFS AS ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVAILING A FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HAZARD MITIGATION THE RESOLUTION MIRRORS SIMILAR LEGISLATION FROM PUERTO RICO WHO ALSO RECENTLY DESIGNATED THEIR CORAL REEFS AS ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE PUERTO RICO WAS RECENTLY AWARDED 3 MILLION FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FEMA UNDER THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM THIS WAS THE FIRST ALLOTMENT OF A TOTAL OF 38.6 MILLION ALLOTTED TO PUERTO RICO TO PROTECT SOME 800 STRUCTURES NEAR ESCAMBRON FADO OCEAN PARK AND PUNTAS LAS MARIAS IN PUERTO RICO THE GRANT PROGRAM RECOGNIZES THAT CORAL REEFS PLAY A ROLE IN NATURAL RESILIENCE TO NATURAL DISASTERS STUDIES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA CRUZ SHOW THAT THE DEPLETION OF CORAL REEFS ARE EXPECTED TO EXACERBATE FLOODING AND THREATEN TO THE COASTAL LINES OF THE COMMUNITIES LIKE GUAM AND OTHER ISLANDS CORAL REEFS ESPECIALLY BARRIER REEFS AND FRINGING REEFS ACT AS BREAK WATERS REDUCING WAVE ENERGY BY UP TO 97% BY ABSORBING THIS ENERGY SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASED WAVE HEIGHTS AS A RESULT THE WAVES EROSION POWER IS REDUCED LIMING POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO COASTAL REGIONS WITH HEALTHY REEFS OFTEN WITNESS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED DAMAGE COST DURING MAJOR STORMS BEYOND INFRASTRUCTURE REEFS PROTECT FISHERIES AN ESSENTIAL SOURCE OF FEUD SECURITY DESIGNATING CORAL REEFS AS ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE VITAL IN PROTECTING OUR COASTLINES FROM SURGE SURGES AND FLOODS WE CAN AVAIL OURSELVES OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE LIKE PUERTO RICO ALREADY HAS FOR REEF PROTECTION RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION I WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE UP TO MY ATTENTION AND WORKING TOGETHER TO BRING MORE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CORAL REEF PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION TO GUAM WE RECENTLY PASSED BILL 54-37 WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS WOULD MAKE DESTRUCTION OF CORAL REEFS A FELONY AND TOGETHER WITH THIS RESOLUTION WE ARE MAKING STRONG HEADWAY IN STRENGTHENING THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF OUR REEFS FOR TODAY AND FOR THE FUTURE SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE SUPPORT AND WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANY SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER WHILE I STAND IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 207-37 AND I SEE THE INTENT AND THE THE REASONING AS TO WHY THE RESOLUTION WAS PROF IS BEING PROFFERED I DO SUGGEST TO THE AUTHOR IF HE CAN RESOLUTIONS CAN BE STRICKEN I THINK THAT IT'S BEST THAT WE CODIFY THE DESIGNATION AS INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WAY IT HAS FORCE AND EFFECT OF BASICALLY THE FORCE AND EFFECT OF PERMANENT LAW I'M HOPING THAT THIS RESOLUTION PROVIDES THAT RECOGNITION THAT IS NECESSARY TO AVAIL OURSELVES OF THE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER OUR REEFS HAVE BEEN RAVAGED OVER THE DECADES FROM RECENT STORMS AND STUFF TO THE POINT WHERE IN MANY CASES WE'VE ACTUALLY LOST LAND MASS BECAUSE OF THE DEGRADATION OF OUR CORAL CORAL REEFS AND IF THESE PROJECTS CAN IN FACT STRENGTHEN THESE REEF AREAS IT COULD LEAD IT COULD ENSURE THAT IT MITIGATES ANY FURTHER LOSS OF THE LAND MASS BACK INTO THE OCEAN BECAUSE OF NO REEFS SO I APPLAUD THE EFFORT OF THE AUTHOR OF THIS RESOLUTION IN THIS TO BE ABLE TO TO GET THIS DESIGNATED HOWEVER I DO SUGGEST THAT WE LOOK AT A WAY TO BE ABLE TO STATUTORILY RECOGNIZE THIS BY CODIFICATION IN INTO OUR INTO OUR CODE SO I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS MADAM SPEAKER AND APPRECIATE THANK THE AUTHOR FOR IT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE RESOLUTION SENATOR BARNETT ON THE RESOLUTION.



**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO SPEAK ON IT BUT I JUST WANTED TO READ INTO THE RECORD SOME OF THE TESTIMONY THAT WAS RECEIVED BY UNCLE MANNY DUENAS FROM THE FISHERMAN'S CO-OP AND AND JUST SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT HE HAD AND I'LL GO AHEAD AND READ THEM OFF THE CONCERNS FOR THE RECORD THEY BELIEVE CORAL SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS ESSENTIAL HOWEVER THEY FEEL THAT THIS RESOLUTION WILL LEAD TO AN EXTERNAL DETRIMENTAL AND IMPACTING ISSUE THEY ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL THE LEGISLATOR HAS ATTEMPTED TO ADDRESS ACTIONS DAMAGING CORALS WE ENDORSE THE MEASURE THE FISHERMAN'S CO-OP WITH RESERVATIONS WHICH ARE THE VESSEL SIZE EXEMPTIONS PROPOSED PENALTIES AND ALSO AN ISSUE THAT MR. DUENAS CITES THE RESOLUTION DOESN'T ADD A REGULATORY BURDEN FOR OUR PEOPLE BUT THEY FEEL THAT IT FURTHERS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S REGULATORY TAKEOVER OF COASTAL RESOURCES AND I JUST WANTED TO READ THOSE CONCERNS INTO THE RECORD MA'AM *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE RESOLUTION.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU TO SENATOR BLOSS FOR MENTIONING MAYBE POTENTIALLY CODIFYING THIS RESOLUTION FURTHER IN LAW I ABSOLUTELY AGREE WITH THAT AND I WOULD BE LOOKING FORWARD TO INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO THAT EFFECT WE HAVE JUST DONE THE RESOLUTION NOW BECAUSE THE RESOLUTION WAS THE LOWEST BARRIER WE HAD TO CLEAR JUST SO WE COULD START GETTING THE THE FEDERAL FUNDING AT LEAST MOVING TOWARDS US YOU KNOW THE GEARS MOVE SLOW SO THIS RESOLUTION WILL HELP START MOVING THOSE GEARS BUT I DO INTEND TO EXPLORE INTRODUCING THIS AS A STATUTORY CHANGE BUT AS THE RETIRING SPEAKER BARNETT HAD SAID THAT YOU KNOW THERE ARE SOME POTENTIAL UNFORESEEN ISSUES THERE AND SO THAT THAT'LL BE SOMETHING WE'LL HAVE TO HASH OUT IN THE IN THE BILL MAKING PROCESS BUT FOR NOW I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE THAT SPOKE OUT IN SUPPORT I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADD SENATOR FRANK BLAS AS A CO-SPONSOR AND WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO ADD SENATOR BLAS AS CO-SPONSOR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES AND ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE RESOLUTION 207-37 AS AMENDED BY THE AUTHOR AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** GOT SO FIVE RIGHT I GOT ONE MORE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT SO WE'RE GOING TO RECESS NOW UNTIL FRIDAY AT 2 PM FRIDAY AT 2 PM FOR VOTING SO PLEASE BE PROMPT SENATOR FISHER.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MA'AM I GUESS THIS IS IN THE NATURE OF HOUSEKEEPING HAVE WE THEN EXHAUSTED THE SECOND READING FILE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** NO WE HAVE NOT.

**SENATOR FISHER:** WILL WE CONSIDER CONTINUE WITH THE SECOND READING FILE AFTER VOTING ON FRIDAY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** NO WELL IT'S UP TO YOU ALL RIGHT SO MAYBE I'M CAN I GET A MOTION TO CAN I GET A MOTION.

**SENATOR FISHER:** CAN I GET A MOTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** TO RECESS UNTIL FRIDAY AT 2 AND TO PROCEED WITH THIRD READING AT THAT TIME.

**SENATOR FISHER:** SO MOVED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO RECESS TILL FRIDAY AT TWO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR FISHER MOVED IT THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SO WE RECESS UNTIL FRIDAY 2 P.M. *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* COLLEAGUES.

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**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES WE ARE NOW ON CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE ON THE THE THIRD READING FILE SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** MADAM SPEAKER NOT WITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES I MAKE A MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN EIGHT MOTION CARRIES.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER NOT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WAIT JUST A SECOND SO NOW WE'RE IN MOTIONS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER NOT WITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 230-37 COR SPONSORED BY MYSELF WILLIAM A PARKINSON AND ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION 40101 OF CHAPTER 40 DIVISION 4 TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ABOLISHING THE POST OF SINAJANA VICE MAYOR ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA WE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM THE MAYORS OF AGANA HEIGHTS MTM CHALAN PAGO AND HAGATNA IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND WITH SUCH A SHORT TIME FRAME BEFORE THE SPECIAL ELECTION HAPPENS IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE DISCUSS THIS BILL BEFORE ADJOURNING OUR JANUARY SESSION MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL 230-37 TO THE THIRD READING FILE FOR DISCUSSION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** TO THE SECOND READING FILE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OH SECOND READ FOLLOW FOR DISCUSSION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SO ON THAT MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO PLACE BILL 230-37 ONTO THE AGENDA SECOND READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL IN MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION IF NOT THEN WE ARE IN THE SECOND READING SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON BILL NUMBER 230-37 COR.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER BILL 230-37 SEEKS TO ABOLISH THE POST OF THE SINAJANA VICE MAYOR RIGHT NOW SEVEN VILLAGES CURRENTLY HAVE VICE MAYORS AND WHILE THESE ARE USUALLY THE LARGEST VILLAGES SINAJANA IS 13TH OUT OF 19 VILLAGES IN TERMS OF POPULATION AND IS OUR SMALLEST VILLAGE BY AREA ONE OF THE LAST THINGS VICE MAYOR IRIARTE DID WAS TO WRITE A LETTER REQUESTING THAT THE OFFICE OF VICE MAYOR OF BE ABOLISHED AND THIS BILL RESPECTS THAT WISH IT IS ALSO THAT MY INTENT THAT THE FUNDS THAT PAY FOR A VICE MAYOR IN SINAJANA SHOULD STAY IN THE VILLAGE TO PAY FOR DIRECT SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS I'VE INTRODUCED THIS BILL THIS TERM TO ABOLISH SEVERAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS THAT ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY AND THIS BILL IS IN LINE WITH MY GOAL FOR A MORE EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT A GOVERNMENT THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE AND FOCUSED ON PUBLIC SERVICE VICE MAYOR RUDY IRIARTE DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF SINAJANA WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN AND THIS BILL RECOGNIZES THAT HE WAS SIMPLY

IRREPLACEABLE WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME MADAM SPEAKER AND I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSION ON THIS BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR DISCUSSION ON THE BILL SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE' MADAM CHAIR MADAM SPEAKER AND TO MY COLLEAGUES GOOD AFTERNOON MADAM SPEAKER I'VE BEEN ONE THAT STOOD UP WHEN IT COMES TO BEING FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT THOSE WERE THE THREE THINGS THAT I STAND BY ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT I HOLD DEAR TO MY HEART AND I THINK THAT WE SHOULD ALL BE CONSIDERATE OF HOW THIS GOVERNMENT HAS GROWN AND ANY OPPORTUNITY THAT WE CAN DOWNSIZE TO WHAT WE CAN REALLY SEE AS SOMETHING FEASIBLE SOMETHING THAT WE'RE ABLE TO PAY FOR THEN THE OPPORTUNITY IS THERE IT'S ALREADY BEEN PROVEN THAT SINAJANAS POPULATION DOES NOT REALLY SUPPORT A VICE MAYOR THIS YEAR WE ARE IN AN ELECTION YEAR NOT TOO LONG FROM NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN ELECTION SO DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION SAID IT WOULD COST THEM A LITTLE OVER 25,000 TO HOLD AN ELECTION 25,000 BUT THE REAL COST SAVINGS MADAM SPEAKER IS THE SALARY OF THE VICE MAYOR SO TOGETHER THIS WOULD GIVE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM A SAVINGS OF OVER 125,000 PLUS 125,000 PLUS WE TALK ABOUT FUNDING OUR SCHOOLS WE TALK ABOUT PAYING OUR BILLS AT THE HOSPITAL WE TALK ABOUT ROAD REPAIRS THOUGH THESE COST QUITE A BIT SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY AT LEAST WE CAN FIND THESE SAVINGS THROUGHOUT THE GOVERNMENT TO PAY FOR THESE THINGS THAT ARE REALLY CRITICALLY NEEDED AS FAR AS THE SAVINGS THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IN SINAJANA MY INTENT OF THIS SAVINGS AND HOPE THAT THE APPROPRIATION CHAIR AGREES WITH ME THAT WHEN IT COMES TIME TO BUDGET SINAJANA OR THE MAYOR'S OFFICE THAT WE SUBTRACT NOT ONLY THE COST OF THAT OFFICE BUT ALSO SUBTRACT THE SAVINGS THAT WE'RE GOING AND I SEE THE GOOD CHAIRMAN OF APPROPRIATION SHAKING HIS HEAD YES THAT WE ALSO SUBTRACT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THIS IS GOING TO SAVE THIS GOVERNMENT WHEN IT COMES BUDGET TIME SO NOW WE'RE LOOKING AT CLOSE TO \$300,000 IN SAVINGS \$300,000 IN SAVINGS AND IF YOU ASK THE CHAIRMAN ON ON EDUCATION I'M SURE HE CAN SPEND THAT IN A HEARTBEAT AND REPAIRING SOME OF OUR SCHOOLS THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH I'M SURE THERE'S FUNDING THAT'S NEEDED AT THE HOSPITAL TO PAY VENDORS I HAD ASKED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING ACTUALLY I I WAS THE VICE CHAIR AND HELD THE PUBLIC HEARING AND I ASKED THE THE MAYOR OF SINAJANA BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD BEFORE I'M COMFORTABLE WITH ANY OF THIS I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SINAJANA THE HEARTBEAT OF SINAJANA HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THIS WHAT'S THE THEIR SENTIMENTS ON THIS SURE ENOUGH I GOT A COPY OF IT IN FACT I GOT A COPY FROM MEDIA TOO THAT SENT IT TO ME AND THEN I ASKED FOR A SECOND TESTIMONY FROM THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES OF SINAJANA AND THEIR PERSPECTIVE AND THEIR SUPPORT OR NONSUPPORT AND WE RECEIVED THAT AND RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM THEM AS WELL SO YOU THINK THERE ARE WAYS THAT WE CAN SAVE MONEY DOWNSIZE OUR GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDE AREAS THAT TRULY NEED THE ASSISTANCE ROAD REPAIRS HOSPITALS SCHOOLS THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY WE COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS GOVERNMENT IS GROWING TOO BIG WELL NOW'S THE TIME THAT WE CAN DOWNSIZE IT SO LET'S BE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND DO THIS ONE THING THANK YOU.

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

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T DISAGREE WITH ANYTHING THAT THE FORMER I MEAN MY COLLEAGUE HAD JUST MENTIONED EVERYTHING IS CORRECT HOWEVER THERE'S ONE CAVEAT TO THIS MADAM SPEAKER I AS WELL ACTUALLY THE THE WHEN IT FIRST CAME UP FOR TO PUT IT ON THE AGENDA I HAD QUESTIONS BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW IF THERE WAS ANYBODY RUNNING AND IF THAT WAS THE CASE I'M SURE IF THERE WERE PEOPLE RUNNING THEY WOULD HAVE THEIR PETITIONS OUT PROBABLY ALREADY SPENDING MONEY MONEY ON THE ELECTION ON ON THEIR ELECTIONS AND SO I WAS UNSURE UNTIL I GOT THE INFORMATION CORRECTLY YESTERDAY I RECEIVED A A CALL I GOT TWO CALLS AS A MATTER OF FACT ONE OF THEM OF COURSE IS AS IS A CANDIDATE AND A PACKET WAS PICKED UP BECAUSE NOT KNOWING WHETHER THE LEGISLATURE IS GOING TO ACT IN TIME TO TAKE ACTION AND SO THEY NEEDED TO PUT SOMEBODY IN PLACE IN CASE THE LEGISLATURE DIDN'T TAKE ACTION THE OTHER CALL I GOT WAS SIR I'M RUNNING MY PETITION IS CIRCULATING LET ME SHOW YOU HOW MANY SIGNATURES I'VE GOT ALREADY I CAN SHOW YOU THE RECEIPTS OF OF SIGNS THAT THEY ALREADY BOUGHT THIS PERSON IS JOSEPH RIVERA HE'S RUNNING FOR VICE MAYOR IN SINAJANA AND THAT BEING SAID IF WE'RE GOING TO ELIMINATE IT I I AGREE WITH

WHAT'S BEING SAID BUT MAYBE LET'S WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTION SINCE PETITIONS ARE OUT MONIES ARE BEING SPENT ALREADY PRIOR TO THESE PEOPLE BEING TOLD AND WITH THAT WHAT MAKES IT MORE CONFUSING AT THIS POINT THAT WE WANT ELIMINATE IT IS JOSEPH RIVERA IS A REPUBLICAN RUNNING FOR VICE MAYOR SO AGAIN I'M NOT IN DISAGREEMENT WITH WHAT IS BEING SAID OR WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT THE SAVINGS AND ALL THAT BUT MAYBE WE SHOULD HOLISTICALLY LOOK AT THE POSITIONS HOLISTICALLY LOOK AT IT AND RATHER THAN PIECEMEAL BECAUSE THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A PIECEMEAL AND IN THE MIDST OF THIS WHOLE THING WE'RE GOING TO KNOCK SOMEBODY OUT THROUGH OUR ACTIONS WE WANT TO IF WE WANT TO KNOCK SOMEBODY OUT OF AN ELECTION LET'S DO IT IN THE ELECTION PROCESS NOT THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE SO AGAIN I STAND UP I'M NOT IN FAVOR BECAUSE OF THAT NOT BECAUSE OF THE REASONS THAT WERE MENTIONED BECAUSE I AGREE WE ALL NOBODY'S GOING TO DISAGREE WITH THAT BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO REALISTICALLY LOOK AND HOLISTICALLY LOOK AT ALL POSITIONS AND AND AND MAKE A DECISION MAKE THOSE HARD DECISIONS BECAUSE IF WE MAKE PIECEMEAL DECISIONS RIGHT AWAY THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE THAT WE'RE GOING TO FACE AND I DON'T KNOW IF I DIDN'T STAND UP AND MENTION THIS I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY KNEW THAT THERE WAS SOMEBODY ELSE RUNNING THE INDIVIDUAL CAME TO OUR MEETING LAST NIGHT AND AND ANNOUNCED HEY PLEASE LOOK AT LOOK AT THE SIGNATURES I GOT ALREADY LOOK AT MY RECEIPTS SO IN THAT REGARD MADAM SPEAKER I AGAIN NOT FOR THE REASONS THAT HAVE BEEN MENTIONED BECAUSE AGAIN ONCE AGAIN I'M GOING TO REITERATE THE FACT THAT IT'S ALL TRUE BUT FOR THE FACT THAT WE'RE ACTING ON THIS SITUATION AND NOT MAYBE EVEN DISCUSSING IT BEFORE HAND SO THE PEOPLE WHO MAY BE CONSIDERING WILL NO LONGER NO LONGER NO LONGER CONSIDER SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO STAND UP HERE AND AND SPEAK AGAIN THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME IS JOSEPH RIVERA WHO WILL BE RUNNING FOR VICE MAYOR UNDER THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN SINAJANA THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE' SENATOR LUJAN ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR BROWN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS BILL WELL YOU KNOW A LOT OF POINTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE IN A VERY SHORT TIME AND I THINK THAT'S A CHALLENGE WE HAVE WHEN WE'RE RUSHING TO ADDRESS LEGISLATION THAT THIS IS A REACTION BECAUSE THE VICE MAYOR UNFORTUNATELY AND SADLY OF OF THE VILLAGE OF SINAJANA PASSED AWAY AND NOW HERE WE ARE YOU KNOW RUSHING AT A TIME WHEN WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE VOTING ON THESE BILLS TO TRY AND ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AND I'M NOT QUITE SURE YET WHAT EXACTLY IS BEING SAID HERE BECAUSE THE MAIN SPONSOR HAD MENTIONED THAT THE INTENTION IS TO TAKE THE FUNDS THAT OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE PAID FOR THE POSITION OF VICE MAYOR AND KEEP IT IN THE VILLAGE OF SINAJANA NOW I CAN'T IMAGINE THE INEQUITY THAT THAT'S GOING TO CREATE AMONG THE OTHER 18 VILLAGES IF SINAJANA GETS TO KEEP THESE ADDITIONAL FUNDS BUT OTHER VILLAGES THAT ARE EVEN MORE HIGHLY POPULATED SUCH AS THE VILLAGE YOU KNOW OUR GOOD VICE SPEAKER AND I SHARE YOU KNOW WE'RE NOW IN THE SIXTH LARGEST VILLAGE IN GUAM IN ORDOT CHALAN PAGO WHAT ABOUT DEDEDO THAT HAS A POPULATION AT LEAST OF OUR LAST CENSUS SEVERAL YEARS AGO 44,000 PEOPLE TWICE THE SIZE OF YIGO TWICE THE SIZE OF TAMUNING THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF MANGILAO YOU KNOW MAYBE WE NEED TO LOOK AT REPRESENTATION BECAUSE OF THE AND I KNOW THIS ISSUE'S BEEN ARGUED OVER THE YEARS THAT HOW DO WE ADDRESS THE FUNDING FOR THE LARGER VILLAGES BECAUSE HOW DO YOU EQUATE EVEN OUR CAPITAL CITY OF HAGATNA THAT HAS LESS THAN A THOUSAND RESIDENTS OR THE VILLAGE OF HUMÅTAK THAT HAS LESS THAN A THOUSAND RESIDENTS WITH THE VILLAGE OF DEDEDO THAT HAS A POPULATION OF OVER 44,000 PEOPLE PERHAPS THERE'S DEFINITELY MORE DISCUSSION THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN CAUSE MAYBE YOU KNOW WHAT MAYBE THE VICE MAYOR POSITION IN SINAJANA THAT THE MAIN SPONSOR IS RIGHT AT LEAST OF THE LAST CENSUS IS 13TH IN LINE IN POPULATION OUT OF THE 19 VILLAGES ON GUAM AND MOVE THAT VICE MAYOR POSITION TO DEDEDO SO THAT THE RESIDENTS OF DEDEDO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A FULL OPPORTUNITY FOR REPRESENTATION BECAUSE THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY UP THERE THAT ARE RESIDENTS THAT ARE UNDERREPRESENTED MAYBE THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO FOR THE LARGE VILLAGES TO ADD SOME EQUITY SO THAT THE POPULATIONS THAT ARE SO LARGE UP NORTH WILL HAVE REPRESENTATION YOU KNOW I WHEN THE DECISION WAS MADE HOW AND WHICH VILLAGE GOT OR RECEIVED VICE MAYORS I'M SURE MAYBE AT THE TIME IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MAYBE I'M ASSUMING IT WAS BASED ON POPULATION I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S THE CASE OR NOT YOU KNOW ONCE UPON A TIME SINAJANA USED TO BE A MORE POPULATED VILLAGE AFTER THE WAR MY FAMILY MOVED FROM HAGATNA UP TO SINAJANA BUT THAT'S NOT THE CASE TODAY AND YOU'RE PROBABLY

GOING TO LOOK AT OTHER VILLAGES THAT HAVE VICE MAYORS AGAT LIKE THE VILLAGE OF AGAT THAT HAS FAR LESS POPULATION THAN ALL THE OTHER VILLAGES ON TOP OF THAT SHOULD AGAT HAVE A VICE MAYOR I THINK THERE'S A LOT MORE DISCUSSION THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN WITH THIS ISSUE AND NOT SUCH A KNEE-JERK REACTION THAT'S HAPPENING REALLY ON LITERALLY THE WAKE OF THE PASSAGE OF THE VICE MAYOR OF SINAJANA THIS URGENCY AND IF THE URGENCY IS NOT WHAT MIGHT MY GOOD COLLEAGUE FROM TAMUNING HAD MENTIONED THAT IT'S IT'S NOT INTENDED FOR WHAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE OF A BEING MORE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND TAKING THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND PUTTING IT TO OTHER CRITICAL NEEDS IN THIS GOVERNMENT WHICH OF COURSE THERE WILL ALWAYS BE OTHER CRITICAL NEEDS IN THIS GOVERNMENT THAT'S NOT WHAT I HEARD FROM THE MAIN SPONSOR THAT'S NOT WHAT I HEARD DURING THE TESTIMONY THAT WAS BEING PROVIDED BY MAYOR HOFFMAN FROM SINAJANA BECAUSE I'LL TELL YOU IF I'M A MAYOR OF ANOTHER VILLAGE A VILLAGE THAT EVEN HAS A LARGER POPULATION BECAUSE THERE YOU KNOW 12 OTHER VILLAGES ABOVE SINAJANA THAT HAS A LARGER POPULATION WHY DON'T I GET AN EQUAL SHARE OF THAT BUDGET TO TAKE CARE OF MY CONSTITUENCY THAT HAS NEEDS AS WELL THAT HAS EVEN MORE NEEDS BECAUSE I HAVE A LARGER AND GROWING POPULATION YOU KNOW IT'S ONE OF THOSE SITUATIONS WHEN YOU WONDER ABOUT THE EQUITY HERE BECAUSE THAT DOESN'T SOUND TO ME LIKE WE'RE BEING COST EFFECTIVE IF THAT'S THE CASE SO I'M SAYING HEY MAYBE I'LL DO A BILL AND MAYBE I'LL TAKE THAT VICE MAYOR POSITION TO MOVE IT UP NORTH SO I DON'T THINK THIS IS A CURE ALL SOLUTION HERE BECAUSE I DON'T I DON'T SEE A CLEAR LINE THAT DELINEATES THAT WE'RE REALLY DOING A GOOD THING BECAUSE AT ONE END WE'RE SAYING WE WANT TO BE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AT THE OTHER END WE'RE SAYING OH NO NO THE MAYOR WANTS TO KEEP THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN HIS VILLAGE AND THEN HERE WE ARE HEARING THAT WE HAVE A CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES I DON'T KNOW THERE MIGHT BE MORE WHO HAVE ALREADY BEGUN THE PROCESS BECAUSE THAT'S WAS WHAT IT WAS IN PLACE AT THE TIME TO TO RUN FOR THIS POSITION SO I DON'T SEE WHO'S THE WINNER HERE BECAUSE AGAIN ONCE AGAIN KNEE-JERK REACTION WE'RE RUSHING WITHOUT REALLY LOOKING AT THIS ISSUE BECAUSE IT'S NOT JUST AN ISSUE FOR THE VICE MAYOR POSITION OF SINAJANA CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT THIS ISSUE BECAME A DISCUSSION BEFORE THE POOR VICE MAYOR WAS EVEN BURIED SO YOU GOT TO WONDER WHAT WHAT WHAT'S THE BIG RUSH AND IF ULTIMATELY THE AGENDA OF OF MAYOR HOFFMAN IS TO REMOVE THE POSITION BUT INTENDING TO KEEP THE FUNDS I THINK YOU CREATED ANOTHER CAN OF WORMS THERE BECAUSE I'LL TELL YOU IF I'M THE MAYOR OF ANOTHER VILLAGE WHY DOES HE GET TO KEEP THE FUNDS AND THOSE OF US THAT HAVE LARGER POPULATIONS LARGER CONSTITUENCY DON'T GET ADDITIONAL FUNDS ALSO TO TAKE CARE OF OUR NEEDS IN OUR VILLAGE AND I DON'T LIVE IN DEDEDO BUT I'M LOOKING AT THE DEMOGRAPHICS AND I'M GOING THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE ON GUAM LIVE IN DEDEDO LIKE I SAID TWICE AS MANY RESIDENTS LIVE IN DEDEDO THAN LIVE IN YIGO OR TAMUNING OR MANGILAO THREE TIMES AS MANY LIVE IN DEDEDO THAN LIVE IN MANGILAO THEN BARRIGADA THEN ORDOT CHALAN PAGO SO I DON'T THINK THIS BILL IS SOME KIND OF QUICK CURE ALL THAT'S SOMEHOW GOING TO RESOLVE AN ISSUE I THINK THIS ACTION SHOULD THE BODY TAKE IT TODAY IS GOING TO CREATE OTHER ISSUES OF INEQUITY BECAUSE WE'RE NOT LOOKING AT THE BIGGER PICTURE AND I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS ESPECIALLY MADAM SPEAKER WHEN WE'RE DEALING WITH POSITIONS OF ELECTION AND THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO VOTE AND CHOOSE WHO THEY WANT TO PUT IN OFFICE ESPECIALLY NOW THAT WE ARE AS YOU KNOW MY OTHER COLLEAGUES MENTIONED WE ARE IN ELECTION SEASON IT IS JANUARY AND IN A FEW DAYS IT'S GOING TO BE FEBRUARY BEFORE WE KNOW IT IT'S GOING TO BE NOVEMBER AND I THINK IN ALL FAIRNESS WE NEED TO REALLY MAKE SURE WE'RE TAKING THE EFFORTS TO LOOK AT THIS PARTICULAR BILL VERY CAREFULLY SO WE'RE NOT CREATING OTHER PROBLEMS BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE OTHER VILLAGE MAYORS MAY WANT HOW DO THEY FEEL ABOUT SINAJANA KEEPING THEIR ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT THEY DON'T HAVE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE A VICE MAYOR POSITION TO ELIMINATE EVEN THOUGH BY POPULATION THEY HAVE MUCH LARGER CONSTITUENCIES TO SERVE SO AGAIN YOU KNOW WE RUSH HERE LIKE WE'RE RUNNING INTO THE FIRE CAUSE WE'RE VERY QUICK TO INTRODUCE BILLS ONE HEARING AND IT'S ON THE FLOOR LET'S GET IT ON THE FLOOR BUT WE'VE REALLY NOT REALLY LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE OR THE OTHER PROBLEMS THAT IT'S GOING TO CREATE OR THE FACT THAT THERE'S SOMEONE HERE MAYBE ONE OR TWO OTHER PEOPLE THAT MAY HAVE ALREADY PICKED UP THEIR PACKET TO RUN SO I JUST THINK WE NEED TO TAKE A LITTLE MORE TIME AND LOOK AT THESE ISSUES MORE CAREFULLY AND MORE RESPONSIBLY SO THAT WE MAKE SURE WE'RE REALLY DOING RIGHT BY THE PEOPLE AND NOT RIGHT BY THE INTEREST OF A FEW BECAUSE THEY MIGHT HAVE A DIFFERENT AGENDA IF THE MAYOR CAME BACK AND SAID YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT I'M OPEN TO ELIMINATING THIS VICE MAYOR POSITION AND THE MONEY I'M RETURNING BACK THEN I'D GO OKAY THAT MAKES SENSE BUT NO I'M ELIMINATING THE VICE MAYOR POSITION BUT I WANT TO KEEP THE MONEY AND YET MANY OTHERS OF OUR RESIDENTS HERE ARE NOT THEY DON'T HAVE

THE BENEFIT OF THAT REPRESENTATION AT THE VILLAGE LEVEL AND HOW OFTEN MADAM SPEAKER DO WE TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT OUR MAYORS ARE THE FRONT LINE THEY'RE THE FRONT LINE TO OUR CONSTITUENCY OUT THERE BEFORE TYPHOONS AFTER TYPHOONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ALL THE THINGS THAT THEY HAVE TO RESPOND TO DIRECTLY BECAUSE THESE ARE THE VILLAGES THAT WE LIVE IN THAT OUR FAMILIES LIVE IN THAT OUR PEOPLE OF GUAM LIVE IN AND I JUST DON'T THINK THAT SOMEHOW WE'RE GOING TO MIRACULOUSLY RESOLVE THIS ISSUE BECAUSE I'LL TELL YOU IF YOU PASS THIS BILL TODAY IN THIS FORM WITHOUT ALL THESE OTHER ISSUES BEING CONSIDERED WE ARE CREATING MORE PROBLEMS AND I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO THESE OTHER MAYORS TO GET THEIR THOUGHTS AND FEEDBACK IF THEY'RE WILLING TO AGREE THAT THEIR OTHER COLLEAGUE IN SINAJANA GETS TO KEEP THESE FUNDS BECAUSE I'LL TELL YOU IF I'M A MAYOR OR I'M GOING TO GO ASK MY MAYOR JESSE HOW ABOUT OUR VILLAGE OF ORDOT CHALAN PAGO HOW CAN WE GET ANOTHER \$150,000 TOO IN OUR BUDGET BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS WE WANT TO SEE A LOT OF GOODNESS THE VICE SPEAKER AND I CAN COME UP WITH SAFETY ISSUES JUST IN OUR STREET THAT AREN'T ADDRESSED THAT'S JUST OUR LITTLE STREET WHAT ABOUT ALL OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE VILLAGE SO COLLEAGUES I THINK WE NEED TO BE A LITTLE CAUTIOUS WHAT WE'RE BEING SOLD TODAY THESE BAG OF GOODS I I DON'T THINK IS GOING TO RESOLVE ALL THE ISSUES IF ANYTHING I THINK WE'RE GOING TO CREATE MORE PROBLEMS AND MORE QUESTIONS AND I THINK UNTIL EVEN I GET A GAUGE I'M GOING TO BE VERY HESITANT ABOUT THE THOUGHT OF VOTING ON THIS BILL TODAY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.

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

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE' M MADAM SPEAKER AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH THE RETIRING GOOD SENATOR FROM CHALAN PAGO AS WELL AS JONESTOWN I WOULD ONLY HAVE TWO THINGS TO ADD ONE IS IS THAT I HAD A CHANCE TO CATCH AN INTERVIEW ON ONE OF THE LOCAL RADIO STATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL MAYOR ALEC AND HE MENTIONED THAT REALLY THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN A HOLISTIC FASHION BECAUSE THERE REALLY IS A QUESTION EVEN IN THE LARGER VILLAGES IN THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL OF VICE MAYORS AND THE REASONING THAT THE PRESIDENT GAVE WAS THAT THERE ARE INSTANCES WHERE REALLY IN THE PAST BEFORE VICE MAYORS WERE ADDED FROM TIME TO TIME BY VILLAGE SIZE THE REAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT SECOND IN COMMAND IS ADMINISTRATIVE AND NORMALLY WHAT A LOT OF MAYORS WOULD DO AND DO FROM TIME TO TIME DO IN ORDER TO HAVE THE BUSINESS OF THE OFFICE BEING TAKEN CARE OF IS THEY THEY THAT'S REALLY THEIR NUMBER TWO WHICH IS VERY VERY MUCH LIKE OUR AGENCIES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND THAT IS YOU HAVE YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OR YOUR AO AND THEY NORMALLY MANAGE ALL OF YOUR YOUR YOUR PROJECTS AND ALL OF YOUR FUNDING AND ALL OF YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES WITHIN THE OFFICE SO IT'S BECOME KIND OF PIECEMEAL HOW EVERY INDIVIDUAL MAYOR AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR VICE MAYOR WILL WORK WHETHER THAT INDIVIDUAL IS AN ADMINISTRATOR OR CARRIES THE DUTIES IF THE MAYOR IS OTHERWISE PREDISPOSED OR WHETHER THAT INDIVIDUAL RUNS THE THE BUSH CUTTING CREW OR OR OR WHAT HAVE YOU AND THAT'S WHY I THINK IT IS PRUDENT TO DISCUSS THIS EVEN COMING FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL'S PERSPECTIVE THAT WHAT IS THE REALITY OF THIS AND TO PUT IT ON THE TABLE BECAUSE WE TALK ABOUT COST SAVINGS BUT IN THE END IF THAT'S SOMETHING REALLY THAT IS MORE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION WITHIN ALL OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICES THEN WHAT YOU WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT IS NOT HAVING TO HAVE AN ELECTION FOR THAT POSITION AND HAVING THE MAYORS DESIGNATE WHOM ARE THEIR RESPONSIBLE IN CHARGE LIKE I SAID LIKE MOST AGENCIES DO AND AND AND MOST OTHER SECOND IN COMMAND EVEN OF THOSE OFFICES THAT DON'T HAVE VICE MAYORS IS NORMALLY TYPICALLY AND OPERATIONALLY AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SO I THINK THIS DISCUSSION IS LARGER THAN THIS AND I THINK THE REAL SAVINGS OVERALL IS IN AN HOLISTIC DISCUSSION ON THIS ISSUE AND I THINK THAT THAT IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE PUT ON THE TABLE AND I DO AGREE THAT A PIECEMEAL APPROACH MAY BE SEXY BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S NECESSARILY PRUDENT AT THIS TIME I WANT TO CLOSE BY SAYING I GAVE MAYOR HOFFMAN MY WORD AND PEOPLE OF SINAJANA THAT YES IF YOU DO NOT WANT THIS POSITION MOST CERTAINLY WE WILL AND I'M SURE THAT IT WILL BE ELIMINATED IN DUE TIME OR MAYBE TODAY BUT THE FACT IS IS THAT I THINK IT SHOULD BE DONE ALONG WITH AN EVALUATION OF THE ENTIRE SETUP ACROSS THE BOARD AND MAYBE THOSE RESOURCES ARE BETTER USED AS ONE OF OUR RETIRING SPEAKERS SAID TODAY FOR A MORE ADVANTAGEOUS PURPOSE FOR SERVICE WITHIN THE VILLAGE THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WELCOME BACK AND YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW AS I LISTEN TO MY COLLEAGUES I'M READING THE BILL AND FOR EVERYBODY IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT I WAS DOING THE PAST WEEK I WASN'T HERE DURING SESSION I WAS WATCHING SESSION SO WE END THAT DISCUSSION BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE BILL IT ONLY TALKS ABOUT ELIMINATING POSITION DOESN'T TALK ABOUT WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO PUT THE MONEY AND IF YOU KNOW HOW MONEY IS DISTRIBUTED WITH MAYORS IT'S AT THE COUNCIL LEVEL AT THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL AND AS IT WAS MENTIONED BY MY COLLEAGUE WE SHOULD LOOK AT THIS HOLISTICALLY FINE INTRODUCE A BILL THIS IS THE BILL THAT'S IN FRONT OF US LET'S START OF THAT YOU DON'T LIKE IT THEN VOTE AGAINST IT YOU LIKE IT VOTE FOR IT IT'S ABOUT THE MAYORS THE MAYOR OF SINAJANA EVEN WROTE AND SAID COULD YOU HELP ME ELIMINATE THE POSITION I SAID LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR PARKSON BROUGHT IT UP ELIMINATE IT THE BILL SAYS ELIMINATE MY VICE CHAIR SAID THAT IN THE BUDGET PROCESS IF THIS POSITION IS ELIMINATED YOU CAN BET WE'RE NOT GOING TO GIVE THAT WHAT WE PAY FOR A VICE MAYOR IN SINAJANA IN THE UPCOMING BUDGET IF THE POSITION IS NOT DOESN'T EXIST THERE'S NO EXTRA MONEY GOING THERE AND REMEMBER THE BUDGET FOR THE MAYORS ARE WE PAY FOR THE POSITIONS THE ELECTED OFFICIALS EVERYTHING ELSE COMES OUT OF THE COUNCIL SO THE COUNCIL DISPENSES THIS MONEY THIS MONEY NOW FOR THAT POSITION WHEN YOU ELIMINATE IT THE MONEY IS ACTUALLY GONE AND IF ANYBODY IN SINAJANA LIKE THE MAYOR SAYING CAN WE KEEP IT IN OUR BUDGET NO YOU CAN'T IF YOU'RE GOING TO SAY AND EXACTLY MY COLLEAGUE MENTIONED EARLIER IN EVERY VILLAGE THE MAYOR DECIDES WHO THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR THEIR OFFICE MANAGER IS THAT HANDLES ALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND IF THEY DECIDE THAT AN ELECTED VICE MAYOR IN THE OTHER VILLAGES CHOOSE TO MAKE THE VICE MAYOR CUT THE GRASS THEN THAT'S WHAT THEY AGREE TO BECAUSE IF I'M CORRECT EVERY VICE MAYOR ON THOSE VILLAGES I HAVE THEY'RE ELECTED INDIVIDUALLY THEY DON'T HAVE TO CUT THE GRASS THEY CAN DO THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION JUST LIKE THE MAYOR EXCEPT THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A MAYOR AND THERE'S A VICE MAYOR SO WITH THAT NOTE BECAUSE I WAS ASKED TO SUPPORT FROM THE MAYOR HE WANTS TO ELIMINATE IT I SUPPORT ELIMINATING IT IF THERE'S ANOTHER BILL TO HOLISTICALLY LOOK AT ALL THE MAYORS GREAT I WILL SUPPORT THAT BUT ON THE ISSUE OF FUNDING AND THE POSITION IS GONE SO DOES THE MONEY AND THE UPCOMING BUDGET WE WILL NOT IDENTIFY THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY TO GO TO THE MAYOR'S REMEMBER WE WHEN WE PASS THE BUDGET IT'S THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL SO OVERALL THIS BILL HAS NO MONEY IN IT OTHER THAN ELIMINATING IT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZE ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YEAH WELL *BIBA BETNES* FIRST OF ALL I THOUGHT WE'D BE VOTING BY NOW I DIDN'T ANTICIPATE THIS BUT YEAH THIS IS A TOUGH DECISION THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE PLENTY OF TOUGH DECISIONS TODAY AND MAYOR HOFFMAN DID REACH OUT TO ME AS WELL IN FACT HALF THE ISLAND REACHED OUT TO ME TODAY TO SUPPORT THIS BILL AND I'M JUST A LITTLE CONFUSED AND I'M JUST TRYING TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION BECAUSE WE DID HEAR FROM A PREVIOUS SPEAKER THAT THERE IS A CANDIDATE WHO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT'S HIS INTENTION I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR ALONG IN THE PROCESS THIS CANDIDATE IS ON THE REPUBLICAN SIDE AND I KNOW THAT THE MAYOR HOFFMAN HAD ALSO GONE UP OR THERE WAS A SOMEBODY WHO SINGS WITH THE CHURCH WHO' ALSO PICKED UP A PACKET FOR VICE MAYOR AND SO I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE I JUST FELT LIKE IF YOU WANT US TO ABOLISH THE POSITION OF THE VICE MAYOR WHY WOULD YOU GO AND PICK UP A PACKET FOR THE POSITION OF THE VICE MAYOR AND THE ANSWER I GOT WAS OH JUST IN CASE AND SO NOW IT IT SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE TWO CANDIDATES WHO ARE INTERESTED AND AGAIN I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR ALONG THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF RUNNING FOR THIS SINAJANA VICE MAYOR POSITION AND AT THE TIME THIS THIS BILLS INTRODUCED AND YOU KNOW WE'RE OF COURSE STARTED TALKING ABOUT IT I WAS SAYING THAT MAYBE THIS IS A GOOD TIME FOR US TO KIND OF GO DEEPER AND LOOK AT VILLAGE BY VILLAGE BECAUSE YOU'RE RIGHT THERE ARE SOME VILLAGES THAT HAVE YOU KNOW DOUBLE EVEN TRIPLE THE POPULATION OF SINAJANA THAT DON'T HAVE A VICE MAYOR AND SO MAYBE I THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO LOOK AT THESE VILLAGES TO DECIDE DO WE NEED TO ADD ONE HERE DO WE NEED TO TAKE ONE AWAY THERE BUT I JUST WANT TO BE CAREFUL IN DENYING PEOPLE OF THEIR ABILITY TO RUN FOR ELECTED OFFICE FOR EXAMPLE WHAT IF SOMEONE INTRODUCED A BILL THIS YEAR IN THE SUMMER THAT SAID LET'S ELIMINATE THE LEGISLATURE AND CUT IT DOWN TO 14 IT'S ALMOST THE SAME THING AND I AND AGAIN I'M A LITTLE BIT TORN ON THIS BECAUSE IT IS A VICE MAYOR POSITION I MEAN WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT A GOVERNOR OR LIEUTENANT

GOVERNOR OR SENATOR OR EVEN A MAYOR BUT AGAIN I WANT TO BE CAREFUL IN BEING INVOLVED WITH SOMETHING THAT THAT IT ALMOST LOOKS LIKE AN ATTEMPT TO GAME THE SYSTEM AND I'M SORRY I JUST HAVE TO CALL IT FOR WHAT IT IS I GOT A TEXT FROM FORMER GOVERNOR CARL GUTERAS TODAY ASKING ME TO SUPPORT THE BILL AND THEN WHEN I GET HERE ON THE FLOOR I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE WHO WAS WHO WAS SEEKING THIS OFFICE AND WHEN I PUT ALL THESE THINGS TOGETHER IT KIND OF LOOKS LIKE AND I HOPE IT'S NOT THAT SITUATION THAT LIKE A PREVIOUS SPEAKER HAS SAID WE'RE DOING ALL THIS SO THAT YOU KNOW SOMEBODY DOESN'T HAVE TO WORK WITH SOMEONE FROM A PARTY THEY DON'T LIKE AND I MEAN I LOVE SINAJANA I GOT A LOT OF FRIENDS THERE AND I'M JUST SAYING I I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS A SLAM DUNK SITUATION I THINK THAT IT WARRANTS THE CONVERSATION ABOUT LOOKING AT THE VILLAGES AND THEIR POPULATIONS AND THE NEEDS THAT THEY MAY HAVE FOR A VICE MAYOR I'M SURE THERE'S SOME PEOPLE WHO WOULD ARGUE THAT DEDEDO NEEDS TWO VICE MAYORS GIVEN THAT THEIR POPULATION IS 44,000 AND SO THAT'S WHERE I'M AT AND I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER AND THE AMENDMENT I DON'T KNOW IF WE COULD PASS BUT BASICALLY IT WOULD MAKE THIS EFFECTIVE IN THE REGULAR PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE MAYORS AND SO WHAT MY AMENDMENT WOULD DO IS WE WOULD WE WOULD PROCEED WITH THIS SPECIAL ELECTION AND THEN IN THE SUBSEQUENT ELECTION IN THE FALL WE WOULDN'T BE ELECTING A VICE MAYOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF SINAJANA AND I JUST THINK IT'S A SAFE COMPROMISE I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND THE ARGUMENT ABOUT SAVING THE MONEY BUT AGAIN WHERE I'M JUST ASKING US TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION IS IF YOU HAVE ALREADY A COUPLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THIS POSITION THEN I JUST WANT TO BE CAREFUL IN IN HOW WE PROCEED AND HOW WE MOVE BECAUSE AGAIN WE WOULD BE DEPRIVING NOT JUST A REPUBLICAN BUT APPARENTLY A DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE AS WELL OF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND I LOVE MY FRIENDS AT THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION AND I'VE GOT YOU KNOW I GOT CALLS FROM THEM TOO AND AND I KNOW THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO THIS YEAR WITH ALL THEIR REGULAR ELECTIONS AND I GET IT I GET IT IT WOULD BE JUST SO EASY TO PASS THIS AND TO YOU KNOW THROW AWAY THE SPECIAL ELECTION AND JUST KEEP MOVING FORWARD AND PREPARE EVERYTHING BUT AGAIN THIS IS A DEMOCRACY AND PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO RUN AND TO REPRESENT THEIR VILLAGE AND THEIR PEOPLE AND I JUST WANT TO BE CAREFUL THAT WE'RE NOT DEPRIVING ANYONE OF OF THAT ABILITY AND AND THE AMENDMENT'S OUT SO CAN I HERE WE GO YEAH AND IT BASICALLY AMENDS LINES 13 AND 14 PAGE TWO OF THE BILL TO AMEND SECTION TWO OF THE BILL TO READ SECTION TWO DATE OF ENACTMENT THIS ACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AND THEN I STRUCK UPON ENACTMENT AND PUT FOR THE NEXT MAYORAL AND VICE MAYORAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION THANK YOU MADAM I'D ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT OR YOU KNOW TO DISCUSS AND DEBATE THIS FURTHER BECAUSE AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW I JUST DO HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WE'RE MOVING FORWARD SO QUICKLY ON THIS SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE' MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE' SENATOR BARNETT ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT THE LANGUAGE IN THIS ONE BECAUSE MAYBE WE NEED TO PUT A DATE ON IT I I UNDERSTAND THE THE ARGUMENTS MADE BUT INSTEAD OF THE NEXT MAYORAL VICE MAYORAL ELECTION MAYBE THE NEXT ONE IS IN 2028 IS THAT CORRECT IS THAT IS THAT THE INTENT OF THIS OH OKAY YEAH THANK YOU FOR THAT OKAY I JUST WITHDRAW THAT COMMENT THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR FISHER YOU RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MA'AM I HOPE THAT THE OFFER OF THE AMENDMENT WILL YIELD TO A QUESTION I WAS OF ALL THE DISCUSSION THIS MORNING I WAS MOST DISTURBED BY THE COMMENT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION WOULD HE DIVULGE THE ENTIRE CONTENT OF THE CALL I'M MOST MOST UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE IDEA OF AN EX OF AN AGENCY WEIGHING THE ELECTION COMMISSION WEIGHING IN ON AN ISSUE WHICH THEY MUST BE NEUTRAL ON I HOPE I'M MISTAKEN BUT I WOULD CERTAINLY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE SPONSOR OF THE AMENDMENT YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I WOULD YIELD TO THE QUESTION FROM THE GOOD SENATOR FROM KENTUCKY AND I WOULD JUST ANSWER.



**SENATOR FISHER:** I BEG YOUR PARDON.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THE GOOD SENATOR FROM IPAN I DID RECEIVE A CALL FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OF THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION TODAY AND SHE ASKED ME ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE BILL AND IF WE WOULD BE PUTTING IT ON THE AGENDA OR VOTING ON IT SHE DIDN'T INDICATE IN ANY ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WHETHER SHE FAVORED ITS PASSAGE OR NOT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT I MUST SAY THOUGH THAT I TAKE GREAT OBJECTION TO THAT ATTEMPT TO INJECT OTHERNESS INTO THIS BODY I BELIEVE IT IS RACIST THANK YOU.

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

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** MADAM SPEAKER JUST FOR CLARIFICATION BECAUSE THE AMENDMENT SAYS IT STRIKES OUT UPON ENACTMENT VERSUS FOR THE NEXT MAYORAL AND VICE MORAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION SO FOR THE NEXT MEANING IS IT THIS TERM OR NEXT TERM BECAUSE WE'RE ALREADY IN A TERM RUNNING FOR VERSUS UPON ENACTMENT BEING SO I I JUST WANT TO I DON'T KNOW MAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS AND TALK TO LEGAL TO SEE BECAUSE ARE WE ONLY SAYING WE WANT TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS ELECTION BUT HAVE A VICE MAYOR FOR ONLY 10 MONTHS I I MEAN THAT'S THAT WAS MY CONCERN SO JUST A MOMENT'S RECESS TO CONFIRM WITH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR TO YIELD.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** I YEAH WELL YEAH MAYBE BUT I WAS GOING TO GET FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM LEGAL BUT YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME OKAY SO HE SAID TO GO AHEAD AND AMEND IT FOR THE 2024 ELECTION WHICH WOULD MAKE IT MORE CLARIFIED 10 MONTHS SO ARE YOU MAKING THAT AMENDMENT I JUST YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THE IT WOULD BE FOR THE.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THIS ACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FOR THE NEXT MAYORAL AND VICE MAYOR VICE MAYORAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS 2024.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL ALL RIGHT ONE-MINUTE RECESS.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS VICE SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER FOR THAT MOMENT'S RECESS AND BASED ON ALLOWING THE TIME TO CHECK WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT AND LEGAL COUNSEL MADAME SPEAKER I YIELD MY TIME BACK TO THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT AND HE'LL PROBABLY DO PROFFER ANOTHER ONE *SAINA MA'ÁSE'* THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MA'AM THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SO I'M GOING TO RESEND AND REPLACE THE AMENDMENT WITH A NEW AMENDMENT AND IT WILL READ AGAIN ON LINES 13 14 PAGE 2 TO AMEND SECTION TWO OF THE BILL TO READ SECTION TWO DATE OF ENACTMENT THIS ACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE STRIKETHROUGH UPON ENACTMENT FOR THE STRIKE THROUGH NEXT AND INSERT 2024 REGULAR MAYORAL AND VICE MAYORAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT SO WE'LL TAKE THOSE SEPARATELY ON THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE FIRST AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** NO OBJECTION

NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES AND NOW WE ARE ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT THIS AMENDMENT IT SHOULD BE PASSED OUT NOW OR BEING PASSED OUT RIGHT NOW ON THIS AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK SENATOR BLAS WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK SENATOR BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I UNDERSTAND YOU KNOW THE PROFFER OF THIS AMENDMENT IS TO OH YOU KNOW I GUESS THE COMPROMISE HERE IS SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE THAT THIS PROCESS THAT'S GOING ONGOING NOW CONTINUES BUT THEN THE INTENT OF THE WHOLE LEGISLATION IS TO BE HELD BACK UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTION HOWEVER WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL WITH WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR HERE BECAUSE IF I CAN RECALL THE CONVERSATIONS THAT WE'RE HAVING ON THE FLOOR WITH REGARDS TO THE FUNDING WHAT THIS BASIC WILL BASICALLY DO IS IF WE WERE TO STRIKE THIS OUT WHETHER IT BE THIS ELECTION OR NEXT ELECTION THAT'S GOING TO BE THAT FUNDING IS GOING TO BE STRICT IN PERIOD THIS GIVES US NO ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO GO BACK IN AND AND AND LOOK AT THE FUNDING THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR THE VICE MAYORAL POSITION TO BE PUT BACK INTO THE MAYORS COUNSEL OR INTO INTO A MAYOR'S OFFICE THAT MAY THAT MAY NEED IT CUZ YOU'RE STRIKING IT OUT YOU'RE STRIKING OUT THE FUNDING THE THE THE THE THE THE FUNDING SOURCE OR THE POSITION NO LONGER EXISTS SO THEREFORE THE FUNDING NO LONGER EXISTS WILL NO LONGER EXIST SO YOU GOT TO BE VERY CAREFUL WITH THAT BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR YOU'RE ELIMINATING POSITION BUT IN ELIMINATE THE POSITION IN THIS FASHION YOU'RE EL ELIMINATING THE FUNDING THAT THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO THIS POSITION WAS THAT THE INTENT IF THAT'S THE INTENT THEN FINE I JUST GOT TO CAUTION MY COLLEAGUES ON THAT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR BLAS ON THE AMENDMENT IS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** GUYS THE WHOLE POINT OF THIS BILL IS WE'RE TRYING TO AVOID HAVING TO SPEND MONEY ON A SPECIAL ELECTION AND HERE WE ARE PUTTING IN AMENDMENT TO HAVE THAT SPECIAL ELECTION ANYWAY SO FOR ME IT KIND OF FEELS LIKE WE ARE SEIZING DEFEAT FROM THE JAWS OF VICTORY SO I'M GOING TO OBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT BUT IF THIS BODY WANTS TO GO THROUGH WITH THAT ALL RIGHT WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW THE AMENDMENT SAID THE ACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FOR 2024 REGULAR MAYORAL AND VICE MAYOR PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS SO IN OTHER WORDS IN 2028 THE POSITION IS BACK ON ON THE TABLE IT'S AS IF IT IT NEVER LEFT OKAY I'M I'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE SURE WE WE UNDERSTAND THE MATH HERE THAT'S ONE AND YOU KNOW I CAN'T SUPPORT THIS WE'RE WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE PLAYING GAMES WITH POSITIONS AND YOU KNOW I I DIDN'T SAY THIS EARLIER BUT JUST BECAUSE A REPUBLICAN PICKED UP A PACKET MANY ELECTION REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRAT PICK A PACKET BUT THEY NEVER FILE SO WE DON'T KNOW WHO IS IN FACT OFFICIALLY RUNNING UNTIL SUCH TIME THEY KICK OUT THE PAPER THAT THEY'RE RUNNING THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M NOT IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE' MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT THE LANGUAGE HERE I I KNOW THAT LEGAL HAD LOOKED OVER IT HOWEVER IF YOU WERE TO WORD IT DIFFERENTLY THIS ACT SHALL BECOME AFFECTED EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2020 YEAH I HAD THE SAME CONCERN YOU KNOW I WAS READING THIS THE SAME ONE AS A PRIOR SPEAKER EFFECTIVE ONLY FOR THE 2024 REGULAR MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR AND GENERAL ELECTION IT DOES NOT SAY THAT IT SHOULD SAY SOMETHING THAT BEGINNING THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION OR ON THE ON START OF THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION I MEAN IF THIS THE INTENT OF THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION I THINK HE NEEDS TO RETHINK THE THE LANGUAGE HERE BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO DO WHAT HE'S INTENDING IT TO TO DO THANK YOU MADAM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT YOU READY TO CLOSE ALL RIGHT IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY

CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT WITH WAVING CLOSING SO ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT THERE'S AN OBJECTION SO ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OF THE AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AMENDMENT FAILS SO WE'RE BACK ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR INPUT ON THE AMENDMENT AND THE BILL AND SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'.

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

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER IN THE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THIS BILL MAYOR HOFFMAN GAVE A HISTORY ON THE SAHA VICE MAYOR POSITION AND HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED SAHA WAS AT ONE TIME ONE OF THE LARGEST VILLAGES ON GUAM BECAUSE SURROUNDING VILLAGES WERE PART OF SINAJANA AT ONE TIME INCLUDING ORDOT CHALAN PAGO MONGMONG TOTO MAITE THOSE WERE PART OF SINAJANA TOO AND WHILE I WOULD LIKE THE FUNDS TO STAY WITH SINAJANA THIS BILL DOES NOT ADDRESS THOSE FUNDS SO IF ANY GOOD SENATOR WANTS TO DIRECT THEM ELSEWHERE PLEASE BE MY GUEST BUT THAT'S A SEPARATE BILL THIS BILL SIMPLY ELIMINATES THE POSITION MY ONLY AGENDA HAS BEEN TO SERVE THE PEOPLE AND STREAMLINE GOVERNMENT VICE MAYOR IRIARTE IS THE ONE THAT BROUGHT UP THIS ISSUE SHORTLY BEFORE HE PASSED AS MAYOR HOFFMAN SAID EVEN IN THE HOSPITAL VICE MAYOR WAS SUCH A GOOD PUBLIC SERVANT HE WAS SAYING THE MONEY FOR HIS POSITION WOULD BE BETTER SPENT ON THE HOSPITAL AS ONE OF THE RETIRING SPEAKERS SAID GOVERNMENT GROWS VERY EASILY BUT RARELY DOES IT ELIMINATE TOP POSITIONS AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SO AND THE FIRST STEP IN ADDRESSING IT HOLISTICALLY SO LET US NOT DELAY TAKING THE FIRST STEP JUST BECAUSE SOMEONE FROM YOUR OWN PARTY IS RUNNING SINAJANA HAD A VICE MAYOR BECAUSE IT INCLUDED CHALAN PAGO MTM AGANA HEIGHTS AS ONE VILLAGE NOW THEY ARE DIFFERENT VILLAGES WITH THEIR OWN MAYORS IT MAKES SENSE TO ELIMINATE IT LET'S DO SO AND HONOR VICE MAYOR IRIARTES WISHES AND ALSO HOW COULD THIS BE A PLOT WHEN WE DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE WAS RUNNING WHEN WE INTRODUCED THIS BILL THE DELAYS WE'VE HAD ARE WHAT CAUSED PEOPLE TO PICK UP WHEN THIS WAS INTRODUCED THERE WERE NO PEOPLE RUNNING SO I REJECT THE IDEA THAT THIS WAS SOME PLOT TO GAME THE SYSTEM THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SAVE SOME MONEY ONCE AGAIN LET'S NOT SEIZE DEFEAT FROM THE JAWS OF VICTORY I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND LET STREAMLINE GOVERNMENT WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER OH AND I'D LIKE TO MOVE THE BILL TO THE BILL 230-37 TO THE THIRD READING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT ON THE AMEND I MEAN ON THE BILL I MEAN ON THE MOTION TO MOVE BILL NUMBER 230-37 COR TO THE THIRD READING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR TAITAGUE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** I WAS UP FIRST.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SORRY SEN SORRY SENATOR TAITAGUE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I MAKE A MOTION THAT WE MOVE TO THE THIRD READING FILE FOR VOTING.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** OBJECTION MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO MOVE TO THE THIRD READING FILE FOR VOTING THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION MOTION TO MOVE TO THE THE MOTION IS TO MOVE TO THE THE THIRD READING FILE TO FOR VOTING MOTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS SEN MAJORITY LEADER DO YOU HAVE A MOTION IS.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** I DON'T HAVE A MOTION BUT WE'RE IN SECOND READING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YEAH SO IF WE'RE ON SECOND READING THEN WE ARE ON BILL.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** ONE TWO ONE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT IF WE ARE ON SECOND READING THEN WE ARE ON BILL NUMBER 98-37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO SET ASIDE THE BILL MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION TO SET ASIDE ALL IN FAVOR I MEAN IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 142-37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** I'D LIKE TO SET THIS BILL ASIDE AT THIS TIME MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION TO SET THE BILL ASIDE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 165-37 COR SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU I'D LIKE TO SET THAT BILL ASIDE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION TO SET THE BILL ASIDE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 186-37 LS SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** MAKE THE MOTION TO SET ASIDE AS WELL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION TO SET ASIDE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 121-37 COR SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 121-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE TO THE THIRD READING FILE AND ASK FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER BILL NUMBER 121-37 COR AS AMENDED IS AN ACT TO AUTHORIZED THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM TO ENTER INTO A 10-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB BILL 121-37 WAS INTRODUCED AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM THROUGH OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE DATED APRIL 10TH 2023 AND BOARD RESOLUTION 2021-03 THE BILL IS COSPONSORED BY VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES AND SENATORS JESSE LUJAN ROY QUINATA DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS WILLIAM PARKINSON AND JOE SAN AGUSTIN THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE PAG FAMILY FOR OVER 50 YEARS THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB HAS HISTORICALLY PROMOTED COMMUNITY INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SPORT OF SAILING FOUNDED IN 1969 IT PROVIDES A SAFE WELL-REGULATED ENVIRONMENT FOR YACHT YACHTS CATAMARANS PADDLE BOARDS KAYAKS AND MORE THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB CONDUCTS RED CROSS CERTIFIED SAILING INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS AND OTHER SAILING COURSES FOR GUAM'S YOUTH AND FAMILIES AND SUPPORTS MANAGES AND HOSTS MAJOR INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACING AND OTHER COMPETITIVE SAILING EVENTS MADAM SPEAKER ENACTED IN NOVEMBER 1992 PUBLIC LAW 21-62 AUTHORIZED THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM TO ESTABLISH A 30-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB HOWEVER THE AGREEMENT EXPIRED ON NOVEMBER 7TH 2021 AND THE PARTIES CONTINUED A LEASE AGREEMENT ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS SINCE THAT TIME I THANK YOUR OFFICE FOR FINALIZING THE BILL'S COMMITTEE REPORT AND FOR OFFERING AN ALTERNATIVE WITH RESPECT TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM MAY ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB PROPERTY PORT PROPERTY ALTHOUGH THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM REQUESTED FOR A 30-YEAR LEASE BILL 121-37 AS AMENDED AUTHORIZES THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM TO ESTABLISH A NEW 10-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB MADAM SPEAKER BASED ON THE \$100 A YEAR RENT PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSED LEASE ATTACHED TO THE BILL AS INTRODUCED THE FISCAL IMPACT TO THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM REVENUES WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$1,000 OVER THE PROPOSED 10-YEAR LEASE TERM THE PASS BILL 121-37 WILL ENSURE COMPLIANCE BY THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 12 GCA SECTION 1015 WHICH PROHIBITS THE AUTHORITY FROM ENTERING INTO A COMMERCIAL LEASE OR ISSUE A PERMIT OR LEASE IN EXCESS OF 5 YEARS AND 21 GCA SECTION 60112 WHICH PROHIBITS GOVERNMENT-OWNED REAL PROPERTY FROM BEING SOLD LEASED SUBLEASED EXCHANGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* BY DULY ENACTED LEGISLATION ADDITIONALLY MADAM SPEAKER BILL 121-37 AS AMENDED REQUIRES THE PORT AUTHORITY OF

GUAM TO ENSURE POSTING OF SIGNAGE RELATIVE TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO APPLICABLE BEACH AREAS AND FOR THE LEASE TO NOT IMPEDE NON-COMMERCIAL PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IN RECREATIONAL OR FISHING USE OF THE OCEAN SHORE ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH 5 GCA CHAPTER 63 SECTION 1 WHICH PROHIBITS ALL FORMS OF FISHING TAKING OR ALTERING AQUATIC LIFE CORAL MANGROVES SEA GRASS SAND AND ROCKS WITHIN DESIGNATED PRESERVES DETERMINE OR ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO THREAT TO ISLAND SECURITY BY THE VISITING MARITIME VESSELS THROUGH THE LEASED PROPERTY PROHIBIT ACTIONS THAT MAY LEAD TO A MORTGAGE TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT OF THE LEASE IN COMPLIANCE WITH 5 GCA SECTION 60112 NOTWITHSTANDING THE MARIANA YACHT MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB'S STATEMENT DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON BILL 121-37 INDICATING THE ORGANIZATION IS AMENDABLE TO REMOVING SUBLEASING AND MORTGAGING RELATED LANGUAGE FROM THE PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM AND FINALLY BILL 121-37 AS AMENDED ENSURES THE LEASEE COMPLIES WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS INCLUDING THE PROCESSING OF WASTE HANDLING OF UTILITIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH CLEARANCES MADAM SPEAKER THE BILL AS AMENDED FURTHER REQUIRES THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB TO PROVIDE A FILED COPY OF ITS FORM 990 INFORMATIONAL RETURN WITH ITS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM AND PROVIDE THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM WITH AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT OF THE TYPE NORMALLY REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS BILL 121-37 IF APPROVED SUPPORTS THE STRONG AND IMPORTANT PARTNERSHIP ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM AND THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB THE 50-YEAR HISTORY THEY SHARE EXTENDS TO THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT HAVE ALSO BEEN BUILT WITH OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THE US MILITARY AND LOCAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS YACHT CLUB HAVE INVESTED THEIR TIME ENERGY AND RESOURCES TO CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING A PERMANENT CLUBHOUSE ACQUIRING POWER BOATS ENGINES SAILING CRAFT MOORINGS FOR DAY USE AND EXTENDED KEELBOAT USAGE CHANNEL AND ENTRANCE MARKERS AND BOAT AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE FACILITIES WITH A MEMBERSHIP AVERAGING 110 TO 125 PEOPLE PER YEAR THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB IS OPEN TO ANYONE REGARDLESS OF RACE RELIGION SEX OR NATIONAL ORIENT ORIGIN WHO EITHER OWN SAILING OR POWER BOATS OR WHO HAVE INTEREST IN SAILING AND BOATING THE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP FEE HAS REMAINED THE SAME SINCE 1969 AT \$25 THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB HOSTS FIELD TRIPS BY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDENTS FROM GCC WHO USE THEIR FACILITY TO ACCESS MANGROVES IN THE SURROUNDING AREA THE ORGANIZATION ALSO HELPS MONITOR RESTRICTED FISHING ACTIVITY IN THE SASA BAY RESERVE REPORTING QUESTIONABLE ACTIVITIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DIVISION OF AQUATIC AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES THE YACHT CLUB'S YOUTH SUMMER SAILING PROGRAM LED BY US SALES CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS REPRESENTS AN IRREPLACEABLE EDUCATIONAL PRO PLATFORM ACCORDING TO THE US COAST GUARD THE YACHT CLUB'S INCLUSIVE EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES ALIGN WITH THE COAST GUARD'S MISSION MAKING THEM A SIGNIFICANT PARTNER IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SAFETY TRAINING MADAM SPEAKER THE PASSAGE OF BILL 121-37 COR AS AMENDED WILL BE CRITICAL TO MAINTAINING AND ULTIMATELY EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH AND FAMILIES AND TO PROMOTING WATER SAFETY AND PROTECTING OUR ISLAND'S NATURAL RESOURCES WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I ASK OUR COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO PLACE A BILL ON THE AGENDA IS THERE ANYONE WHO LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT MOTION SENATOR BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BLAS:** I RISE TO A POINT OF ORDER MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF ORDER.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER ALL DUE RESPECT WITH THE GENTLE LADY WHO JUST PRESENTED ON THE MEASURE MADAM SPEAKER IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE STANDING RULES OF THE BODY UNFORTUNATELY THE PRESENTATION AND THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BILL IS NOT IN ORDER BASED ON BASICALLY WE WERE NOT WE ARE IN THIRD READING WE ARE NOT IN SECOND READING WE WENT BACK FOR THE PURPOSES OF DEALING WITH THE BILL FROM THE GENTLEMAN FROM MTM THAT WAS THE PURPOSE FOR US TO GO OTHER THAN THAT ONCE THAT WAS DISPOSED OF WE WERE BACK INTO THIRD READING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YOUR POINT OF ORDER IS WELL TAKEN SENATOR HOWEVER I LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY TO THE MOTION TO GO TO MOTIONS AND THERE WAS NO CLARIFICATION ON IT AS TO FOR WHAT PURPOSE OR ANY RESTRICTION ON IT IT WAS JUST A MOTION TO GO TO MOTIONS AND SO WHEN WE WENT THERE.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THERE WAS A MOTION TO GO TO MOTIONS THE MOTION AND THE MOTION TO GO TO MOTIONS WAS GRANTED THE MOTION WASN'T TO GO TO THE SECOND READING IT WAS IN MOTIONS THAT WE WENT TO SECOND READING TO DEAL PRIMARILY FOR THE PURPOSES FOR THE PURPOSES OF DEALING WITH THE WITH THE BILL FROM THE GENTLEMAN FROM MTM THAT'S WHAT THE MOTION WAS FOR WE WENT TO MOTIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I WILL VERIFY THE CLERK BUT I DON'T THINK WE WENT TO SECOND READING BY MOTION WE WENT BECAUSE WE WERE DONE WITH MOTIONS AND THE NEXT THING ON THE AGENDA IS SECOND READING.

**SENATOR BLAS:** HOW DO WE GET TO HOW DO WE GET FROM THIRD.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE WILL CLARIFY WITH THE CLERK IF THERE .

**SENATOR BLAS:** TO SECOND WE HAD TO GO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WAS ANY SUCH MOTION.

**SENATOR BLAS:** BY MOTIONS MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** AS TO YOUR POINT OF ORDER THAT CLARIFIED THAT WE WERE.

**SENATOR BLAS:** I I I FOUND OUT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** MOVING TO SECOND READING

**SENATOR BLAS:** I GOTTA MAKE THIS STAG REMARK.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I UNDERSTAND SENATOR I AGREE BUT WE I WE'LL SEE WHAT THE MOTION SAID THAT'S MY RECOLLECTION SO WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS TO CONFER WITH THE CLERK.

#### **RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS ON THE POINT OF ORDER I LISTENED WITH THE CLERK TO THE TAPE THERE WAS ONLY ONE MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS WITH NO CAVEAT WE WENT BACK TO MOTIONS THERE WAS A MOTION UNDER MOTIONS TO PLACE THE BILL NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES ONTO THE AGENDA THAT MOTION PASSED AFTER THAT I ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS AND THERE WERE NOT SO WE JUST FOLLOWED THE AGENDA AND AFTER MOTIONS ON OUR AGENDA AS LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE AND THERE NO ITEMS THERE WAS NOTHING ON CONSENT CALENDAR SO WE PROCEEDED TO SECOND READING AND SO I ANNOUNCED THAT WE WERE IN SECOND READING THAT'S HOW WE GOT TO SECOND READING AND YESTERDAY ALL THESE BILLS REMAINED ON SECOND READING WHEN THERE WAS A MOTION TO GO TO THIRD SO THE BILLS JUST STAYED THERE WHILE WE WENT TO THIRD BUT TODAY'S ACTIONS NEGATED THAT AND WE WERE BACK IN MOTIONS AND PROCEEDED TO SECOND READING SO WE WILL PROCEED I THINK WE WERE AT SENATOR SHELTON I MEAN SENATOR BLAS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL WE'RE ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL OR MAKE A MOTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND WE'RE ON BILL NUMBER 121 WE'RE ON SECOND READING ON BILL 121 IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE' MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR HEARING THIS BILL AND THANK YOU TO THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB FOR WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE OUR YOUTH AND FAMILIES A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE PLACE WITH OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN A VARIETY OF WATER RECREATION ACTIVITIES WITH THE ADVANCEMENT OF YOUTH AT THE CENTER OF OUR WORK AS POLICY MAKERS THIS BILL RECOGNIZES THE EFFORTS OF THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB THAT THEY'VE MADE OVER THE YEARS TO PROVIDE YOUTH SAILING SCHOLARSHIPS WHICH SUPPORT SAILING CLASSES AND CAMPS FOR YOUTH EQUIPMENT AND PARTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS WE ALSO LEARNED RECENTLY THAT THE GUAM SAILING FEDERATION AND MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB SENT 11 YOUTH SAILORS RANGING FROM 10 THROUGH 14 YEARS OLD TO COMPETE IN THE FIRST EVER GUAM PALAU FRIENDSHIP RACE AT THE BEAUTIFUL KOROR MEN'S SCORGIO PALAO ON JANUARY 12TH THE 11 SAILORS REPRESENTING GUAM INCLUDE KOA WAINER EMANUEL CALORI RICHARD WENDON JAQUIN JACK CASSIDY PIA INMAN LUCIA CALORI JOHN GUTERREZ SKYLER DUEÑAS TANAM CAMACHO LEROY NORMAN AND ERICA PAULINO AND THEIR TEAM OF COACHES INCLUDE PATRICIA CASSIDY AND MAVA CONROY LED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GUAM SAILING FEDERATION AND MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB COMMODORE MIKE CASSIDY

THROUGH THE TESTIMONY SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF BILL 121-37 IT'S CLEAR THAT THIS ORGANIZATION PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN CONNECTING GUAM'S YOUTH AND FAMILIES TO THE SPORT OF SAILING AND THE EDUCATION AND SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAMS WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO ENGAGE IN LOCAL REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS MADAM SPEAKER I THANK YOU AND I THANK OUR COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB AND THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 121-37 COR AS AMENDED TO THE THIRD READING VOTING FILE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL ON SECOND READING BILL NUMBER 191-37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** I'D LIKE TO SET THIS BILL ASIDE AT THIS TIME MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION TO SET ASIDE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'VE EXHAUSTED THE SECOND READING FILE SO WE ARE NOW PROCEEDING TO THE THIRD READING WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS SO THAT THE CLERK CAN MAKE SURE WE HAVE ALL THE BILLS FOR VOTING SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** MADAM SPEAKER I ASKED THAT THE OTHER TWO BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN ADDED THAT WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT WE JUST MOVE TO VOTING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION TO VOTE WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT THERE'S AN OBJECTION TO VOTING WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT ALL IN FAVOR OF VOTING ON THE LAST TWO BILLS WHICH ARE BILLS 121 AND BILL 230 WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION SO ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN EIGHT MOTION CARRIES SO WE WILL VOTE ON THOSE LAST TWO BILLS WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT I'M STILL GOING TO TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS SO THE CLERK CAN UPLOAD AND PASS OUT COPIES ONE MINUTE RECESS.

#### **RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS THANK YOU FOR YOUR WAITING AND COPIES HAVE BEEN PASSED A MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT BILL NUMBER 121-37 BE VOTED VOTED ON WITHOUT THE ATTACHMENT OF THE MAPS SINCE THIS IS A HUGE ATTACHMENT FOR US TO PRINT IT'S OVER 50 PAGES AND IF OUR COLLEAGUES CAN PLEASE REFER TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THAT MAP SO THAT WE CAN SAVE SOME PAPER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IT'S MORE THAN MAPS THE ENTIRE EXHIBIT A.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** YES CORRECT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SO ON THAT MOTION TO IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT SO BEFORE WE VOTE IF ANYBODY NEEDS A A COPY OF ANYTHING PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND RIGHT NOW SO THAT THE OUR STAFF CAN HELP YOU IF NOT WE'LL PROCEED WITH THE THIRD READING FILE ALL RIGHT HERE WE GO THIRD READING BILL NUMBER 30-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** BILL NUMBER 30-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY JOANNE BROWN CHRIS BARNETT FRANK BLAS JR THOMAS J FISHER TELO T TAITAGUE CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS JESSE A LUJAN AND ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 4101A 1E OF ARTICLE 1 AND A NEW SECTION 4203.4 OF ARTICLE 2 BOTH OF CHAPTER 4 TITLE 4 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND TO AMEND SECTION 49.90 OF CHAPTER 49 TITLE 9 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE PROHIBITION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FOR INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT AYE SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS AYE SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS AYE SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES AYE SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON AYE SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR

PEREZ AYE SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA AYE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AYE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AYE SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON AYE SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE AYE SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE AYE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 30-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 116-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** BILL NUMBER 116-37 COR AS SUBSTITUTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTED AND AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY THERESE M TERLAJE SABINA FLORES PEREZ TELO T TAITAGUE CHRIS BARNETT JOANNE BROWN AND ADD TO AN ACT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS MM NN AND OO TO SECTION 61103 OF ARTICLE 1 AND AMEND SECTIONS 61304 B7 61309B AND 61310 OF ARTICLE 3 CHAPTER 61 AND AMEND SECTION 66201.1 OF ARTICLE 2 CHAPTER 66 ALL OF TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 10104 D8 10104 A3 10104 C5E 10104 C5F 10107 G 10103 C88 AND 89 AND 10107 G4 AND AMEND SECTION 10106 B6 ALL OF CHAPTER 10 TITLE 22 GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO STRENGTHENING AND HARMONIZING GOVERNMENT AGENCY ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES AND ENSURING BEST MINING OR QUARRYING PRACTICES

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT AYE SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS NAY SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS NAY SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER NAY SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PASS SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON NAY SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ AYE SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA PASS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN PASS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS NAY SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON PASS SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE AYE SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PASS SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA PASS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN NAY SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON PASS VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PASS NAY SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA PASS NAY SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON PASS NAY.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (NAY) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (NAY) SENATOR FISHER (NAY) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (NAY/PASS) SENATOR PARKINSON (NAY) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (NAY/PASS) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (NAY/PASS) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (NAY) SENATOR SHELTON (NAY/PASS) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 116-37 COR RECEIVED SIX AYES AND NINE NAYS BILL NUMBER 116-37 COR IS FAILED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 104-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** BILL NUMBER 104-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING AND SUBSTITUTE IT AND FURTHER AMEND IT ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY SABINA FLORES PEREZ CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS CHRIS BARNETT TELO T TAITAGUE DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS JOANNE BROWN FRANK BLAS JR THOMAS J FISHER JESSE A LUJAN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES WILLIAM A PARKINSON ROY AB QUINATA JOE S SAN AGUSTIN AMANDA L SHELTON THERESE M TERLAJE AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3606 OF ARTICLE 6 CHAPTER 3 TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO AMEND SECTION 51202 C OF ARTICLE 2 AND SECTIONS 51301P 51305 AND 51306B OF ARTICLE 3 AND ADD A NEW ARTICLE 6 ALL OF CHAPTER 51 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 46.85 TO CHAPTER 46 OF TITLE 9 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED AND JUNK VEHICLES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.



**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT AYE SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS AYE SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS AYE SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES AYE SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON AYE SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ AYE SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA AYE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AYE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AYE SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON AYE SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE AYE SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE AYE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER ONE BILL NUMBER 104-37 LS RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 166-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** BILL NUMBER 166-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY JOANNE BROWN JESSE A LUJAN CHRIS BARNETT FRANK BLAS JR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES SABINA FLORES PEREZ TELO T TAITAGUE THERESE M TERLAJE AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 8103E TO CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REQUIRING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING AUDIO AND OR VIDEO FILES TO BE POSTED ON THE RESPECTIVE AGENCIES WEBSITE WITH A LINK TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITIES WEBSITE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT AYE SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS AYE SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS AYE SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES AYE SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON AYE SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ AYE SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA AYE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AYE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AYE SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON AYE SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE AYE SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE AYE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE/NAY/PASS/EXCUSED) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 166-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 169-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** BILL NUMBER 169-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING INTRODUCED BY THERESE M TERLAJE SABINA FLORES PEREZ CHRIS BARNETT FRANK BLAS JR JESSE A LUJAN WILLIAM A PARKINSON ROY AB QUINATA TELO T TAITAGUE AND ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 14101 14102 AND 14103 OF CHAPTER 14 TITLE 18 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO MANDATING THE PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT AYE SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS AYE SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS AYE SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES AYE SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON AYE SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ AYE SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA AYE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AYE

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AYE SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON AYE SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE AYE SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE AYE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 169-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 182-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** BILL NUMBER 182-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING AND SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY SABINA FLORES PEREZ AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 51A OF TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE ORDOT DUMP RESERVE FUND.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT AYE SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS AYE SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS AYE SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES AYE SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON AYE SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ AYE SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA AYE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AYE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AYE SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON AYE SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE AYE SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE AYE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 182-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 188-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** BILL NUMBER 188-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY TELO T TAITAGUE CHRIS BARNETT JOANNE BROWN CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS JESSE A LUJAN FRANK BLAS JR WILLIAM A PARKINSON THERESE M TERLAJE THOMAS J FISHER ROY A.B. QUINATA SABINA FLORES PEREZ AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT TO USE THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF THE APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW 35-22 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING AUDIOVISUAL RECORDING EQUIPMENT TO BE USED DURING INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY GPD PERSONNEL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT AYE SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS AYE SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS AYE SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES AYE SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON AYE SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ AYE SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA AYE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AYE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AYE SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON AYE SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE AYE SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE AYE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE/NAY/PASS/EXCUSED) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 188-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THE THIS BODY WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 184-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** BILL NUMBER 184-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE INTRODUCED BY COMMITTEE ON RULES BY REQUEST OF *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN* THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GUAM ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION TO SELL OR LEASE LOTS 2453 2453-1 2454 2455 2457 AND 2457-1 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARRIGADA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AT FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR USE AS THE SITE OF A NEW MEDICAL COMPLEX.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT NAY SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS NAY SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN NAY SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS NAY SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN NAY VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES AYE SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON AYE SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ NAY SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA AYE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AYE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AYE SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON AYE SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE NAY SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE NAY.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (NAY) SENATOR BLAS (NAY) SENATOR BROWN (NAY) SENATOR DUEÑAS (NAY) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (NAY) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (NAY) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (NAY) SPEAKER TERLAJE (NAY).

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 184-37 COR RECEIVED 7 AYES AND 8 NAYS AND IS DULY FAILED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 185-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** BILL NUMBER 185-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY CHRIS BARNETT AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 83117 TO CHAPTER 83 OF TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REQUIRING ANY NEW HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTED PURSUANT TO THE GUAM 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER ACT OF 2021 TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON LOT 5173-1-R2 NEW-R7 LOT 5173-1-R2 NEW-7 AND LOT 5173-1-R2 NEW-6 IN THE VILLAGE OF TAMUNING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT AYE SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS NAY SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS AYE SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER NAY SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES NAY SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON NAY SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ AYE SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA NAY SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN NAY SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS PASS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON NAY SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE AYE SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE AYE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS PASS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS NAY.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (NAY) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (NAY) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (NAY) SENATOR PARKINSON (NAY) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (NAY) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (NAY) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (NAY) SENATOR SHELTON (NAY) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 185-37 LS RECEIVED SEVEN AYES AND EIGHT NAYS AND DULY FAILED BY THIS BODY RESOLUTION NUMBER 234-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 234-37 LS INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM A PARKINSON JESSE A LUJAN DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN ROY A.B. QUINATA TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE

PHILIPPINES LEGITIMATE AND HISTORICAL CLAIM TO THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA REAFFIRMING THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE INVALUABLE TIES AND COMMON HISTORY BETWEEN GUAM AND THE PHILIPPINES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT PASS SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS AYE SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS AYE SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES AYE SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON AYE SENATOR PEREZ.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** CLERK CAN WE HAVE ORDER PLEASE CLERK PLEASE REPEAT THE NAME.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ AYE SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA AYE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AYE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AYE SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON AYE SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE AYE SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE AYE SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT AYE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 234-37 LS RECEIVED 15 EYES AND IS DULY ADOPTED BY THE BODY RESOLUTION NUMBER 207-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 207-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE AUTHOR AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM A PARKINSON FRANK BLAS JR RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING CORAL REEFS AS ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE COAST OF GUAM AND ITS INHERENT RELATIONSHIP IN THE CONSERVATION OF BEACHES AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF NATURE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT AYE SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS AYE SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS AYE SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN AYE VICE SPEAKER MUNA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES AYE SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON AYE SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ AYE SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA AYE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AYE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AYE SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON AYE SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE AYE SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE AYE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 207-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY ADOPTED BY THE BODY WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 230-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** BILL NUMBER 230-37 COR INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM A PARKINSON AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 40101 OF CHAPTER 40 DIVISION 4 TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ABOLISHING THE POST OF SINAJANA VICE MAYOR.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT PASS SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS NAY SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN NAY SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS NAY

SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN NAY VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES AYE SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON AYE SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ NAY SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA AYE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AYE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS PASS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON AYE SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE AYE SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE NAY SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT PASS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AYE SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT PASS NAY.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (NAY/PASS) SENATOR BLAS (NAY) SENATOR BROWN (NAY) SENATOR DUEÑAS (NAY) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (NAY) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (NAY) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (NAY).

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 230-37 COR RECEIVED EIGHT AYES AND SEVEN NAYS AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 121-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** BILL NUMBER 121-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE INTRODUCED BY AMANDA L SHELTON TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES JESSE A LUJAN ROY AB QUINATA DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS WILLIAM A PARKINSON JOE S SAN AGUSTIN AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM TO ENTER INTO A 10-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MARIANA'S YACHT CLUB.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT PASS SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS AYE SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS AYE SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES AYE SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON AYE SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ AYE SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA AYE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AYE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AYE SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON AYE SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE AYE SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE AYE SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT AYE.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE/NAY/PASS/EXCUSED) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE/NAY/PASS/EXCUSED) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 121-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY WE'RE NOW ON THE VOTING FILE ON THE NOMINATION OF JANALYNN C DAMION TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM BOARD OF EQUALIZATION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND JANALYNN C DAMON RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY PASSED DULY CONFIRMED BY THE BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER LC DUEÑAS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM BOARD OF REGENTS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND CHRISTOPHER LC DUEÑAS RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF FRANCISCO A FLORIG TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND FRANCISCO A FLORIG RECEIVED MAJORITY SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED ON THE NOMINATION OF LILIAN OPENA GUERRERO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND LILIAN OPENA GUERRERO RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED ON THE NOMINATION OF RONALD C PANGELINAN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM LAND USE COMMISSION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND RONALD C PANGELINAN RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED ON THE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL JS ROBAGO PHD TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MICHAEL JS ROBAGO PHD RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED ON THE NOMINATION OF

GURVINDER S SOBTI TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE AB WANAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND GURVINDER S SOBTI RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED ON THE NOMINATION OF VICTOR R TORRES TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND VICTOR R TORRES RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED VICE SPEAKER.

**NOTE: TINA MUNA BARNES RESIDES AS SPEAKER.**

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SPEAKER THERESE I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO RECONSIDER BILLS 184 AND 185 AND THAT WE ALLOW DELIBERATION IN SECOND READING NOW THAT WE HAVE EVERYBODY HERE PRESENT.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION MADAM SPEAKER THAT WE RECESS UNTIL MONDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THAT THERE IS A MOTION ON THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW I WILL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION THERE HAS BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR TO RECESS TO WAS IT 8:00 OR 9:00 A.M. MONDAY MORNING PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND THERE HAS BEEN A MOTION THERE IS AN OBJECTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU'RE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION MOTION FAILS

**NOTE: TERLAJE RESIDES AS SPEAKER.**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE ARE NOW PROCEEDING WITH THE AGENDA AND WE ARE ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER THIS HAS BEEN I'M SORRY OH THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THIS HAS BEEN AN INTERESTING SESSION TO SAY THE LEAST I THINK AND IT'S IT WAS MESSY IT WAS DEMOCRACY AND IT'S BEAUTIFUL I DIDN'T GET EVERYTHING I WANTED OUT OF THIS SESSION AND NOBODY ELSE DID EITHER AND THAT IS A GOOD THING ONE THING THAT IS TRUE IS IF ONE SIDE IS ALWAYS GETTING WHAT THEY WANT THAT MEANS THE WHEELS ARE ABOUT TO COME OFF THE WAGON SO THE FACT THAT WE DELIBERATE AND DISAGREE AND GET ANGRY WITH EACH OTHER IS A SIGN OF HEALTH A REAL SIGN OF HEALTH SO THAT IS ONE OF THE REMARKS I WANTED TO MAKE THE OTHER ONE IS TO LET THE COLLEAGUES KNOW I THINK YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE OF IT THAT TOMORROW IS JANUARY 27TH WHICH IS INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY THE ENTIRE GLOBE PAUSES ON JANUARY 27TH TO REFLECT ON THE CATASTROPHE AND WE'VE BEEN DOING SO SINCE 2005 SOME 85 YEARS AGO AND MORE A CATAclysm ENGULFED THE GLOBE IT SWEEPED THE GLOBE AND AS A RESULT MILLIONS AND MILLIONS WERE MURDERED JEWS WERE MURDERED ROMANS WERE MURDERED HOMOSEXUALS WERE MURDERED INTELLECTUALS WERE MURDERED PRIESTS AND THE RELIGIOUS WERE MURDERED CATHOLICS WERE MURDERED PEOPLE WHO DARED HOLD AN OPINION WERE MURDERED THE RESULT OF SO MUCH BLOOD THE CAUSATION OF SO MUCH BLOOD WAS THE DISEASE OF GERMAN NATIONAL SOCIALISM IT'S WORTH REFLECTING THAT GERMAN NATIONAL SOCIALISM CAME FROM A COUNTRY WHICH AT THE TIME LEAD THE WORLD IN MEDICINE LEAD THE WORLD IN THE STUDY OF PHILOSOPHY LEAD THE WORLD IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING BEST UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD GERMANY IS THE HOME OF THE REFORMATION GERMANY IS THE HOME OF THE MOST BRILLIANT MUSIC EVER COMPOSED IN THE WEST BY THE MIND OF MAN YET EVEN GERMANY A BASTION OF WESTERN LIBERAL THOUGHT DESCENDED INTO PAGANISM MADNESS AND MURDER HOW IS IT POSSIBLE PO COLLEAGUES WHEN WE REFLECT ON INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT IN THAT COUNTRY WHICH WAS THE BASTION OF WESTERN LIBERAL THOUGHT THE HOME OF THE REFORMATION A COUNTRY WHICH IS HELD SO CLOSELY TO THE BREAST OF THE HOLY SEA HOW DID THIS COUNTRY SLIP INTO THAT INSANITY THAT MURDEROUS INSANITY THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE A LIAR AROSE HE FED TO THE NATION UNTRUTHS AND FOSTERED A PARANOID DELUSION OF OPPRESSION ALL THE WHILE DESTROYING THE FOUNDATIONS OF A FREE PEOPLE WE SHOULD REFLECT ON THIS DAY WHETHER OR NOT IT CAN HAPPEN HERE IT CAN A LIAR A FRAUD A CHARLATAN IS AMONG US HE IS A TRAITOR AN AUTHOR OF TREASON AND LIES HE IS DONALD JOHN TRUMP THIS DARKNESS WHICH IS ARISEN IN THIS REPUBLIC THIS UNION OF 235 YEARS IS A RESULT

OF DONALD J TRUMP THIS IN CLOSING BRINGS TO MIND THE POEM THE SECOND COMING BY WILLIAM B YATES THE KODA THE FINAL LINES OF THAT ARE AND WHAT ROUGH BEAST ITS OUR COME ROUND AT LAST SLOUCHES TOWARDS BETHLEHEM TO BE BORN THAT ROUGH BEAST SLOUCHING TOWARDS OUR REPUBLIC IS DONALD J TRUMP PLEASE REMEMBER INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY TOMORROW THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON EXTENSION OF REMARKS SENATOR BROWN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER IT'S BEEN QUITE A WEEK AND MY MY COMMENTS REALLY IS IS A BIT OF ANNOYANCE YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF THIS BODY FOR QUITE SOME TIME AND COLLEAGUES YOU KNOW OF COURSE YOU CAN TAKE MY COMMENTS HOWEVER YOU CHOOSE TO BUT I'M CONCERNED ENOUGH THAT I NEED TO RELAY IT YOU KNOW WE ANNOUNCED TO THE PUBLIC THAT WE WOULD BE VOTING AT 2 O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON AND I'M SURE BECAUSE OF THE ISSUES THAT WERE BEFORE US THERE'S PROBABLY MAYBE MORE PEOPLE THAT NORMALLY TUNED IN THAT WOULD NOT HAVE THE DID THIS AFTERNOON I LIKE SOME SENSE OF ORDER WHEN WE DELIBERATE LEGISLATION I LIKE SOME SENSE OF ORDER WHEN WE DETERMINE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO PUT ON THE AGENDA AND KNOW WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA AND THE PUBLIC KNOWS WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA AND THAT WE DO IT IN A TIMELY FASHION SO I'M GOING TO RELAY THESE THESE COMMENTS BECAUSE OF MY CONCERN ABOUT HOW WE CONTINUE TO PUT BILLS ON THE AGENDA EVEN THOUGH WE DID PUT HIM IN THE RULES COMMITTEE I JUST FEEL COLLEAGUES IF YOU HAVE A BILL ON THE AGENDA PLEASE SHOW UP TO SESSION WE WASTED A WHOLE AFTERNOON EARLIER THIS WEEK BECAUSE WE HAD BILLS ON THE AGENDA BUT THE PARTIES THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO MOVE THOSE BILLS FORWARD WERE NOT PRESENT I DON'T MIND ONCE TWICE I UNDERSTAND THERE MAY BE EXTENUATING PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AS TO WHY MEMBERS OF THE BODY MAY NOT BE HERE IN SESSION BUT YOU KNOW SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE PUBLISHED AN ADVANCED SCHEDULE AND GIVE OR TAKE A DAY OR TWO I MEAN LIKE IN YOU KNOW WE WERE SUPPOSED TO COME IN LAST FRIDAY BUT BECAUSE OUR RULES MEETING GOT MOVED DOWN BY A DAY IT MOVED SESSION DOWN BY A DAY BUT OVERALL YOU PRETTY MUCH HAVE GIVEN US A GENERAL IDEA YOU KNOW DURING THE YEAR WHAT WHAT WEEK OF THE MONTH IF NOT LONGER THAT WE WILL BE MEETING IN SESSION AND COLLEAGUES PLEASE HAVE RESPECT FOR YOUR OTHER COLLEAGUES BECAUSE I'LL TELL YOU WE MEET IN SESSION MOST OF THE TIME BECAUSE MINORITY MEMBERS SHOW UP TO MAKE COCCUS NOW WE COULD SIMPLY FLAKE OFF AND SAY HEY IT'S NOT OUR RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE YEAH WE'RE IN THE BODY BUT WE'RE NOT IN CHARGE OF THE BODY AND FOR THOSE THAT ARE IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU SHOWED UP TO SESSION WE MIGHT HAVE ILLNESS WE MIGHT HAVE IN SOME CASES DEATH IN A FAMILY WE'VE ALL EXPERIENCED THAT AND I THINK WE UNDERSTAND THAT BUT FOR SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES IT'S REPETITIVE IF YOUR LIVES ARE SO IMPORTANT ELSEWHERE THAT YOU CANNOT BE IN SESSION IT'S BAD ENOUGH MOST PEOPLE DON'T SHOW UP TO PUBLIC HEARINGS THEN WHY RUN IT'S A DISRESPECT TO YOUR COLLEAGUES AND IT'S A DISRESPECT TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH ABSENCES IN MY TIME AND SHORT OF SENATOR TINO'S ONLY ONE TERM AHEAD OF ME IN MY 14-YEAR ABSENCE HERE I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS AND THEN COME BACK AND DELAY EVERYONE ELSE BECAUSE NOW YOU WANT TO MOVE YOUR BILL BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN GONE IS IT THE FIRST TIME THE SECOND TIME THE THIRD TIME THE FIFTH TIME I MEAN WE'RE ALL ADULTS YOU KNOW IT'S UNFORTUNATE I FOUND OUT VERY EARLY ON IN THE GAME THAT POLITICS IS NOT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MERIT ELECTIONS DON'T ALWAYS REFLECT THE HARDEST WORKING MEMBERS OF THE BODY SAD TO SAY BECAUSE YOU KNOW NOWADAYS ESPECIALLY NOWADAYS WE CAN CREATE IMAGES AND IMPRESSIONS OF WHO WE ARE GOODNESS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WE CAN CREATE WHO WE ARE WHETHER WE'RE REAL OR NOT BUT YOU KNOW AFTER UMPTEENTH YOU KNOW THIS YEAR BEGINNING OF YEAR FOUR COMING BACK AFTER ALL THESE YEARS AND YES THINGS CHANGE MEMBERS CHANGE THE BODY CHANGES THE COMPOSITION OF THE BODY CHANGES BUT YOU KNOW BASIC THINGS LIKE RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO ME ARE JUST PRETTY BASIC AND YEAH I CAN GET UP HERE AND TALK CAUSE I HAVEN'T MISSED A SESSION AND THE ONE MORNING I DID IS BECAUSE I HAD A DEATH IN MY MY FAMILY THAT'S HOW SERIOUS I TAKE BEING HERE AND I KNOW OTHER COLLEAGUES TAKE THEIR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING IN THIS BODY SERIOUSLY BECAUSE THEY'RE HERE CAUSE I'LL TELL YOU GUYS IF YOU KEEP THIS UP MAYBE WE JUST SIT AND STAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AND LET THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SEE HOW THE MEMBERS OF THEIR BODY THAT THEY ELECTED JUST DON'T SHOW UP TO SESSION TO EVEN MAKE A QUORUM BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT I DON'T LIKE CARRYING ANYBODY ELSE'S LOAD I'M CHALLENGED ENOUGH TO CARRY MY OWN AND I JUST THINK PLEASE SHOW SOME RESPECT FOR YOUR COLLEAGUES AND SHOW SOME

RESPECT FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM MORE IMPORTANTLY I THINK THEY DESERVE THAT WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** I JUST WANTED TO SAY I MISSED ALL YOU GUYS HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL LET'S ALL MAKE BETTER DECISIONS THIS YEAR WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO MAKE BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS SENATOR SHELTON.

**NOTE: SHELTON RESIDES AS SPEAKER.**

**SENATOR SHELTON:** SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU I I JUST LIKE TO SPEAK BRIEFLY I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY I WAS A LITTLE SURPRISED BY THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY TODAY I'M ESPECIALLY SURPRISED THAT WE DIDN'T PASS ANY OF THE HOSPITAL BILLS I KNOW THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING TO US FOR LEADERSHIP AND I FEEL LIKE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO DELIBERATE UNTIL WE COME TO A CONCLUSION SO MANY OF THE BODY WERE NOT PRESENT DURING OUR DELIBERATIONS AND I DON'T KNOW THEIR CONCERNS OF ANY OF THE BILLS AND MAYBE WE CAN ADDRESS THOSE IF WE'RE ABLE TO HEAR WHAT THEY ARE MAYBE IF WE HAVE MORE TIME I DON'T KNOW I READ ALL THE COMMITTEE REPORT ATTENDED ALL THE HEARINGS CONDUCTED ALL THE HEARINGS MY STAFF WORKED PAST MIDNIGHT SEVERAL NIGHTS TO COMPILE THESE THINGS THAT'S THEIR JOB THIS IS MY JOB AND I WANT US TO DO OUR JOB I WANT TO PASS A HOSPITAL BILL THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO LOCATIONS THAT WERE ON THE TOP THREE LISTS OF MATRIX IN THE MATRIX STUDY THERE WAS NO OTHER GOVERNMENT LAND THAT IS NOT EITHER CONTROLLED BY THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST OR SOME OTHER ENTITY ACCORDING TO MATRIX AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND THE GOVERNOR THAT IS AVAILABLE SO THESE ARE OUR CHOICES AND WE'VE TRIED TO FLUSH OUT ALL THE DETAILS OF THESE WE SHOWED HOW ONE PROPERTY ACCORDING TO MATRIX IS GOING TO TAKE LONGER TO BUILD IS GOING TO BE MUCH \$80 MILLION MORE EXPENSIVE TO BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE ON AND MORE EXPENSIVE TO BUILD A HOSPITAL ON SO I'M NOT SURE WHERE THE UNCERTAINTY LIES WE'VE ALSO SHOWN THAT ACCORDING TO MATRIX YPAO POINT WAS RANKED RIGHT AFTER EAGLE'S FIELD THAT MEANS IT'S THE NUMBER ONE RANKING FIELD AND THAT IT CAN FIT A MEDICAL COMPLEX SO THE MYTH THAT'S BEING PASSED AROUND THAT IT'S NOT BIG ENOUGH IS FALSE ACCORDING TO THE \$1.9 MILLION STUDY BY MATRIX BUT IF PEOPLE IN HERE KNOW BETTER THAN THAT LET'S HEAR IT I'M ALSO SADDENED WELL THAT'S WHY I MADE MY MOTION TO CONTINUE ON MONDAY BUT THAT FAILED BUT I WANT TO TELL THE PEOPLE OF QUAM THAT I CONTINUE TO BE WILLING TO WORK DO MY JOB IN HERE BE DO MY DILIGENCE AND WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR BY DOING OUR JOB OUR JOB IS FISCAL OUR JOB IS LAND AND OUR JOB IS HEALTH CARE AS WELL I'M ALSO VERY DISAPPOINTED AT THE OUTCOME ON BILL NUMBER 116 WHICH IS A BILL TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN QUARRYING AND AND MINING AND WE HAVE MANY COMPANIES WHO ARE VERY COMPLIANT WITH A LOT OF FEDERAL AND LOCAL LAWS TO DO REAL QUARRYING AND MINING AND THEN WE HAVE COMPANIES WHO HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH THOSE LAWS BECAUSE THEY GOT A PERMIT UNDER CLEARING AND GRADING FOR EXAMPLE THE RACEWAY THEY WERE ABLE TO REMOVE FROM THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST PROPERTY INSTEAD OF BUILDING A RACEWAY THEY REMOVED 4,680,186 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL WE TRIED TO CALCULATE THAT OUT BY TRUCK LOADS BY THE TONS THAT I THINK IS 6,552 000 TONS THAT WAS IF YOU PUT IT INTO 365 DAYS A YEAR OF 365 DAYS A YEAR FOR 15 YEARS THAT'S 85 TRUCKLOADS A DAY AND THAT'S JUST ONE EXAMPLE ALL OF OUR AGENCIES ASKED US FOR HELP ON THIS SO I IMPORE MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE RECONSIDER AND I'M GOING TO MAKE THAT MOTION AT THE NEXT SESSION OR TO BRING ME THEIR CON CONCERNS AND I THANK YOU *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND VERY MUCH THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE VERY COOPERATIVE DURING THE SESSION AND AND ATTENDED PROMPTLY AND PARTICIPATED IN OUR DEBATE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER EXTENSION OF REMARKS ANYONE FOR EXTENSION OF REMARKS.

**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.



**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WE ALL KNEW AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK THAT THIS DECISION ON ON THESE HOSPITAL BILLS WAS GOING TO BE THE BIGGEST DECISION THAT WE MAKE NOT ONLY THIS YEAR BUT I WOULD ARGUE IN THIS TERM AND THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER HAD TALKED ABOUT OUR COLLEAGUES SHARING THEIR CONCERNS ON YOU KNOW EITHER OF THE MEASURES AND I THINK WHY WE DIDN'T HEAR THOSE CONCERNS IT'S LIKE I SAID THE OTHER DAY WE HAVE UNFORTUNATELY COLLEAGUES IN THE BODY WHO DON'T EVEN NEED TO SEE A BILL TO KNOW HOW THEY'RE VOTING AND IT'S JUST NOT PRODUCTIVE YOU KNOW I WENT TO A FUNERAL TODAY IN BARRIGADA AND WHILE I WAS WAITING IN LINE TO PAY MY RESPECTS FOR TO THE DECEASED THE GOVERNOR WALKED INTO THE FUNERAL AND SHE PROCEEDED TO SIGN IN AND THE WAY THE LINE WAS IT'S SHE WOULD HAVE HAD TO COME LINE UP BEHIND ME TO PAY HER RESPECTS AND SHE DIDN'T DO THAT INSTEAD SHE CUT TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE AND YOU KNOW I WENT MY WAY AND WE WE KIND OF MET UP AFTER THE RESPECTS HAVE BEEN PAID IN ONE OF THE AISLES OF THE CHURCH AND NO MATTER HOW I MAY DISAGREE WITH THE POLICIES OF THE LEON GUERRERO TENORIO ADMINISTRATION OR ANY ADMINISTRATION FOR THAT MATTER I BELIEVE THAT WE MUST MAINTAIN A CIVILITY AND A PROFESSIONALISM A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER AND AND EVEN FRIENDLINESS I MIGHT ARGUE AND SO I WENT UP TO IT'S KIND OF FUNNY EVERY TIME I GO TO GIVE THE GOVERNOR A KISS SHE DOES THIS LIKE THE YOU KNOW THE MATRIX WHEN THEY'RE DODGING THE BULLETS BUT YOU KNOW SHE'S OUR GOVERNOR AND I RESPECT HER AND SO I WENT TO GO GIVE HER A KISS AND I GAVE HER ONE I THERE WAS A COUPLE STAFFERS THERE BUT THERE WAS ONE STAFFER WHO WAS ACTUALLY MY AUNTIE THAT I WENT TO GO KISS AND WHEN I WENT THIS WAY SHE WENT THAT WAY AND I THOUGHT OH MAYBE SO I WENT THAT WAY AND THEN SHE WENT THIS WAY AND IT WAS CLEARED THAT MOMENT THAT SHE HAD NO INTENTION SHE DIDN'T WANT TO ME A KISS HER WANT TO SAY HI OR ANYTHING AND I KNOW YOU'RE WONDERING WHY I'M TELLING THE STORY AND I THINK IT'S INDICATIVE OF JUST HOW MALFUNCTION OUR ABILITY TO DISCUSS THE POLICIES THAT OUR PEOPLE NEED HAS BECOME IF WE CAN'T EVEN SAY HI TO EACH OTHER OUT ON THE STREET BECAUSE WE DON'T LIKE WHAT'S BEING SAID IN THIS HALL OR WE DON'T LIKE WHAT'S BEING SAID IN A PRESS RELEASE FROM ADELUP THEN I'M NOT SURE WE'RE EVER GOING TO REACH A DECISION ON THE HOSPITAL OR MUCH OF ANYTHING ELSE THAT'S CRITICAL TO OUR PEOPLE'S NEEDS AND THIS EROSION OF DECOR THIS EROSION OF PROTOCOL IT DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN AT THE FUNERAL IT'S IN OUR GOVERNMENT WHERE NOW YOU HAVE OFFICIALS WHO ARE IN AN ACTING CAPACITY OR NOT DON'T EVEN GET INVITED TO THE EVENTS THAT EVERY OTHER GOVERNOR BEFORE WOULD ISSUE INVITATIONS FOR EVERYBODY AND I DON'T WANT TO SOUND SILLY I DON'T WANT TO SOUND SILLY BUT I'M JUST SAYING THAT'S WHERE WE'RE AT IS WE HAVE AN ADMINISTRATION THAT IS WILLING TO BEND THE AGENCIES IN THIS GOVERNMENT TO GO AGAINST ANYBODY THEY DON'T LIKE ANY IDEAS THAT THEY DON'T LIKE AND WHAT I DON'T LIKE TO SEE IS I DON'T LIKE TO SEE THE PERSONAL AND THE PERSONALITIES TAKING OVER WHAT SHOULD JUST BE OUR DUTY TO PASS BILLS AND AND MAKE LAWS AND SO I SEE SOME COLLEAGUES IN HERE OFFER REALLY REALLY GOOD IDEAS BUT SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANYTHING BECAUSE OF WHO IS OFFERING THOSE IDEAS AND THAT'S THE STATE OF OUR POLITICS TODAY WE CAN SAY WE WANT TO FIX THE SCHOOLS BUT IF THE WRONG PERSON SAYS THEY WANT TO FIX THE SCHOOLS THEN GUESS WHAT NOTHING'S GOING TO GET DONE WE CAN SAY WE WANT TO SOLVE THE ISSUE OF THE HOSPITAL BUT IF THE WRONG PERSON SAYS THEY WANT TO SOLVE IT OH WE WOULD RATHER DRIVE THE WHOLE EFFORT INTO THE DITCH THAN TO GIVE ANYBODY A WIN AND WHEN THE THE POLITICS IS LIKE THAT THERE ARE NO WINNERS THERE ARE ONLY LOSERS AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM LOSE WHEN WE CAN'T MAKE DECISIONS AND WE CAN'T WORK TOGETHER AND SET ASIDE OUR DIFFERENCES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BARNETT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON EXTENSION OF REMARKS IF NOT IS THERE A MOTION OH SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER IT'S BEEN A YEAR THAT WE'VE ALL BEEN WORKING TOGETHER WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU MADAM SPEAKER SPEAKER TERLAJE SENATOR BAR SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR BLAS SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR SHELTON VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES SENATOR BROWN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR FISHER SENATOR TAITAGUE IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WE'VE HAD OUR DIFFERENCES AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE BUT PUTTING THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE YOU KNOW I WAS WITH A BUNCH OF VETERANS TODAY I NOT BEING A VETERAN AND REFLECT THAT BECAUSE OF THEM BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE THAT CONTINUED TO SERVE AND

THE PEOPLE THAT SERVED THAT HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES SOME OF THEM YEAH HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES AND LIMBS AND THE ONES WHO CAME HOME AND ARE STILL SUFFERING THEY DID ALL THAT TO GIVE US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DEBATE TO ARGUE MAYBE EVEN THE WAR OF WORDS BUT WHAT THESE VETERANS AND MEN AND WOMEN THAT CURRENTLY SERVE THEIR WAR ARE NOT WITH WORDS THEIR WAR WITH BULLETS AND SOME OF THEM GIVE UP EVERYTHING FOR US TO BE STANDING HERE TO DEBATE AND SOMETIMES AGAIN IT'S CALLED A WAR OF WORDS IT WON'T KILL US IT MAY HURT OUR EGOS BUT THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE OUT THERE THAT HAVE FOUGHT THE WAR WITH BULLETS SOME HAVE GIVEN ALL AND ALL HAVE GIVEN SOME WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN I LOOK FORWARD TO WORK IN WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR DIFFERENCES BUT AGAIN OUR WAR WITH WORDS THAT NOT AGAIN DIVIDE US AS HUMANS AND AGAIN WHETHER IT BE REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT WE WORK FOR ONE ONE PEOPLE ONE GUAM WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR LUJAN ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANT TO TRY ONE MORE TIME I THINK OUR JOB IS NOT DONE WHEN WE HAVEN'T YOU KNOW MADE THIS DECISION ON THE THE LOCATION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL YEAH I DON'T WANT TO COME AWAY WITH THIS SESSION WITHOUT TRYING SO I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL MONDAY TO CONTINUE THE DELIBERATIONS ON THE TWO HOSPITAL BILLS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MO MOTION FAILS MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO ADJOURN TODAY'S SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION WE ARE ADJOURNED.

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