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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS HEREBY CALLED TO ORDER THIS IS AN EMERGENCY SESSION CALLED AS I HAD CERTIFIED ON JUNE 18 2023 THAT EMERGENCY CONDITIONS EXIST WHICH JUSTIFY AN EMERGENCY SESSION THESE EMERGENCY SITUATION EXISTS AS A RESULT OF TYPHOON MAWAR MAJORITY LEADER MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED REGARDING THE AGENDA.

SENATOR SHELTON: *BUENAS AND HÅFA ADAI* MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO ADOPT TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA DATED JUNE 19 2023.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO ADOPT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING THE OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS TWO THROUGH SIX WHICH ARE THE PRAYER RECOGNITION OF A RECIPIENT OF *I MILÅYAN MÅS TAKHILO NA SAKRAFISU* RECITING OF THE *INIFRESI* SINGING OF THE GUAM HYMN IN *CHAMORU* AND SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE THOSE ITEMS ON OUR AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW IN ROLL CALL CLERKS PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU CLERK AGAIN THANK YOU SENATORS FOR YOUR PATIENCE MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO WAVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS 8 THROUGH 12 CALL FOR APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: A MOTION WAS MADE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS AS STATED IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON THE INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT BILLS INTRODUCED BILL NUMBERS 130-37 COR THROUGH 139-37 COR AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED RESOLUTION NUMBERS 142-37 LS 143-37 LS AND 144-37 COR THROUGH 146-37 COR BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THEIR FIRST READING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION REGARDING THE FIRST READING THE INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING AN OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW UNDER MOTIONS MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED UNDER MOTIONS.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I'LL MOVE IT FOR YOU YEAH OKAY I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 135-37 COR ON THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH.

SENATOR SHELTON: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF THE GAS TAX RELIEF ACT FOR ANOTHER 180 CALENDAR DAYS SPONSORED BY SENATOR JUSTIN AUGUSTINE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S BEEN A MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 135-37 COR ON THE AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SIGNAL OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON IS THERE A MOTION REGARDING SENATORS NOT PRESENT

SENATOR SHELTON: YES MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO EXCUSE SENATORS NOT PRESENT FOR TODAY'S SESSION

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING AN OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES ARE RECOGNIZED

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER I HOPE THIS IS IN ORDER AT THIS TIME NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE ROOF THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE THAT BILL NUMBER 137-37 COR WHICH WAS A BILL THAT WAS INTRODUCED BY YOU WHICH IS AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 36-54 TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD AND COMMODITY ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILIES WHO WERE AFFECTED BY TYPHOON MAWAR INTO THE AGENDA MADAM SPEAKER PLEASE IF I MAY

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

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER I DO HAVE ONE MORE IF I MAY

SPEAKER TERLAJE: VICE SPEAKER TINA MINA BARNES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIS BILL WAS ALSO INTRODUCED BY YOU MADAM SPEAKER IT'S A BILL NUMBER 139-37 COR WHICH IS AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 37-17 TO ENSURE THAT *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN* CAN UTILIZE FUNDS FROM THE 50 MILLION DOLLAR GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXPENSES IN RESPONSE TO TYPHOON MAWAR FOR PURPOSES SPECIFIC TO SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO FARMERS FISHERMEN'S CO-OP RECOVERY EFFORTS TO POWER GENERATORS FOR G DOE SCHOOL FACILITIES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SHELTERS AND TEMPORARY HOUSING SUBSIDIES INTO THE AGENDA MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING AN OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES FOR STILL ON MOTIONS ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS SENATOR PARKINSON YOUR RECOGNIZED

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES TO ADD BILL NUMBER 134-37 COR AND ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND TO FARMERS FOR CROP DAMAGES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 64A TITLE 5 THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: A POINT OF INQUIRY

SPEAKER TERLAJE: A POINT OF SENATOR SAN AUGUSTINE PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INQUIRY

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER AS I'M READING THE BILL THAT MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR PARKINSON INTRODUCED DOESN'T BILL 139-37 ADDRESS THAT ALSO AND MAYBE IT JUST NEEDS ADDITIONAL FUNDING ONLY BECAUSE 139 DID ADDRESS A FARMER'S FUNDING SUPPORT

SENATOR PARKINSON: WELL

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR YOUR POINT OF INQUIRY WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESPOND TO THAT POINT OF INQUIRY

SENATOR PARKINSON: YEAH YES MA'AM FOR THE CROP LOSS COMPENSATION PROGRAM IT IS REQUIRED BY THE ORIGINAL LAW THAT WHEN THE APPLICATIONS COME IN AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AG SUBMITS IT TO THE REQUESTS OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR APPROPRIATION WE DO THEIR APPROPRIATION FOR IT SEPARATE FROM WHATEVER WE MAY HAVE DONE FROM GIVING THE GOVERNOR AUTHORITY OVER THE 50 MILLION DOLLARS IN TRANSFER AUTHORITY AND THAT BEING SAID IF WE WERE TO DO THIS DREW THROUGH THE TRANSFER AUTHORITY WE'D STILL HAVE TO TAKE THAT TWO MILLION DOLLARS FROM SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE GENERAL FUND I WOULD MUCH PREFER TO USE THE RAINY DAY FUND AS THIS WAS INTENDED

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION THE SPONSOR HAS ASKED THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE WAIVED AND I HAVE CERTIFIED THAT ACCORDING TO THE STATUTE FOR CROP COMPENSATION CROP LOSS COMPENSATION PROGRAM AND THE CURRENT TYPHOON THAT THERE IS A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES MONETARY RELIEF TO FARMERS AND RANCHERS FOR LOSSES TO CROPS LIVESTOCK AND OR PROPERTY DUE TO NATURAL DISASTERS AND THIS COMPENSATION IS PROPOSED TO COME FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND ACCORDING TO THIS BILL SO IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO PUTTING THIS BILL ON THE OBJECTION BILL 134 THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND TO PUTTING THE BILL ON THE AGENDA SEVEN MOTION FAILS I'M SORRY I'M SORRY OKAY COLLEAGUES THE CLERK HAS INFORMED ME THAT I COUNTED IT WRONG IT'S ACTUALLY EIGHT VOTES SO THE MOTION PASSES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO US WE'RE GOING TO WE'RE GOING TO RE-VOTE ON THAT JUST TO BE VERY CLEAR ON THE RECORD ALL IN FAVOR OF PLACING BILL NUMBER 134 ON THE RECORD PLEASE RAISE

YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL ON MOTIONS ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZE I'M SO SORRY SENATOR MY APOLOGY SENATOR LUJAN MAJORITY LEADER

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 136-37 COR AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 7117 TO CHAPTER 7 TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ALLOWING THE USE OF EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES TO ENABLE THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC LAW 37-04 IN THE WAKE OF TYPHOON MAWAR SPONSORED BY SENATORS CHRIS BARNETT SPEAKER THERESE M TERLAJE AND SABINA FLORES PAREZ

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SENATE SENATOR BROWN

SENATOR BROWN: MADAM SPEAKER YOU CALLED US INTO EMERGENCY SESSION TO ADDRESS ONE PARTICULAR BILL AND THIS IS NOW TURNING INTO A FREE-FOR-ALL WE'RE BEING ASKED TO VOTE ON BILLS WE DON'T EVEN HAVE BEFORE US TO EVEN REVIEW THIS IS ALMOST LIKE A CIRCUS HERE SO I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THESE BILLS THAT ARE BEING MOTIONED ON THE FLOOR SINCE YOU GUYS HAVE DECIDED WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO PUT ON WITHOUT ANNOUNCING IT I MEAN WHY DON'T WE ALL GET OUR BILLS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BROWN ON THE FLOOR THANK YOU THE CLERKS HAVE INFORMED ME THAT ALL OF THE BILLS THAT WE HAVE BROUGHT UP IN SESSION TODAY COPIES HAVE BEEN PLACED ON YOUR DESK PRIOR TO THE START OF SESSION SO THAT WE'RE ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 136-37 ON THE AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL ON MOTIONS SENATOR LUJAN RECOGNIZED

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER AND NOT WITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES I LIKE TO ALSO MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 3-37 ON THE SESSION AGENDA ACTUALLY BILL DASH 3 37 ROLLS BACK THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX TO A FOUR PERCENT FOR ANY AND ALL BUSINESSES CURRENTLY PAYING FIVE PERCENT AT LEAST ALL EXEMPTIONS IN PLACE TO ALL BUSINESSES WHO QUALIFY FOR BPT OF THE THREE PERCENT OR LESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN ON THIS MOTION THAT THE AUTHOR HAD ALSO REQUESTED A WAIVER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPONSE TO THE SPONSOR OF BILL NUMBER THREE'S REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON BILL NUMBER THREE THIS THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS HAS ALSO SENT ME A LETTER AND SO THIS IS MY DETERMINATION THAT WHILE I AGREE THAT REDUCTION OF THE BPT IS PROPOSED IN THE BILL WILL PROVIDE RELIEF TO BUSINESSES WHO ARE STRUGGLING POST TYPHOON WITH MULTIPLE UNANTICIPATED EXPENSES AND WHILE THERE CONTINUES TO BE AN EMERGENCY AND CONDITIONS ON GUAM INVOLVING DANGER TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY IT IS UNCLEAR BASED ON THE JUNE 19 2023 LETTER FROM APPROPRIATIONS CHAIR AND THE BBMR FISCAL NOTE IF THE BILL WILL ENHANCE OR FURTHER ENDANGER PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY BBMR STATES THAT THE LOSS OF 50 MILLION AND NO FISCAL REALIGNMENT PLAN INCLUDED IN THE BILL WILL IMPACT THE DEBT SERVICE AND REDUCE FUNDING CURRENTLY APPROPRIATE FOR GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS SO THE BILL REQUIRES A FULL PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE IF IT WILL BENEFIT OR HARM THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND I'VE ASKED THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO HAVE A HEARING ON THIS BILL EXPEDITIOUSLY SO I HAVE DENIED THE WAIVER THE PUBLIC HEARING BUT OF COURSE IT IS UP TO THE BODY THEY WOULD LIKE TO FURTHER PROCEED SO HE'S ASKED THAT THE BILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND BILL NUMBER THREE MOTION FAILS YES

SENATOR LUJAN: ONE MORE MOTION

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR LUJAN ARE RECOGNIZED

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I AGAIN NOT UNDERSTANDING HOUSE RULES I MOVED TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 4-37 ON THE FLOOR THIS SUSPENDS THE BPT ON FOOD AND MEDICINE FOR 12 MONTHS ONE YEAR MADAM SPEAKER IN LIGHT OF OF COURSE THE HAVOC OF TYPHOON MAWAR THAT WREAKED HAVOC ON OUR ISLAND OF COURSE THE NEED FOR THIS MEASURE IS NEVER GREATER THAN IT IS RIGHT NOW THIS SHOULD INSTANTLY PROVIDE RELIEF TO OUR CONSUMERS AT GROCERY STORES MOM AND POP STORES AND ALL THE PLACES WHERE PEOPLE PURCHASE FOOD LIKEWISE OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICINES IT SHOULD ALSO VERY QUICKLY HELP THE DINERS AND RESTAURANTS AND ALL TYPES OF BUSINESSES TO REDUCE EXPENSES SO I MOVE AGAIN TO PLACE NOTWITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES PLACE BILL NUMBER FOUR DASH 37 ON THE FLOOR MADAM SPEAKER

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 4-37 COR ON THE SESSION AGENDA NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES THE AUTHOR HAS REQUESTED AGAIN THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE WAIVED IT WAS MY DETERMINATION AND I SENT THIS TO THE AUTHOR THAT I WOULD AGREE THAT THE REDUCTION OF

VPT ON FOOD AND MEDICINE IF IT RESULTS IN THE REDUCTION OF PRICES OF FOOD AND MEDICINE IS A MATTER OF HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ESPECIALLY IN OUR CURRENT SITUATION OF INFLATION AND POST TYPHOON EXPENSES HOWEVER THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR HAS ALLEGED THAT PASSAGE OF THIS BILL WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT PEOPLE OF GUAM INCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF BOND INDENTURES WHICH MAY RESULT IN ACCELERATION OF BOND PAYMENTS ACCORDINGLY THIS BILL REQUIRES A FULL PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE IF IT WILL BENEFIT OR HARM THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND I WILL NOT BE WAIVING THE PUBLIC HEARING OF BILL 4 AND URGED AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIR HAS PROMISED TO HOLD A HEARING ON BILL NUMBER FOUR EXPEDITIOUSLY

SENATOR BLAS: POINT OF INQUIRY

SPEAKER TERLAJE: POINT OF WHAT IS POINT OF ORDER POINT OF INQUIRY PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INQUIRY

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER BASED ON YOUR DETERMINATION CAN I JUST BASICALLY YOU SAID THAT IT MAY AFFECT OR SHALL AFFECT

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT MAY

SENATOR BLAS: IT MAY AFFECT OKAY SO IT MAY OR IT MAY NOT RIGHT OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE WHAT I SAID WAS THAT ACCORDING TO THE LETTERS THEY STATE THAT IT WILL BECAUSE I'M THEIR LETTERS SAY IT WILL AND SO I AM STATING THAT FROM THAT

SENATOR BLAS: THAT'S WHY I ASKED FOR POINT OF INQUIRY MAY AND SHALL ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS WILL IN THIS CASE IS DEFINITIVE I WANTED THAT CLARIFY

SPEAKER TERLAJE: LET ME REPEAT WHAT I SAID I SAID THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR HAS ALLEGED THAT THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT PRECLUDING VIOLATIONS OF BOND INDENTURES WHICH MAY RESULT IN ACCELERATION OF BOND PAYMENTS THE THIS BILL THUS REQUIRE ACCORDINGLY THIS BILL REQUIRES A FULL PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE IF IT WILL BENEFIT OR HARM THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ACCORDINGLY I WILL NOT BE WAVING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON BILL 4 AND URGED THE COMMITTEE CHAIR TO HEAR THE BILL EXPEDITIOUSLY AND HE HAS PROMISED THAT HE WOULD DO THAT

SENATOR BLAS: JUST FOR MADAM CHAIR MANAGEMENT SPEAKER YOU DID SAY ME THAT'S WHY I ASKED FOR A POINT OF INQUIRY CAN I HAVE A COPY OF THAT LETTER PLEASE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU CAN WE TAKE A RECESS UNTIL WE GET THAT

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE SENATOR HAS RECEIVED A COPY PRIOR TO SESSION I WILL MAKE COPIES FOR EVERYONE

SENATOR BLAS: I LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SEE THAT BEFORE I MAKE A VOTE IN THIS MATTER

SPEAKER TERLAJE: GIVE THIS TO SENATOR BLAS WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS ON BILL AND WE'RE BACK ON STILL ON MOTIONS ON BILL NUMBER FOUR THERE'S BEEN A MOTION TO ADD BILL NUMBER FOUR DASH 37 COR TO THE SESSION AGENDA NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND TO ADDING IT TO THE AGENDA TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN MOTION FAILS

SENATOR LUJAN: OH YEAH OH YEAH

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE STILL ON MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION ON MOTIONS IF THERE IF NOT THEN WE WILL PROCEED MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE A RECOGNIZED REGARDING LEGISLATIVE ITEMS 15.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVED TO WAVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS 15 AND 16 THE LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE AND CONSENT CALENDAR

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON SECOND READING WE'LL BEGIN WITH BILL NUMBER 135-37 COR SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON MADAM SPEAKER COLLEAGUES AND TO OUR PEOPLE MADAM SPEAKER I AM APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR QUICK RESPONSE FOR THIS EMERGENCY SESSION WHERE WE WHERE WE ARE ADDRESSING BILL 135-37. THE BILL INTENDS TO EXTEND THE MORAL TERM ON

LIQUID FUEL TAX AND NEVER TO POSITIVELY AND GUARANTEE SOME RELIEF AT THE GAS PUMPS FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES THIS BILL WILL PASS AND ENACTED WILL BE THE SECOND EXTENSION OF THE MORATORIUM WE PASSED THE INITIAL MORATORIUM IN THE IN PUBLIC LAW 36-105 AND PASSES THE FIRST EXTENSION IN PUBLIC LAW 36-124 WHICH OFFICIALLY EXPIRED THIS PAST SATURDAY THIS BILL ASKS FOR AN EXTENSION OF 180 DAYS FROM ENACTMENT MADAM SPEAKER FOR SOME 14 CENTS PER GALLON IS NOT ALLOWED TO OFFER RELIEF BUT WE KNOW THAT FOR MANY OF OUR FAMILIES WHO ARE DEPENDENT ON FUEL FOR THEIR LIVELIHOODS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS SINCE THE TYPHOON GAS PURCHASES HAVE INCREASED NOTICE IN THE WEEKS OF LONG LINES AT THE GAS STATION EVERY LITTLE SAVORY WE CAN GUARANTEE OUR PEOPLE IS BENEFITS BENEFICIAL TO THEIR RECOVERY OUR ESTIMATES IN LOSING HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE AS IN THE FIRST SENTENCE IS ABOUT 5.1 MILLION THIS IS WE LEFT TO THE GOVERNOR TO ENSURE THE PROGRAM AND SERVICES PROVIDED WITH THIS FUNDING ARE NOT JEOPARDIZED FOR THE LAST QUARTER OF FY 23 AND THAT WE WILL ADDRESS THE LOSS OF REVENUE IN FY 24 BUDGET FOR ITS FIRST QUARTER SO APPROXIMATELY 2.5 MILLION PER QUARTER MADAM SPEAKER WHILE WE ARE STILL IN RECOVER FROM THE PANDEMIC AND NOW THE TYPHOON I AM ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND OF MY COLLEAGUES TO PASS BILL 135 TODAY AND LET'S GET IT TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR SENIOR SO WE CAN GUARANTEE THE SMALL BUT IMPACTFUL RELIEF TO THE PEOPLE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR IS THAT A MOTION TO PLACE ON THIRD.

SENATOR BLAS: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO THERE'S BEEN A MOTION SPACE BILL ON THIRD READING IS THERE ANYONE I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THE BILL SENATOR FISHER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MA'AM I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL I'D JUST LIKE TO REMIND THE COLLEAGUES THAT PURSUANT TO 11 GCA 26 401 I THINK IT IS 26 403 THE TAX PER GALLON ON DIESEL IS 0.14 CENTS THE TAX ON ALL OTHER FUELS IS AN ADDITIONAL 0.15 OR 15 CENTS PER GALLON SO IF THIS EXTENSION DOESN'T PASS TOMORROW MORNING GAS PRICES WILL GO UP BY 15 CENTS A GALLON SO I'D LIKE TO DO WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP PREVENT THAT THANK YOU.

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

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER REAL FAST I JUST WANT TO SAY IN THE EFFORTS OF WORKING CLOSE WITH OUR FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY I WANT TO SAY THAT I SUPPORT THE SAME EFFORTS AND DO TO KNOW THAT BECAUSE OF THE TIMELINE WE'RE HOPING THAT OUR RESIDENTS DON'T GET AFFECTED BY THIS BILL NOT BEING PUT INTO PLACE SO I SUPPORT THE EFFORTS *SAINA MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SAINA MA'ÁSE'* ON THE BILL SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM I TOO RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND I COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR ITS INTRODUCTION AND ALSO IF I COULD JUST THE POINT OF INFORMATION WITH THE AUTHOR IF HE COULD VERIFY WHAT THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER AND SENATOR FISHER HAD SAID ABOUT THE TIMELINE OF THE EXPIRATION.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: GO AHEAD STATE YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: SO JUST FOR THE AUTHOR WHEN DOES THE GAS TAX RELIEF ACT THIS LATEST ITERATION WHEN DOES IT ACTUALLY EXPIRE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN WOULD YOU LIKE TO ANSWER THAT INQUIRY BY SENATOR BARNETT ON THE EXPIRATION DATE SIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT WAS TWO DAYS AGO.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WAS TWO DAYS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SATURDAY NIGHT SATURDAY NIGHT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR BARNETT DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR INQUIRY.

SENATOR BARNETT: YES MA'AM IT DOES THANK YOU SO HAVE WE I GUESS THERE'S A FURTHER POINT OF INFORMATION I DON'T KNOW IF THE AUTHOR CAN ANSWER THIS SINCE THIS EXPIRED TWO DAYS AGO HAVE WE SEEN A REFLECTION WELL I HAVEN'T SEEN BUT HAS THERE BEEN A REFLECTION OF THE PRICE OF THE PUMP.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I WILL ASK THE SENATOR THAT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WOULD YOU LIKE TO ANSWER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER THERE'S NOTHING THERE'S NO INDICATION THAT THE RATES WENT UP UT I KNOW FOR A FACT THERE WAS ME PERSONALLY COMMUNICATING WITH TWO OF THE VENDORS AND THEY AND I DID ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THIS BILL AND THEY SAID THAT AS LONG AS THERE'S MOVEMENT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO RAISE THE RACE JUST FOR ONE DAY AND IF THIS BILL PASSES THEN THEN THEY MOVE ON.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR BARNETT YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM AND ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE AUTHOR FOR THAT CLARIFICATION AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO COMMEND GAS COMPANIES FOR ALLOWING US A LITTLE BIT OF GRACE AND ALSO RESPECTING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AS I KNOW THAT THEY HAVE SEEN A BIG INCREASE RIGHT IN THE PURCHASES OF GAS AS MANY OF OUR PEOPLE UP FOR HOURS ON END TO FILL UP TANKS THAT MAYBE OR EVEN HALFWAY FULL JUST BECAUSE OF THE DESPERATION AND THE FEAR THAT WE ALL FELT WHEN THERE WAS THAT UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT WE'D BE ABLE TO FILL UP AGAIN BEFORE WE USED ALL THE GAS SO YEAH FULLY SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND AND I THINK YOU KNOW MAYBE A QUESTION FOR FURTHER ON DOWN THE ROAD IS IF WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE WITHOUT THIS GAS TAX FOR THIS LONG MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST CONSIDER A PERMANENT REPEAL OF IT THANK YOU MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT ON THE MAIN MOTION SPEAKER WELL SPEAKERS ARE LIKE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL I WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE ORIGINAL LAW THAT WAS PASSED AND AND SPONSOR OF ONE OF THE ORIGINAL LAWS THAT WAS PASSED THIS IS A PROGRAM WHERE THE VENDORS HAVE ACTUALLY COME IN AND SWORN UNDER OATHS THAT THEY WOULD IN PARK THESE SAVINGS FROM THE TAX TO THE CONSUMERS AND IT WAS SOMETHING THAT WE WERE ABLE TO PLAN AHEAD ON THAT SO WE HAVE NOT COUNTED FOR THESE TAXES FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR AND SO THERE SHOULD BE NO ADVERSE IMPACT TO ANY AGENCIES OR CURRENT SERVICES THAT WE ARE PROVIDING AS A GOVERNMENT BY CONTINUING THIS BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY THE IMPACT TO PEOPLE WHO RIGHT NOW ARE A LOT OF THEM STILL WITHOUT POWER AND BUSINESSES STILL WITHOUT RELIABLE POWER WHO ARE RELYING ON GENERATORS AND SOMETIMES WITHOUT CELL PHONES ARE RELYING ON TRANSPORTATION TO COMMUNICATE ALL OF IT I DON'T I'M SURE I DON'T HAVE TO REITERATE FOR THE PUBLIC BECAUSE THEY ARE LIVING IT WHAT THIS BILL WILL DO TO KEEP THE PRICES IN A ANY RISE IN FUEL PRICES I CAN'T SAY ANY BUT AT LEAST THE TAX IMPACTS ON ON FUEL COSTS TO KEEP THOSE IN ADVANCE DURING THIS PERIOD WHILE THEY ARE RECOVERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF TYPHOON MAWAR I THINK ARE ARE VERY VERY IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME AND SOMETHING THAT WE AS A GOVERNMENT CAN DO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SPEAKER SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I TOO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE RIGHT NOW OUR PEOPLE ARE GOING THROUGH THIS RECOVERY AND ONE OF THE MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCES THEY HAVE IS FUEL FUEL FOR GENERATORS FUEL FOR VEHICLES FEEL FOR EQUIPMENT TO RECOVER THEIR LIVES AND I THINK IT WOULD BE WHOLLY APPROPRIATE TO SUSPEND THIS TAX AND MAKE IT JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE AFFORDABLE FOR PEOPLE TO PUT THEIR LIVES BACK TOGETHER THANK YOU AND WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT SENATOR SAN AUGUSTINE YOU MAY CLOSE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT BUT TO ADD CO-SPONSORS BEGINNING WITH SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR TOM FISHER SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR PARKINSON AND ACTUALLY ALL OTHERS BE ADDED ON TO THE BILL UNLESS THEY OBJECT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES ON THE MOTION TO PLACE SENATOR SAN AUGUSTINE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES THE MOTION THE PLACE ON THE VOTE ON THE ON THE VOTING FILE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: VOTING FILE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: AND IF POSSIBLE IF WE CAN VOTE ON THIS BILL IMMEDIATELY AND THEN SEND IT TO THE GOVERNOR THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES I'M I'M JUST GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SIETTE NA I LIHESLATURAN IS BACK IN SESSION SENATOR SAN AUGUSTINE I'M GOING TO ASK TO REINSERT YOUR MOTION SENATOR SAN AUGUSTINE YOUR BILL OF 135-37 WAS PLACED IN THE VOTING FILE BUT IF YOU WANTED TO MOVE ON TO RESTATE YOUR YOUR SECOND MOTION AT THIS TIME OR WILL YOU WAIT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I'D WAIT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I'M JUST HOPING BY THE END OF THE DAY WE CAN BE DONE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AUGUSTINE AT THIS TIME COLLEAGUES SPEAKER THERESE YOUR RECOGNIZED ON BILL 137 DASH 137-37 YOU MAY PROCEED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER BILL NUMBER 137-37 COR IS AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 3654. TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD AND COMMODITY ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE AFFECTED BY TYPHOON MAWAR AS YOU CAN RECALL WHEN WE WERE DOING A BUDGET FINANCING A COUPLE YEARS AGO THERE WAS PROJECTED SAVINGS AND THE LEGISLATURE HAD IT APPROPRIATED A SMALL PART OF THAT PROJECTED SAVINGS 5 MILLION TO BE EXACT TOWARDS TO PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF AS STATED IN SECTION TWO OF THE LAW IT WAS TO GO TO LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE FOOD AND COMMODITIES FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS CHILDREN AND LOW-INCOME FAMILIES UNTIL FULLY EXPENDED WELL I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING UP ON THE EXPENDITURES OF THIS MONEY AND IT HAS NOT BEEN EXPENDED TO DATE IT SEEMS TO ME THE EXPLANATIONS THAT I'VE RECEIVED ARE ALWAYS RELATED TO THE SOLICITATION THAT THEY PUT OUT WAS AFTER MANY DELAYS THEY FINALLY PUT IT OUT THEY GOT ALL THE WAY TO THE AWARD STAGE AND IT WAS REJECTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SO THEY'RE BACK TO SQUARE ONE AND SINCE THEN IT HAS NOT BEEN AWARDED I I WOULD LIKE THAT THAT MONEY INSTEAD OF THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE BUT I BELIEVE WE ARE IN EXTRAORDINARY TIMES AND I WOULD LIKE THIS MONEY ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR EMERGENCY FOOD DURING COVID TO BE PUT OUT THERE AS AN EMERGENCY FOOD TODAY I DON'T THINK I NEED TO CONVINCING MY COLLEAGUES WHY THAT'S IMPORTANT BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHY WE CAN DO IT IF THE MONEY IS AVAILABLE THE MONEY SHOULD HAVE GONE OUT IT'S REALLY A PROCUREMENT ISSUE SO MY LANGUAGE IN THIS BILL WHAT I'M PROPOSING TO DO IS TO AMEND WHERE IT SAYS THAT PUBLIC HEALTH WAS GOING TO GIVE THIS OUT IN THE FORM OF GRANTS DISTRIBUTED TO THE LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS APPARENTLY THAT TIES THEM ALL UP I'M NOT SURE WHY TO THIS DATE BUT I'M HOPING THAT THIS NEW LANGUAGE IS GOING TO BE VERY DIRECT AND AGAIN IT'S EXTRAORDINARY IT JUST SAYS THAT THE EMERGENCY THAT PUBLIC HEALTH THAT WE'RE GIVING THEM THE MONEY FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY FOOD AND COMMODITIES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED OR WHICH SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED IN WHOLE OR PART AS GRANTS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR NOTWITHSTANDING FIVE GCA CHAPTER 5. TWO CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES GUAM THE SALVATION ARMY GUAM OR OTHER LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE FOOD AND COMMODITIES AND THE REASON FOR THIS IS BECAUSE INSTEAD OF BIDDING IT OUT WHO'S GOING TO DO THE BEST PROGRAM THAT'S WHERE THEY'VE GOT TIED UP FOR SEEMS LIKE YEARS AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NON-PROFITS HERE THEY'RE NOT GOING TO PROFIT FROM IT I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S A RISK OF CORRUPTION AND I DO BELIEVE THERE'S A HUGE NEED FOR FOOD AND SO IF WE CAN GIVE IT DIRECTLY TO THE AGENCIES WHO HAVE PROVEN OVER AND OVER AND OVER TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE THERE FOR US I WOULD LIKE TO DO THAT LET'S GIVE IT TO THEM LET THEM DISTRIBUTE IT IF PUBLIC HEALTH CAN'T DO IT THEMSELVES THIS BILL STILL ALLOWS THEM TO DO IT THEMSELVES IF THEY ARE ABLE SUCH AS DISTRIBUTING IT AT THEIR HEALTH CENTERS DISTRIBUTING IT WHEN THEY GO OUT IN THE FIELD THE NURSES AND THOSE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT THEY DO HAVE OUTREACH PROGRAMS BUT IF THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO DO THAT THEN BY ALL MEANS TO GIVE IT DIRECTLY THIS MONEY TO THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE SALVATION ARMY GUAM WHO RUN FOOD PANTRIES EVERY SINGLE DAY ON GUAM AND AND GET THIS FOOD OUT TO THE PEOPLE IN NEED AND THE EXACT PEOPLE WHO WE WANT TO GET IT TO PEOPLE IN SHELTERS THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GET IN THERE AND GIVE IT TO THEM SO I I BEG MY COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR INDULGENCE ON THIS I I KNOW IT'S A LITTLE BIT UNUSUAL BUT I I BELIEVE IT'S JUST NEEDED RIGHT NOW UNFORTUNATELY AND FORTUNATELY WE CAN DO IT SO I I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT WE COULD DO THIS SO IF WE COULD THANK YOU MA'AM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE SENATOR FISHER ON THE MOTION YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM I RISE TO A POINT OF INQUIRY WITH THE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: STATE YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR FISHER: YIELD TO THE FOLLOWING HAS SHE SEEN THE GRANTS THAT ARE PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR FISHER CAN YOU RESTATE YOUR QUESTION I'M SORRY I DIDN'T HEAR IT.

SENATOR FISHER: CERTAINLY MA'AM HAS SENATOR TERLAJE ACTUALLY SEEN ANY OF THE GRANTS THAT ARE PROPOSED UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

SENATOR FISHER: AND I WILL ASK SPEAKER WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NO OF COURSE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN MADE YET THERE WAS A PROPOSAL BY PUBLIC HEALTH AFTER MANY YEARS AND THEY PUT IT ON THE TABLE THEY DID A SOLICITATION THEY GOT COMPANIES EVEN I THINK FROM OFF ISLAND WHO ARE ASKING TO BE PART OF THAT FOOD DISTRIBUTION BUT AND SOME GOOD PEOPLE I'M SURE INVOLVED BUT THE THE ISSUE WAS IT WAS I DON'T TO BE HONEST I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT REASON THE AG DENIED IT BUT I DO KNOW THAT IT WENT BACK TO GSA AFTER ALL OF THAT AFTER PUBLIC HEALTH HAD WORKED ON IT WENT BACK TO GSA I THINK PUBLIC HEALTH IS STILL WORKING ON IT AND SO THAT'S THE ISSUE SO NO THE GRANTS NO WHAT I'M I'M EXPECTING LITERALLY TO TAKE THE FOOD AND DIVIDE I MEAN THE MONEY AND DIVIDE IT UP AND GIVE IT TO THEM IN APPROPRIATION AMOUNTS SO THEY CAN FILL THEIR FOOD PANTRIES WITH WITH THE FOOD THAT THEY THEY KNOW FROM THEIR EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER TERALEJ SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: YES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MA'AM A FURTHER QUESTION TO SPEAKER TERLAJE IF SHE WILL YIELD IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE GRANTS AND IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE DON'T KNOW HOW THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT AND IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT AT LEAST AS OF TODAY WE DON'T KNOW HOW THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT WE DON'T KNOW WHO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE MONEY WILL BE ALL OF WHICH SHE HAS SAID IT IS ALL CONJECTURAL I'M WONDERING IF SHE BELIEVES THAT THIS CAN UNDER ANY WISE BE CALLED AN EMERGENCY WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING THAT BRIGADES THE NECESSARY FIVE MILLION DOLLARS SO JUST AS SHE WAS ABLE TO EXPLAIN TO US WHY SENATOR LUJAN'S BILLS WERE NOT EMERGENCIES I HOPE SHE WILL DO THE SAME FOR US UNDER THIS BILL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE'RE WORKING ON THIS BILL SENATOR FISHER BUT I WILL ASK THE GOOD SPEAKER IF SHE'D LIKE TO YIELD SPEAKER TERLAJE WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I WOULD LOVE TO YIELD TO THAT QUESTION MADAM SPEAKER YES FIRST OF ALL THIS BILL DEALS WITH AN EXISTING APPROPRIATION THAT'S BEEN IN PLACE SINCE PUBLIC LAW 36-54 THAT WAS LAST TERM WHICH ACTUALLY WAS IN PLACE PRIOR TO THAT BECAUSE IT SAYS NOTWITHSTANDING THE YOU KNOW IT TALKS ABOUT PUBLIC LAW 36-9 SO FOR TWO BUDGET CYCLES THIS FOOD HAS NOT GONE OUT AND THIS IS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD DURING COVET AND IF YOU WANT ME TO EXPLAIN WHY WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY FOR FOOD RIGHT NOW PEOPLE DON'T HAVE POWER SO THEY HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN THEIR REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS AND THEY CANNOT COOK UNLESS THEY HAVE A GAS STOVE THEY HAVE NO FOOD THAT'S WHY THEY LINE UP SOMETIMES FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME TO GET SIMPLE CANNED GOODS OR MRES IS THAT WHAT IT'S CALLED THE MRES AND THEY'RE WILLING TO LINE UP TO GET THAT FOOD TO GET POWDERED MILK AND WATER AND THAT'S ALL THIS IS GOING TO DO AND YES IT'S AN EMERGENCY FEMA HAS DECLARED FOOD TO BE AN ESSENTIAL ITEM THAT NEEDS TO BE PASSED OUT THE MAYORS ARE ASKING FOR MORE EVERY DAY EVERY SITUATION WE HAVE SEEN IN THE NEWS IS SHOWING THE SITUATION THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE LIVING UNDER IN THE SHELTERS WE'VE GOT AMERICAN RED CROSS PASSING OUT SOME HOT MEALS WE'VE GOT THEM PROVIDING FOOD IN THE SHELTERS BUT STILL THE PEOPLE IN THE SHELTER SAY THEY'RE HUNGRY STILL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WANT SOME HELP IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT THEY'VE GONE THROUGH MAJOR DISASTER AND THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE HOMES LET ALONE REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS AND A PLACE TO COOK THESE THINGS ON SO WHILE WE ARE TRYING TO GET THAT TO THEM THIS MONEY IS GOING TO GO OUT TO FOOD EVENTUALLY AND I SAY GET IT OUT NOW DON'T WAIT UNTIL LIKE LET'S NOT BE LIKE THOSE AGENCIES THAT TAKE FOREVER AND EVER AND LET'S GET IT OUT NOW AND THIS IS THE WAY I'M HOPING THE LEGISLATURE CAN FIND IN ITSELF THE COMPASSION TO GET IT OUT THIS WAY IT'S IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO REQUIRE US TO DO WHAT I DON'T EVEN LIKE TO DO AND THAT IS TO TRUST THE DIRECTOR THAT IS COMPETENT ENOUGH TO GET THE MONEY OUT TO EXACTLY TO AND IT'S NOT TO I DON'T KNOW I KNOW CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES GUAM AND THE SALVATION ARMY GUAM AT THE VERY LEAST AT THE VERY LEAST AND WE CAN GET IT OUT TO THOSE TWO I'M VERY CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GET IT OUT WHERE IT IS NEEDED IN THE COMMUNITY AND

THAT'S WHY I PUT THEM DIRECTLY IN THERE AND THEN AND I DON'T KNOW I I HOPE I DON'T NEED TO CONTINUE ON AS TO WHY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM NEED FOOD AND COMMODITIES DURING THIS DISASTER PERIOD AND WHY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE SALVATION ARMY GUAM ARE ABSOLUTELY CAPABLE OF DOING THIS AND RIGHT NOW WE ARE RELYING ON THEM TO DO THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE SEEN SOME FAILURES ON OUR PART AS GOVERNMENT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*'.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SPEAKER TERALJE SENATOR FISHER YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF MINUTES.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM I APPRECIATE A FURTHER QUESTION THEN TO THE SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT SHE WANTS TO GET HELP OUT TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THAT IS THE ANIMUS BEHIND THE BILL MY QUESTION IS THIS FIRST OF ALL WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING TO GO BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T SEEN A GRANT PROGRAM AND THAT'S FOLLOWED THE ACTUAL HEART OF THE QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS DOES SPEAKER TERLAJE AGREE THAT SENATOR LUJAN'S BILLS WHICH WOULD HAVE LOWERED PRICES FOR ALL CONSUMERS ON GUAM FOR FOOD COMMODITIES AND MEDICINE DOES SHE AGREE THAT THAT TOO WOULD HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND COULD SHE PROVIDE AN EXPERTISE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENAT.

SENATOR FISHER: COULD SHE PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR WHY ONE HELP IS AN EMERGENT SITUATION AND THE OTHER IS NOT THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPEAKER TERALJE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I THINK IT'S OUT OF ORDER BUT I'M HAPPY TO AVAIL AND I I WANT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO UNDERSTAND TOO YES IF WE COULD TODAY LOWER PRICES OF FOOD AND MEDICINE WITHOUT IMPACTING OUR ENTIRE DEBT SERVICE MEANING BREACH OUR COVENANT WITH THE BOND HOLDERS THAT'S VERY DIFFERENT A PROPOSAL THAT WILL ACCORDING TO GITA BREACH OUR INDENTURE WITH BOND COVENANT OR BREACH OUR BOND COVENANTS THAT WILL RESULT IN WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO COME UP WITH ALL THAT MONEY OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND AFTER BEING TOLD THAT THERE IS NO MONEY IT'S A HUGE IMPACT IN FACT I WOULD CREATE PROBABLY A BIGGER DISASTER THAN THE ONE WE ARE FACING RIGHT NOW I DON'T KNOW WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WE CAN'T TELL THAT'S WHY I ASK THAT THAT BILL HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING SO WE CAN FLESH THAT OUT THIS BILL THE MONEY'S THERE IT'S BEEN THERE IT'S THERE EVERYBODY KNOWS IT'S THERE EVERYBODY'S ABLE TO USE IT THE AG IS INVOLVED GSA IS INVOLVED PUBLIC HEALTH IS INVOLVED AND WE KNOW THAT THESE AGENCIES ARE ABLE TO MOVE ON IT SO THERE'S NO HARM FROM PASSING THIS BILL THAT TAKES OUT AN EXISTING APPROPRIATION TO GO OUT TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN GENERAL AND GIVES IT SPECIFICALLY TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES SALVATION ARMY AND ON TOP OF THAT IF THE DIRECTOR HAS OTHER NON-PROFITS SUCH AS THE CHUUKESSE ASSOCIATION OF GUAM AND THOSE OTHER NON-PROFITS THAT ARE WILLING TO HELP THAT HE CAN DO THAT SIMPLE THERE'S NO RISK OF CREATING ANOTHER HUGE DISASTER BY BREACHING OUR BOND COVENANTS THAT'S ONE BUT LIKE I SAID IF WE COULD IF WE COULD LOWER THE PRICE OF ANYTHING TODAY I SAY WE CAN DO THAT BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET OVER THE HURDLES THAT HAVE PUT BEEN PUT IN FRONT OF US AND THIS BILL HAS NO HURDLES THAT'S WHAT IT DOES IT TAKES AWAY ANY HURDLES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER TERALJE SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: YES THANK YOU VICE SPEAKER AND THANK YOU TO SPEAKER TERLAJE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I WILL RECOGNIZE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY AND THEN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY ON THE MOTION ON THE MAIN MOTION YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND OF COURSE RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN IN RESPONSE TO THIS SUPER TYPHOON THAT HIT US JUST A FEW DAYS AGO I THINK PEOPLE RATHER SEE US OUT HELPING THEM IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN BUT WE'RE HERE DOING OUR JOB IN THIS SMALL WAY TO BE ABLE TO ALLOW THE ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE IN PLACE SOMETIMES WE KNOW THAT GOVERNMENT CAN'T DO EVERYTHING AND WE HAVE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THERE TO SUPPORT US AND I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE ABLE TO GIVE THE SUPPORT THAT WE NEED TO ON OUR END TO GET THE HELP OUT TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM MANY OF US IN THIS BODY HAVE BEEN OUT PACKING FOOD COMMODITIES HELPING THE MAYORS DISTRIBUTE THESE FOOD COMMODITIES WALKING DOOR TO DOOR WITH THEM PASSING THEM OUT TO FAMILIES AND WE'VE SEEN THE DEVASTATION IN OUR VILLAGES AND ONE OF THE FIRST HOUSES THAT I KNOCKED ON THE DOOR OF A MAN CAME OUT AND SAID THANK YOU SO MUCH WE ARE SO HUNGRY AND THIS WAS DAYS AFTER THE STORM BUT OF COURSE WITHOUT POWER OR FOOD THEIR ROADS WERE BLOCKED IN WITH DEBRIS THERE WAS NO WAY FOR

THEM TO GET FOOD AND AS THE SPEAKER MENTIONED WE'VE SEEN THE LONG LINES FOR FAST FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ARE NOW REOPENING THE RESTAURANTS BECAUSE PEOPLE CAN'T COOK AT HOME THEY CAN'T PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES THEY CAN'T FEED THEIR CHILDREN AND THESE FOOD COMMODITIES HAVE BEEN A GREAT BLESSING THE WATER HAS BEEN A GREAT BLESSING TO PEOPLE AND THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH GRATITUDE I THINK FOR THIS AND THIS IS SOMETHING SMALL THAT WE CAN DO AS A BODY TODAY AND I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS FOR US TO ALLOW OTHERS TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT GET THE HELP TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SO *SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* TO THE SPEAKER AND I ASK OUR COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT AS WELL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY SHELTON AND AT THIS TIME I RECOGNIZE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE AUTHOR SAID THE MONEY'S THERE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO THE GRANT THE GRAND DIDN'T HAPPEN IS ALL I WISH IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED IT DIDN'T HAPPEN BUT THIS IS A MEANS OF GETTING THAT MONEY TO THOSE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND GETTING IT DONE ALL THE REASONS THAT TO TO ASSOCIATE IT WITH THIS BILL FOR ME IS UNACCEPTABLE BUT I DO RISE IN FULL SUPPORT AND MY FINAL STATEMENT IS LET'S GET HER DONE AND LET'S JUST HELP THE PEOPLE THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SPEAKER TERLAJE OKAY MAJORITY MINORITY LEADER AND THEN SENATOR BARNETT MINORITY LEADER BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM VICE SPEAKER MADAM VICE SPEAKER I UNDERSTAND THAT I UNDERSTAND THE INTENT AND THE NECESSITY FOR THE BILL BUT I JUST TAKE NOTICE TO LATE PAGE TWO LINE STARTING LINE 16. THAT WHILE WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IT TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN NEED AND STUFF I KNOW THAT WE'VE LINE 16 WHEN I'M 18 BASICALLY CATEGORIZES THE INDIVIDUALS BUT DO WE WANT TO TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS AND TALK TO THE AUTHOR OF THIS ONE MINUTE RECESS.

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

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURES BACK FROM RECESS MINORITY LEADER BLAS YOU STILL RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU THANK FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS WITH THE AUTHOR MADAM CHAIR IT BASICALLY MY CONCERN WAS THE LANGUAGE THAT'S CONTAINED FROM LINE 16 TO LINE 18 WHERE WHEREBY I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU KNOW WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE TAKEN CARE OF BUT I JUST DON'T WANT IT TO BE TOO NOW OR TOO RESTRICTIVE THAT IT BASICALLY LEAVES OUT INDIVIDUALS THAT DO DO NEED THE THE COMMODITIES SO WHAT I LIKE TO DO BASICALLY IS I'M NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES AND I RECOGNIZE WHAT IT IS AND AS FAR AS THE AMENDMENTS BUT STARTING FROM LINE 16 THE WORD HOMELESS TO LINE 18 INCOME IS BASICALLY FOOD AND COMMODITIES FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN NEED UNTIL FULLY EXPENDED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MINORITY LEADER DO YOU HAVE THAT IN WRITING.

SENATOR BLAS: NO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NO OBJECTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION IF EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING YOU'RE HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES I'LL SAVE A TREE ON THIS ONE.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MINORITY LEADER YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED YOU DONE.

SENATOR BLAS: I'M DONE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR BARNETT ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE WHICH I KNOW THE IDEA OF GIVING PUBLIC HEALTH THE ABILITY TO I GIVE OUT EMERGENCY FOOD AND COMMODITIES WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS I MEAN THE ORIGIN OF THIS MEASURE WAS IN THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE AND SO HAD WE DONE WITH THE ORIGINAL BILL INTENDED AND YOU KNOW WE COULD HAVE DEFINITELY AVOIDED OUR PEOPLE GOING HUNGRY BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY OUT THERE LET'S JUST BE HONEST WITH WITH EACH OTHER WHEN SOMEONE TELLS YOU YOU'RE HUNGRY YOU DON'T WASTE TIME AND ENERGY TRYING TO CONVINCING THEM THAT THEY ARE NOT OUR PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY I HAD A DEBRIEFING WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SALVATION ARMY JUST A FEW DAYS AGO AND THEY THEY TOLD ME THAT THEY SPENT WAY OVER THEIR

BUDGET RIGHT BUT THAT'S JUST WHAT THEY DO THEY'RE HOLD ON THEIR FOOD PANTRY IS DOWN TO 50 PERCENT CAPACITY THEY WANT TO DO MORE BUT THEY CAN'T DO MORE BECAUSE WHO WHO THEY GONNA ASK FOR MORE MONEY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM CAN'T AFFORD TO DONATE THIS MONEY'S SITTING IN THE BANK SOMEWHERE AS IT HAS BEEN JUST READY TO GO AND OUR PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY WE ALL WE'VE ALL DONE THE COMMODITIES WE'VE ALL BEEN PUTTING THE FOOD INTO THE BOXES I WAS UP AT *YIGO* WHERE PEOPLE LINED UP IN THEIR CARS FOR TWO HOURS FOR A BAG THAT HAD DRY BEANS TOMATO SOUP MORE BEANS *FINAN* 90 PERCENT BEANS BUT PEOPLE OUR PEOPLE ARE DESPERATE OUR PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY AND HAD WE FOLLOWED THROUGH ON THIS GREAT IDEA BACK WHEN IT WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED INTO LAW MAYBE WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FILL THAT GAP THAT THESE NON-PROFITS AND THESE THESE CHARITY ORGANIZATIONS ARE STRUGGLING TO FILL RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW BECAUSE RIGHT NOW A LOT OF THESE NON-PROFITS ARE ASSESSING WHERE THEY CAN MAKE THE MOST IMPACT WHERE THEY CAN DELIVER THE MOST NEED THERE'S ONE THING I WAS SAYING I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE'S FEELINGS BUT THIS RECOVERY HAS HAS TAUGHT MANY OF US THAT NOT ONLY DO WE NEED TO DO MORE BUT WE NEED TO DO BETTER AND THIS BILL IS A A GREAT STEP IN THAT DIRECTION THOSE PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY THEY DON'T CARE IF IT'S A BAG OF DRY BEANS OR A MEAL READY TO EAT THAT YOU HAVE TO READ A INSTRUCTION MANUAL OR WATCH A VIDEO FROM SENATOR SAN NICOLAS TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET THESE MEALS HOT AND THEY NEEDED THIS FOOD THEY NEEDED THIS ASSISTANCE YESTERDAY OKAY ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THIS DISASTER SNAP ELIGIBILITY THAT HAS COME OUT WHERE MANY OF OUR PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE CLASS ARE NOT GOING TO QUALIFY FOR THESE SNAP BENEFITS WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THAT MANY PEOPLE IN OUR MIDDLE CLASS I DON'T CARE WHEN WE'RE UP *YIGO* WE SAW IT ALL WE SAW THE GUAM BOMB WE SAW THE LEXUS LINING UP FOR FOOD AND NOW WE'RE GIVING OUT THIS DISASTER SNAP BUT IT'S A DISASTER THAT SO MANY OF OUR PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO QUALIFY FOR IT *HÅFA MOHON* WHAT WHAT NOW AND SO THIS IS A GREAT STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION I ONLY PRAY THAT PEOPLE CAN FILL THE GAPS WHILE WE SIT AND WAIT FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET THIS FOOD WHICH IS GOING TO COME IN HANDY WHETHER IT'S NEXT WEEK OR NEXT MONTH AS WE ALL KNOW THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND HAS SAID THAT BECAUSE OF LA NIÑA AND EL NIÑO AND ALL OF THAT WE CAN ANTICIPATE MORE STORMS WE CAN ANTICIPATE STRONGER STORMS AND THE TIME TO PREPARE IS NOT AFTER THE FACT SO LET'S START PREPARING NOW BECAUSE IT IS AN EMERGENCY THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE GOING HUNGRY WE WENT TO HEMALANI WITH HOT DOGS THEY WERE HUNGRY LITTLE KIDS HADN'T EVEN EATEN BREAKFAST ASKING CAN THEY GET EXTRA HOT DOGS FOR TOMORROW SO I DON'T KNOW WHO'S OUT OF TOUCH HERE BUT LET ME TELL YOU THE REALITY IS OUR PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY RIGHT NOW THEY'RE HUNGRY FOR A LOT OF THINGS ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO IS WE CAN HELP THAT'S WHY THIS I FEEL THAT THIS MEASURE IS GOING TO PASS UNANIMOUSLY WELL LET'S GIVE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE HELP THAT THEY NOT ONLY NEED BUT THAT THEY NEEDED THANK YOU MADAM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR PARKINSON I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I TOO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE DURING THIS RECOVERY PROCESS I HAVE BEEN OUT THERE HELPING WITH FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND I CONCUR WITH MY COLLEAGUE WHO SPOKE BEFORE ME PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY OUT THERE THERE ARE HUGE MULTI-GENERATIONAL HOMES NINE PEOPLE HERE SIX PEOPLE THERE EIGHT PEOPLE HERE ALL LIVING UNDER ONE ROOF ALL HUNGRY ALL RATIONING IN SOME WAY TO MAKE SURE THE MOST VULNERABLE GET THIS FOOD BUT WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO RATION LIKE THAT PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE FOOD AVAILABLE FOR THEM AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS ON WHY THIS 5 MILLION WASN'T SPENT WHEN THERE WAS APPROPRIATED DURING THE PANDEMIC FRANKLY I DON'T CARE I CARE THAT THIS MONEY IS AVAILABLE AND WE CAN USE IT TODAY FOR THESE EMERGENCY NEEDS AND IF WE CAN LET'S GET OUR PEOPLE FED BECAUSE AS OTHERS HAVE COMMENTED THIS MIGHT NOT BE THE FIRST STORM ON THE HORIZON AND SO IF IT TAKES A LITTLE BIT OF LEAD UP TIME TO GET OUR PANTRIES SQUARED AWAY AGAIN LET'S DO SO THERE IS FEDERAL ASSISTANCE HERE ON THIS ISLAND BUT THERE IS CRACKS IN THESE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SOMETIMES THE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE CAN'T HELP AND THESE PARTNERSHIPS WITH NON-PROFITS TO HELP THE COMMUNITY IS HOW WE ADDRESS THOSE GAPS LATER THIS WEEK I'M GOING TO BE GOING BACK TO PLACES TO HELP DELIVER HOT FOOD AND I KNOW THAT WHEN I GO TO THEM I WANT TO BE ABLE TO TELL THEM THAT MORE HELP IS COMING THE PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY LET'S GET THE FOOD GETTING THIS WAY AND LET'S GET THEM FED WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR PARKINSON ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SENATOR FISHER YOU ALREADY ON THE MAIN MOTION DO YOU.

SENATOR FISHER: THOSE WERE QUESTIONS MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SO SENATOR SENATOR FISHER YOU ALREADY YOU SPOKE ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR FISHER: I PUT QUESTIONS TO THE SPEAKER I WILL ALLOW YOU A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO SPEAK ON THE MEASURE OF THE BILL.

SENATOR FISHER: ARE YOU SAYING THAT I'M PROCEDURALLY INCORRECT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES SIR YOU ARE PROCEDURALLY INCORRECT.

SENATOR FISHER: COULD YOU CITE ME TO A RULE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: POINT OF ORDER MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES YES SPEAKER TERLAJE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I THINK YOU ARE CORRECT MADAM SPEAKER THAT NORMALLY WE'RE SUPPOSED TO SPEAK ALL WE WANT TO SPEAK ON OUR 15 MINUTES INCLUDING INQUIRIES AND AND AMENDMENTS AND ANYTHING ELSE DURING THAT 15 MINUTES THAT WE DEBATE ON THE BILL BUT I HAVE NO OBJECTION MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR FISHER: WELL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I WILL YIELD BACK TO YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: MADAM OBJECTION CAN I GO AGAIN TOO.

SENATOR FISHER: WELL I WAS SURE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR BARNETT YOU ALREADY SPOKE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK THANK YOU MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR FISHEL FISHER YOU YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR FISHER: WELL I WOULD THINK I WOULD LIKE TO SPAKE THANK SPEAKER TERLAJE FOR HER PROFESSIONAL COURTESY AND HER GRACE IN ALLOWING ME A COUPLE MORE MINUTES AS WELL AS YOU MA'AM I DON'T THINK I TEND TO AGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER THAT THIS ACT THIS PROPOSAL MAY PASS UNANIMOUSLY NOBODY OBJECTS TO THE SUBSTANCE SOME OF US OBJECT TO THE PROCESS BY WHICH IT GOT TO THE FLOOR NOW WE ENJOY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING PUBLIC HEARING SO WE CAN EXPLORE ISSUES LIKE UNDER A GRANT PROGRAM WILL THESE BE DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO APPLICATION WILL THEY BE DISTRIBUTED UNIFORMLY THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND HOW WILL THIS HAPPEN NOW THAT WOULD BE AN INTERESTING I THINK ALL OF THOSE WOULD BE INTERESTING SUBJECTS TO EXPLORE AT A HEARING ON THIS MATTER AND IN DOING SO WE WOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER MANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS TAKING A PITCHFORK AND SHOVELING FIVE MILLION DOLLARS OUT THE DOOR AND NOT KNOWING WHERE IT'S GOING TO GO ULTIMATELY IS NOT NECESSARILY A BEST PRACTICE SO MA'AM I DON'T WANT TO MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE VIRTUOUS AS WELL SO I WILL ALMOST I'M GOING TO THINK ABOUT IT I MAY SUPPORT THIS BILL BECAUSE I WANT PEOPLE TO GET FED TOO AND I AGREE THAT THERE'S ACTUAL REAL HUNGER ON THIS ISLAND REAL HUNGER THAT PRE-EXISTED BEFORE TAIWOON MEWAR IN PARTICULARLY MARGINALIZED AND HARD HIT AREAS OF OUR COMMUNITY I HOPE THIS THIS FEELING OF SHARING THIS FEELING OF VIRTUE I HOPE IT SURVIVES THIS EMERGENCY AND WE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THE POOR AND THE UNDERSERVED IN THIS COMMUNITY AFTER THIS TYPHOON AND ITS AFTER EFFECTS HAVE PASSED I DO HOPE THAT NO CHILDREN NO CHILD GO TO BED TONIGHT HUNGRY I HOPE THAT VERY MUCH I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN BUT I HOPE IT DOES IF THE PRICE WE PAY IS AN UNDISCIPLINED AND UNFETTERED EXPENDITURE OF 5 MILLION TAXPAYER DOLLARS UNDER THIS SITUATION WELL I GUESS THERE'S I'M NOT SO SURE THERE'S A RIGHT ANSWER TO THIS ONE MA'AM OTHER THAN ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS EXPECTED OF US IS A RESPONSIBILITY FISCALLY AND SO I'LL CONTINUE TO PONDER THIS BILL AND MA'AM THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO READDRESS THIS I APOLOGIZE IF PROCEDURALLY I WAS IN ERROR AND ALLOW ME TO PLEASE EXPRESS MY THANK YOU TO SPEAKER TERLAJE ONCE MORE THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR FISHER ON THE MAIN MOTION I ASKED SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU MAY CLOSE ON YOUR MOTION OH I DO APOLOGIZE SPEAKER SENATOR LUJAN I DO APOLOGIZE I DIDN'T SEE YOUR HAND YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER ALL OF US AS WELL WHO STOOD AND EVEN THOSE WHO ARE NOT SPEAKING IN REGARDS TO FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND AND HELPING IN THESE THESE CENTERS OR IN THESE ENTITIES WHERE FOOD ARE BEING GATHERED IN IN PLACE AND GETTING READY TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS WE SPEAK I GOT MY STAFF AS WELL IN *TAMUNING TUMON HARMON* COMMUNITY CENTER WE'VE BEEN CAMPED OUT THERE FOR NOW ALMOST THREE THREE WEEKS DISTRIBUTING FOOD AND TODAY THE RED CROSS FINALLY GAVE US HOT MEALS SO LUNCH 300 LUNCH MEALS WERE DELIVERED LIKEWISE 300 DINNER MEALS WILL BE DELIVERED TONIGHT AS WELL YOU KNOW THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER SENATOR FISHER BROUGHT UP YOU KNOW SOME VITAL ACTUALLY QUESTIONS AND I LIKE TO YIELD MAYBE TO TO TO THE SPEED TO THE THE AUTHOR AND ASK THIS THIS QUESTION WHETHER WE CAME IN A FEW DAYS AFTER THE STORM AND THE FEMA FOLKS WERE HERE AND WE'RE ASKING ABOUT THE THE REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND HOW THAT WILL BE DONE AND THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER OF COURSE MADE IT MADE A GOOD POINT IN IN THE SENSE THAT THAT JUST THROWING FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE PITCHFORK AND NOT KNOWING WHERE WHERE IT'S GOING BASICALLY AND HOW THIS IS GOING TO BE DISTRIBUTED AND WE ALL KNOW THAT THAT THE FEMA FOLKS CAME IN HERE AND TOLD US THAT WHETHER IT BE A 75 25 90 20 OR MAYBE EVEN 100 PERCENT REIMBURSEMENT BUT DEFINITELY I'S HAVE TO BE DOTTED AND T'SHAVE TO BE CROSSED SO MY MY QUESTION IS TO TO THE AUTHOR IS IS THERE A SYSTEM IN PLACE TO BE ABLE TO TRACK THIS TO HAVE IT BE REIMBURSABLE BY BY FEMA.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPEAKER TERLAJE WOULD YOU LIKE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU I KNOW THAT DESPITE WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IN THE BILL WHICH IS TO EXPEDITE THAT THERE IS THAT WE SHOULD REASONABLY EXPECT THAT ANYTHING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DOES IS GOING TO BE DOCUMENTED THEY ALSO HAVE TO ANSWER TO ALL OF US FOR WHAT THEY DID WITH THE MONEY THE ISSUE IS IN REGARDS TO REIMBURSEMENT THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW PARTICULAR AREAS SPECIFICALLY BEING LINED UP THAT MIGHT NOT NECESSARILY BE REIMBURSED IF IT CAN THAT'S GREAT BUT I THINK SENATOR HOPEFULLY YOU WOULD AGREE AND MY COLLEAGUES WHO'VE BEEN OUT THERE IN THE FIELD WILL AGREE THAT THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH TWISTING AND TURNING AND AND WAITING TRYING TO GET THIS TO OUR RECOVERY EFFORTS TO FIT INTO REIMBURSABLE CHUNKS AND I JUST DON'T WANT FOOD TO BE ONE OF THOSE THINGS SO OF COURSE WE'VE GOT ALL WAYS TO DISTRIBUTE WE'VE GOT 50 MILLION OUT THERE THAT THE GOVERNOR CAN USE AND GET REIMBURSEMENT TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD PEOPLE ARE STILL HUNGRY SO THAT'S THE POINT IT'S LIKE I WANT A WAY FOR THE FOOD TO GET OUT THERE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER WE GET REIMBURSED FOR IT WE WERE ALREADY WILLING TO PART WITH THIS MONEY WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT FOR FOOD AND I I SO IF THEY CAN GET REIMBURSED OF COURSE YES BUT NO I'M NOT PUTTING ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS ON THEM EXCEPT WHAT THEY'RE YOU KNOW ALREADY REQUIRED TO DO BY LAW TO ACCOUNT FOR IT BUT BECAUSE THAT FOR ME IS THE URGENCY OF THE SITUATION THAT WE HAVE SEEN IS THAT WE CANNOT WAIT AND WE CANNOT RELY SOLELY ON THE RED CROSS WHO IS DOING A GREAT JOB DELIVERING SOME HOT MEALS BUT IT'S IF YOU WERE WAITING FOR A HOT MEAL I MEAN I HATE TO SAY THIS BUT I'M YOU KNOW EVEN IN SOME OF THE OKAY I'M JUST GOING TO BE HONEST BUT WHEN YOU GO OUT THERE THEY'RE WAITING FOR THEIR HOT MEALS AND AND IF YOU'RE HUNGRY AND YOU'RE WAITING AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHETHER THEY'RE GONNA HIT YOUR HOUSE THAT DAY OR NOT THAT'S NOT A RELIABLE SOURCE OF FOOD IT'S IT'S ANTAGONIZING IT'S IT'S AGONIZING NOT ANTAGONIZING AGONIZING AND AND I'VE SEEN THIS I'VE SEEN PEOPLE LIKE BEG IT'S AMERICAN RED CROSS MAYOR IS THE AMERICAN RED CROSS GOING TO COME BY MY HOUSE TODAY OR NOT AND IT'S SO YOU KNOW I DON'T WANT OUR PEOPLE TO HAVE TO BEG FOR FOOD THEY NEED FOOD THIS THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT REIMBURSABLE OR NOT IS TO GET THEM THE FOOD SO COLLEAGUES SAY YEAH I THAT'S WHY I SAY IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE IT'S NOT OUR NORMAL RESPONSE BUT I'M SAYING WE ARE NOT IN NORMAL TIMES WHEN FOOD PEOPLE ARE BEGGING FOR FOOD I DON'T WANT THEM TO BEG FOR FOOD EVER LET ALONE NOW ESPECIALLY NOW ESPECIALLY WHILE YOU KNOW WE HAVE THIS MONEY AVAILABLE TO US AND THIS WILL SUPPLEMENT THE ALREADY EXISTING EFFORTS OF OF EVERYBODY ELSE WHOSE EFFORTS MIGHT BE REIMBURSABLE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE WELCOME SPEAKER TERLAJE.

SENATOR LUJAN: YEAH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR LUJAN.

SENATOR LUJAN: YES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR LUJAN: YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO TO THE AUTHOR AS WELL AND NO I I AGREE AND YEAH NO IN REGARDS TO THE HOT MEALS AND AS A MATTER OF FACT BEING IN THE AT THE *TAMUNING* SENIOR CITIZENS CENTERS IS A SENATE FOR ALMOST THREE WEEKS NOW THIS IS THE FIRST ACTUALLY THIS ABOUT 11 O'CLOCK WAS THE FIRST LUNCH HOT MEALS THAT WAS DISTRIBUTED IN *TAMUNING TUMON* AND *HARMON* AND THE NEXT

ONE THIS AFTERNOON THEY SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTING RIGHT NOW AS WE SPEAK ANOTHER 300 SO SINCE BEING THERE AFTER THE STORM THIS IS THE FIRST HOT MEALS THAT AT LEAST THAT THE TAMUNING SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER HAS BEEN DISH THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN OUT THERE WERE CANNED GOODS MRES AND AND WATER AND LAST WEEK WE RAN OUT OF EVERYTHING FOR FOR TWO DAYS BUT LIKEWISE MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW IT'S IT'S CONFUSING WE PASSED THE BILL IN REGARDS TO 50 MILLION DOLLARS AND WE'RE AND THE SPEAKER AND I AS WELL SO MY STAFF WE WERE AND AND THE VICE MAYOR WERE UP AT THE SHELTER A FEW DAYS AGO AND I WAS WONDERING WITH ONE OF THE THE THE THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORS AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ABOUT HOUSING OF THE THESE SHELTERS I MEAN THESE DECREPIT SITUATION THEY'RE THEY'RE IN I'M HOPING THEY'LL BE MOVED OUT BUT WE WE'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT RED CROSS IS TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO'S IN CHARGE FEMA'S TRYING TO FIND WE'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT FEMA'S CALLING US RED CROSS IS CALLING US US TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON AND WE GO WHO'S IN CHARGE AND WHEN WE TRY TO FIND OUT FROM THE INFORMATION SHOULDN'T THEY SAY OH IT'S ALL RED CROSS IT'S RED CROSS IT'S RED CROSS IT'S RED CROSS RED CROSS SAYING THEY GIVE US A FEW PLACES WE GET OKAY THIS ONE BECAUSE IT'S THE BIGGEST ONE BUT THEN YOU KNOW AFTER THAT IT'S WASHING THEIR HANDS SO IT IS RIGHT I MEAN WE THIS LEGISLATURE WE NEED TO COME IN REAL SOON GET THE THE PUBLIC AUDITOR TO AUDIT WHERE THESE MONIES ARE ARE GOING THROUGH BECAUSE RIGHT NOW AT THIS POINT WE DON'T KNOW EVEN WHO'S IN CHARGE OF WHAT I MEAN AS A FORMER LEADER SAY *LECHE* WE'RE IN THE STATE OF THE CHAOS YOU KNOW I MEAN SO THAT I MEAN IT'S REALLY YEAH I MEAN WELL WAIT A MINUTE WE HAD 50 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THIS AND THAT NO NO IT'S NOT IT NO THIS IS BEING PAID IT'S IT'S ALL RED CROSS THE RED CROSS I SAID WOW YOU KNOW PANDEMIC THE ALL RULING ADMINISTRATION NOW *TÁYA'* POWER I GUESS WITH OMAR CAME ALSO THE GREEN KRYPTONITE BECAUSE NOW THEY'RE POWERLESS ANYWAY I WANT TO THANK THE THE AUTHOR FOR CLARIFYING OR ANSWERING FROM SOME OF MY QUESTIONS BUT NO ABSOLUTELY I I SUPPORT THE MEASURE BEING OUT THERE AGAIN WITH THE FOLKS AND AS PREVIOUS SPEAKERS SAYING YOU KNOW THIS THIS STORM AND AND ACTUALLY I THINK IT'S DOUBLE FROM WHAT WE HAVE GONE THROUGH FROM THE PANDEMIC ON TO TO MAWAR IT'S SUCH AN EQUALIZER WE GET THE GUAM BOMBS WE GET THE LEXUSES WE GET THE MERCEDES ALL ON THE SAME LINE ASKING FOR THE SAME THING AND THERE IS NOT ONE CAR THERE'S NOT ONE CAR MADAM SPEAKER THAT YOU LOOK IN THAT THERE'S PILLOWS AND BLANKETS ARE ALL OVER BECAUSE QUITE A FEW AND THEN 90 OR 95 PERCENT OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE SLEEPING IN THEIR CARS THAT BEING SAID AGAIN THANK YOU AGAIN FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR LUJAN IS ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR SAN NICOLAS I RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW YES YESTERDAY WAS FATHER'S DAY AND YOU KNOW ALL THROUGH THIS RECOVERY I WAS REALLY TRYING MY BEST NOT TO BE CAUGHT HANDING STUFF OUT AND PASSING STUFF SO IT DOESN'T LOOK TOO POLITICAL OR ANYTHING I DO NOW BUT MY DAD WOULD ALWAYS SAY *ANGGEN MÁOLEK BIDÁDÁ-MU MUÑGA MAMÁLÃO CHA'MU HINAHALANF SA' SI YU'OS SI YU'OS HU HINE'GUE HÁO* YOU KNOW HE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP YOU TRY TO GIVE IT TO THEM HOW YOU CAN WHEN YOU CAN YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AND *MUÑGA MAMÁLÃO* WE NEED TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO GET THIS AID OUT THERE THEN LET'S DO IT SO I DON'T WANT TO TALK TOO LONG BUT I JUST WANTED TO SAY I SUPPORT THE MEASURE AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO DO THE SAME *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SENATOR SAN NICOLAS TO CLOSE ON THE MOTION SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU AGAIN AND AND CAN I JUST TAKE THIS TIME TO REALLY THANK MY COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE GONE OUT THERE INTO THE FIELD AND HELP TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD COMMODITIES TO PEOPLE AND REALLY GONE AND MOVE THOSE TREES THAT ARE BLOCKING THEM AND *MANÁMKO'S* CARS FROM GETTING OUT AND TO ALL OF IN OUR COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY OUR MAYORS OUR FRONTLINERS I'M SO GRATEFUL TO THEM AND LIKE WHEN WE PASSED BILL 50 OR SORRY WE PASSED A BILL FOR THE 50 MILLION IN RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE TYPHOON IT WAS QUITE UPSETTING TO HEAR THE MAYOR BEG OR TO ASK SIX DAYS AFTER THE TYPHOON WHERE'S THE WATER AND SO WHILE WE'VE GONE OUT AND TRIED TO MAKE THESE EFFORTS THIS MONEY'S SITTING HERE THEY'VE GOT PERHAPS YOU KNOW NEW PLANS OF HOW TO DISTRIBUTE IT BUT I SAY LET'S JUST GET IT BACK OUT THERE AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO THE NON-PROFITS THAT HAVE BEEN DOING THIS WORK ALL ALONG AND FOR YOUR BACKGROUND SO THIS ORIGINAL LEGISLATION WAS PASSED IN APRIL 2021 AND GOT TIED UP IN PROCUREMENT SINCE THEN TIED UP IN DELAYS PERHAPS INCOMPETENCE AT SOME POINT I DON'T KNOW BUT I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR STANDING UP AND SAYING YEAH IF WE CAN GET FOOD OUT BY THIS SMALL MEASURE LET'S DO IT AND THE REASON WHY WE'RE GIVING IT TO PUBLIC HEALTH IS BECAUSE PUBLIC HEALTH IS THE ONE WHO WE HAVE PUT IN CHARGE OF ACTUALLY PROCURING SHELTERS ON ON A DAILY BASIS THEY PROCURE ALL OUR SHELTERS OUR FAMILY

SHELTERS OUR WOMEN'S SHELTERS OUR CHILDREN'S SHELTERS OUR MEN'S SHELTERS AND THEY'VE DONE THAT AND THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO THEIR CALLS THESE ARE THE ACTUAL PEOPLE WHO ARE PUTTING UP THE SHELTERS ON GUAM AND WHO ARE SERVICING ARE HOMELESS ON A DAILY BASIS THE ACTUAL ORGANIZATIONS WHO WE CAN TRUST WE'VE NEVER HEARD OF A SCANDAL OF THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TAKING FOOD MONEY AND BUYING A MERCEDES OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT IN FACT WE'VE ONLY HEARD FOR THEIR CONTINUED CALLS FOR MORE FOOD AND FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT THEY SERVE THE *MANÁMKO'* THOSE WITH DISABILITIES THEY ARE TAKING CARE OF ALL THE PEOPLE LIKE MY COLLEAGUE SAID IN GUAM WHO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS NOT WHERE WE HAVE THESE GAPS WE HAVE CONTRACTED THEM TO DO IT IN SOME CASES AND IN SOME CASES THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE DOING IT ON THEIR OWN AND SO THIS IS JUST TO HELP THEM AND HELP THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LINING UP FOR FOOD WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT CHILDREN I'M VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT CHILDREN BEING HUNGRY SO I AM THAT'S WHY I HAD ORIGINALLY YOU KNOW PUT LANGUAGE IN SPECIFYING CHILDREN BUT I HOPE THEY CAN USE THEIR COMMON SENSE AND I TRUST THAT THESE IN THESE ORGANIZATIONS WILL AND THAT'S WHY I WANT TO GET THIS MONEY TO THEM RIGHT NOW SO SORRY SOMETHING WRONG.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE PROCEED WITH THE MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY THANK YOU AGAIN SO THANKS THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE ON OUR FRONT LINES AND TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THOSE NON-PROFITS WHO ARE RAISING MONEY TO BUILD SHELTERS TO CLEAN UP HOMES AT ZERO DOWN AND OTHER AREAS AND ALL OVER GUAM TO EVERYONE I I HOPE I CAN SHARE THIS I DIDN'T ASK HIM HIS PERMISSION BUT MY BROTHER ON FATHER'S DAY YESTERDAY WAS SHARING WITH US HE WORKED FOR THE ARMY CORPS AND HE SAID THE BIG BOSS HIS BIG BOSS FROM NOT EVEN SURE WHERE BUT HE SAYS THIS GUY'S WAY UP THERE CAME TO GUAM AND SAID HE RESPONDS TO ALL EMERGENCIES AND THAT HE'S NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE GUAM WHERE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY PULLS TOGETHER TO HELP EACH OTHER OUT AND TO CLEAN UP HE SAID THEY YOU KNOW HE'S SEEN PLACES WHERE THEY WAIT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO DO THAT SO I'M JUST SO VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU AND TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE AT GUAM WHO HAVE BEEN DOING THIS SO AGAIN THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO'VE SPOKEN ON THE BILL I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO ADD SOME SPONSORS INCLUDING YOU VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES BY OUR LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY AMANDA SHELTON SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR MINORITY LEADER FRANK BLAS SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT AND SENATOR WILL PARKINSON SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS AND THEN SENATOR TOM FISHER AND SENATOR JESSE LUJAN AND I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR HIS WORK AND ALL OF THE SENATORS WHO'VE REALLY BEEN OUT THERE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I MOVE PLACE BILL 137-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING YOUR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SPEAKER TERLAJE I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU ON THE NEXT BILL ONE ONE 139-37 MADAM SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH THIS BILL AGAIN DOES NOT IMPACT THE FUNDS OF THE GOVERNMENT IT IT TAKES THAT LAW THAT WE PASSED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON A MOTION MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M SORRY YEAH THIS IS A MOTION SORRY I'D LIKE TO MOVE BILL NUMBER 139-37 COR WHICH IS AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 13 37-17 TO ENSURE THAT *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN* CAN UTILIZE FUNDS FROM THE 50 MILLION DOLLARS GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXPENSES IN RESPONSE TO TYPHOON MAWAR FOR PURPOSES SPECIFIC TO SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO FARMERS FISHERMEN'S CO-OP RECOVERY EFFORTS POWER GENERATION FOR GDOE SCHOOL FACILITIES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SHELTERS AND TEMPORARY HOUSING SUBSIDIES AGAIN THIS I DIDN'T THINK SHOULD BE NECESSARY BUT I'M PUTTING IN LAW BECAUSE IN OUR ORIGINAL LAW WE SAID FOODS WATER SHELTERING HEALTH AND MEDICAL ALL THESE THINGS BUT AGAIN THERE'S BEEN A DELAY AND I WANT IT TO BE CRYSTAL CLEAR I DON'T THINK WE CAN AFFORD ANY MORE DELAYS I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS CLEAR THAT WHAT THE LEGISLATURE INTENDED THAT THESE THINGS WOULD BE COVERED AND WHILE WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR AND ALL OF OUR FRONT LINERS AND THEIR RESPONSE IT IS RECOVERY TO THE TYPHOON *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* OH SORRY SO THE AMENDMENT WOULD THE AMENDMENT I'M ADDING TO THE LAW THAT WE JUST PASSED IN A PRIOR EMERGENCY SESSION SAYS SPECIFICALLY *I MAGA'HĀGA* IS AUTHORIZED TO UTILIZE HIS APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO FARMERS ANY FISHERMAN'S CO-OP RECOVERY EFFORTS THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF POWER GENERATORS FOR GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL FACILITIES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SHELTERS AND TEMPORARY HOUSING SUBSIDIES AND AS MY

COLLEAGUES HAVE POINTED OUT THIS THESE FUNDS THAT WE APPROPRIATED WE TOLD THEM FIRST AND FOREMOST TRY TO GET REIMBURSEMENT WE ALSO TOLD THEM AND I WHENEVER I SPEAK TO GOVERNOR I TELL HER IF WE HAVE TO DO IT WITHOUT GETTING REIMBURSEMENT THEN WE HAVE TO DO IT BUT SOME OF THESE THINGS HAVE TO GET DONE BUT HOPEFULLY THESE ALL SEEM TO FALL IN LINE WITH WHAT WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS AND AMERICAN RED CROSS ARE ALSO HELPING US WITH SO AGAIN THANKS TO THEM AND ALL THEIR WORK AND TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM I HOPE THAT WE CAN JUST SPECIFY THESE NEEDS AND GET THIS DONE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF BILL 139 37 AS WELL AS THE OTHER MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD CERTAINLY THERE'S A LOT OF NEED OUT THERE MADAM SPEAKER IN THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ACTUALLY IN THE MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS I PASSED A MEASURE THAT GAVE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FISHERMAN'S CO-OP ON THE BASIS AND AT THE TIME THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION BACK AND FORTH ON WHETHER AN AUTHORIZATION WAS SUFFICIENT I BELIEVED IT WAS IT'S KIND OF INTERESTING BECAUSE THE 50 MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE PASSED EARLIER IN A PRIOR BILL WAS EXACTLY THE SAME LANGUAGE AN AUTHORIZATION BUT I WANTED TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK THE PRESIDENT OF THE FISHERMAN'S CO-OP MANNY DUEÑAS WHO HAS ALREADY THROUGH MY OFFICE EMAILED THE DIRECTOR OF BBMR A VERY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS MADAM CHAIR ONE OF THE MAJOR ITEMS THAT THAT ADDRESSES IS THE ISSUE OF FUEL PROVIDING FUEL FOR THE FISHERMEN SO THAT THEY CAN GO OUT AND FISH AND WE TALK ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE NEEDING FOOD ABSOLUTELY AND THESE FISHERMEN PARTICULARLY JUST THE LITTLE GUYS THEY PROVIDE A LOT OF MUCH NEEDED FOOD FOR THEIR FAMILIES IN THE WAY OF SELLING THEIR FISH BUT ALSO GIVING AWAY A LOT OF THE FISH AS WELL TO THEIR FAMILIES FRIENDS AND OTHERS WHO NEED AND SO ONE OF THE MAJOR THINGS THAT WILL BE DONE IS THEY'VE I BELIEVE COMPLETED ALL THE REPAIRS AND I BELIEVE THEY'RE SIGNED OFF AND CERTIFIED ON THE ABILITY TO START ALLOWING FOR FISH THAT ARE EXCUSE ME FUEL THAT SOLD AT THE DOCK THERE FOR THE FISHERMEN TO BE ABLE TO GO OUT AND FISH AND AS WELL IT WILL ENSURE THAT THEY CAN OPEN IN JULY IN THEIR TEMPORARY FACILITY ONCE AGAIN IT'S A VERY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THEY'VE PUT FORWARD EVERY DAY THE FOUR AND FIVE PEOPLE THAT MANNY HAS LEFT OVER THERE WORKING ARE SECURING EVERYTHING THAT CAN SECURE GETTING THE TEMPORARY FACILITY SET UP AND READY TO GO I I PERSONALLY DON'T THINK YOU KNOW THIS WOULD BE NECESSARY BUT HEY I'M GLAD IT'S HERE JUST TO REALLY PUT MORE TEETH BEHIND THE FACT THAT THAT APPROPRIATION WAS ALREADY THERE AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE YOU KNOW WHO'S TRYING TO HELP IN ANY WAY THEY CAN TO GET THE FISHERMAN'S CO-OP BACK UP AND RUNNING AND I ALSO ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK EVERYONE THAT'S BEEN DOING EVERYTHING THAT THEY CAN WITHIN THIS BODY AND ALL OF OUR TEAMS THAT HAVE BEEN OUT THERE TRYING TO HELP AS WELL SO I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THIS MEASURE FOR ALL OF ITS REASONS BUT IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE LIKE I SAID THE ORGANIZATION WAS NOT JUST ASKING FOR A BLANK CHECK THEY HAVE VERY DETAILED OPERATIONAL ISSUES THAT THEY'RE MOVING FORWARD TO GET THE FISHERMEN BACK OUT THERE FISHING AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR FAMILIES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT SPEAKER TERLAJE SENATOR BARNETT I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MA'AM YEAH DEFINITELY SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND JUST A I DON'T WANT TO SAY ANNOYED BUT YOU KNOW PEOPLE WERE TALKING AFTER THE TYPHOON WHAT ARE THE SENATORS DOING WHAT ARE THE SENATORS DOING WHAT ARE THE SENATORS DOING AND YOU KNOW ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS WE DID WAS GO INTO EMERGENCY SESSION AND BASICALLY AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO USE 50 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THIS RECOVERY AND IT'S BEEN SLOW LET'S JUST BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER YOU KNOW IF YOU WANT TO COMPARE IT TO PONGSONA IT WAS A VERY IT WAS A MUCH MORE DEVASTATING STORM DIFFERENT TIME WE WEREN'T AS HARD AS WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN BACK THEN SO THESE COMPARISONS WITH PONGSONA FOR ME ANYWAY A LITTLE BIT APPLES AND ORANGES BUT YOU KNOW FOR ABOUT A DAY OR TWO I FELT LIKE WE DID SOMETHING GOOD AND GIVING THIS 50 MILLION DOLLARS BECAUSE IT'S 50 MILLION DOLLARS BUT THEN WHEN WE STARTED TO GO OUT HERE INTO THE COMMUNITY AND JUST SEE THE SUFFERING THE PAIN THE WAITING THAT OUR PEOPLE WERE DOING AWAITING LINES FOR GAS WAITING IN LINES FOR FOOD FOR WATER GOING ON A SCAVENGER HUNT FOR THE LAST TWO BAGS OF ICE IN *DEDEDO* IT WAS JUST FRUSTRATING BECAUSE THAT'S SIMILAR TO THE SITUATION WITH OUR SCHOOLS MONEY WAS NOT AN ISSUE WE GAVE 50 MILLION DOLLARS ALTHOUGH WE STARTED TO HEAR ABOUT ALL THESE DIFFERENT NEEDS SHELTERS I THINK A LOT OF US HAVE BEEN TO THE SHELTERS I WENT TO A SHELTER MARIA ULLOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND YOU KNOW GOD BLESS THE HARD-WORKING GDOE EMPLOYEES FOR RUNNING THAT SHELTER WITH LITTLE TO

NO RESOURCES YOU KNOW THEY DIDN'T HARDLY HAD RUNNING WATER COULDN'T FLUSH A TOILET PEOPLE WERE SHOWERING IN 55 GALLON TRASH CANS OF WATER AT 10 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING THE SHELTER WAS OVERRUN WITH THE SMELL OF ROTTING GARBAGE BECAUSE ACCORDING TO THE SHELTER MANAGER THEY COULDN'T GET ANYONE TO COME AND PICK UP THE GARBAGE AND THEN WE MOVED THESE PEOPLE OUT OF THE SHELTERS AND I THOUGHT OH WOW IT'S WORKING BUT WHERE DO WE MOVE THEM TO WE MOVED THEM INTO A DUSTY WAREHOUSE IN AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE THAT HAD NO AIRFLOW NO AIRCON AND WE PUT A COUPLE PORTA POTTIES THERE AND WE BLAMED IT ON THE RED CROSS WHEN AT ANY TIME WE COULD HAVE TOLD THE RED CROSS YOU KNOW WHAT GO STAND IN THE CORNER AND FACE THE WALL FOR THE WAY YOU'RE TREATING OUR PEOPLE ANYTIME WE HEARD LAST WEEK THE GOVERNOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR COME OUT AND SAY OH WE'RE NOT INVOLVED WITH THE SHELTERS AND THEN THE NEXT DAY HE SAID OKAY WE'RE GOING TO SAVE THE DAY WE'RE STILL WAITING BECAUSE WE GAVE YOU 50 MILLION DOLLARS AND IN THE 50 MILLION DOLLARS THE BILL SAYS RIGHT HERE FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXPENSES IN RESPONSE TO TYPHOON MAWAR INCLUDED BUT NOT LIMITED TO EXPENSES RELATED TO SAFETY SECURITY FOOD WE JUST GOT DONE TALKING ABOUT A BILL TO GIVE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR FOOD WATER AND SHELTERING IT'S ALL RIGHT THERE YEAH WE SIT ON OUR *DÁGGAN* AND WE POINT FINGERS AT THE RED CROSS WHEN NOTHING IS STOPPING US MONEY IS NOT AN ISSUE AND OUR PEOPLE DESERVE BETTER BUT MAYBE THEY DON'T BECAUSE THEY'RE POOR OR MAYBE THEY DON'T BECAUSE THEY CAN'T VOTE SO YEAH I TAKE IT BACK IT'S NOT A LITTLE BIT IRRITATING IT PISSES ME OFF THAT WE AS A BODY COME INTO THIS EMERGENCY SESSION *TÁYA'* POWER *TÁYA'* WATER AND WE UNLOCK THE BANK AND WE SAY HERE'S 50 MILLION DOLLARS HELP OUR PEOPLE *PUT FABOT* PEOPLE ARE SAYING THEY'RE HUNGRY THEY'RE SAYING IT'S SLOW I'LL TELL YOU WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS RIGHT AND SO YES I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE BUT I JUST DON'T KNOW WHY WE HAVE TO DO THINGS TO HELP OUR PEOPLE AND THEN WE HAVE TO GO BACK AND HOLD OUR HIGHEST ELECTED LEADERS HANDS AND SHOW THEM WHERE THE NEED IS IF YOU GO AROUND THIS ISLAND YOU WILL SEE WHERE THE NEED IS AND YOU WON'T NEED 15 SENATORS TO TELL YOU HOW TO SPEND 50 MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP OUR PEOPLE.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO SPOKE ON THE BILL AGAIN IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT HOPING NOT NECESSARY MAY BE A LITTLE REDUNDANT YES HOWEVER I WANT IT TO BE CRYSTAL CLEAR THIS IS THE INTENTION OF THE LEGISLATURE THERE IS NO INTENTION THAT WE ARE GOING TO STRICTLY RELY ON FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SOME OF THESE THINGS IF THAT FUNDING IS GOING TO BE SLOW AND IT'S GOING TO PUT PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND SAFETY IN JEOPARDY AND THE REASON I DID THIS BILL IS BECAUSE OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AS SENATOR LUJAN POINTED OUT IN THE SHELTERS YOU KNOW I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL THE ASSISTANTS BECAUSE GDOE DID AN AWESOME JOB BUT THEY WERE REALLY WORKING HARD WHILE THEY WERE DOUBLE DUTY TRYING TO PREPARE THEIR SCHOOLS FOR THE OPENING AND WE PUT A LOT OF PRESSURE ON THEM FOR THAT THE RED CROSS IS WORKING VERY HARD THEIR MODEL IS CONGREGATE SHELTERING SO WE'VE LEARNED BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE INSTANCES IN THE SHELTER FOR EXAMPLE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE WHILE THEY HAVE PROTOCOL TO DEAL WITH THAT WE AS A COMMUNITY CAN ALSO DEAL WITH THAT AND WE CAN PUT THEM INTO SHELTER AS NECESSARY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IN ALL THESE SITUATIONS THAT YOU KNOW WHERE MONEY WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO TAKE CARE OF THE TRANSITION FROM THE FISHERMAN'S CO-OP TO ITS TEMPORARY FACILITY WHILE WE USE BOND MONEY TO REBUILD THE CO-OP I WAS TOLD THE MONEY WHO DIDN'T GET THERE SO I JUST I DON'T WANT THESE PEOPLE AGAIN THEY'RE THEY'VE GOT LOTS OF LIVES IN THEIR HANDS FARMERS WE DON'T WANT ANY DELAYS IF I WANT IT VERY CLEAR THERE'S 50 MILLION IF YOU FIND IT THAT THE FARMERS LOST CROPS WE'VE ALREADY GOT IN LAW LOSS CROP STATUTES THEN BY ALL MEANS COMPENSATE THEM WE'RE IN A FOOD CRISIS IT SEEMS CAN'T GET THE FOOD OUT THERE TO THE PEOPLE THAT NEED IT WE ARE VERY RELIANT AT THIS POINT BECAUSE OF THE LOSS DURING THE TYPHOON ON ON IMPORTING FOOD ALL OF IT I PUT POWER GENERATORS FOR DOE BECAUSE ALTHOUGH DOE IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF ALL OF THEIR OWN NEEDS WE WERE USING THEM AS SHELTERS AND SOME OF THEM IT THEY CLOSED THE SHELTERS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORM CATEGORY I MEAN TYPHOON CONDITION ONE BECAUSE OF GENERATORS NOT WORKING GENERATORS NOT IN PLACE AND OTHER COMPLICATIONS BUT THAT WAS THE ONE I HEARD AND SO I'M SO GRATEFUL TO FEMA FOR THEIR 100 GENERATORS I STILL HAVE ASKED FOR A LIST OF WHERE THE 100 HAVE BEEN PLACED AROUND GUAM AND I'M GRATEFUL THAT THEY HAD THAT CAPABILITY IT'S VERY SCARY THAT WE ON OUR OWN DID NOT IT WAS THOSE GENERATORS THAT POWERED UP OUR WATER WELLS SOME OF THEM 10 THEY SAID I THINK THEY'VE ALSO PUT SOME IN OTHER CRITICAL AREAS EVEN OUR HOSPITAL ALL THESE AREAS IN GREAT NEED I DON'T THINK THE NEED HAS ENDED I DON'T THINK I'M JUST TRYING TO URGE AGAIN BY THIS MEASURE THAT WE MOVE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE THAT WE NOT THAT WHERE IF IT'S WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LIVING CONDITIONS AND FOOD AND SHELTERING THAT REIMBURSEMENT OR NOT WE GO FOR THAT WHERE WE CAN BEFORE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WE CAN YOU

KNOW WE I JUST I KNOW THAT WE CAN DO THIS WE HAVE SEEN THIS DONE IN OTHER STORMS THE MAYORS KNOW HOW TO DO IT THEY'RE STILL ASKING FOR RESOURCES THEY SAY THEY ASK OVER AND OVER SOME OF THEM AND THEY GET RESOURCES YES BUT IT'S JUST THAT DELAY THAT I'M ASKING TO REFOCUS AND AND AVOID IF POSSIBLE SO THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THAT WE AMEND OUR PREVIOUS LAW IN THIS SMALL WAY HOPING THAT THAT WILL GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU AGAIN TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR PATIENCE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE MADAM SPEAKER SORRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 139-37 ON THE I'M SORRY MAY I MAKE SOME AMENDMENTS CAN I ADD THOSE WHO SPOKE ON THE BILL IN THE ORDER THAT THEY SPOKE AND ALSO YOU VICE SPEAKER AS CO-SPONSORS OF THE BILL AND I.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I LIKE TO MOVE BILL NUMBER 139-37 COR AS AMEND IT ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES I'M GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS.

RECESS

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE SORRY WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE STILL ON SECOND READING WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 134-37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO WAIVE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REQUIREMENT FOR BILL 134-37 COR I FEEL IT WOULD BE REDUNDANT AS WE HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN WITH BBMR AND WE KNOW THERE IS 11 MILLION DOLLAR IN THE RAINY DAY FUND AND I'M ONLY ASKING FOR TWO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO WAIVE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR BILL NUMBER 134-37 COR ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION IS THERE AN OBJECTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OKAY YEAH THERE'S AN OBJECTION SO ON THE MOTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU SUPPORT THE MOTION TO WAIVE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BILL NUMBER 134-37 MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR PARKINSON: MADAM CHAIR I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO MOVE BILL NUMBER 134-37 TO THE SECOND READING FILE FOR DISCUSSION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: ALRIGHTY SO BILL NUMBER 134-37 IS AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND TO FARMERS FOR CROP DAMAGES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 64A TITLE V OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED SO THE WAY THIS PROCESS IS SUPPOSED TO WORK AS THE LAW WAS WRITTEN BY THE LATE SENATOR BEN PANGELINAN IS THAT WHEN A DISASTER HAPPENS DEPARTMENT OF AG IS SUPPOSED TO GO OUT THERE AND GET SIGN UPS FOR DISASTER RELIEF AND BASED ON THE SIGN UPS FOR DISASTER RELIEF 15 DAYS IS SUPPOSED TO TRANSMIT A REQUEST TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR FARM ASSISTANCE AND TWO MILLION DOLLARS IS WHAT WE WILL NEED TO HELP THESE FARMERS RECOVER WE COULD TAKE THIS MONEY POTENTIALLY FROM THE 50 MILLION DOLLARS WE AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO DO AND TRANSFER AUTHORITY BUT I WOULD RATHER NOT DO THAT BECAUSE EVEN IF WE WERE TO GO THAT ROUTE WE WOULD TAKE THAT TWO MILLION DOLLARS SOME WAY SOMEWHERE AWAY FROM THE GENERAL FUND SOMEWHERE ELSE AT LEAST FROM THIS ONE WE HAVE AN IDENTIFIED FUNDING SOURCE THE RAINY DAY FUND AND IT'S ALREADY HERE AND READY TO GO THIS IS WHAT IT'S FOR IT IS FOR A LITERAL RAINY DAY TO HELP THESE FARMERS RECOVER AS FAR AS THE FARMER RECOVERY GOES THE WAY THE FARMER PROGRAM WORKS IS IT WORKS IN THREE PHASES THE FIRST PHASE IS THEY HELP OUT THESE CERTIFIED BONA FIDE COMMERCIAL FARMERS AND THEN THE SECOND PHASE IS BONA FIDE SUBSISTENCE FARMERS AND THEN AFTER THAT IS FOR ANYBODY ELSE WHO IS A FARMER THAT IS NOT ONE OF THE FIRST TWO DESIGNATIONS THAT AND THEN THE ORDER THEY SIGN UP FOR SO THIS ISN'T JUST FOR THE BONA FIDE FARMERS THIS AMOUNT COULD POTENTIALLY HELP ALSO THOSE WHO ARE UNREGISTERED AND FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS NOT ONLY ARE WE REQUIRED TO DO THIS BY LAW I THINK WE ARE REQUIRED TO DO THIS AS A MORAL OBLIGATION TO OUR PEOPLE THESE PEOPLE NEED OUR HELP AND THERE'S ANYONE WHO'S EVER DONE ANY SORT

OF FARMING CAN KNOW BY STATUTE THE MOST ANY SINGLE FARMER COULD COLLECT IS TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THAT WAS IN 1997 MONEY SO FOR I I WOULD ALMOST CONSIDER LOOKING IF WE COULD RAISE THAT AMOUNT BUT IF WE CAN'T IN THE MEANTIME I WOULD BE JUST HAPPY WITH THEM GETTING THIS TWO MILLION DOLLARS AS A STARTING POINT WE HAVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT GIVING FOOD ASSISTANCE IN THE TUNE OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO PEOPLE IN GENERAL BUT WE GOT TO REMEMBER THE FOOD PRODUCERS THEMSELVES I'VE BEEN SENT PICTURES OF PEOPLE IN THEIR CHICKEN FARMS AND THEIR CO-OPS AND THEIR FARMS AND THE DEVASTATION IS REAL 90 PLUS PERCENT OF THESE FARMERS HAVE LOST THEIR CROPS AND IN THE PAST WHEN WE'VE DONE THIS TO OUR SHAME IT HAS TAKEN US A LONG TIME TO GET THESE PEOPLE PAID OUT AND MADE WHOLE AGAIN TO BEGIN THEIR RECOVERY AND SO THAT'S WHY I WAS VERY ADAMANT ABOUT GETTING THIS ON THE EMERGENCY SESSION BECAUSE WE WANT TO BEGIN THIS PROCESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO PEOPLE CAN START BEING MADE WHOLE NOW I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT SUPPORT ME IN THIS APPROPRIATION OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP FUND THE CROP LOSS COMPENSATION PROGRAM THESE FARMERS ARE WAITING FOR RELIEF AND WE NEED TO PROVIDE IT TO THEM AND WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE BILL 134-37 VICE SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AND THEN SENATOR BROWN.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PROMISE MADAM SPEAKER I'LL KEEP IT SHORT I JUST WANT TO SAY A RISE IN SUPPORT OF BILL NUMBER 134-37 AS SPONSORED BY THE GOOD SENATOR GIVING THE FUNDING FOR THIS MEASURE TO THE FARMERS FOR THE DAMAGES AND THE PROGRAM THAT'S BEEN ALREADY ESTABLISHED IT'S IN STATUTE I WANT TO SAY EVEN TAKING THE 2 MILLION FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND IS LITERALLY WHY THE RAINY DAY FUND WAS WAS INITIATED TO BEGIN WITH IS MAKING SURE THAT IF THERE WAS A NEED FOR OUR COMMUNITY THAT THAT THIS THAT THIS KIND OF FUNDING COULD SUPPORT EFFORTS LIKE THAT SO IN THAT EFFORT WITH THAT EFFORT I WANT TO SAY THAT I STAND AND RISE IN FULL SUPPORT FOR THIS BECAUSE IT WILL TRULY HELP THE CROP LOSS FUNDING COMPENSATION PROGRAM THAT ALREADY EXISTS AND OUR FARMERS MADAM SPEAKER TRULY NEEDED IF YOU'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY MADAM SPEAKER LIKE A LOT OF US HAVE IN THIS IN THIS AUGUST BODY TO HELP OUR RESIDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY FROM THIS DEVASTATING TYPHOON SOME WOULD SAY IT'S A CATEGORY FOUR I I MUST DISAGREE BECAUSE I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT IT WAS MUCH STRONGER THAN THAT AND JUST BEING ABLE TO GO AROUND THE DIFFERENT VILLAGES AROUND THE ISLAND AND SHARING OUR ASSISTANCE THERE WERE A LOT OF FARMERS THAT LOST A LOT A LOT OF THEM ARE ARE ARE JUST TRYING TO GET BACK TO SOME KIND OF NORMALCY AND THIS COULD PROBABLY GO A LONG WAY FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY USUALLY DON'T ASK FOR MUCH AND WHEN WE LOOK AT THE THE NEED FOR OUR CROPS AND AND TO SUPPORT OUR FARMERS AND AS FAR AS FOOD SUSTAINABILITY AND AND MAKING SURE THAT THAT FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN IS IN ORDER THIS IS ONE WAY THAT THIS AUGUST BODY CAN SUPPORT THOSE EFFORTS SO I WANT TO THANK THE GOOD AUTHOR FOR FOR INTRODUCING THIS LEGISLATION AND I HOPE THAT I CAN ALSO SUPPORT I WILL SUPPORT BUT BE A PART OF THE CO-SPONSORSHIP *SAINA MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SAINA MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BROWN ON THE BILL.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WANTED TO ASK THE SPONSOR WITH REGARDS TO THIS APPROPRIATION WHAT EFFORTS HAS HE REVIEWED WITH THE FARM SERVICES AGENCY WHICH IS A FEDERAL ENTITY ON GUAM THAT EXISTS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES I'M SORRY SENATOR BROWN SORRY COULD AUDIO JUST RAISE THE VOLUME OR OR SOMETHING IT'S HARD TO HEAR THANK YOU PLEASE PROCEED SENATOR BROWN WE CAN HEART IT'S HARD TO HEAR TODAY YEAH THANK YOU PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR BROWN: I'VE NEVER BEEN ACCUSED OF HAVING DIFFICULTY IN SPEAKING BUT I WILL TRY AGAIN I WANTED TO ASK IF THE SPONSOR WOULD YIELD WITH REGARDS TO THIS PARTICULAR BILL AND INQUIRE WHAT AWARENESS DOES HE HAVE OF THE EFFORTS BY THE FARM SERVICES AGENCY WHICH IS A FEDERAL ENTITY THAT EXISTS FULL-TIME ON GUAM HAS A LOCAL STAFF THAT ACTUALLY WORKS FULL-TIME WITH ADDRESSING COMPENSATION TO FARMERS IN TIMES OF NEEDS SUCH AS THIS TYPHOON WITH REGARDS TO CROP DAMAGE AND COMPENSATION TO OUR FARMERS WHICH AGAIN IS PAID FOR BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: AS FAR AS FEDERAL CROP LOSS PROGRAMS THEY ARE SEPARATE FROM WHATEVER WE ARE DOING HERE LOCALLY A LOT OF THE A LOT OF THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS REQUIRE A LOT OF DOCUMENTATION THAT MAYBE SOME OF OUR FARMERS LOCALLY DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE THEMSELVES AND SO THIS CROP LOSS COMPENSATION PROGRAM I BELIEVE AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY INSTITUTED WAS PUT IN TO HELP CATCH THOSE GAPS THAT THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS DIDN'T CATCH THEMSELVES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR BROWN.

SENATOR BROWN: MADAM SPEAKER THERE'S NO ONE HERE THAT DOESN'T WANT TO HELP OUR PEOPLE I MEAN NONE OF US ARE REMOVED FROM THE REALITIES OF WHAT HAVE HAP WHAT HAS HAPPENED FROM THIS PARTICULAR TYPHOON AND MANY OF US WHO HAVE BEEN HERE I WAS NOT HERE FOR KAREN I KNOW OUR PARENTS AND ALL THE OLDER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY OFTEN TALK OF KAREN IN THEIR EXPERIENCE BUT EVERYTHING SINCE THEN I'VE EXPERIENCED I THINK MANY OF US HAVE I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE HERE THAT CARES MORE ANY LESS FOR THE CHALLENGES THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING AND I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH FARMERS AND THE FARM SERVICES AGENCY AND I I DON'T KNOW IF THE SPONSOR IS AS AWARE I'M NOT AWARE FROM HIS RESPONSE THAT HE IS AS AWARE OF THIS PROGRAM BUT ACTUALLY BONA FIDE FARMERS ON GUAM ACTUALLY ARE REGISTERED WITH THIS FEDERAL PROGRAM ARE FULLY AWARE OF IT THE WHOLE INTENT OF ONE OF THEIR MAJOR MISSIONS IS TO ASSIST DURING THESE SPECIFIC I'M SORRY THAT YOU CAN'T HEAR I CAN'T ASSIST YOU WITH THAT UNLESS YOU WANT AUDIO TO TAKE A BREAK HERE AND AND ADDRESS MY COMMENTS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S BETTER THAT'S BETTER NOW JUST LIFT IT UP.

SENATOR BROWN: I HAVE NO ABILITY TO CONTROL THE MICROPHONE FROM WHERE I'M STANDING BUT I THINK WE ALSO NEED TO LOOK AT THESE FEDERAL PROGRAMS BECAUSE MY DEAR COLLEAGUES IF WE'RE IF WE'RE TALKING NOW AND WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT MAYBE THIS IS ONLY ONE OF A NUMBER OF OTHER TYPHOONS THAT WE'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY DOLLAR THAT'S BEING SPENT IS IS ACTUALLY GETTING OUT TO THE PEOPLE THAT REALLY NEED IT THE SAD REALITY IS THAT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ABUSE UNFORTUNATELY EXISTS AND THAT'S WHERE THE CONCERN IS IS MAKING SURE THAT THOSE THAT ACTUALLY ARE FARMERS OUT THERE ARE PROPERLY COMPENSATED THAT THEY'RE REGISTERED THAT THE PUBLIC'S MONEY THE PEOPLE'S MONEY IS GOING WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO AND I THINK WHEN WE JUST JUMP IN WITHOUT LOOKING AT THESE ISSUES CAREFULLY WITHOUT GETTING PROPER FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS IN THIS BODY TODAY CHOOSE TO WAIVE THAT AND DETERMINE THAT TODAY THIS IS AN EMERGENCY THAT WE'RE NOT BEING RESPONSIBLE WITH THE EXPENDITURES OF THE PEOPLE'S MONEY WE CAN STILL ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECTIVE OF ENSURING THAT OUR PEOPLE THAT NEED IT GET THE MONEY THOSE THAT ARE LEGITIMATELY PERFORMING AND MAKING A LIVING OR HAVING SUBSISTENCE FARMING TO RECEIVE THIS BENEFIT BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY WE'RE JUST SIMPLY THINKING THAT EVERYTHING WE'RE GOING TO DO IS THROWING MONEY AT IT MAKING SURE OUR NAMES ARE AT THE TOP OF THESE BILLS SO THAT WE CAN GET ALL THE CREDIT MY DEAR PEOPLE AT GUAM MAKE SURE WE GET THE CREDIT THAT OUR NAMES ARE UP HERE IS A PRIORITY AND IN ALL OF THIS WE HAVE NO GUARANTEE OF ENSURING THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE GOING TO PROPERLY GET THE SUPPORT THEY NEED AND THAT THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ABUSE AND THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE MISUSE AND MISSPENDING AND CORRUPTION THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN BECAUSE WE WANT TO REMOVE ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING THAT WE THINK IS GOING TO REQUIRE ANY STANDARD WE SPEND ALL THIS TIME PUTTING REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS IN PLACE AND ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO BE A BONA FIDE FARMER APPROVE THAT YOU ARE BUT WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU MONEY ANYWAY AND WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE MONEY OUT OF THE RAINY DAY FUND BECAUSE WE DETERMINED TODAY WITHOUT FINANCIAL FEEDBACK THAT WE'RE JUST GOING TO TAKE IT LET'S NOT KID OURSELVES COLLEAGUES WHEN WE WERE IN HERE A FEW WEEKS AGO UNLESS YOU HEARD DIFFERENTLY FROM BBMR THAN WHAT I HEARD MAYBE I GOT TO GO BACK AND REPEAT THE SESSION AND REVIEW IT BUT I NEVER GOT THE IMPRESSION FROM BBMR IN ANY WAY SHAPE OR FORM THAT THERE WAS 50 MILLION DOLLARS TO BEGIN WITH DID YOU HEAR THAT DID BBMR COME AND SAY THEY HAD 50 MILLION DOLLARS THAT THEY BUT WE WERE APPROPRIATING THE TITLE AND LOOK GOOD ON PAPER BUT THAT WAS NOT THE REALITY AT LEAST ACCORDING TO THEM UNLESS THE ADMINISTRATION IS GOING TO COME BACK AND SAY OH WE DEFINITELY HAVE THE 50 MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE'RE NOT I HEARD THEM SAYING WE WERE IN DEFICIT SPENDING DID YOU NOT HEAR THAT OR MAYBE I YOU KNOW WAS DIDN'T COMPREHEND MAYBE I JUST DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WE SHOULD GET AN ACADEMY AWARD WE REALLY SHOULD WE JUST NEED TO GET DRESSED UP FOR THE OCCASION I JUST THINK IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE AND MY CONCERN AND IT'S NOT BECAUSE I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE FARMERS OF GUAM I'VE WORKED WITH THE FARMERS OF GUAM THAT'S WHY I KNOW ABOUT FSA THAT'S WHY I KNOW ABOUT NRCS AND THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE ADMINISTERED OUT THERE THAT BENEFIT OUR FARMERS ON A REGULAR BASIS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROGRAMS FSA WANTS MORE APPLICANTS SO I THINK WE NEED TO BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL TO LOOK ARE WE DUPLICATING IN SOME EFFORTS BECAUSE I WOULDN'T WANT SOMEONE TO GET COMPENSATED FROM FSA AND THEN AT THE SAME TIME THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS COMPENSATING FOR THE SAME CROPS HOW ARE WE VERIFYING THAT THAT'S THE CONCERN WITH ALL OF THIS AND WHEN WE JUST WANT TO HOP SKIP AND JUMP AND NOT EVEN HAVE THE FISCAL PEOPLE COME DOWN HERE AND SHOW THE PEOPLE THE REAL REALITY WE CAN PRETEND THAT WE'RE HELPING THE PEOPLE OF GUAM BUT REALLY WHEN YOU GET OUT THERE WHERE'S THE

ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE END OF THE DAY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE THE FOOD AND THE RESOURCES AND THE FUNDING TO HELP OUR FISHERMEN AND OUR FARMERS ARE ACTUALLY GETTING OUT THERE AND THEY'RE ACTUALLY RECEIVING THESE BENEFITS AND WHAT'S THE MECHANISM TO MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENS BUT NO WE DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT THAT'S TOO MUCH WORK NO WE DON'T WANT TO SPEND ANOTHER MINUTE HERE THAN WE HAVE TO OF COURSE WHY WOULD WE WANT TO DO THAT COLLEAGUES I DON'T MIND THE GOOD EFFORTS AND THE CARING I HATE THE HYPOCRISY THAT'S WHAT BOTHERS ME WHEN I SEE THIS MY DEAR PEOPLE OF GUAM WE ALL KNOW OUR PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING WE DON'T NEED TO GO OUT FAR TO SEE THAT WE HAVE IT IN OUR OWN HOMES AND OUR OWN FAMILIES I JUST THINK WE NEED TO BE A LITTLE MORE RESPONSIBLE WITH HOW WE SPEND PUBLIC MONEY YOU CALLED US IN FOR ONE THING AND MY GOODNESS WE JUST HAD OH IT'S ALL BEING THROWN ON OUR DESKS WE HAVE ALL THESE OTHER EMERGENCIES AND YET WE CANNOT TAKE THE TIME TO ENSURE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND HOW THESE PROGRAMS ARE GOING TO BE ADMINISTERED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MONEY GOES WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO SO THAT'S MY RESERVATION AND I'M SORRY IN ASKING THE QUESTION I DON'T THINK THE SPONSOR ADEQUATELY AT LEAST IN MY VIEW PROVIDED A GOOD EXPLANATION WITH REGARDS TO HIS AWARENESS OF FSA BECAUSE THIS IS NOT A FLY-BY-NIGHT DRIVE INTO GUAM FOR THE STORM AND THEN DRIVE OUT THEY'RE HERE YEAR ROUND THEY'RE HERE EVERY DAY AND THEY'RE OUR OWN LOCAL PEOPLE THAT ACTUALLY WORK THERE THAT OPERATE FSA AND I THINK WE SHOULD MAXIMIZE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO GET EVERY FEDERAL DIME THAT WE CAN AND I'D RATHER DO THAT IN THOSE AREAS AND USE LOCAL FUNDS THAT ARE DWINDLING AND THAT'S THE CONCERN I HAVE I SEE OUR LOCAL FUNDS DWINDLING I'VE TALKED ABOUT THAT SINCE LAST FISCAL YEAR THE YEAR BEFORE THAT AND NOW HERE WE ARE IN THE THIRD YEAR SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE AND BOY WE JUST YOU KNOW WE ARE JUST WANTING TO APPROPRIATE WITHOUT ENSURING THAT WITHOUT ENSURING THE FUNDS ARE THERE AND WITHOUT ENSURING THAT THE FUNDS ARE GOING TO EFFECTIVELY GET TO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE MOST IN NEED SO I JUST WANT TO RAISE THOSE CONCERNS BECAUSE I THINK THEY'RE VERY VALID CONCERNS THEY'RE NOT AS POPULAR YOU KNOW I CAN'T GO WRITE IN A PRESS RELEASE GEE ISN'T A WONDERFUL THING MY DEAR PEOPLE A GUAM I CARE SO MUCH MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE HERE I'M GONNA CRY BUT AGAIN I JUST THINK WE NEED TO BE MORE UPFRONT AND ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HOW PUBLIC FUNDS ARE BEING SPENT BECAUSE HISTORY HAS SHOWN WE'VE NOT ALWAYS BEEN AS EFFECTIVE WITH REGARDS TO PUBLIC FUNDS AND GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND THE PEOPLE'S MONEY AS WE SHOULD BE WITH THAT I HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENT WITH REGARDS TO THIS BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN SENATOR FISHER AND THEN SENATOR BLAS.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO JUST BEGIN BY CONGRATULATING MY FRIEND FROM CHALLENGE WHO JUST SPOKE FOR BRINGING SOME TRUTH BEFORE US AND SPEAKING TRUTH TO US I WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW UP ON HER COMMENTS AND I WOULD WONDER IF THE SPONSOR WOULD YIELD TO A QUESTION.

SENATOR FISHER: STATE YOUR QUESTION SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: YES THANK YOU TO WHAT EXTENT DID HE CONSIDER FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM WHEN DRAFTING THIS BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COULD YOU PLEASE RESTATE THAT.

SENATOR FISHER: CERTAINLY MA'AM TO WHAT EXTENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN WE GET THE SPONSOR IN THE ROOM PLEASE.

SENATOR LUJAN: DO YOU WANT ME TO GO AHEAD OR WAIT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WAIT.

SENATOR FISHER: MADAM SPEAKER I THINK THE SPONSOR MAY HAVE ABANDONED HIS BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU MAY PROCEED OR IF YOU'D LIKE YOUR QUESTION ANSWERED YOU CAN WAIT FOR HIM IT'S UP TO YOU.

SENATOR FISHER: I'LL GO AHEAD AND I'LL RESTATE THE QUESTION AND IF.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE HE IS.

SENATOR LUJAN: HERE WE GO OKAY OKAY SO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR FISHER YEAH PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION FOR THE SPONSOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY I'LL JUST WAIT TILL HE GETS.

SENATOR FISHER: SHALL I PROCEED MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MY QUESTION IS IF MY FRIEND WILL YIELD TO THE QUESTION THE QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS TO WHAT EXTENT DID HE CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF THE FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM HERE ON GUAM I KNOW IT COVERS ABOUT 86 PERCENT OF THE ACREAGE AND I WAS JUST WONDERING TO WHAT EXTENT HE HAS CONSIDERED THAT IN DRAFTING THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YES I KNOW FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE EXISTS BUT AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED AS MUCH HELP AS WE COULD GET TO SUPPLEMENT THAT FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE THE BETTER THESE PEOPLE NEED SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF HELP AND THIS WILL GO NOT ALL THE WAY BUT IT WILL GO SOME OF THE WAY TOWARDS MAKING THEM WHOLE FOR FOR AS MUCH AS IT IS BUT YES I HAVE CONSIDERED FEDERAL CROP PROGRAMS AND ONE OF THE THINGS I CONSIDERED IS A PREVIOUS SPEAKER WAS CORRECT THAT YES A LOT OF THE BONA FIDE FARMERS DO CON DO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL HELP BUT A LOT OF THE UNREGISTERED PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT BONA FIDE FARMERS AND WHO ARE ALSO GOING MAY POTENTIALLY BE COVERED BY THIS PROGRAM THE PEOPLE WHO POTENTIALLY FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS THIS IS WHAT HELPS ADDRESS THAT PROBLEM FOR SOME OF OUR LOCAL FARMERS THAT ARE NOT FEDERALLY QUALIFIED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO ANOTHER QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR FISHER: YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM DO DOES THE SPONSOR AGREE THAT THIS PROGRAM WOULD BE BETTER STRUCTURED IF THE TWO MILLION DOLLARS SERVED AS A SECONDARY INSURER TO OUR FARMERS IN OTHER WORDS THEY NEED TO LOOK FOR THEIR LOOK TO THEIR PRIMARY INSURER FIRST AND TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE NOT COVERED THEY CAN THEN APPLY FOR MONEY OUT OF THE TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD.

SENATOR PARKINSON: AS TO WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY THAT IS ALWAYS A QUESTION UP IN THE AIR BUT WHAT I KNOW IS THAT BY STATUTE THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE THIS ASK OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE LEGISLATURE IS REQUIRED TO APPROPRIATE IT AFTER THE FACT IF THERE IS A BETTER WAY TO DO THIS PROGRAM I AM ALL EARS ABOUT IT BUT I AM NOT TRYING TO REINVENT THE WHEEL NOW I'M JUST TRYING TO PUT FORWARD THE WHEELS OF MOTION FOR LEGISLATION THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PASSED AND IS ALREADY IN THE BOOKS.

SENATOR FISHER: YES MA'AM I THANK THE GENTLEMAN FOR THAT RESPONSE TO BE CLEAR MANY OF THESE FARMERS ARE COVERED BY FEDERAL INSURANCE TO BE CLEAR MANY OF THESE FARMERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IN THESE PROGRAMS I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE SPONSOR'S DESIRE TO HELP THE FARMERS BUT TO A LARGE EXTENT THE HELP IS ALREADY THERE SOME FARMERS I AGREE WITH HIM MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RECOVER EITHER UNDER A CONTRACT OF INSURANCE OR OTHERWISE AND THAT MIGHT BE WHERE THE TWO MILLION DOLLARS COMES IN TO HELP THESE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN WHO'VE SUFFERED DAMAGE UNDER THE TYPHOON BUT THAT IS THE NATURE OF A SECONDARY INSURANCE MARKET YOU LOOK TO YOUR PRIMARY INSURER IN THIS CASE THAT HE FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM YOU LOOK TO THEM FIRST AND THEN YOU LOOK TO YOUR SECONDARY INSURER IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS WOULD BE A MOST RESPONSIBLE EXPENDITURE OF LIMITED LOCAL DOLLARS PRIMARILY BECAUSE INDIVIDUALS WHO OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN NOTHING NOW CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TWO MILLION DOLLAR POT OF CASH WHILE THOSE WHO ARE INSURED ARE ALREADY COVERED AND THAT JUST SEEMS TO BE A MORE RESPONSIBLE EXPENDITURE OF OUR FUNDS THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER SENATOR BLAS.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND UNFORTUNATELY MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS PROBABLY WHY IT WAS BEST THAT WE HAD GONE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BECAUSE THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ASKED AND RECEIVE APPROPRIATE ANSWERS FOR THEM OTHER THAN JUST CONJECTURE AND ASSUMPTIONS AND WHAT WE WOULD ASSUME WHAT WE WANT TO HAPPEN I TOO HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT LIKE TO KNOW THE AUTHOR WOULD BE ABLE TO YIELD AND I'LL GO YOU KNOW BY MY QUESTION MY FIRST QUESTION MADAM SPEAKER IS BASICALLY WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A PROGRAM FOR A CROP LOSS COMPENSATION PROGRAM HAT SHOULD EXIST OR THAT EXISTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IF THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION HAS ANY IDEAS TO HOW MUCH IS IN THAT PROGRAM RIGHT NOW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MONEY IN THE PROGRAM RIGHT NOW TO MEET THE DEMAND OF THE FAR OF THE 207 FARMERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THE PROGRAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BLAS YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR BLAS: RIGHT I DON'T THINK MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD PREFER A LITTLE BIT MORE SPECIFICITY AND AS FAR AS WHAT THAT AMOUNT IS BECAUSE THEN IT GOES TO MY SECOND QUESTION BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MY SECOND QUESTION ONCE I GET SPECIFICS ABOUT WHAT HOW MUCH IS IN THAT FUND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE YOU ASKING THE SPONSOR TO YIELD AGAIN.

SENATOR BLAS: THE SPECIFICITY ON MY FIRST QUESTION HOW MUCH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR BLAS: IS IN THAT FUND.

SENATOR PARKINSON: MY UNDERSTANDING SIR IS THAT THERE IS NO MONEY IN THAT FUND BECAUSE THE WAY THE LAW IS WRITTEN IS THAT WE DO SIGN UPS FIRST AND THEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MAKES A REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION FROM THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATOR BLAS: I REALLY DON'T WANT TO GET INTO A DEBATE ON THIS THING MADAM SPEAKER BUT THE FIRST RESPONSE WAS THERE'S THE THE MONEY IS INSUFFICIENT IT'S INADEQUATE THE SECOND RESPONSE IS THERE'S NO MONEY.

SENATOR PARKINSON: NO MONEY IS INSUFFICIENT SIR.

SENATOR BLAS: PLEASE PROCEED SENATOR BLAS.

SENATOR BLAS: WELL MAN YOU KNOW MY SPEAKER BECAUSE IT GOES TO MY NEXT QUESTION WHY DO WE COME UP WITH TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COULD YOU PLEASE REPEAT IT.

SENATOR BLAS: WHERE DID WHERE DID WE COME UP WITH TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHERE DID WE COME UP WITH WITH THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION WHERE DID WE COME UP WITH TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

SENATOR BLAS: AND YOU KNOW THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR THE FOR THE RESPONSE MADAM SPEAKER AND THEY'RE THEY'RE IN LIES SOME OF THE FLAWS IN HERE BECAUSE YOU SEE THERE IS A SPECIFIC POLL OF INDIVIDUALS THAT THIS OKAY THAT THE THE PROGRAM CAN PROVIDE FUNDING TO TO EXPAND IT AND NOT TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT IN THIS BILL IT JUST OPENS THE DOOR TO ANYTHING ANYTHING ELSE TO TO ABOUT SO HOW DO WE HOW DO WE HOW WE PRACTICING FIDUCIARY FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WHAT CRITERIA ARE WE GOING TO USE TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS IF YOU SAY THAT PAST THE PROGRAM WE'RE GOING TO EXPAND IT TO OTHERS TWO MILLION DOLLARS MADAM SPEAKER IS NOT GOING TO COVER 207 INDIVIDUALS AT TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH AND THEN THINKING A LITTLE BIT MORE DO YOU KNOW MANAGEMENT SPEAKER I I WOULDN'T BE I DON'T WANT IT FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM CRITICAL OR CONCERNED WITH THIS BILL HAD YOUR NOT BE A A PREVIOUS BILL NOT BEEN HEARD WITH THE ASSURANCES AND WITH WITH SOME SOME MEASURE SOME DEGREE OF MEASURE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO THEM AS WELL THAT YOU KNOW THERE ARE PROGRAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH NOT NOT JUST YOU KNOW YOUR NATIONAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM BUT BASICALLY THROUGH FEMA AND THROUGH SBA AND GRANTED THAT MOST FARMERS IF NOT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SBA PROGRAMS BUT THEN THEY CAN TAKE THAT DENIAL LETTER FROM SBA BACK TO FEMA AND STILL BE OPEN FOR FOR GRANTS OPPORTUNITIES WE GOT TO GIVE THIS OPPORTUNITY YOU KNOW AGAIN I UNDERSTAND THE WRECKING YOU KNOW THE NEED TO BE ABLE TO HELP THE FARMERS BUT THE AUTHOR HIMSELF RECOGNIZES THAT THE WAY THAT THE PROGRAM IS WRITTEN IS THAT THE ASSESSMENT HAS TO BE MADE BY THE PROGRAM THEY COME TO THE LEGISLATURE TO BE ABLE TO ASK FOR THE FUNDING IT'S NOT DRESSED HERE IT'S NOT ADDRESSED HERE OKAY SO IF NOT PROPERLY ADDRESSED HERE IT CAN BE SUBJECT TO AMBIGUOUS INTERPRETATIONS THAT THE MONEY MAY NEVER GET TO THE FARMERS BECAUSE WE WERE TOO AMBIGUOUS AMBIGUOUS AND WHO WHERE WHERE THIS MONEY IS GOING TO BE COMING FROM WHO THIS MONEY IS GOING TO BE GOING TO AND THEN WHAT ARE THOSE STOP GAP MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT IF THE INDIVIDUAL RECEIVES MONEY FROM HERE THAT HE'S NO LONGER ELIGIBLE THEY CANNOT RECEIVE MONEY ELSEWHERE OR IF HE RECEIVES THIS MONEY HE'S NOT ELIGIBLE FOR OTHER PROGRAMS WE'VE GOT TO BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THIS YOU KNOW AND AS MUCH AS WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO TO GET TO THEM QUICKER I DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS THE VEHICLE TO BE ABLE TO

DO THAT THERE'S STILL SOME LANGUAGE THAT'S NECESSARY IN THIS LEGISLATION TO ENSURE THAT BECAUSE RIGHT NOW AS IT STANDS GRANTED IT'S GOT A NOTWITHSTANDING CLAUSE TO THIS BUT EVEN IN THE NOTWITHSTANDING CLOSET WE OPEN THIS UP TO EVEN MORE LET'S SAY THAT YOU KNOW WE GIVE THE TWO MILLION DOLLARS BUT ACTUALLY BASED ON THE ACCOUNTS YOU KNOW 200 AND 207 TO 270 FARMERS AT TWO AT TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IT'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY THEN HOW IS THAT CHOSEN HOW THEN IS A FARMER CHOSEN OKAY SO I APPLAUD THE AUTHOR YOU KNOW FOR FOR WANTING TO BE ABLE TO DO LISTEN IT'S A GREAT IDEA AND YOU KNOW THE IDEA IS THAT'S WHAT THIS THIS BODY IS FOR TO COME UP WITH IDEAS AND SEE WHAT CAN WORK BUT IN THIS CASE HERE GREAT IDEAS JUST NEEDS A LITTLE BIT MORE WORK THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE I'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I APPLAUD THE THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL YOU KNOW I'M A BUSINESSMAN AND FARMING IS A IS A KIND OF LIKE A LOW MARGIN TYPE BUSINESS YOU KNOW YOU CAN ONLY CHARGE SO MUCH BEFORE YOU'RE STARTING TO COMPETE WITH THE EGGS THAT WE IMPORT AND AND THEN YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT MAKE ANY MONEY I WAS LOOKING THANK GOODNESS FOR GOOGLE BECAUSE YOU COULD ACTUALLY LOOK UP WHAT KIND OF PROGRAMS ARE ARE OUT THERE FOR FARMERS WHO HAVE CROP DAMAGE OR LOSS DUE TO HURRICANES TYPHOONS FLOODINGS AND THEY ACTUALLY GIVE YOU A LOAN PROGRAM BEING THAT RISING INTEREST RATES AND ALL THAT STUFF MIGHT MAKE THIS YOU KNOW HAVING PUTTING OUR FARMERS ON LOANS MIGHT NOT BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME AT A TIME LIKE THIS AND I THINK THE THE MEASURE TO GIVE TWO MILLION DOLLARS TO OUR FARMERS NOW IS A IS SOMETHING NECESSARY WE DRIVING DOWN TUMON AND YOU SEE THE DEVASTATION THERE'S NO TREES ON THE TREES HAVE NO LEAVES I GOT PICTURES FROM FARMER WHO PRETTY MUCH LOST EVERYTHING AND HE PROVIDES A EGGS TO HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS AND SOME OF THE STUFF HE ACTUALLY GIVES AWAY TO PEOPLE IN NEED AND THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES HERE WHERE WE CAN WE CAN ACTUALLY TRY TO HELP THESE THESE FARMERS AND AND I RISE IN SUPPORT OF IT I THINK IT'S A GOOD MEASURE I THINK IT'S IT'S A MONEY THAT'S SITTING THERE AND I THINK THIS WILL GO A LONG WAY TO HELPING OUR FARMERS AND TO THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LIVESTOCK DURING THE STORM I I TOO I I ALSO RAISE SOME CHICKENS MAYBE TO THE ANNOYANCE OF MY MY NEIGHBOR BUT I I DID TO LOSE SOME OF MY CHICKENS TOO AND WE PRODUCE EGGS AND I I I'VE PURCHASED SOME CAGES SO THAT NEXT TIME MAYBE WHEN WE DO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS I WON'T LOSE MY CHICKEN SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE WE HELP OUR FARMERS NOW AND MAYBE WE CAN GET THEM BACK ON TRACK SO THAT THEY CAN PRODUCE THE THE EGGS AND THE AND THE OTHER CROPS SOMEBODY TOLD ME THAT THERE'S NO THERE'S NO DONNE' OUT THERE ANYMORE I GO TO PAYLESS AND THERE'S THERE'S NO HOT PEPPERS CAN'T EAT ANY CHORIZO PAK PAK WITHOUT A HOT PEPPER SO LET'S GET THESE FAR LET'S GET THESE FARMERS THAT THE NECESSARY AID THEY NEED AND I I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THE MEASURE I SUPPORT IT AND I APPLAUD THE AUTHOR I GUESS THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I GET A LOT OF THE CONCERNS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AND I KNOW THAT IN THE 50 MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE APPROACH WE AUTHORIZE WHETHER IT'S REALLY 50 MILLION DOLLARS OR NOT THAT THERE WAS A A NOD TO CROP ASSISTANCE BUT I ALSO COMMAND THE AUTHOR OF THIS MEASURE BECAUSE YEAH OUR FARMERS IF YOU LOOK AROUND AT THE THE DEVASTATION AND THE MASSIVE AMOUNT OF GREEN WASTE THAT'S OUT THERE I THINK IT'S SOMETHING LIKE 90 PERCENT OF THE DEBRIS FROM THE TYPHOON IS GREEN WASTE IMAGINE WHAT THAT DID TO OUR PEOPLE'S DONE' ARE PEOPLE'S EGGPLANT OUR PEOPLE'S AVOCADO OUR PEOPLE'S MANGO THERE'S NO MORE MANGO SEASON THEY RESCHEDULED MANGO FESTIVAL TO THE END OF JULY BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT MANGO WE'RE GONNA HAVE AND I JUST HAD TO THE THOUGHT WHILE I WAS SITTING HERE LISTENING TO SOME OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS YOU KNOW WE WERE WILLING TO GIVE 15 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE BUSINESSES AND WE ASKED FAR FEWER QUESTIONS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FARMERS HERE RIGHT AND WHILE THEY MAY SOME OF THEM MAY AVAIL OF A LOT OF THESE FEDERAL PROGRAMS SOME OF THEM MAY NOT THIS WAS A PROGRAM VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WE SAW DURING THE THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC WHERE YOU HAD YOUR BONA FIDE FARMERS AVAILABLE THIS ASSISTANCE AND THEN YOU HAD TA NANA WHO YOU KNOW MAYBE SELLS ALEGETA TO THE MEXICAN RESTAURANT TO SUPPLEMENT OUR INCOME YOU KNOW NOT MUCH 200 300 A MONTH OR MAYBE YOU'RE YOU KNOW SI TUN BEN WHO AS HIS EGGPLANT THAT HE'S GOING TO SELL TO THE KOREAN RESTAURANT SAME THING BUT HE'S NOT BONA FIDE IT'S PRETTY BONA FIDE TO ME THOUGH BECAUSE HE'S DOING WHAT HE CAN TO MAKE ENDS MEET BUT HE CANNOT MAKE THOSE ENDS MEET ANYMORE BECAUSE MĀTAI CROPS THAT'S ONE THING WE CAN BE SURE OF WITH US WITH A STORM LIKE TYPHOON MAWAR THERE ARE NO CROPS LEFT THERE'S NO MORE DONNE' THERE'S NO MORE CUCUMBER MY UNCLE RAYMOND WHO SOMETIMES MAKES A LITTLE EXTRA SELLING

HIS AVOCADO BOTH OF THE TREES COMPLETELY DESTROYED AND YES THE FRUIT FELL DOWN ON THE GROUND BUT COULDN'T GET TO IT BECAUSE OF THE DOWNED POWER LINES WHY DID THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCE THIS PROGRAM WITH NO FUNDING I DON'T KNOW I DON'T KNOW BUT IS THERE A NEED ABSOLUTELY DEFINITELY WILL IT BE MET BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SURE SURE I'M PRETTY SURE SOME OF THE NEEDS OF SOME OF THE FARMERS WILL BE MET OTHERS WILL FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS LIKE TA NANA AND TUN BEN AND IF THERE'S SOME MONEY LEFT OVER FROM THE 2 MILLION AFTER WE HELP SOMEBODY SO BE IT BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT KICKED DOWN BUT I SUPPORT THIS MEASURE I SUPPORT ITS INTENT BUT I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE WE'RE HERE TO DO YOU KNOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AND I'M NOT SAYING TWO MILLION DOLLARS IS TRUMP CHANGE BUT THE PEOPLE WHO LOST EVERYTHING WELL IT MAY SEEM LIKE A LOT OF MONEY TO US TO THEM IT'S QUITE SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL ANYONE ELSE ON THE BILL.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MAIN MOTION AT THIS TIME I WILL RECOGNIZE SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I VERY MUCH LISTEN TO THE COMMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AND I THOUGHT THEY WERE ALL VERY GOOD VERY INSIGHTFUL AND THEIR CONCERNS WERE VERY WELL PLACED I TOO WAS TRYING TO FIND A PROGRAM IN THE RULES OR THE RULES OF THE PROGRAM BECAUSE THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT DOES NOT SAY HOW MUCH EACH FARMER IS GOING TO GET THE LAW THAT WAS PASSED DOES NOT SAY OR YOU KNOW THE LAW IN THE IN THE CODE DOES NOT SAY HOW MUCH EACH FARMER IS GOING TO GET OR ANY OF THE DETAILS OF WHO'S GOING TO GET BUT IT WAS IN THE RULES AND I FOUND OLD RULES THAT ARE PRINTED IN OUR GAR PUBLISHED BUT THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL HAS SHOWED ME THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THAT GAR THAT I'M LOOKING AT THERE WAS ANOTHER LAW PASSED BY THE 22ND GUAM LEGISLATURE TO UPDATE THOSE RULES AND THAT'S WHERE THAT TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS COMES FROM BECAUSE THE PREVIOUS RULES HAD ONLY GIVEN FIFTEEN HUNDRED SO SO NOW I UNDERSTAND WHERE THIS TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS COME FROM WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO ACTUALLY COMPENSATE FOR AND THEY'RE VERY SPECIFIC ON WHICH CROPS AND AND OTHER DAMAGES WILL BE COMPENSATED AND AND WHO WHO GETS COMPENSATED FIRST SO I AGREE WITH THE NOTION THAT YOU KNOW THE PROGRAM AS AS PASSED BY PREVIOUS LAWMAKERS IS GOING TO PROVIDE MONETARY RELIEF TO FARMERS AND RANCHERS FOR THEIR LOSSES TO CROPS LIVESTOCK AND PROPERTY DUE TO THE TYPHOON THAT'S EXACTLY THE PURPOSE OF THIS STATUTE AND WHEN THEY PUT OUT THEIR CALL FOR FARMERS TO COME IN AND AND CLAIM THEY GAVE THEM A VERY SHORT TIME FRAME WHICH WAS 10 DAYS THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE LAW AGAIN THAT PUT A TWO-WEEK LIMIT ON IT AND THEY AT THAT TIME ANNOUNCED IN THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FOR FURTHER IN AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT FARMERS AND RANCHERS WITH ALL POSSIBLE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE USDA FARM SERVICES AGENCY WILL ALSO BE ON SITE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT AVAILABLE FEDERAL FARMER RANCHER PROGRAMS AND AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS OUR MINORITY LEADER ALSO DISCUSSED THERE ARE I KNOW FARMERS WHOSE FARMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INSPECTED BY FEMA AND I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE SBA I KNOW THAT THAT'S A COMPONENT THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GO TO SBA FIRST SO PERHAPS THEY WERE DENIED HOWEVER YEAH SO OF COURSE I THINK IDEALLY OUR MONEY IS SAFE FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT COVERED BY ANY OTHER PROGRAM BUT BUT I THINK IT'S CONSISTENT WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF LEGISLATORS BEFORE US THAT THEY WERE AWARE THAT THERE ARE FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND IN IN THEIR EFFORT TO COVER YOU KNOW EVERYONE OR EXPAND A PROGRAM THEY SAID THIS WOULD COVER THEIR PROGRAM OUR LOCAL PROGRAM WOULD COVER REGISTERED SUBSISTENCE FARMERS AND UNREGISTERED COMMERCIAL AND UNREGISTERED SUBSISTENT FARMERS AFTER THE COMMERCIAL FARMERS IN GOOD STANDING ARE PROCESSED SO OF COURSE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HOPING BY THIS IS TO GET IT TO THOSE UNREGISTERED AND AND THE SUBSISTENCE FARMERS NOT THE COMMERCIAL FARMERS I MEAN I MEAN ALSO THEM BUT TO THESE OTHER FARMERS WHO WE KNOW HAVE HAD GREAT LOSS AND WHO ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO FOOD PRODUCTION ON GUAM AND WHO HAVE BEEN GREATLY IMPACTED SO I DON'T KNOW IF THE LAW ON THE BOOKS ALLOWS THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO TO BYPASS A FARMER BECAUSE THEY HAVE RECEIVED FEDERAL BUT IT DOES LOOK LIKE IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WOULD BE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE ALSO AVAILABLE TO THESE FARMERS I WOULD LIKE TO TRUST THAT THEY ARE IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM EXACTLY AS IT IS WRITTEN THE RULES ARE VERY DETAILED AND ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE LAW APPARENTLY AND I THINK THIS IS THE SAME PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN IN PLACE ACTUALLY FOR PREVIOUS DISASTERS SO I DO HOPE THESE FARMERS ARE ABLE TO AVAIL OF ALL THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THEM AND I DO HOPE THAT THIS MONEY WILL GET TO SOME OF THE FARMERS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO AVAIL OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND PERHAPS OUR LAWS IN THIS REGARD YOU KNOW CAN BE MADE BETTER IF WE WANT TO PRECLUDE THOSE WHO'VE MADE FEDERAL CLAIMS FROM GETTING LOCAL CLAIMS BUT ONE OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS BROUGHT OUT THAT IN COVID WE HAD THE SAME SITUATION WE HAD SBA WE HAD OTHER FEDERAL

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO BUSINESSES AND WE DID NOT COUNT THAT AS A CRITERIA FOR THEM TO BE EXCLUDED FROM OUR LOCAL GRANTS OUR LOCAL ARP FUNDED DATA GRANTS TO DO BUSINESSES AS WELL SO OF COURSE I DID INCLUDE THE PROVISION FARMERS IN THE PREVIOUS BILL BECAUSE I'M HOPING THE GOVERNOR CAN USE HER DISCRETION IF SHE THINKS WE DON'T HAVE TO USE THE RAINY DAY FUND TO USE THE RAINY DAY FUND TO FUND THIS AND BECAUSE SHE'S GOT THE 50 MILLION AVAILABLE TO HER THEN BY ALL MEANS I THINK SHE SHOULD USE THE 50 MILLION THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT'S THERE FOR AS WELL SO HOPEFULLY THEY CAN MAKE THAT DETERMINATION BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS BILL AND THE PREVIOUS BILL IS THAT IT MOVES FORWARD IMMEDIATELY SO THE FARMERS HAVE ALREADY COMPLIED WITH THAT 10-DAY VERY SHORT TIME FRAME TO APPLY I THINK THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO GET THEIR REPORT DONE IN FIVE DAYS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BACK TO THEM WHETHER THEY ARE ELIGIBLE OR NOT AND SO THAT THEY CAN PLAN AND I KNOW I READ SOMEWHERE FROM UOG'S PUBLICATION THAT THEY'RE ADVISING FARMERS YOU KNOW GET SOME OF THESE THINGS IN THE GROUND NOW BEFORE THE RAINY SEASON AND OF COURSE DON'T GET SOME THINGS IN THE GROUND BEFORE RAINY SEASON BECAUSE THAT WON'T WORK BUT I JUST WANT THEM TO BE ABLE TO KNOW HOW TO PLAN AND TO VERY WISELY CHOOSE WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS OR WEEKS BECAUSE I'M SURE EVERY WEEK IS CRUCIAL PRIOR TO THE RAINY DAY RAINY SEASON *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE!*

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

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I'VE HEARD I HAVE HEARD SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE TODAY ASKING ASKING BUT COMMENTING AND OPINING THAT IT SEEMS LIKE THE THE PROCEDURES OF THIS PROGRAM AND THIS PLAN SEEM KIND OF HALF-BAKED AND NOT REALLY WELL THOUGHT OUT BUT I WOULD JUST LIKE TO REMIND ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES THIS IS NOT MY PROGRAM THIS IS AN ALREADY EXISTING PROGRAM ON THE BOOKS AND I BELIEVE THE LAST TIME WE USED IT WAS DURING TYPHOON DOLPHIN SO THIS AND WE'VE USED THIS MECHANISM FOR PREVIOUS TYPHOONS IN PREVIOUS INCIDENCES SO THIS IS NOT A NEW THING THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOCAL CROP LOSSES AND FEDERAL CROP LOSS INSURANCE AND SOME OF MANY OF OUR LOCALS IN FACT THAT HAZARD TO SAY A MAJORITY OF OUR LOCALS PROBABLY ARE NOT SIGNED UP FEDERALLY AND THAT IS PART OF THE REASON WHY THESE PROGRAMS EXIST THEY COULD BE LO THEY COULD BE NOT REGISTERED FEDERALLY BUT THEY ARE REGISTERED LOCALLY THE PROCEDURE OF THIS IS NOT NEW THE PROCEDURE OF THIS HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE THE 90S THE DISASTER HAPPENS THEY GET SIGN UPS THEY ASK THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE APPROPRIATION THIS IS THAT APPROPRIATION THERE ARE 207 FARMERS THAT'S WHO WE'RE HELPING THAT'S WHO THIS IS GOING TO AND ANYBODY AFTERWARDS SUBSISTENCE FARMERS AND THE NON-REGISTERED IF THERE'S IF WE CAN HELP ANY MORE AFTER THAT THERE IS A FUNDING SOURCE I APPRECIATE SPEAKER TERLAJE FOR AMENDING HER PREVIOUS LAW ON THE 50 MILLION DOLLARS SO THAT IF WE NEEDED TO WE COULD FUND THIS PROGRAM THROUGH THE TRANSFER AUTHORITY WE GAVE THE GOVERNOR BUT EVEN THOUGH IF WE CAN DO THAT I WOULD PREFER THAT WE USE THE RAINY DAY FUND BECAUSE IF WE WERE TO USE THE TRANSFER AUTHORITY SHE STILL HAS TO FIND THAT MONEY FROM OTHER PROGRAMS IN THE GOVERNMENT FROM OTHER PLACES AND I WOULD RATHER NOT CANNIBALIZE THE GENERAL FUND ANY MORE THAN WE ALREADY ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THE RAINY DAY FUND THIS IS WHAT IT'S FOR THIS IS WHAT IT'S FOR WE HAVE A RAINY DAY FUND AND WE HAVE A LAW WRITTEN IN 1993 I JUST WANT TO READ SOME OF THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE THAT UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THIS BILL THE PRIMARY CO-SPONSOR WAS THE LATE SENATOR BEN PANGELINAN OTHER PEOPLE WHOSE CO-SPONSORED WERE JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN AND TED NELSON PEOPLE THAT VOTED FOR IT IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY SENATOR BLAS SENATOR DIERKING SENATOR CAMACHO SENATOR ADA SENATOR AGUON SENATOR ARRIOLA SENATOR BORDALLO SENATOR GUTIERREZ SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR DON PARKINSON SENATOR REYES SENATOR SANTOS SENATOR SHIMIZU SENATOR BAMBA SENATOR BROOKS SENATOR MANIBUSAN SENATOR TANAKA AND SENATOR UPINGCO NOW I FIND IT DISRESPECTFUL TO THE WORK OF PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES TO ATTRIBUTE THEIR WORK AS SHODDY WHEN THIS IS THE PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR DECADES PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING ME ARE YOU AWARE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS ARE YOU AWARE FEDERAL PROGRAM THIS ARE YOU AWARE OF FEDERAL PROGRAM THAT I HAVE TO ASK SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS BODY ARE YOU AWARE OF THE LOCAL PROGRAMS THIS IS A PROGRAM FROM THE 90S AND EVERYONE IS ACTING LIKE I JUST CREATED THIS FROM WHOLE CLOTH WE ARE THE LEGISLATURE BY STATUTE THIS IS OUR JOB THE DEPARTMENT OF AG REQUESTS AND APPROPRIATION AND WE MAKE THAT DETERMINATION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO GIVE IT TO THEM THIS IS WHY WE HAVE A BONA FIDE FARMER PROGRAM FOR INCIDENCES LIKE THIS AFTER DISASTERS I'D LIKE TO QUOTE THE LATE SENATOR PANGELINAN IN HIS COMMITTEE REPORT SENATOR PANGELINAN STATED HE SUPPORTED ATTENDING TO THE NEEDS OF GUAM'S FARMERS BECAUSE FARMERS WORK HARD IN THE FIELD AND OUR CONSCIENCE ABOUT THEIR OWN FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND IN NEEDING THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO THIS COMMUNITY THEY RECOGNIZE THAT BACK THEN THAT THESE FARMERS HAVE ALWAYS DONE RIGHT BY US AND IT IS OUR OBLIGATION NAY DUTY TO DO RIGHT BY THESE FARMERS LET'S GET THE FARMER THE HELP THAT

THEY NEED MY ONLY REGRET IS THAT I COULD NOT APPROPRIATE MORE WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR PARKINSON CAN YOU MOVE THE BILL TO THE THIRD READING VOTING FILE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO MOVE THE BILL TO THE THIRD READING FILE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE NUMBER READ THE NUMBER.

SENATOR PARKINSON: AND THE BILL NUMBER IS 134-37 COR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON YOUR BILL.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM BILL 136-37 IS A VERY SIMPLE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WAIT.

SENATOR BARNETT: YES OH I'D LIKE TO MOVE 136-37 TO THE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIRD READING.

SENATOR BARNETT: THIRD READING FILE AND DISCUSS PLEASE THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM IT'S BILL 136-37 IS A VERY SIMPLE BILL THAT I BELIEVE IS THE FINAL TOOL IN THE TOOLKIT THAT COULD BRING VERY COMPLICATED SET OF DECADES OLD PROBLEMS TO AN END FINALLY I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES AGAIN FOR THEIR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF WHAT EVENTUALLY BECAME PUBLIC LAW 37-4 AND THIS THIS MEASURE THAT I'M NOW DISCUSSING WOULD REALLY I THINK GIVE THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THE LAST POSSIBLE TOOL THAT IT NEEDS TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 37-4 AND WHAT THIS BILL DOES IS IT ALLOWS THE USE OF EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES TO ENABLE THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO COMPLY AGAIN WITH PUBLIC LAW 37-4 IN THE WAKE OF THE PASSAGE AND AND ENSUING DESTRUCTION OF THE TYPHOON MAWAR WROUGHT ON OUR ISLAND AND I I'M WILLING TO TO OFFER THIS FINAL TOOL BECAUSE LIKE MANY OF THE STAKEHOLDERS STUDENTS TEACHERS STAFF FACULTY JUST VERY FRUSTRATED WITH THE EXCUSES THAT CONTINUE TO COME UP IN THIS THIS CONVERSATION RELATIVE TO COMING INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PUBLIC LAW THAT THE GOVERNOR ALLOWED A LAPSE INTO LAW THAT THIS BODY PASS AGAIN UNANIMOUSLY AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT BEFORE TYPHOON MAWAR WAS EVEN A BLIP ON THE RADAR OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPRESENTED BY A COUPLE OF ITS VERY HIGH-RANKING DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENTS AND AT LEAST ONE BOARD MEMBER ASKED TO MEET WITH ME AND ASKED ME TO SUSPEND TO INTRODUCE A BILL TO SUSPEND PUBLIC LAW 37-4 AND THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION'S COMPLIANCE WITH IT UNTIL NEXT SCHOOL YEAR SO BEFORE THIS TYPHOON EVEN CAME INTO THE PICTURE I FELT LIKE THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WAS ALREADY TRYING TO WIGGLE ITS WAY OUT OF A COMPLYING WITH JUST VERY BASIC PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES AND THEN THE TYPHOON HIT AND WE HEARD IN THE ROUNDTABLE ACROSS THE HALL HERE ABOUT SOME OF THE DAMAGE THAT TYPHOON MAWAR REEKED ON NOT JUST OUR ISLAND BUT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND IT WAS A LOT OF IT WAS A LOT OF DAMAGE BUT I WAS VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT THERE WAS NO SEVERE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE INCURRED BY THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM THERE WAS A LOT OF A LOT OF TREES DOWN A LOT OF FLOODING SOME OF THE WALKWAYS BLEW AWAY AND YOU KNOW I HAD MADE THE JOKE THAT WELL THAT'S GOING TO HELP THEM GET RECONSTRUCTED QUICKER BECAUSE NOW THEY DON'T HAVE TO TEAR THEM DOWN WE'RE SEEING MOLD THROUGHOUT THE THE SCHOOLS AGAIN BUT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I KNOW COULD BE MITIGATED AND COMING INTO COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 37-4 AND AND SO THIS BILL WOULD ALLOW FOR EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT MEASURES FOR 120 DAYS RIGHT AND I ALSO HAVE AN AMENDMENT HANDY THAT I THINK WOULD PUT JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE TEETH IN IN THIS WITH THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THERE IS SOME RISK INVOLVED WITH THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT BUT I THINK IF THERE'S EVER A TIME FOR EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT THAT TIME IS NOW A LOT OF THESE FUNDS THAT THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION PLANS TO USE TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 37-4 HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE ON THEM EVERY SINGLE HEARING THAT WE HAVE HAD ON THIS PUBLIC LAW AND THE EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH IT THEY'VE BROUGHT UP THE P WORD PROCUREMENT PROCUREMENT PROCUREMENT PROCUREMENT WHAT'S PREVENTING YOU FROM DOING THIS PROCUREMENT WHAT'S PREVENTING YOU FROM DOING THAT PROCUREMENT AND SO I FEEL THAT IT'S MY OBLIGATION IS THE OVERSIGHT IF THEY'RE TELLING ME THAT THEY NEED ONE LAST THING IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THIS LAW BECAUSE I'M JUST NOT

COMFORTABLE WITH KICKING THIS CAN DOWN THE ROAD I KNOW WE'VE ALL FOLLOWED THE NEWS WE ALL KNOW THAT THE GUAM BOARD EDUCATION PASSED WITH THE 5-1 VOTE RESOLUTION ASKING THIS BODY TO FURTHER DELAY AS IF YOU KNOW BASIC HEALTH AND SAFETY SANITATION CONDITIONS IN OUR SCHOOLS SHOULD BE FURTHER NO THEY SHOULD NOT BE WE NEED TO DO THIS NOW OR NEVER AND SO WHILE WE HAVEN'T BEEN AN OFFICIAL RECEIPT OF THAT RESOLUTION AS AT LEAST TO MY KNOWLEDGE I DON'T THINK WE'VE RECEIVED IT THIS IS THE ANSWER THE ANSWER IS DO WHAT WE GOT TO DO TO PUT THIS TO BED ONCE AND FOR ALL RIGHT BECAUSE EVEN IN REPAIRING THE DAMAGE FROM TYPHOON MAWAR AND THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAYING THAT THEY DON'T INTEND TO DELAY THE OPENING OF SCHOOLS I GOT TO ASK I MEAN WHAT KIND OF SCHOOLS ARE THEY WILLING TO SEND OUR KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL IN RIGHT IF THEY DON'T WANT TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THIS LAW IF THEY SAY THE DAMAGE FROM THE TYPHOON IS GOING TO MAKE IT NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE I THINK WAS THE QUOTE AND THEN LET'S TOGETHER AS A BODY HELP THEM REACH THE FINISH LINE WITH JUST A LITTLE NUDGE A LITTLE FRIENDLY NUDGE ANOTHER NUDGE IF YOU WILL THE LAST NUDGE I PRAY AND I WOULD JUST AGAIN EMPLOY THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BECAUSE WE'RE JUST TIRED OF HEARING FROM THE SCHOOLS THE THEY TELL DOWNTOWN WHAT THEY NEED AND THEN THEY WAIT AND THEY WAIT SOME MORE AND THEY KEEP WAITING WAITING FOR YEARS AND WHEN THEY CALL DOWNTOWN WHAT DOES DOWNTOWN SAY IT'S STUCK IN PROCUREMENT PURGATORY AND SO I THINK THAT WE DID A GREAT JOB IN IN PASSING THE BILL THAT EVENTUALLY BECAME PUBLIC LAW 37-4 AND I THINK WE DID IT BECAUSE WE'RE ALL TIRED OF THE EXCUSES AND I KNOW THAT WE GOT SOME SMART COLLEAGUES IN HERE AND IF WE LET GDOE SLIDE AGAIN GUESS WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO KEEP SLIDING TO INFINITY AND BEYOND THEY WILL KEEP SLIDING THEY'RE SAYING GIVE US UNTIL NEXT SCHOOL YEAR WHAT HAPPENS NEXT SCHOOL YEAR WE ARE FACED WITH A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO FINALLY ONCE AND FOR ALL BRING OUR SCHOOLS INTO COMPLIANCE WITH JUST THE BASIC HEALTH AND SAFETY SANITATION GUIDELINES AND WE CAN DO THAT AND REPAIR DAMAGE FROM TYPHOON MAWAR AND IF WE DO THAT RIGHT WE'RE LOOKING AT GETTING REIMBURSED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THAT AND THAT'S THE EMERGENCY OUR KIDS DON'T DESERVE TO GO TO CLASSES FOR ANOTHER DAY AND CONDITIONS THAT AGAIN IF WE FOUND THESE CONDITIONS IN A RESTAURANT WE WOULD SHUT THAT RESTAURANT DOWN SO WHY ARE THESE CONDITIONS GOOD ENOUGH TO SEND OUR KIDS TO SCHOOL IN I DON'T THINK THEY ARE AND I KNOW WE'VE HAD THIS CONVERSATION AND WE WERE ALL IN AGREEMENT AND SO I WOULD JUST ASK BEG EVEN THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES TO HELP PUSH THIS MEASURE THROUGH AND GIVE THAT LAST TOOL THAT THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION SAYS THEY NEED TO REACH COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 37-4 BECAUSE IF WE DON'T IT MAY NEVER HAPPEN LET'S JUST BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER DECADES IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID BUT WE GOT THIS WE GOT THIS LAW PASS THAT FORCES AGAIN THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO DO WE HAVE TO FORCE THEIR HAND TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO BE REASONABLE AND SETTING THESE GOALS THAT THEY SAY ARE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE I DON'T THINK ANYTHING'S IMPOSSIBLE ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU GOT A BODY LIKE THIS LEGISLATURE WILLING TO STAND BY AND TO GIVE THE TOOLS THAT THEY NEED TO GET US TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN AND SO I JUST ASK AGAIN YOUR SUPPORT I GIVE THEM THIS ONE LAST TOOL IT'S LIKE A VICE GRIP YOU KNOW YOU USE THAT VICE GRIP FOR ANYTHING JUST ONE LAST TOOL IN THE TOOL BELT TO GET OUR OUR SCHOOLS ACROSS THE FINISH LINE AND TO GIVE OUR STUDENTS THE EDUCATION IN THE FACILITIES THAT THEY DESERVE SO THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON.

SENATOR BARNETT: I ALSO HAVE AN AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES.

SENATOR BARNETT: SORRY IT'S IN THE DRIVE AMENDMENT WOULD IT'S FOR LINE 9 PAGE TWO IT ADDS A NEW SECTION THREE TO THE BILL TO READ REPORTING REQUIREMENTS THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION SHALL REPORT ALL PROCUREMENT AWARDS TO THE SPEAKER OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* WITHIN FIVE DAYS EXCLUDING SATURDAY SUNDAYS AT GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HOLIDAYS AFTER THE DATE OF AWARD THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE AWARDEE THE ITEM PURCHASED AND THE SERVICE IS CONTRACTED AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EACH AWARD.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT FIRST ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SENATOR FISHER ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR FISHER: MADAM VICE SPEAKER WOULD THE SENATOR REPEAT THE AMENDMENT PLEASE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU HAVE IT IT'S ON THE DRIVE.

SENATOR FISHER: I DON'T HAVE THE DRIVE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU CAN READ IT AGAIN.

SENATOR BARNETT: I I I DON'T MIND AT ALL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR BARNETT: *AI SUS* I KNOW MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR FISHER IS NOT REALLY A TECHIE GUY SO I'LL GO AHEAD AND READ THE AMENDMENT OUT LOUD AGAIN FOR HIM SECTION THREE IT ADDS A NEW SECTION THREE UNDER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REPORT ALL PROCUREMENT AWARDS TO THE SPEAKER OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* WITHIN FIVE DAYS EXCLUDING SATURDAY SUNDAYS AND GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HOLIDAYS AFTER THE DATE OF AWARD THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE AWARDEE THE ITEM PURCHASE AND SERVICES CONTRACTED AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EACH AWARD.

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

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH IF I COULD JUST ADD AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES YOU MAY.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE AWARDEE THE ITEM PURCHASE SERVICES CONTRACTED AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EACH AWARD AND EVIDENCE SHALL BE SUBMITTED THROUGH A SWORN CERTIFICATE THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT LAW HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS THAT NEEDS TO BE WRITTEN WRITTEN DOWN.

SENATOR FISHER: IT'S PRETTY EASY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: COME ON UP SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS WE DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT I WILL YIELD BACK TO SENATOR FISHER ON HIS AMENDMENT.

SENATOR FISHER: YES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR FISHER: YES THANK YOU MADAM VICE SPEAKER DURING THE RECESS I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH THE SPONSOR OF BOTH THE ORIGINAL BILL AS WELL AS THE AMENDMENT WE JUST SPOKE ABOUT AND PURSUANT TO THAT CONVERSATION I HAVE A NEW AMENDMENT AND IF I MAY READ IT TO THE BODY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE DO.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU SECTION 3 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REPORT ALL PROCUREMENT AWARDS TO THE SPEAKER OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* WITHIN FIVE DAYS EXCLUDING SATURDAY SUNDAYS AND GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HOLIDAYS AFTER THE DATE OF AWARD THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE AWARDEE THE ITEM PURCHASED AND SERVICES CONTRACTED THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EACH AWARD AND THE INFORMATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED THROUGH A SWORN OR VERIFIED CERTIFICATE INDICATING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMPLIED WITH APPLICABLE PROCUREMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND THAT IS THE END OF THE AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT AMENDMENT DOES ANYBODY WISH TO SPEAK SENATOR BROWN I SEE YOUR HAND PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS BEING PUT FORTH BY SENATOR FISHER WITH REGARDS TO WANTING SURE YOU KNOW ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE FUNDS AND THE PROCEDURES WITH REGARDS TO EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT BUT I DO WANT TO ASK HIM THE QUESTION THOUGH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: STATE.

SENATOR BROWN: BECAUSE WE'RE ASKING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ESSENTIALLY TO SAY THAT THEY ARE THEY HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE APPLICABLE PROCUREMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS SO ESSENTIALLY THEY'RE POLICING THEMSELVES WHAT IF THEY DON'T COMPLY WITH IT AND THEY SIGN THE CERTIFICATE WHAT'S THE CONSEQUENCE TO THAT.

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

SENATOR FISHER: I WILL YIELD MA.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR FISHER: MAY I YES THANK YOU MADAM VICE SPEAKER IT IS AN OFFICIAL PUBLIC DOCUMENT PRODUCED WITH THE INTENT THAT OTHERS RELY UPON ITS ACCURACY WITHOUT HAVING THE STATUTE IN FRONT OF ME I WOULD SAY THAT SUBMITTING SUCH A PUBLIC RECORD WITH THE INTENT FALSELY WITH THE INTENT THAT OTHERS RELY UPON IT MAY BE A CRIME BUT BUT I I WOULD BEFORE I ASKED THIS SENATOR WHO ASKED THE QUESTION TO RELY UPON THAT I THINK CONSULTATION WITH THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR BROWN DOES THAT SUFFICE.

SENATOR BROWN: I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE RESPONSE AND AND AGAIN I JUST I UNDERSTAND THE INTENT BUT ULTIMATELY I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED IF YOU'RE ASKING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO POLICE ITSELF WITH REGARDS TO ENSURING PROPER PROCUREMENT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THAT I'LL SPEAK FURTHER WHEN THE MAIN WHEN I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN BILL BECAUSE AGAIN I MEAN I UNDERSTAND THE DESIRE TO ASSUME THAT THIS SOMEHOW IS GOING TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE BUT I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT AS WE'RE AWARE I MEAN IT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ITSELF THAT DOES ITS OWN PROCUREMENT NOT EVERY GOVERNMENT AGENCY IS GIVEN THAT OPPORTUNITY MOST LINE AGENCIES IN GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ARE NOT ABLE TO DO THEIR OWN PROCUREMENT THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY SO YOU HAVE THE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT IS IN CHARGE OF ITS OWN PROCUREMENT THAT HAS AN INABILITY CONSISTENTLY TO ADDRESS ITS OWN PROCUREMENT ISSUES AND NOW WE'RE SAYING OKAY ON TOP OF THAT WE WANT YOU TO VERIFY OR SIGN OFF THAT YOU FOLLOWED ALL PROPER PROCEDURES BEFORE THE ISSUE IS WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY THE GUAM LEGISLATURE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM YOU'VE NOT PROVIDED US ENOUGH MONEY TO PROCURE THE THINGS WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE SCHOOLS THE SUPPLIES THE RESOURCES AND ALL THOSE THINGS THAT ARE NEEDED AND NOW THAT WE ARE OVERFLOWING WITH MONEY THE PROBLEM IS WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO PROCURE BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MUCH MONEY NOW WE CAN'T PROCURE THE THINGS WE NEED BECAUSE WE HAVE AN ISSUE WITH PROCUREMENT THAT IS SOMETHING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ITSELF HAS THE ABILITY TO CONTROL AND ADDRESS AND YET THEY'RE NOT SUCCESSFULLY DOING IT SO I JUST BRING THIS UP I APPRECIATE AGAIN THE EFFORTS I I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT BUT I THINK WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL AND I HAVE NO SENSE OF SECURITY IN PUTTING THIS IN PLACE THAT SOMEHOW WE'RE NOT GOING TO SEE ABUSE I MEAN IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO COLLEAGUES THAT WE WERE LOOKING OVER THE WHOLE LIST OF EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT FOR THE PANDEMIC AND WE WERE RAISING OUR EYEBROWS BECAUSE WE LOOK AT GOSH YOU'VE BEEN THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL BECAUSE I ENJOYED LISTENING TO HIS MORNING RADIO PROGRAM WHO GOT THAT THEY WHO GOT THAT CONTRACT OH GOSH THAT'S SHOCKING HOW MANY OF THOSE CONTRACTS DID THEY GET THEY'RE THE ONLY BUSINESS IN TOWN THAT PROVIDES THAT SERVICE OR THAT PRODUCT OR ALL OF A SUDDEN CERTAIN PEOPLE THAT WERE NEVER IN THE BUSINESS GOT IN THE BUSINESS BECAUSE THEY GOT CONNECTIONS COLLEAGUES BE MINDFUL OF WHAT WE'RE DOING UNDER THE GUISE THAT WE'RE THINKING WE'RE HELPING OUR PEOPLE AND WE'RE HELPING OUR CHILDREN OUT THERE IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM BECAUSE WE MAY BE CONTRIBUTING TO MORE OF THE PROBLEM BECAUSE WE ARE ALLOWING THAT WE THINK THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION IS BECAUSE WE DON'T HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE WHEN THEY'RE NOT CAPABLE AND COMPETENT OF PERFORMING THEIR JOB WE REWARD THEM WE WE REMOVE THE FLOODGATES WE JUST OPEN THE FLOODGATES SO INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING THE PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S NO YOU KNOW HANKY-PANKY AND MONKEY BUSINESS GOING ON WE JUST LET IT ALL GO AND SAY OH THAT'S GOING TO BE THE SOLUTION BUT I'LL SPEAK MORE IN THE MAIN BILL WHEN I GET TO IT I'M JUST RAISING THE CONCERN THAT I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS BEING PUT FORTH BY SENATOR FISHER BUT I'M NOT GOING TO BE SURPRISED AT THE NEXT OVERSIGHT HEARING DOWN THE ROAD IN A FEW MONTHS WHEN THEY'RE SHOCKING REVELATIONS THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN THERE WERE NOT PROPER COMPLIANCE ON EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT AND THERE IS FUNNY BUSINESS GOING ON THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE SURPRISING TO ME AND I'M SURE I WILL BE AT THAT HEARING COLLEAGUES I HOPE ALL OF YOU WILL TAKE THE TIME TO BE AT THAT FUTURE HEARING BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO END UP FINDING OUT THAT THOSE ISSUES ARE GOING TO POP UP AND THEY'RE GOING TO EXIST SO WITH THAT I HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENT BUT I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT I JUST ULTIMATELY DON'T THINK THIS IS GOING TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF CONCERN WE HAVE WITH REGARDS TO ACCOUNTABILITY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN ON THE FISHER AMENDMENT TO THE BARNETT AMENDMENT SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I THINK WHAT MAY BE MISSING SOMEWHERE HERE OR MAYBE A COMMENT TO THIS AMENDMENT IS THAT THE ADDRESS THAT THE ISSUE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE GETS INVOLVED AND IS INVOLVED IN ALL EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT AND THAT THE OPA DOES GET INVOLVED BECAUSE IT'S IN STATUTE I THINK THAT MAYBE NEEDS TO BE MENTIONED BY THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL IN GENERAL BECAUSE EXACTLY WHAT MY COLLEAGUES SAID WHEN WE DO OVERSIGHT WHICH WILL COME UP IN LESS THAN 30 DAYS WE WILL BE HEARING DEPARTMENT EDUCATION THEN WE'LL FIND OUT MORE BUT I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS TO A CERTAIN EXTENT THAT IT'S THAT IT'S RE-EMPHASIZED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY IS INVOLVED IN ALL PROCUREMENT REGARDLESS IF IT'S THE NORMAL OR EMERGENCY THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THE PROCESS IS STILL MAINTAINED THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE FISHER AMENDMENT SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ANYONE ELSE ON THE FISHER AMENDMENT IF NOT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE SENATOR FISHER OR A CALL FOR THE MOTION WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES ON THE BARNETT AMENDMENT AS AMENDED DOES ANYONE WISH TO SPEAK IF NOT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING OR SEEING NONE MOTION CARRIES WE ARE NOW ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN BILL OF 136-37 I SEE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU ON THE MAIN BILL PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M STILL EXPECTING TO HEAR THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL TO MENTION RE-EMPHASIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND OPA BUT YOU KNOW I DO STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS AND I DID ADDRESS THIS WITH THE AUTHOR THAT ON PAGE TWO LINE SEVEN THIS SECTION SHALL SUNSET 120 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT A LOUD REMINDER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION YOU GOT LESS THAN FOUR MONTHS GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER PROCURE DO YOUR EMERGENCY BECAUSE AFTER FOUR MONTHS YOU DON'T HAVE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION NO MORE AND UP WHEN THAT TIME COMES WE SHOULD BE AND WE WILL BE IN THE NEXT PHYSICAL YEAR AND YOU HEAR ME STANDING UP AND SAYING YOU DON'T NEED ANY MORE AND THE REASON WHY I SAY THAT MADAM CHAIR AND AND I KNOW THE AUTHOR WHO SUPPORTED TO A CERTAIN EXTENT IS THAT WHEN HE STARTED HOLDING HEARINGS ROUND TABLES AND ALL THAT AND I DID AN OVERSIGHT HEARING ON DOE A/ I THINK THE TYPHOON WAS A BLESSING FOR THEM I HATE TO SAY IT THAT WAY BUT IT WAS KIND OF LIKE AND THE REASON WHY IS BECAUSE FEMA'S HERE EVERY LOCAL FUND EXPENDED TO REPAIR THE SCHOOL CAN GET REIMBURSED BY FEMA THAT WAS ADDRESSED TO US IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IT COULD BE 75-25 OR 90 10 OR 100 PERCENT AND THEN AND THE STATEMENT FROM FEMA WAS THAT THE HOPE IS TO HARDEN THE THE STRUCTURES HERE AND I'M REALLY HOPING THAT DOE TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THIS AND THE REASON WHY IS BECAUSE NOT JUST A SCHOOL IT'S A SHELTER SO USE EVERY FEDERAL DOLLAR BECAUSE YOU GOT 20 MILLION RIGHT NOW PLUS FOR DOE WE APPROVED THAT WE ALL AGREED TO THAT 20 MILLION THAT'S A MULTIPLIER RIGHT THERE USE 20 MILLION FIX THE SCHOOLS YOU COULD HAVE 15 THE NEXT DAY AND THEN JUST KEEP GOING BASICALLY YOU CAN ALMOST ROUND UP TO ABOUT 75 MILLION TOTAL AND IF THEY DON'T FIX SCHOOLS BY THEN BECAUSE I WILL NOT SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION THAT THE BOARD PASSED SAYS TO HOLD BACK ON BILL 3704 OF OF NOT BEING IN COMPLIANCE NO THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN COMPLIANCE THE ONLY SCHOOLS THAT MAY NOT BE IN COMPLIANCE IS ONLY WHAT'S BEING USED AS A SHELTER EVERYONE ELSE THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN EVERYBODY'S SHOWING UP AND IF THEY NEEDED HELP ALL THEY HAVE TO DO WAS CALL THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR WHO REACH TO HIS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND I HONESTLY BELIEVE WE'RE ALL GOING TO SHOW UP AND HELP AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO BUT IN REFERENCE TO THIS BILL MADAM SPEAKER I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE BILL JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT A REMINDER TO THE AUTHOR THAT HE MENTIONS THE AG IS INVOLVED IN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT ALL PROCUREMENT AND SO IS THE OPA THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK SENATOR FRANK BLAS MINORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW MADAM CHAIR I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS THAT WAS PROVIDED BY THE GOOD GENTLEMAN FROM FROM *YIGO* BECAUSE IT WAS IT GOES BACK TO A CONCERN THAT I BROUGHT UP TO THE AUTHOR ORIGINALLY ABOUT THE LANGUAGE HERE AND I'M STILL STRUGGLING WITH LANGUAGE THAT'S NECESSARY YOU KNOW HE BROUGHT UP A GOOD POINT THE GENTLEMAN FROM *YIGO* IN THAT THE REPAIR OR THE AMOUNTS FOR THE REPAIR OF THE SCHOOLS CAN NOW BECOME REIMBURSABLE

HOWEVER THE QUESTION IS GOING TO BE WHERE THOSE REPAIRS RELATED TO THE TYPHOON OR THOSE REPAIRS RELATED TO IN COMPLIANCE WITH 3704.

SENATOR BLAS: IS THAT A QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR.

SENATOR BLAS: AND I NEED TO POSE THIS TO THE TO THE BODY BECAUSE THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY NEED TO THINK ABOUT AND AND MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S LANGUAGE INCLUSIVE OF THIS BECAUSE YOU KNOW IN MY IN MY PAST LIFE IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH FEMA IT BECOMES AN ISSUE WHEN THE REPAIR OR THE MONIES ARE BEING UTILIZED TO MITIGATE OR TO DEAL WITH ISSUES PRE-DISASTER NOW BOTH OF THEM ARE DISASTERS BUT FEMA'S HERE FOR MAWAR AND NOT FOR 3704 AND IT MAY BECOME PROBLEMATIC IN BEING ABLE TO SEPARATE THE TWO UNLESS THERE'S LANGUAGE THAT'S PRECISE AND CONCISE BEFORE THAT BECAUSE WE CANNOT EXPECT FEMA TO PAY FOR REPAIRS BASED ON LEGISLATION THAT WAS PASSED PRIOR TO THE DISASTER AND IF THAT IS GOING TO BE OUR EXPECTATION OF THIS THING THAT MAY BE ON FALSE PRETENSE SO I THINK THAT BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD ON THIS I THINK IT'S A DISCUSSION THAT I'VE ALREADY PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH WITH THE AUTHOR TO GIVE US TIME TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE WE'RE TIGHT IN THE LANGUAGE ON THIS OKAY SO THAT IT DOES ADDRESS THIS AND YOU KNOW EVEN WITH THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT THIS IS EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH 3704 IS THIS EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT FOR REPAIRS FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY MARWAR BECAUSE IT'S TWO DIFFERENT THINGS AND I JUST DON'T WANT US TO COME BACK AND FIND OURSELVES IN ILLEGAL QUAGMIRE BECAUSE WE DIDN'T AUTHORIZE IT IN THAT FASHION OR IT WASN'T IN THE INTENT SO I BRING THAT CAUTION AND I BRING THAT CONCERN TO THE BODY AND I KNOW THAT THE AUTHOR RIGHT NOW IS WORKING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THIS SO I LOOK FORWARD TO BE ABLE TO SEE WHETHER THIS IS GOING TO BE ADDRESSED IN A PROPER MANNER THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR BROWN I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER AND I CERTAINLY AS I MADE MY COMMENTS EARLIER WITH REGARDS TO SENATOR FISHER'S AMENDMENT I CERTAINLY SUPPORTED THE ORIGINAL BILL THAT BECAME PUBLIC LAW 3704. BECAUSE I ALSO AGREE WITH THE MAIN SPONSOR OF THIS BILL SENATOR BARNETT THAT YOU KNOW THE TIME HAS COME WHERE AT SOME POINT YOU REALLY HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION AND SAY HEY WE NEED TO START PERFORMING AND WE NEED TO DELIVER WITH REGARDS TO THE QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES THAT WE'RE PROVIDING FOR OUR STUDENTS IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS OTHERWISE NOTHING CHANGES BECAUSE ALL THEY ALL WE DO IF WE KEEP MOVING DOWN THE DEADLINE IS WHAT WE'VE SEEN IS THAT THE JOB JUST DOESN'T GET DONE AS A MATTER OF FACT IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THESE SOME OF THESE SCHOOLS IT'S EVEN WORSE AND THE SAME ONGOING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AT THE SCHOOL SITES AND THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AT DOE THAT HAS GROWN PHENOMENALLY OVER THE YEARS I MEAN SINCE I WAS A STUDENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL WE HAD OUR PRINCIPAL MAYBE A VICE PRINCIPAL OF OUR SCHOOL WAS LARGE ENOUGH YOU KNOW WE MAYBE KNEW OF A DIRECTOR AND MAYBE A DEPUTY AND AN ADMIN STAFF NOW WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF TITLES I CAN'T EVEN KEEP TRACK OF IT BUT IS THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION THAT WE'RE PROVIDING OUR CHILDREN ANY BETTER THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION THAT'S THE NEXT QUESTION OUR COMMITTEE REALLY NEEDS TO LOOK AT IN TERMS OF THE CAPABILITY AND PROFICIENCY OF OUR STUDENTS THAT ARE GRADUATING WE HAVE A LOT OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS BUT WE ALSO HAVE A LARGER POPULATION OF STUDENTS THAT ARE PROBABLY NOT GETTING THE LEVEL OF EDUCATION THAT THEY NEED IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THEN WE ASK THE QUESTION HOW ABOUT THE PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF THESE SCHOOLS ARE THEY ANY BETTER I THINK LOOKING AT MOST RECENT EXAMPLES PROBABLY MANY OF US WILL SAY NO A PHYSICAL MAINTENANCE OF OUR SCHOOLS ARE NOT ANY BETTER WHILE WE ARGUE THAT SOME OF THESE FACILITIES ARE OLDER SCHOOLS I ATTENDED A NUMBER OF ELEMENTARY AT LEAST ONE PARTICULAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THAT WAS BUILT IN THE 60S I ATTENDED A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL THAT WAS BUILT IN THE EARLY 60S AND I DIDN'T HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS IN MY TIME IN PUBLIC SCHOOL WITH REGARDS TO THE ENVIRONMENT THAT I EXPERIENCED AS A STUDENT BUT UNFORTUNATELY NOW WE'RE HEARING ABOUT ALL THESE ISSUES ABOUT CRACKING OF OF CEILINGS AND THINGS DROPPING FROM THE CEILING AND MOLD AND PEST ISSUES AND ALL KINDS OF OTHER ISSUES THAT DON'T PROVIDE A SAFE HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS AND YET NOW THE SOLUTION THAT OUR CHAIRMAN IS MOVING FORWARD IS THAT WE SHOULD SIMPLY REMOVE THE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS AND I HOPE WE CLARIFY YOU KNOW THE QUESTION THAT WAS BROUGHT UP EARLIER BY SENATOR FRANK WITH REGARDS TO WHICH AND HOW IS THIS BILL AND WHAT IS THIS BILL ADDRESSING IS THIS BILL ALLOWING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT FOR EXISTING ISSUES THAT WERE IN THE SCHOOLS PRIOR TO THE TYPHOON OR NOW THAT WE'VE HAD THE TYPHOON AND THERE ARE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS ADDED THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AND REPAIRED IS THAT WHAT WE'RE ADDRESSING BECAUSE WE'RE SUPPOSEDLY AN EMERGENCY SESSION TO ADDRESS ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED AS A RESULT OF

TYPHOON MAWAR CONTRARY TO THE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE BY THE MAIN SPONSOR I I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL BE THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION I DON'T EVEN THINK THAT THIS IS GOING TO ADDRESS THE KEY ISSUES I THINK WE'RE GOING TO STILL COME BACK TO THE TABLE AND WE'RE PROBABLY STILL GOING TO GET MORE EXCUSES AS TO WHY THINGS ARE NOT DONE OR NOT ADDRESSED BECAUSE AGAIN AS I MENTIONED EARLIER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OPERATES AND MANAGES THEIR OWN PROCUREMENT AND I THINK WE NEED TO BE ASKING THOSE QUESTIONS INSTEAD OF YOU KNOW HAVING THIS BILL ADDRESSED AS AN EMERGENCY IN AN EMERGENCY SESSION WERE ORIGINALLY CALLED FOR ONE PARTICULAR ISSUE WITH REGARDS TO THE GAS TAX TO HAVE THESE THINGS THROWN ON WITHOUT ALLOWING US TO ASK THOSE QUESTIONS BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THAT DIALOGUE IF WE THINK THAT THIS SOMEHOW IS GOING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE I'M SORRY LET'S NOT GO BACK TOO FAR IN OUR MEMORY THE PANDEMIC MY GOODNESS I COULDN'T EVEN SEE THE MICRO PRINT OF THE AMOUNT OF EMERGENCY PROCUREMENTS ALL THE WAY DOWN TO GRASS CUTTING THERE'S ONLY A CERTAIN COMPANY IN ALL OF GUAM THAT DOES GRASS CUTTING OR BUSH CUTTING I SHOULD HAVE APPLIED BECAUSE I CAN BUSH CUT I'LL BRING MY SHINDAWA AND SOMEHOW WE THINK THAT DOING THIS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM WE ARE REWARDING BAD BEHAVIOR WE ARE REWARDING THE INABILITY TO PROPERLY DELIVER AND OPERATE A SYSTEM AND YOU GOT TO ASK WHY IF THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS CAN DO IT AND MANY OF THEM DO IT WITH FAR LESS RESOURCES FAR LESS RESOURCES AND COLLEAGUES YOU KNOW THAT AND FAR LESS MONEY AND OF COURSE DODEA HAS A LOT MORE RESOURCES STILL CAN DELIVER BUT NOT THE GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM CONSISTENTLY IN THE LAST FEW GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER AND DOES THAT TAKE AWAY FROM THE HARD-WORKING DEDICATED I GIVE TO TEACHERS THAT ARE THERE OR THE SUPPORT STAFF THAT'S THERE IN THE SCHOOLS IT DOESN'T BUT ALL WE GET IS MORE FINGER-POINTING ALL THE REASONS WHY WE CANNOT OPERATE A SAFE CLEAN ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS AND INSTEAD OF HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THAT WE PRAISE THEM AND THEN WE SAY THE SOLUTION IS LET'S JUST GET RID OF THE REQUIREMENTS EVEN THOUGH AGAIN THEY OPERATE THEIR OWN PROCUREMENT BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE DOE OFFICIALS HERE TO ASK THOSE QUESTIONS BECAUSE WE TOTALLY BYPASSED A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF HIS BODY DECIDED TODAY THAT WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THIS AN EMERGENCY AND WE'RE GOING TO BYPASS THAT WHOLE PROCESS SO WE CAN'T ASK QUESTIONS AND WE CAN'T GET ANSWERS DOLLARS TO DONUTS BECAUSE I'M A MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE I AM SURE WE'RE GOING TO BE SITTING IN MORE OVERSIGHT HEARINGS AND MORE ROUNDTABLES AND AN UMPTEEN EXPLANATIONS AS TO WHY THIS DID NOT HAPPEN AND THAT DID NOT HAPPEN AND WHY IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS AT THE END OF SUMMER A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ARE NOT GOING TO BE READY TO START SCHOOL AND A NUMBER OF THESE SCHOOLS WILL NOT PASS INSPECTION WHAT ARE THE ODDS OF THAT COLLEAGUES YOU THINK IT'S GOING TO BE ANY BETTER BECAUSE WE PASSED THIS AND WE OPEN THE FLOODGATES TO PROCUREMENT AND THEN DID WE WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THE PUBLIC AUDITOR HERE TO ASK HEY MR. PUBLIC AUDITOR AUDITOR BJ IS YOUR OFFICE GEARED UP TO ADD ON THIS ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF REVIEWING THESE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENTS TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC MONEY IS BEING PROPERLY SPENT BUT WE DIDN'T EVEN GET THE CHANCE BECAUSE I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THIS BILL WAS GOING TO BE IN THE AGENDA BECAUSE THE SPEAKER DIDN'T SEND THIS TO US YESTERDAY LIKE A NUMBER OF OTHER BILLS THAT WERE HERE WE WEREN'T EVEN IN FORM WE WERE JUST WALKED IN AND OH HERE HERE OH YOU DIDN'T SEE IT ON IT'S RIGHT THERE ON YOUR DESK THERE'S THERE'S THE BILL BECAUSE WE THINK WE CAN SOMEHOW FROM THIS POSITION NOT DO THE HEAVY LIFTING AND WE CAN JUST INTRODUCE A BILL AND PUT OUR NAME ON THE TOP AND SOMEHOW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SOME PROBLEMS GO AWAY THE MONUMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THE OPERATIONS OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE INEFFICIENCY SUPERINTENDENT AFTER SUPERINTENDENT OF NOT BEING ABLE TO DELIVER AN ANSWER AND ADDRESS THE BASIC NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF OPERATING OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM BUT WE GET EXCELLENT YOU KNOW EVALUATIONS AND WE PAT EACH OTHER ON THE BACK AND AND WHERE ARE WE AND WE'RE OUR STUDENTS AND HOW IS IT ANY BETTER SO NO I'M VERY I JUST LOOK INTO THE LITTLE CRYSTAL BALL TO THE FUTURE LIKE I LOOKED INTO THE CRYSTAL BALL LAST YEAR AND THE YEAR BEFORE ABOUT OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION WHILE WE WERE BUSY APPROPRIATING TO THE MOON OR TO BORROW YOU KNOW BUZZ LIGHTYEAR TO INFINITY AND BEYOND BECAUSE WE CAN'T TRIP OVER OURSELVES FAST ENOUGH TO APPROPRIATE THE PEOPLE'S MONEY WHETHER IT'S THERE OR NOT KNOWING THAT THIS WAS COMING AND THEN ON TOP OF THAT WE HAVE A TYPHOON AND MY GOODNESS GOD HELP US IF WE GET ANOTHER ONE THIS YEAR THIS FISCAL YEAR BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO FUND IT MAYBE WE'LL GO BACK TO PLAYING THE SHELL GAME AND JUST TRY AND MOVE MONEY AROUND AND WHAT'S THE OLD PHRASE WE GOTTA BORROW FROM PETER TO PAY PAUL AND VICE VERSA BECAUSE ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU KNOW WE CAN APPROPRIATE ALL WE WANT ON PAPER BUT IF THE CASH WHAT'S THE OTHER PHRASE OH CASH IS KING IF THE CASH IS NOT THERE THEN WHAT YOU KNOW WE PLAY THE POLITICS SO MUCH BUT THE HARD WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND ENSURING BECAUSE WE DON'T WHEN YOU GET RIGHT DOWN TO IT WE DON'T ENSURE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS THAT ARE SERVING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPACITIES THAT DON'T DELIVER YES I KNOW SPEAKER I'M TIRED TOO TRUST ME HAVE BEEN AT THIS A WHILE I'M VERY TIRED AND I JUST DON'T SEE THIS ULTIMACY

SOLUTION IF THIS IS WHAT OUR COLLEAGUES DETERMINE THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO TO MAKE THIS PROBLEM GO AWAY FOR TODAY WE'RE GOING TO BE FINE YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN LOOK AS RECENTLY MY GOODNESS WE CAN'T EVEN ACCOUNT YOU KNOW WONDERING WHAT'S GOING ON AT DOE BECAUSE WE HAVE OVERTIME ACCUSATIONS BEING MADE THAT THAT OFFICIALS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WERE CHARGING OVER TIME THAT THEY DIDN'T EARN OR EXCESSIVE OVERTIME THEY WEREN'T ENTITLED TO AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S TRUE OR NOT I'VE HEARD THE ALLEGATION I DON'T KNOW IS ANYBODY GOING TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT ISN'T THAT AN OLD YOU KNOW WHEN DOES THAT STOP HOW MANY PUBLIC OFFICIALS ARE GOING TO GO DOWN THAT ROAD CHARGING OVER TIME THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED IN HOW MANY DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT AND AGENCIES THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND THEN ON TOP OF IT TO HAPPEN IN OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM WE LITERALLY ARE STEALING FROM OUR CHILDREN AND THESE ARE SUPPOSEDLY PUBLIC OFFICIALS ASSUMING THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THERE TO HELP OUR CHILDREN OUR KIDS HELP THEM GET EDUCATED FOR THE FUTURE SO THAT THEY CAN BE READY TO GET OUT THERE AND MAKE A BETTER GUAM AND MAKE A BETTER WORLD AND IT'S THESE VERY SAME OFFICIALS YOU WANT US TO JUST OPEN THE FLOODGATES AND HEY EVERYTHING'S AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT LET'S JUST GET ON THE BANDWAGON I DON'T KNOW HOW SEEING THE TRACK RECORD SOMEHOW IS GOING TO IMPROVE BECAUSE WE SIMPLY REMOVE THE STANDARDS THAT THEY THEMSELVES HAVE THE ABILITY YOU KNOW IT'S LIKE HAVING THESE CELERY IN THE CAR HOW FAR DO YOU WANT TO MAKE THE CAR GO I MEAN ALL OF US I'M SURE AT SOME POINT GO OVER 35 MILES AN HOUR BUT WE GOT THE ABILITY TO CONTROL THAT AND YET WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK AND SAY OH DON'T DON'T WORRY ABOUT MEETING YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS AND PERFORMING YOUR JOB EFFECTIVELY WE'LL JUST GET RID OF THE REQUIREMENTS BECAUSE IT'S AN EMERGENCY AND SOMEHOW WE THINK THAT'S GONNA BECAUSE I WILL BE THERE MR. CHAIR I WILL BE THERE AT YOUR HEARINGS AND WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT DOESN'T GET RESOLVED IN THE 120 DAYS YOU KNOW BEFORE CINDERELLA'S PUMPKIN DISAPPEARS AND THERE'S NO PRINCE TO COME ALONG AND RESCUE HER I JUST THINK WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL FOLKS WHEN WE MAKE THESE TYPE OF DECISIONS WE NEED TO TAKE THE TIME TO DO IT AND DO IT PROPERLY AND ALSO ENSURE THAT THESE PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO RIGHT NOW DON'T EXIST UP HERE SO THE PEOPLE AT GUAM KNOW WHO THEY ARE ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT THEY GET PAID TO DO AND MANY OF THEM GET PAID QUITE HANDSOMELY EVERYONE'S WORRIED ABOUT MY SALARY HECK I I WORK AND I DELIVER I CAN TAKE AN OPERATION AND DELIVER ON IT SO I CAN TALK BUT WHEN WE SEE THIS TYPE OF YOU KNOW AND I I I CAN EMPATHIZE HE'S JUST STARTED SIX MONTHS IMAGINE SCRATCHING YOUR HEAD AFTER A FEW YEARS AND EVEN THOUGH ALL THAT WE GIVE AND WE THINK THAT THE SOLUTION IS THROWING MORE MONEY AT A SITUATION AND IT DOESN'T COME OUT ANY BETTER LET'S SEE SENATOR CHRIS IN 16 YEARS IF HE'S STILL PLUGGING AWAY AT THIS WE JUST DON'T HOLD PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE AND YET WE THINK THAT SOMEHOW OUR LEGISLATION OUR WORDS ON PAPER IS GOING TO RESOLVE THIS THIS IS GOING TO CREATE MORE PROBLEMS BECAUSE IF YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO FOLLOW EVERY LETTER TO THE LAW IN SIGNING THESE CERTIFICATES HOW MUCH GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT HAPPENS EVERY DAY THAT'S IMPROPER AND THE SIGNATURE IS ALL THERE GOT IT YEAH AND THEN WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT DO WE PROSECUTE THEM DO WE REQUIRE THEM TO PAY THE MONEY BACK *AI SUS* OUR DEAR PEOPLE ARE THEY BEING WELL SERVED I GOTTA WONDER I I JUST HAVE RESERVATIONS WITH REGARDS TO OPENING UP I UNDERSTAND THE INTENT OF WHY THE CHAIRMAN WANTS TO DO THIS BECAUSE HE WANTS TO HELP THEM I THINK WE ALL WANT TO HELP DOE BUT WE CAN'T HAVE THEM WE CAN'T DO THEIR JOB FOR THEM AND IF THEY'RE NOT DOING THEIR JOB THEY SHOULD BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR NOT PERFORMING ISN'T THAT THE SYSTEM IS NOT HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO WORK BECAUSE THROWING MORE MONEY THAT'S RUNNING OUT FOLKS AND IT'S RUNNING OUT I MEAN LIKE I SAID I DON'T YOU KNOW BBMR DIDN'T TELL US THERE'S NO 50 MILLION BUT WE WANT TO THINK THERE IS ONE TELL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THERE'S 50 MILLION OUT THERE THERE ISN'T WITH THAT I HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENTS ON THIS BILL MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR BROWN ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE IF NOT SENATOR BARNETT OH SPEAKER THERESE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE MAIN MOTION PLEASE PROCEED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU AND I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY JUST RESTATING HOW WE GOT INTO THIS EMERGENCY SESSION YES THERE WAS A BILL INTRODUCED OVER THE WEEKEND THAT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION AND A REQUEST WAS MADE PURSUANT TO THE RULES FOR AN EMERGENCY SESSION ON THE BILL AND TO WAIVE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THAT BILL AND EVERY OTHER BILL THAT I'VE SEEN HERE EXCEPT FOR THE CROP COMPENSATION THAT WAS INTRODUCED EARLIER MAYBE LAST WEEK EVERY OTHER BILL WAS JUST INTRODUCED TODAY SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT TALKING ABOUT THE SPEAKER DID SOMETHING I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING IT WAS THE BODY THAT VOTED TO PUT THESE BILLS ON AN AGENDA AND I DON'T APPRECIATE THAT WE'RE GOING TO FOLLOW THE PROCESS THAT'S HOW IT WORKS I I CAN APPRECIATE SOME PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE EMERGENCIES THAT'S FINE THEY DON'T AGREE WITH MY CALL THAT'S FINE BACK THAT'S FINE THERE'S A LOT A LOT OF LET'S HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO YELL AT

THEM IS THAT HOW WE'RE GOING TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE WE TELL THEM TO FIX THE SCHOOLS AND THEN BRING THEM IN AND BERATE THEM BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T DONE IT IS THAT HOW WE'RE HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE BECAUSE THE WAY I SEE IT ALL WE'RE DOING IS NOT GETTING THE SCHOOLS FIXED SO I AGREE I DON'T WANT DOE TO SHORTCUT THIS PROCESS BECAUSE I THINK THE PROCESS IS OKAY THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS HAS LOTS OF PROTECTIONS BUILT INTO IT AND OVER THE YEARS THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCESS HAS PROTECTIONS BUILT INTO IT AND WE DON'T AGREE WITH ALL THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENTS WE'VE SEEN THE LISTS BUT IF WE WANT THE SCHOOLS TO BE FIXED BEFORE AUGUST WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING SO THIS IS ANOTHER TOOL TO GIVE THEM THAT'S WHAT IT IS IT GIVES THEM FOUR MONTHS OF EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT THEY ARE ALREADY USING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR DECLARED AN EMERGENCY AND WHEN THEY CAME TO THE HEARING SPEAKING OF KEEPING THEM ACCOUNTABLE THEY CAME TO THE HEARING AND THEY SAID STRAIGHT OUT WE ARE ABLE TO DO THIS WITH A COMBINATION OF REGULAR AND EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY USING AND THEY SAID THAT AND THAT'S I THINK WELL THAT'S WHY I LIKE THE IDEA BECAUSE THEY SAID THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH CERTAIN THINGS DUE TO EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT THAT THEY ARE UNDER RIGHT NOW AND THE GOAL OF ALL OF THIS WAS AUGUST 9 TO OPEN THE SCHOOLS AUGUST 9. IT'S THE MIDDLE OF JUNE IT'S THE MIDDLE OF JUNE THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE TWO MONTHS THEY'VE GOT A MONTH AND A HALF TO OPEN THE SCHOOLS LET ALONE PLAN EDUCATION THEY WANT ALL THE SCHOOLS OR WE WANT ALL THE SCHOOLS TO BE INSPECTED BEFORE AUGUST 9. BECAUSE ALL OF THOSE INSPECTIONS EXPIRE IN JUNE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH THEY EXPIRE SO WE'VE MANDATED THAT THEY WILL ALL BE RE-INSPECTED THAT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT WE FOUND AT DOE IN THESE FACILITIES THAT ARE OLD AND YES THERE'S SOME INCOMPETENCE THERE'S SOME LACK OF LEADERSHIP SOMETIMES YES BUT SOMETIMES I DON'T KNOW WE JUST HAVE TO KEEP TRYING OTHERWISE WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO SIT BACK PUNISH THEM BY NOT DOING ANYTHING AND THEN THE SCHOOLS DON'T GET OPEN THAT'S THE ONLY QUESTION I HAVE WHO GETS PUNISHED WHEN WE PUNISH SOMEBODY AT DOE MANAGEMENT THE STUDENTS AND I AM NOT THE PROSECUTOR I THINK THE OPA HAS DONE A GREAT JOB I THINK THE DOE ACCOUNTANTS THEMSELVES ARE THE ONES WHO REPORTED THESE THINGS TO THE AUDITOR THEY DID IT AND I I EXPECT THEM TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY ARE COMPLYING WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND THEY ARE COMPLYING WITH LOCAL REQUIREMENTS AND THEY WILL GO TO JAIL IF THEY DON'T THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME AND I THINK WE'RE DOING A LOT TO GET INVOLVED TO FOCUS AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY THE KEY IT'S REALLY NOT A WHO CAN WE PUNISH OVER THERE BUT CAN WE HELP THEM FOCUS CAN WE HELP THEM DEDICATE EVERY OUNCE OF ENERGY AND TIME THAT THEY HAVE TO THIS NOT EVERYTHING ELSE TO THIS TO GETTING THE COCKROACHES OUT OF THE SCHOOLS THE BATHROOMS WORKING THE WHOLE LIST WE WANT THE INSPECTIONS WE WANT THEM TO PASS BY JUNE WE AND THAT INSPECTION SAYS THAT THE SCHOOL IS SANITARY AND SAFE FOR THE STUDENTS SIMPLE AS THAT BUT HUGE RIGHT THEY'VE TOLD US IN THE OVERSIGHT HEARINGS THAT WE'VE HAD THE ROUND TABLES THAT WE'VE HAD THEY HAVE TOLD US AND MY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT THEY HAVE NOW TOLD US THAT CONTRARY TO WHAT THEY USED TO TELL US THAT MONEY WAS A PROBLEM WE NEVER GIVE THEM ENOUGH MONEY NOW THEY FINALLY ADMIT MONEY IS NOT AN ISSUE AT ALL FINALLY THEY ADMIT THAT IT'S NOT AN ISSUE NOW THEY POINT TO PROCUREMENT AS THEIR PROBLEM AND I AGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER I DON'T THINK THEY SHOULD SCAPEGOAT ANYTHING I THINK WE'VE GOT A GOOD PROCUREMENT SYSTEM WE NEED COMPETENT PEOPLE TO DO PROCUREMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WE HAVE ASKED THE GOVERNOR BY THE BILL THE LAW PUBLIC LAW 34-7 TO PUT COMPETENT PEOPLE IN ABUNDANCE TO GET THE FEDERAL ARP MONEY THE 120 MILLION DOLLARS AT DOE SPENT ON FIXING THE FACILITIES IN TIME TO MEET THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS I DON'T THINK DOE CAN DO IT BY THEMSELVES I DON'T THINK THEY CAN I THINK WE'VE ALL AGREED I THOUGHT THAT THEY CAN'T THEY NEED THE GOVERNOR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR EVERY AGENCY ON GUAM ALMOST ESPECIALLY DPW AND OTHER AGENCIES THEY NEED THEM THEY NEED THEIR HELP THEY NEED DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ALL OF US THEY NEED HELP OF DOA IN GETTING THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN THERE WE DID GIVE THEM THEIR OWN PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY IN IN AN ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM NOT SOLVED YET BUT THEY'VE GOT THAT TOOL THEIR OWN PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY THEY CONTROL THE TIME FRAMES OF PROCUREMENT SO WHEN THEY COME TO OUR HEARINGS AND THEY TELL US THAT PROCUREMENT IS TAKING TOO LONG THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS IS TERRIBLE IT TAKES TOO LONG I COMPLETELY DISAGREE THE COM THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS IS VERY CLEAR YOU NEED TO PLAN AHEAD YOU NEED TO DO YOUR HARD WORK YOU NEED TO STAY FOCUSED AND YOU CANNOT LET IT GO I NEED TO BE REALISTIC THAT IF IT'S GOING TO TAKE THREE MONTHS TO WRITE ONE MONTH TO WRITE SPECIFICATIONS ONE MONTH TO INVITE OFFERS AND ONE MONTH TO DO THE AWARDS THAT'S THREE MONTHS WE DON'T HAVE THREE MONTHS THAT'S ANOTHER CONCLUSION WE CAME TO AT THE LAST HEARING WE DON'T HAVE THE THREE MONTHS THAT THEY NEED TO DO THESE HUGE GIGANTIC CON CIPS BUILDING REPAIRS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPEAKER I'M SO SORRY WE HAVE TO DO A RESET I'LL GIVE YOU THE TIME BUT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS JUST TO RESET PER AUDIO THANK YOU WE ARE IN RECESS.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH I WAS SAYING THAT I DON'T BELIEVE PROCUREMENT IS REALLY THE PROBLEM I THINK THE PRINCIPALS HAVE TOLD US NOW OH PROCUREMENT IS THE PROBLEM BECAUSE THEY'VE MADE REQUESTS TO DOWNTOWN AND THEY ARE NOT GETTING THEIR REQUESTS MADE MET THAT'S A PROBLEM THAT'S NOT A PROCUREMENT PROBLEM THAT'S A PROBLEM IN MANAGEMENT BECAUSE DOE WE GAVE THEM CONTROL OVER THE TIME FRAMES THAT THEY PROCURE THINGS WE GAVE THEM CONTROL OVER THE SPECIFICATIONS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO WRITE IN THEIR PROCUREMENT OF THE THINGS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO PROCURE EXCEPT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THOSE LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THOSE ARE SUPPOSED TO GO TO DPW EXCEPT WHEN IT CAME TO SIMON SANCHEZ DOE WANTED THAT ALSO AND WE GAVE THEM THAT AND LOOK WHERE WE ARE WITH SIMON SANCHEZ SO I DON'T THINK PROCUREMENT IS THE PROBLEM IT'S A MATTER OF PEOPLE DEDICATING THEMSELVES AND REALLY BEING FOCUSED ON THAT ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE I THINK THEY MISREPRESENT TO THE PRINCIPALS THAT PROCUREMENT IS THE ISSUE I THINK THESE PRINCIPALS HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR THINGS THEY PUT THEM ON TIER ONE AND THEY SHOULD TAKE CARE OF TIER ONE AND THE HEARING ONE OF THE FINANCIAL PEOPLE TOLD US THAT THE PRINCIPLES ALSO HAVE AUTHORITY ON THEIR OWN WITH UNAUDITED FUNDS TO PROCURE THINGS AND SO HE THOUGHT THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT AS WELL SOME AMOUNTS WENT UP TO LIKE FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS SO THAT'S TIER ONE THAT'S PRINCIPALS NEEDS THEY SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF THAT'S NOT A PROCUREMENT PROBLEM ONE TIME THEY TOLD US THERE WERE NO MORE SUPPLIES ON GUAM THAT'S A PROBLEM AND THAT'S NOT SOMETHING WE'RE GOING TO SOLVE BY THIS BILL BUT I JUST DON'T BELIEVE IN USING PROCUREMENT AS THE ENEMY THAT'S THE ONLY THING YOU KNOW I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO THINK THAT I AGREE WITH THIS BILL BECAUSE PROCUREMENT IS A PROBLEM I DON'T AGREE WITH THAT BUT I DO AGREE THAT EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT WAS CREATED FOR SITUATIONS LIKE THIS WHERE WE HAVE TO OPEN A SCHOOL IN ONE AND A HALF MONTHS WE ARE NOWHERE NEAR THAT BECAUSE ON TOP OF THE DISREPAIR THAT THE SCHOOLS WERE IN WE HAD A TYPHOON ON TOP OF THAT AND WE USE THE SCHOOLS AS SHELTERS AND THEY HAD NO POWER OR WATER TO CLEAN THE SCHOOLS THEY DIDN'T EVEN HAVE CHAINSAWS THAT'S WHAT THEY TOLD US THEY SAID THEY'RE WORKING ON GETTING THE OTHER AGENCIES TO HELP THEM I THINK THAT'S WAY TOO LATE I AM ASKING THE GOVERNOR AGAIN AND I'LL STATE IT HERE ON THE RECORD AGAIN WE NEED ALL THE AGENCIES TO ASSIST DOE TO OPEN THESE SCHOOLS IN AUGUST THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST SINCE THEY ARE CURRENTLY ALREADY USING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT WHAT THIS BILL IS GOING TO DO IS EXTEND THE TIME FRAME BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE GOVERNOR IS GOING TO END HER EMERGENCY DECLARATION THAT'S WHAT THIS BILL DOES IT ALLOWS THEM TO DO WHAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY DOING PERHAPS LONGER DEPENDING ON HOW LONG THE GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION IS THE BILL GIVES GDOE THE OPTION TO USE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT NOT MANDATE THEM TO USE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT SO I'M ALSO HOPING THAT WHERE WE NEED GREATER COMPETITION AND WE CAN AFFORD A GREATER REACH A GREATER SOLICITATION A LONGER PERIOD SUCH AS FROM LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE THAT THEY MIGHT CHOOSE NOT TO USE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT AND DO REGULAR PROCUREMENT JUST SO THAT IT'S NOT A RUSH EVEN WITH REGULAR PROCUREMENT THE REPAIRS CAN BE MADE THEY CLAIM DOE CLAIMS THAT THE ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE OF ALL THE SCHOOLS BY THEIR OWN TEAM BY THE ARMY CORPS MAYBE FEMA NOW THEY CLAIM THEY HAVE WORKED WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO STREAMLINE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT AND THAT IF THEY CAN GET A STANDARDIZED YOU KNOW PROCESS OR OR BID IFB FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT'S ALREADY PRE-APPROVED THAT THEY COULD USE THAT IN SO MANY OF THEIR PROCESSES GOING FORWARD AND THAT'S REALLY GOING TO HELP THEM AS WELL THOSE ARE ALL SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS I THINK ON BEHALF OF GDOE BUT WE NEED MORE BECAUSE THE TIME LIMITS TIME FRAMES ARE ARE REALLY DRASTIC BUT UNLESS WE'RE GOING TO HOLD OUR STUDENTS BACK FROM STARTING SCHOOL IN AUGUST I DON'T WANT TO LOOK AT THAT AS AN OPTION I WANT TO PUSH THE REPAIR OF THE SCHOOLS AND PUT OUR CHILDREN INTO SCHOOLS IN AUGUST NOT DISRUPT THEIR LIVES ANYMORE WE DON'T HAVE TO THIS BILL DOES NOT THROW ANY MORE MONEY TO ANYONE NOT AT ALL I TRUST THAT THE DOE SYSTEM IS GOING TO DO WHAT WE HAVE PUT IN PLACE IT'S GOT CHECKS AND BALANCES BUILT IN NOT PERFECT BUT WHEN THEY GET CAUGHT THEY'RE GOING TO BE PROSECUTED I HAVE TO BELIEVE IN THAT AND IF THEY AREN'T PERHAPS SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES CAN GO PROSECUTE THEM THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SPEAKER TERLAJE ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR I HAVE SENATOR DUEÑAS AS AND THEN I HAVE SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I'LL BE BRIEF BUT I HAVE TO ADDRESS A FEW COMMENTS I'M ACTUALLY A LITTLE BIT MORE CONFUSED NOW ON THE ISSUE OF THIS ISN'T GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM BUT I'M GOING TO PASS THIS BILL YOU KNOW IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS WITH THE RESOLUTION THAT JUST PASSED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND WHAT'S COMING OUR WAY IS THIS DISCUSSION JUST GOING TO CONTINUE AND I AGREE WITH SENATOR BROWN I MEAN WE'RE OPENING OURSELVES UP HERE IF IT'S TRULY BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION WELL IF THE GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION ENDS AND EVERYTHING HAS HAPPENED ACCORDING TO THE PLAN WELL LET'S CALL ANOTHER EMERGENCY SESSION BUT JUST TO THROW IT TO THE WIND RIGHT NOW WHEN YOU'RE ALREADY ADMITTING BASICALLY THAT YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S EVEN THE REASON AND THE CONCURRENT METHODS ARE BEING USED AT THIS POINT IN TIME WHERE'S THE PROOF IN THE PUDDING AND TO THE REASONING OF THAT'S THE WAY IT WORKS HERE OTHER BILLS WERE INTRODUCED AND THAT'S THE PROCESS ON THIS FLOOR FINE BUT WE THREW DOWN A COUPLE OF OTHER BILLS BASED ON A REQUEST THAT WAS WRITTEN AND THERE WASN'T EVEN A REQUEST DENIED ON BILLS THAT WERE HEARD EARLIER AND WE CAN'T EVEN GET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SO WE CAN VERIFY THE VERACITY OF THE NEED THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED WE DIDN'T GET A LETTER FROM AGRICULTURE WE DIDN'T GET A LETTER FROM ANYBODY SAYING NON-BONIFIED FARMERS ARE BEING DENIED SO WE HAVE A RIGHT TO QUESTION THESE THINGS MADAM SPEAKER AND WE HAVE A RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THINGS AND DECIDE WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ON A BILL ONE WAY OR THE OTHER NOT BECAUSE WE DON'T BELIEVE OR NONE OF US WANT TO HELP BUT WHEN YOU CALL A SESSION FOR ONE BILL AND IT TURNS INTO THIS THERE'S GOING TO BE A COUPLE OF THEM YOU'RE GOING TO DISAGREE WITH AT SOME POINT AND IT'S MOSTLY BECAUSE OF PROCEDURE AND SO WE DON'T DO THINGS THAT END UP SAYING WELL WE'LL GO PROSECUTE THEM LATER I WANT TOOLS IN THE TOOLBOX TOO BUT IF THERE'S ALREADY TOOLS IN THE TOOLBOX AND YOU'RE ADDING ANOTHER TOOL TO THE TOOLBOX SO THAT YOU CAN SAY I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NO MORE EXCUSES AND AIN'T NOBODY BEATING ANYBODY UP HERE MADAM CHAIR WE'RE ALL TRYING TO DO THE SAME THING WE PASSED THE LAW AND WE'RE TRYING TO HOLD ON TO IT BUT BY THE SAME TIME TRIPPING OVER OURSELVES TO OPEN THE DOOR SO WHETHER THIS EXISTS AS A STOP GAP TO ENSURE THAT WHEN THE GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY IS OVER THAT IT CONTINUES WELL WE'VE BEEN BECOME PRETTY GOOD AT EMERGENCY SESSIONS I BELIEVE THIS IS OUR FOURTH SO THERE'S NOTHING TO PREVENT US FROM THAT BUT I AM GOING TO CONTINUE TO ASK THOSE QUESTIONS AND THOSE ARE THE RIGHT QUESTIONS TO BE ASKING TO REPEAT MY GOOD COLLEAGUE'S STATEMENT ONCE AGAIN I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S THAT'S THE PROBLEM I DON'T BELIEVE THAT PROCUREMENT'S THE ISSUE WELL I'M HAVING A HARD TIME WITH THAT TOO BUT IT'S NOT ABOUT BLAMING IT'S ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT IS BEING PUT BEFORE US AND TOLD TO US SO IF THE BILL PASSES THE GOVERNOR SIGNS IT IT LAPSES INTO LAW WHATEVER HAPPENS WE CAN WALK AWAY BUT LATER ON IF THAT'S JUST SO THAT WE CAN SAY WELL WE GAVE YOU EVERYTHING AND YOU FAILED THAT'S STILL CALLING SOMEBODY OUT UNLESS WE SEE THE REAL WORK THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT ALL OF GOVERNMENT AND EVERYBODY ELSE HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF WHAT RESOURCES ARE GOING TO BE MARSHALED AND WHAT IS GOING TO BE THE EXACT DECLARATION BECAUSE WE KNOW WE GOT PUBLIC HEALTH HANGING IN THE BALANCE TOO BECAUSE THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO ISSUE THOSE CERTIFICATES SO I DON'T KNOW YOU KNOW I'LL SIT DOWN AND THINK ABOUT IT AND SEE WHAT WE COME UP WITH WHEN IT COMES TO VOTING TIME BUT I'M NOT SOLD ON THE FACT THAT WE OPEN IT UP BECAUSE WE'RE WORKING OFF OF A TICKING CLOCK FROM THE GOVERNOR I MEAN WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS EMERGENCY STUFF A FEW TIMES I WOULD HOPE THAT THE GOVERNOR THEN WOULD SEE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS STILL NOT READY AND JUST MAYBE ISSUE IF SHE TERMINATES HER THEN ISSUE A MODIFIED ONE SAYING WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BECAUSE THEY'VE DEMONSTRATED THEY'VE BEEN DOING IT THEY'RE ALREADY DOING IT IS WHAT WE'RE HEARING SO THAT'S WHY SOME OF US HAVE BEEN A LITTLE METHODOICAL IN TERMS OF TRYING TO DEAL WITH THE ADD-ONS YOU KNOW WE WERE TOLD WHY THE OTHERS CAN'T COME ON MAYBE SO WE'LL SEE WHEN THOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS COME FORWARD BUT LET'S BE HONEST WITH OURSELVES WITH OTHERS THAT AREN'T WE DIDN'T EVEN GET A LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WE DIDN'T GET ANYTHING ANYONE SCREAMING AT US FOR A BILL THAT WAS INTRODUCED ON THE 13TH BUT WE'RE TOO IN A HURRY TO EVEN HAVE A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUST TO PUT EVERYTHING ON THE RECORD LET'S BE CONSISTENT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THIS WILL PASS THIS BILL WILL PASS AND LISTENING OF COURSE THE COLLEAGUES IN REGARDS TO ANOTHER TOOL IN THE IN THE TOOLBOX I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TOOLS WE PROVIDED IN THIS TERM ALREADY IN THIS TOOLBOX AND I THERE ARE NO NAMES FOR FOR THOSE TOOLS ANYMORE THEY'RE WIDGETS YOU KNOW IF WE JUST LOOK BACK IT'S JUNE NOW OF 2023 A YEAR AGO IN MAY 13 MONTHS AGO IN MAY WE HAD THE ORIGINAL SUPERINTENDENT RESIGN FAST FORWARD TO TODAY WE CAN LOOK AT WHAT PROBLEMS AND AND AND HOW WE CAN SOLVE THEM WELL 13 MONTHS INTO THIS RIGHT NOW WE'VE HAD THREE SUPERINTENDENTS THREE SUPERINTENDENTS THE END OF THE MONTH WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER SUPERINTENDENT SO IN 14 MONTHS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WOULD HAVE SEEN FOUR SUPERINTENDENTS YOU KNOW WE'VE A FEW OF US HAVE ATTENDED A FEW GRADUATIONS PROMOTIONS THE PAST WEEK OR SO AND I'VE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO SOME FOLKS IN THE BOARD AS WELL AS SUPER THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT AND THE ACTIVE SUPERINTENDENT NOW IS LEAVING THE END OF THIS MONTH NEW SUPERINTENDENT WILL BE ON BOARD SHORTLY AFTER AND MY QUESTION IS HAVE YOU HAVE YOU SEEN I MEAN ESPECIALLY NOW I MEAN MAYBE I CAN UNDERSTAND A LITTLE BETTER IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THIS TYPHOON AND AND THEY JUST CAME IN AND SAY HEY HOW ARE YOU DOING OKAY *ADIOS* SAY IT'S IT'S YOURS BUT SINCE THIS TYPHOON THAT THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE CONTACT BEING MADE AND SAY HEY THIS IS THE PROBLEM WE HAD LOOK LOOK THESE ARE THE LAWS WE HAVE TO ADHERE TO ON TOP OF THAT WE HAVE A TYPHOON WE'VE HAVE WE HAVE TO GET READY FOR THE SCHOOLS WE HAVE THIS TYPHOON AND SO LET'S GET TOGETHER *LÃO TÁYA* 'NOTHING I DON'T THINK THEY EVEN KNOW I DON'T I DON'T THINK ANY OF US HAVE SEEN THIS SUPPOSEDLY INCOMING SUPERINTENDENT KNOW WHAT HE OR SHE LOOKS LIKE AT THIS POINT AND SO AS THE THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL SAID YOU KNOW THIS IS I THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE THE FINAL TOOL IN THIS TOOLBOX I DON'T THINK SO THIS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE NEW CARPENTER COMING IN THIS IS THE FOURTH CARPENTER IN 14 MONTHS IS GOING TO HAVE HIS OWN SET OF WIDGETS AND THEN HE'LL COME TO US AND OF COURSE WE'LL HAVE A ROUNDTABLE OR WHATEVER IT IS AND HE WAS LIKE I'M WORKING ON IT YES I GOT A TEAM ASSEMBLED WE'RE GOING TO HEAR THE SAME THING THAT WE'VE HEARD FROM THEN THE WOULD BE THE OUTGOING BECAUSE HE'S JUST TRANSITIONING IN AND AND SO I AND WE KNOW THE BUREAUCRACY OF THE OF DOE WE KNOW THAT ALL TOO WELL AND SO I SAID TO SOME OF THE DOE OFFICIALS SAYS YOU HAVE NOT MET WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT NO *TÁYA* ' I SAID *AI MAKALAMUT SIEMPRE I DOE EYU NA* SUPERINTENDENT THERE THERE SAID THEY SAID YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AND SO THAT BEING SAID I THINK WE CAN SEE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ALREADY AT THIS POINT IS THAT THERE'S INSTABILITY IN LEADERSHIP ALREADY NEXT MONTH WILL BE FOUR SUPERINTENDENTS IN 14 MONTHS 14 MONTHS FOUR SUPERINTENDENTS AND WHO KNOWS IF *MAKALAMUT MAGÁHET I* SUPERINTENDENT HOW LONG HE OR SHE IS GOING TO STAY STAY ON BOARD REGARDLESS OF A CONTRACT AND I DON'T I DON'T KNOW THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THIS NEW SUPERINTENDENT SUPPOSEDLY I GUESS DID THE DODEA SCHOOLS AND AND ALL THAT WELL HOW MANY SCHOOLS HOW MANY SCHOOLS ARE THAT *KUÁNTTO NA ESKUELA ENÃO* YEP SO I'M NOT ASSURED THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE THE FINAL TOOL IN THIS TOOLBOX BUT THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH ALL THE NECESSARY I GUESS WIDGETS TO BE ABLE TO DO THEIR JOB YES WE HEARD YEAH IT'S NOW PROCUREMENT IT'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING ELSE WELL I JUST YOU KNOW I JUST GOT INTO I JUST GOT IN THIS POSITION AND WE'RE WORKING ON IT WE'RE PUTTING A TEAM TOGETHER AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE ASKED IN IN A PREVIOUS ROUNDTABLE MONTHS AGO THE TEAM THAT YOU PUT TOGETHER TO TO GET THESE GET THE SCHOOLS UP TO PAR ARE THEY GOING TO BE THE SAME TEAM THAT'S GOING TO BE HELD BY THIS NEW SUPERINTENDENT BECAUSE HE'S PROBABLY GOING TO WANT TO SELECT HIS OWN TEAM SO AGAIN WE'RE GOING TO BE STARTING OVER HE'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE LEARNING THE ROPES BECAUSE HE MAY HAVE BEEN A SUCCESSFUL LEADER IN ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SCHOOL SYSTEM BUT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN IN DOE IT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT ANIMAL DIFFERENT *ENÃO NA ANIMAL AI ADAI* BUT AGAIN AS A BODY WE PROVIDE WHAT IS NEEDED TO TO GET GET THE WORK DONE BUT THE THING HONESTLY FOLKS HONESTLY COLLEAGUES I THINK THAT BEING SAID WE'RE PROVIDING ALL THE TOOLS NOW IS WIDGETS AND THINGS LIKE THAT I THINK IT'S SERIOUSLY TIME TO THINK OF SCHOOL CHOICE BECAUSE *AI ADAI* THE MONEY'S WE POURED IN THE POUR IN AND THE RESULTS WE'RE GETTING AS A MATTER OF FACT I I THINK THE SUPERINTENDENT TOLD ME THAT ONE OF THE HIGH SCHOOLS OR THEY'RE GOING TO GO INTO A DOUBLE SESSION ONE SCHOOL I THINK IS GOING TO BE CLOSED DOWN AND GOING DOUBLE SESSIONS SO I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY ELSE WAS GOING TO HAPPEN WE'VE ALSO HEARD BEFORE THEN THAT THE BILL THAT WE PASSED IS GOING TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE NEED FOR

ONLINE OR VISUAL WHAT IS IT ONLINE SCHOOL *HÅFA NA KLÅSEN* SCHOOL HUH ONLINE SAID WOW SO THAT WAS THAT WAS THE BEFORE THE PANDEMIC THAT WAS ONLINE NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE IS GOING TO BE AND AGAIN WHO KNOWS WHAT THE EXCUSE IS GOING TO BE BUT YEAH I MEAN AS MUCH AS I WANT TO AGREE THIS IS GOING TO BE THE LAST WIDGET IN THE IN THE TOOLBOX I DON'T THINK SO NOT WITH THE FOURTH SUPERINTENDENT COMING ON BOARD HERE THIS NEXT MONTH AGAIN WE CAN START WE CAN AGAIN SEE WHERE THE PROBLEM LIES, AND IT STARTS FROM THE TOP WE DON'T HAVE STABILITY IN THE VERY TOP AND THE NEW PERSON COMES IN THERE STILL WON'T BE STABILITY AND NOT YET IF SO AS I SAID EARLIER THIS BILL WILL PASS BUT IS IT THE TOOL IS IT THE THE ONE THAT'S GOING TO GET IT IN THE BULLSEYE AND AND AND AND SOLVE THE PROBLEM I I DON'T YEAH I DON'T THINK SO AND WE'LL BE HERE AGAIN NEXT MONTH WE HAVE A ROUNDTABLE AND THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT COME IN INTRODUCE HIMSELF OR HERSELF WITH THE TEAM AND INTRODUCE A NEW TEAM NEW UNIFORMS AND WE STILL HAVE MORE PROBLEMS I MEAN AND WE'LL HAVE MORE PROBLEMS AND THE BLAME AND THE PROBLEMS WILL EXIST SO AGAIN THIS BILL IS GOING TO PASS AND REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEY GIVE THEM BUT WE GIVE THE SCHOOLS AT THIS POINT AGAIN PRIOR TO THE TYPHOON THE EVEN THE CHAIR OF EDUCATION OR CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION SAID NOTHING WAS DONE NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE SO IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS RIGHT THAT WE'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER WIDGET HOPE YOU HOPEFULLY THIS WIDGET WILL BE THE LAST ONE I SERIOUSLY DOUBT IT BECAUSE *ÑUENBU NA KÅPANETERU PÅO FATTO OTRU MES PUES GUIYA SIMPRE ILEKÑA* WE'RE GOING TO GET IT DONE AND I'M WORKING ON IT AND I'LL COME BACK WITH THAT ANSWER I DON'T HAVE IT RIGHT NOW THE SAME THING YOU KNOW THAT MOST OF THE BODY BECAUSE SOME OF US WEREN'T HERE LAST YEAR BUT FOR MOST OF YOU YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR A REPEAT PERFORMANCE MAYBE DIFFERENT FACES BUT THE SAME REASONINGS WITH THAT SAID THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER COULD I DO MY AMENDMENT FIRST AND THEN CLOSE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES YOU MAY.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY OKAY SO I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT ADDRESSES SENATOR BLAS CONCERNS IT'S IN THE DRIVE IT'S TO AMEND SECTION TWO OF THE BILL TO READ SUBSECTION 7117 EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT FOR COMPLIANCE OF PUBLIC LAW 3704 POST TYPHOON MAWAR AND IT READS NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS AUTHORIZED TO USE THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES OF SUBSECTION 5215 OF CHAPTER 5 TITLE FIVE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED FOR ALL PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC LAW 3704 AND THE REPAIR DAMAGES CAUSED BY TYPHOON MARWAR THIS SECTION SUNSET 120 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT THE AMENDMENT ALSO ALLOWED THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE BILL THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT ON THE AMENDMENT AS PROFFERED BY SENATOR BARNETT ARE THERE ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK MINORITY LEADER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MADAM CHAIR I APPRECIATE THE AUTHOR OFFERING THIS AMENDMENT AGAIN IT BRINGS UP THE CONCERN THAT I HAD EARLIER WITH REGARDS TO HAVING TO SEPARATE OUT THE TWO DISASTERS FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM YOU KNOW THIS IS FOR NOT JUST THE ACCOUNTING PURPOSES BUT FOR THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE PURPOSES THERE WAS ALREADY WORK THAT WAS BEING DONE PRIOR TO THE ONSET OF TYPHOON MAWAR THERE WAS A PUNCH LIST OKAY AND THEN AS OBVIOUSLY AS A RESULT OF TYPHOON MAWAR THAT YOU KNOW THE LIST GROUP AND THE LIST GREW BECAUSE OF MAWARE NOT BECAUSE OF TRYING TO BE IN COMPLIANCE SO SO THAT WE CAN SEPARATE THAT THIS OUT FOR FOR THE ACCOUNTING PURPOSE IT DOESN'T BECOME A NIGHTMARE AND THIS THING THIS THIS WOULD WOULD HELP OUT SO I APPRECIATE THIS AMENDMENT I SUPPORT IT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR BLAS ON THE AMENDMENT ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR TO CLOSE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU I DEFINITELY APPRECIATE THE DISCUSSION AND THE DEBATE THAT WE HAD HERE TODAY I DID NOT COME TO THIS BILL LIGHTLY I DIDN'T WAKE UP THIS MORNING AND SAY OH HOW CAN

WE THROW THE WHEELS OFF THIS WHOLE THING AND HOW CAN WE OPEN THE FLOODGATES BECAUSE EVERYBODY IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS SO CORRUPT THAT WE'RE JUST NEVER GOING TO GET ANYTHING DONE AND MARK MY WORDS WE'RE GOING TO BE BACK AT A HEARING AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE HEARING ENDLESS SAGAS OF ALL THE CORRUPTION THAT HAPPENED BECAUSE I WANTED TO HELP OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN OUT BECAUSE THEY'RE CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE I WENT TO SO MANY GRADUATIONS I KNOW I SAW YOU GUYS AT SO MANY OF THESE GRADUATIONS AND I HEARD SO MANY GREAT STORIES TALKING TO THE KIDS ABOUT THEIR FUTURE MEDICINE ENGINEERING GOING TO COLLEGES OFF ISLAND GOING TO COLLEGE HERE HOW EAGER AND WILLING AND EXCITED THEY WERE TO INVEST IN OUR ISLAND AND IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN OUR PEOPLE AND I THOUGHT TO MYSELF WE SEND OUR KIDS TO THESE SCHOOLS THAT ARE LITERALLY FALLING DOWN AROUND THEIR EARS ROACH INFESTED RAT INFESTED MOLD INFESTED THEY GOT A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER TEACHING A CLASS ALL KINDS OF ISSUES BECAUSE THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR PEOPLE FOR DECADES OR LONGER HAVE FAILED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS THAT MAYBE SOME OF US NEWER PEOPLE HAVE THE ENERGY TO TACKLE AND I THOUGHT YOU KNOW WE SHORTCHANGE OUR KIDS BUT LIKE A TREE THAT GROWS IN A CRACK IN THE CEMENT YOU KNOW WHAT THAT TREE WILL FIND THE SUN AND THAT TREE WILL GROW IT MIGHT GROW A LITTLE CROOKED MIGHT GROW A LITTLE OFF BUT IT'S GOING TO GROW AND THAT'S OUR KIDS CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW MUCH BETTER THEY WILL GROW HOW MUCH STRONGER THEY WILL GROW IF THEY PULL UP TO A SCHOOL THAT THEY CAN BELIEVE IN IF THEY PULL UP TO A SCHOOL AND THEY CAN SAY YOU KNOW WHAT THE GOVERNOR THE LIEUTENANT THE SENATORS THE MAYORS THE GROWN-UPS ON THIS ISLAND THEY BELIEVE IN US BECAUSE LOOK WHERE THEY'RE SENDING US TO SCHOOL WHAT DO THEY SAY NOW THOUGH AND YOU WANT TO BLAST THOSE OF US WHO ARE NEW HERE FOR HAVING THE BACKBONE AND THE COURAGE TO TACKLE PROBLEMS THAT THOSE WHO SERVE BEFORE US COULDN'T I DON'T THINK EVERYBODY IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS CORRUPT DO WE HAVE CORRUPTION OF COURSE WE DO I DIDN'T RUSH INTO THIS I THOUGHT ABOUT IT I THOUGHT ABOUT HOW WE COULD HELP THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STUDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS BECAUSE THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS OBLIGATED TO TAKE EVERY STUDENT THAT WALKS INTO THEIR DOOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT PRIVATE SCHOOLS DON'T HAVE TO MEET ALL THESE MANDATES THAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DO AND IS IT GOING TO BE THE LAST TOOL IN THE TOOL BELT SENATOR LUJAN IS RIGHT IT'S PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE BUT ISN'T THAT OUR JOB TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE TO LISTEN TO HOW THEY THINK WE CAN HELP THEM AND THEN TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP THEM OR ARE WE HERE TO LAMBAST AND BASH ON PEOPLE AND AND SET THEM UP FOR FAILURE SO AT THE END OF THE DAY WE COULD SAY AH SEE I TOLD YOU SO GIVE IT 16 MORE YEARS AND YOU'LL BE RIGHT WHERE I AM TONIGHT THAT'S NOT OUR JOB AND IF YOU THINK THAT'S OUR JOB THEN MAYBE YOU NEED TO GET ANOTHER JOB IT'S REALLY SIMPLE WE JUST HAVE TO DO WHAT WE CAN DO TO SOLVE THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT'S IT WE GOT AN ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO'S OUT HERE WITH THE MAGNIFYING GLASS WE GOT AN OPA WHO WORKS HARD TO FIND THE CORRUPTION WE HAVE AN OPA WHO WAS TOLD ABOUT THE CORRUPTION THAT YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT ON THIS FLOOR BY THE VERY EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT YOU WANT TO SAY IS CORRUPT THESE HARD-WORKING EMPLOYEES WHILE THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF WHATCHAMACALLIT SITS IN THE AIR CON OR WHEREVER THEY'RE AT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EMPLOYEES SCHOOL AIDES GRANDMAS I SAW A GRANDMA WITH A CHAINSAW AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL WORKING WAY HARDER THAN ANYBODY IN THE DOE FRONT OFFICE GETTING PAID OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS SO DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT HOLDING PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE OUR KIDS DESERVE THIS I DON'T WANT TO SEE IT KICKED DOWN THE ROAD FOR ANOTHER YEAR AND THEN AFTER THAT ANOTHER YEAR AND THEN ANOTHER YEAR THERE ARE SAFEGUARDS IN PLACE FOR EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT THERE ARE WHISTLEBLOWERS YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES AN EMPLOYEE OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR ANY OTHER AGENCY SENDS ME A MESSAGE HEY SENATOR CHECK THIS OUT THEY WANT US TO KNOW ABOUT THOSE THINGS AND IF IT COMES OUT IN AN OVERSIGHT HEARING SO BE IT I WANTED TO I DON'T WANT TO COVER ANYTHING UP BUT I ALSO DON'T WANT TO BURY OUR KIDS FUTURE BECAUSE WE ARE IN AN EMERGENCY THIS TYPHOON CAME AND LANDED RIGHT SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC LAW 37-4 THAT'S WHY THIS BILLS ON THIS AGENDA AND I'VE BEEN HERE SIX MONTHS AND EVEN I KNOW IF YOU WANT TO GET SOMETHING ON THE FLOOR THEN MAKE SURE YOU GOT THE VOTES SO IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE VOTES IT'S A FREE ISLAND YOU CAN COMPLAIN ABOUT IT BUT DON'T HATE ON THOSE OF US WHO WORK HARD TO GET THE SUPPORT FOR THE IDEAS THAT WE WANT TO PUSH FOR THE GOOD OF OUR PEOPLE AND THAT'S IT I LOOK AT THESE KIDS GRADUATING AND THEY MAKE ME SO PROUD SO PROUD BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE'RE IN GOOD HANDS BUT JUST THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH MORE THESE KIDS COULD ACCOMPLISH HOW MANY MORE OF THEM COULD BE DOING GREAT THINGS BECAUSE IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT SENDING THEM TO SCHOOL IN A NICE BUILDING IT'S NOT WHAT IT'S ABOUT WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS THE LEARNING IS THE EDUCATION BUT HOW CAN YOU EXPECT OUR KIDS

TO LEARN IN A CLASSROOM THAT'S 89 DEGREES HOW CAN YOU EXPECT OUR KIDS TO LEARN IN A CLASSROOM WHERE THEY GOT A LIVE RAT IN A RAT TRAP AND YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TO STRETCH THIS OUT BECAUSE YOU'RE SCARED SOMEONE MIGHT FORGET TO DOT AN I OR CROSS A T THAT'S ALSO PART OF OUR JOB TO HAVE THE OVERSIGHT TO HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE AS MUCH AS IT IS TO FIND THE SOLUTIONS WILL THIS SOLVE ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS OF COURSE IT WON'T BUT IT'LL SOLVE SOME OF THEM I KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE A LITTLE OFF-KEY FOR ME TO HUMBLLY ASK FOR THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT I'VE JUST CHEWED OUT BUT I'M GOING TO DO IT ANYWAY I DON'T THINK IT'S THE LAST TOOL BUT YOU KNOW SOMETIMES YOU NEED A DIFFERENT TOOL TO GET THAT THING UNSCREWED AND I WANT TO BE ABLE TO LOOK OUR KIDS IN THE EYE AND SAY I DID WHAT I COULD DO I DID EVERYTHING I COULD DO I COMPROMISED THINGS I BELIEVE IN I TOOK RISKS SO THAT WE COULD GET A SOLUTION FOR THESE KIDS BECAUSE THEY DON'T DESERVE THIS AND WE'VE LET THEM DOWN AND WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO COULD HELP PICK THEM BACK UP AGAIN SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO VOTE FOR IT VOTE FOR IT IF YOU'RE NOT THEN DON'T.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT ON THE MOTION TO PUT THE BILL ON THIRD READING PLEASE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU I DO MOTION TO PUT IT ON THE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIRD READING.

SENATOR BARNETT: THIRD READING FILE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: VOTING FILE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION SENATOR BARNETT AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: YES AS AMENDED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: ON THE FLOOR THANK YOU MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A TWO-MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU AND GOOD EVENING MADAM SPEAKER I MAY I MAKE A MOTION THAT WE VOTE WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT ON ALL THE BILLS I THINK THERE'S ONLY ONE BILL THAT HAS MAJOR AMENDMENTS BUT THE AMENDMENT IS VERY SIMPLE IT'S ABOUT DOE BUT I'M IN FULL SUPPORT MOVE TO VOTE WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M GONNA WAIT JUST ONE SECOND FOR OUR SERGEANT OF ARMS TO RETURN BEFORE I CALL THAT VOTE ALL RIGHT THERE'S BEEN A MOTION TO VOTE WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT ON THE BILLS THAT ARE IN THE THIRD READING FILE ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW IN THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE WE'LL BEGIN WITH A THIRD READING BILL NUMBER 135-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 135-37 COR INTRODUCED BY JOE S SAN AGUSTIN AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF THE GAS TAX RELIEF ACT FOR ANOTHER 180 CALENDAR DAYS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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

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

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR PEREZ (EXCUSED) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (EXCUSED) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 135-37 COR RECEIVED 13 AYES AND TWO EXCUSED BILL NUMBER 135-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 137-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 137-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY THERESE M TERLAJE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AMANDA L SHELTON JOE S SAN AGUSTIN FRANK BLAS JR CHRIS BARNETT WILLIAM A PARKINSON DWAYNE TD SAN NICHOLAS THOMAS J FISHER JESSIE A LUJAN AND ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 36-54 TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD AND COMMODITY ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE AFFECTED BY TYPHOON MAWAR

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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 (EXCUSED) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (EXCUSED) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 137-37 COR RECEIVED 13 AYES TWO NAYS AND TWO EXCUSED SORRY BILL NUMBER ONE I'M GOING TO RESTART THAT BILL NUMBER 137-37 COR RECEIVED 13 AYES AND TWO EXCUSED BILL NUMBER 137-37 IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 139-37 CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 139-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY TERESA M TERLAJE CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS CHRIS BARNETT TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 37-17 TO ENSURE THAT *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN* CAN UTILIZE FUNDS FROM THE 50 MILLION DOLLAR GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXPENSES IN RESPONSE TO TYPHOON MAWAR WHERE PURPOSES SPECIFIC TO SUPPLEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO FARMERS FISHERMAN'S CO-OP RECOVERY EFFORTS POWER GENERATORS FOR GDOE SCHOOL FACILITIES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SHELTERS AND TEMPORARY HOUSING SUBSIDIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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 (EXCUSED) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (EXCUSED) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 139-37 COR RECEIVED 13 AYES AND TWO EXCUSED BILL NUMBER 139-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 134-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 134-37 COR INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM A PARKINSON AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE RAINY-DAY FUND TO FARMERS FOR CROP DAMAGES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 64A TITLE V OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 134 JUST THE NUMBER 134-37 COR RECEIVED EIGHT AYES FIVE NAYS AND TWO EXCUSED BILL NUMBER 134-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 136-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 136-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY CHRIS BARNETT THERESE M TERLAJE SABINA FLORES PEREZ AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 7117 TO CHAPTER 7 TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ALLOWING THE USE OF EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES TO ENABLE THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC LAW 37-4 IN THE WAKE OF TYPHOON MAWAR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 136-37 COR RECEIVED EIGHT AYES FIVE NAYS AND TWO EXCUSED BILL NUMBER 136-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY THAT IS THAT EXHAUSTS OUR THIRD READING RENOWNED BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS IS THERE ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT ARE THERE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS IF NOT IS THERE A MOTION TO ADJOURN SENATOR MAJORITY LEADER.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO ADJOURN TODAY'S EMERGENCY SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER.

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