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CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: I APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THE FIRST OFFICIAL SESSION OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE SHALL NOW COME TO ORDER.

JOE SAN AGUSTIN: GO HEAD AND CLOSE THE DOOR CAUSE YOUR HONOR SENATOR-ELECT TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES ESCORTED BY MEENA MUÑA BARNES AND KAYLA MONA BARNES SENATOR ELECT DARREL CHRISTOPHER MALAFUNKSHUN BARNETT ESCORTED BY CALI JO BARNETT THANK YOU SENATOR-ELECT FRANK BLAS JR ESCORTED BY HIS WIFE TILLY BLAS THANK YOU SENATOR ELECT JOANNE MARIE BROWN ESCORTED BY HER SON JAMES BLAKEMORE SALAS BROWN AND HER MOTHER ROSITA SALAS BROWN SENATOR-ELECT CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS ESCORTED BY HIS WIFE ANGELICA DUEÑAS SENATOR-ELECT THOMAS J FISHER ESCORTED BY BRIANNE SANTOS SENATOR ELECT JESSE ANDERSON LUJAN ESCORTED BY HIS WIFE THE VICE MAYOR OF GIMBAL ILOILO MARIANNE SUYAO LUJAN AND HIS DAUGHTER JESRIE SKYE SUYAO LUJAN SENATOR-ELECT WILLIAM MARK PARKINSON ESCORTED BY HIS WIFE CAMILLE PARKINSON SENATOR-ELECT SABINA E PEREZ ESCORTED BY HER GREAT AUNT BERNADITA PEREZ SENATOR-ELECT ROY ANTHONY BENAVENTE QUINATA ESCORTED BY HIS MOTHER CECILIA LAFARI SENATOR-ELECT JOE SHIMIZU SAN AGUSTIN ESCORTED BY HIS SISTER ANN SAN AGUSTIN LEON GUERRERO AND BROTHER JOHN SHIMIZU SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR ELECT DWAYNE THOMAS DIAZ SAN NICOLAS ESCORTED BY HIS SON PERSEUS SAN NICOLAS SENATOR ELECT AMANDA LEE SHELTON ESCORTED BY AUSTIN SHELTON IV SENATOR ELECT TELO T TAITAGUE ESCORTED BY TANA TAITAGUE PHILLY SENATOR ELECT THERESE M TERLAJE ESCORTED BY HER DAUGHTER MARIA T BARCINAS.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: THANK YOU I NOW ASK IF EVERYONE COULD PLEASE RISE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF COLORS PRESENTED BY THE GUAM NATIONAL GUARD COLOR GUARD.

GUAM NATIONAL GUARD COLOR GUARD: OKAY COLOR GUARD HALT PRESENT.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: I NOW CALL UPON RAYMOND SULA MATTHEWS AND SOPHIA C ISRAEL OF THE UNA VOCE CHOIR TO SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE GUAM HYMN.

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

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

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: FOR THE RECITATION OF THE INIFRESI WE WILL SENATOR ELECT AMANDA L SHELTON PLEASE LEAD US.

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

GUAM NATIONAL GUARD COLOR GUARD.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: I NOW INVITE *CHIEF HURAO* ACADEMY FOR THE *BENDISION*.

CHIEF HURAO ACADEMY: *SAINAN-MAMI SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE' BIBA CHAMORRO BIBA.*

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: PLEASE REMAIN STANDING WHILE I CALL UPON THE REVEREND FATHER PAUL GOFIGAN TO DELIVER THE INVOCATION.

FATHER GOFIGAN: THANK YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ALMIGHTY GOD SOURCE OF ALL THAT IS GOOD GOD OF JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS POUR YOUR SPIRIT UPON THESE SACRED HALLS AS WE BLESS AND INAUGURATE THE MEMBERS OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE O GRACIOUS AUTHOR OF LIFE IMBUE THEM WITH YOUR CREATIVE MIND TO CRAFT AND LEGISLATE LAWS THAT ADHERE TO YOUR TRUTH I READ DOWN TO YOUR PURPOSES GIVE THEM THE HEART AND MIND OF YOUR SON WHO CAME NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE WITH A PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR THE ELDERLY THE DESTITUTE THE DEFENSELESS THE CHILDREN THE UNBORN WITH THE INTERCESSION OF SANTA MARIAN *KAMALEN* GIVE THEM THE COURAGE TO GIVE THEIR UNEQUIVOCAL YES TO YOUR WILL AND YOUR PLAN FOR HUMANKIND MAY THEIR DISCOURSES AND DELIBERATIONS BE GUIDED BY YOUR GIFTS OF WISDOM PATIENCE UNDERSTANDING AND CHARITY YES LORD POUR FORTH WE BESEECH YOU YOUR GRACE INTO THE HEARTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE THAT THERE MAY ALWAYS BE STEWARDS OF JUST LAWS AND MAY THEY ALWAYS BE TRUE TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WE ASK THIS THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GOD FOREVER AND EVER NAME OF THE FATHER THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: THANK YOU FATHER GOFIGAN PLEASE BE SEATED SENATORS ELECT UPON HEARING YOUR NAME ON THE ROLL CALL PLEASE PRESENT YOUR CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO THE CHAIR I WILL COME DOWN AND YOU CAN PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE TO THE CHAIR DOWN AT THE FLOOR SENATOR ELECT DARREL CHRISTOPHER BARNETT THANK YOU SIR.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: SENATOR ELECT FRANK FLORES BLAS JR THANK YOU SIR.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU SIR DO I TAKE THIS.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: NO YOU'RE JUST HANGING SENATOR ELECT JOANNE MARIE BROWN SENATOR ELECT CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS THANK YOU SENATOR ELECT THOMAS J FISHER SENATOR ELECT JESSE ANDERSON LUJAN SENATOR ELECT TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES SENATOR ELECT ROY ANTHONY BENAVENTE QUINATA SENATOR ELECT WILLIAM MARK PARKINSON SENATOR ELECT SABINA E PEREZ SENATOR ELECT JOE SHIMIZU SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR ELECT DWAYNE THOMAS DIAZ SAN NICOLAS SENATOR ELECT AMANDA LEE SHELTON SENATOR ELECT TELO T TAITAGUE SENATOR ELECT THERESE M TERLAJE THE CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY SUBMITTED TO THE CHAIR AND THE CHAIR FINDS THAT THE CERTIFICATES ARE IN ORDER I WILL NOW ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE SENATORS ELECT PLEASE RISE PLEASE REPEAT AFTER PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME I SOLEMNLY SWEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES APPLICABLE TO GUAM AND THE LAWS OF GUAM AND THAT I WILL CONSCIOUSLY AND IMPARTIALLY DISCHARGE MY DUTIES AS A MEMBER OF LEE *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* CONGRATULATIONS SENATORS SENATORS IF YOU COULD PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE PINNING OF THIS SENATORIAL INSIGNIA PLEASE BE SEATED SENATORS WE WILL NOW TAKE UP THE BUSINESS OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATURE THE FLOOR IS NOW OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: I MOVED TO NOMINATE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE AS SPEAKER OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: YOU YOU WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS YOU WILL BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR AT THIS TIME SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: I NOMINATE SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN AS SPEAKER OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I DO.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: SORRY YOUR HONOR I THOUGHT YOU SAID SENATOR BARNETT I MOVED TO NOMINATE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE AS THE SPEAKER OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR TERLAJE DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I DO YOUR HONOR.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS ON THE FLOOR SENATOR JESSE LUJAN.

SENATOR LUJAN: MOVE TO NOMINATE SENATOR FRANK BLAS JR FOR SPEAKER.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: SENATOR FRANK BLAS JR DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION.

SENATOR BLAS: YES YOUR HONOR.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR IS THERE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE NOMINATION SO SENATOR SAN NICOLAS I'M SORRY I'M SORRY.

SENATOR QUINATA: I MAKE A MOTION TO CLOSE.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: OKAY SENATOR QUINATA YOU DID YOU MADE THE MOTION TO CLOSE ANY OBJECTION TO THE MOTION TO CLOSE THERE BEING NONE.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: MOTION CARRIES ALRIGHT WE WILL GO AND SEQUENCE FOR THE VOTE AND ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF SENATOR JOE SHIMOS SHIMIZU SAN AGUSTIN PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND OKAY ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF SENATOR FRANK BLAS JR PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND OKAY THE RESULTS OF THE VOTES ARE SENATOR JOE SHIMIZU SAN AGUSTIN SIX VOTES SENATOR THERESE M TERLAJE THREE VOTES AND SENATOR FRANK BLAS JR SIX VOTES THE NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED UNDER THE STANDING RULES FOR THE VOTING OF SPEAKER REQUIRES EIGHT VOTES SO NO ONE IS SELECTED AT THIS TIME ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS I'M GOING TO CALL FOR A SECOND ROUND OF VOTING AND AT THIS TIME I'M GOING ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR SENATOR SABINA PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: I MAKE THE MOTION TO RECESS YOUR HONOR.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: ALRIGHT THERE'S A MOTION TO RECESS AND THERE'S AN OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: OKAY THERE'S AN OBJECTION AND THERE IS LET'S VOTE ON THE MOTION TO RECESS REQUIRES EIGHT VOTES ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO RECESS PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND ALRIGHT THERES AN OBJECTION WHAT'S IT TO RECESS OKAY SO THE MOTION TO RECESS REQUIRES EIGHT VOTES AND THERE ARE EIGHT VOTES SO THE LEGISLATURE STANDS IN RECESS SUBJECT TO THE RECALL OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: WE ARE RECESSED THANK YOU.

RECESS

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: SO THE LEGISLATURE IS NOW IN RECESS WHICH MEANS THAT THE EVENT FOR THIS MORNING HAS CONCLUDED AND WE MAY ALL LEAVE.

RECESS.

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CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: THE OPENING SESSION OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER I JUST WANT TO NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT ALL 15 SENATORS ARE PRESENT AND THEY WERE SWORN IN IN THE OPENING DAY JANUARY 2ND 2023 OF THIS SESSION AND THE LEGISLATURE HAS A QUORUM TO CONTINUE ITS BUSINESS SENATORS WE WILL RESUME WITH THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: TEST THANK YOU YOUR HONOR AND GOOD MORNING GUAM I MOVED TO NOMINATE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE AS SPEAKER OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: SENATOR TERLAJE DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I DO YOUR HONOR.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: SENATOR WILL PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: I NOMINATE SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN FOR SPEAKER OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES I DO YOUR HONOR .

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: OTHER NOMINATIONS SENATOR JESSE LUJAN.

SENATOR LUJAN: I NOMINATE SENATOR FRANK BLAS JR FOR SPEAKER.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: SENATOR FRANK BLAS JR DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION.

SENATOR BLAS: YES I DO YOUR HONOR.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR SENATOR SABINA PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU HONOR I MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR SPEAKER.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: ANY OBJECTION.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: MOTION CARRIES SO SENATORS WE WILL VOTE BY A SHOW OF HANDS AND UNDER THE APPLICABLE STANDING RULES EIGHT VOTES ARE REQUIRED TO ELECT THE SPEAKER AND THE VOTES WILL BE TAKEN IN THE ORDER OF THE NOMINATIONS AND THE ACTING CLERK WILL COUNT THE VOTES AND I WILL ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS IN THE ORDER OF THE NOMINATIONS SO THE FIRST NOMINEE PLEASE WRITE YOUR RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE THANK YOU FOR SENATOR JOE T SAN AG I'M SORRY JOE SAN AGUSTIN FOR SENATOR FRANK BLAS JR.

SENATOR BLAS: YOUR HONOR I RESPECTFULLY DECLINE MY NOMINATION.

CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO: SENATOR BLAS DECLINES SET THE NOMINATION MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD GIVE ME THE RESULTS SO I CAN READ IT OUT ALOUD SO THE RESULTS OF THE VOTES BY A SHOW OF HANDS IN THE ORDER OF THE NOMINEE NOMINATIONS SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE RECEIVED NINE VOTES AND SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN RECEIVED SIX VOTES THEREFORE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE HAVING RECEIVED THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS IS DULY ELECTED AS THE SPEAKER OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE MADAM SPEAKER YOU MAY COME FORWARD FOR YOUR INAUGURAL ADDRESS AND PRESIDE AS CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FIRST SESSION AND CONGRATULATIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN I GIVE A SPEECH *HÁFA ADAI* I WANT TO THANK OUR CHIEF JUSTICE CARBULLIDO FOR BEING PATIENT WITH US AND PRESIDING OVER OUR INAUGURATION TWO-DAY FESTIVITIES BUT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* CJ I WANT TO SAY *BUENAS YAN HÁFA ADAI* TO MY COLLEAGUES *MAÑELUHU YAN MANAIÑAHU* OUR FRIENDS OUR FAMILY OUR NEIGHBORS OUR COLLEAGUES AND THE PROUD PEOPLE OF GUAM I STAND HERE TODAY AND I THINK ABOUT ALL THE GREAT LEADERS THAT HAVE GRACED THESE HALLOWED HALLS WHO HAVE CLEARED THE PATH FOR US WITH THEIR ACTS OF SERVICE LEADERSHIP AND FEARLESSNESS AND THEY CONTINUE TO INSPIRE US IN MARCH OF 1949 CONCERNED ABOUT LIMITED LEGISLATIVE POWERS THE GUAM CONGRESS STAGED AN ACT OF DEFIANCE IN PROTESTS AGAINST THE NAVAL GOVERNMENT DRAWING NATIONAL ATTENTION IN ITS QUEST FOR SELF-GOVERNANCE WHICH HAS SINCE BECOME KNOWN AS THE WALKOUT ASSEMBLY SPEAKER ANTONIO B WON PAT STATED IN THE LETTER TO THE NAVAL GOVERNOR POWNALL IN 1949 THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY CONSIDERED THAT THE POWERS OF THE THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT MUST BE DEFINED IT IS FURTHER BELIEVED THAT ONLY THEN CAN YOU AND YOUR STAFF THE LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF THE NAVAL GOVERNMENT ASSURE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM OF THE FULL FUNCTIONING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT IN THE MEANTIME THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY DO NOT FEEL THAT THEY CAN APPEAR TO HAVE THE STATUS OF A LEGISLATIVE BODY WITHOUT THE PROPER POWERS TO CARRY OUT THAT FUNCTION UNQUOTE AN EVER LEGISLATURE SINCE THAT WALKOUT HAS INHERITED THE RESPONSIBILITY TO BUILD UPON THE PROGRESS OF OUR PREDECESSORS WHO FOUGHT FOR MORE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FOR WHAT WAS AT ONE TIME AN ADVISORY BODY TO A PLENARY POWER AND WE MUST CONTINUE TO EMBODY THEIR SPIRIT TODAY AND EVERY DAY FORWARD BY DILIGENTLY AND RESPONSIBLY EXERCISING OUR AUTHORITIES OF OVERSIGHT AND POLICY MAKING THIS BEAUTIFUL GUAM CONGRESS BUILDING SYMBOLIZES THE DETERMINATION OF THOSE BEFORE US WHO FOUGHT FOR SELF-GOVERNANCE SO THAT WE ARE EMPOWERED WITH GREATER AUTHORITY OVER OUR LAND AND ALL OUR RESOURCES AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF LAWS THAT AFFECT OUR LIVES HENCEFORWARD WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE COLLEAGUES OF DOING THE PEOPLE'S WORK IN THIS VERY SIGNIFICANT AND HISTORICAL PLACE A THOUGHT NOT LOST UPON ME AS I ENTERED THESE DOORS EVERY DAY FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS SIX YEARS IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US IN THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE TO UPHOLD THEIR LEGACY TO PROMOTE OPPORTUNITY AND THE PROSPERITY OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TODAY I'M PROUD TO SHARE THIS ROOM WITH 14 COLLEAGUES SOME RETURNING FROM THE PREVIOUS TERM SOME RETURNING TO THE LEGISLATURE FROM PRIOR TERMS AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN ELECTED OFFICE FOR THE FIRST TIME IT TAKES COURAGE TO MAKE THE DECISION TO SEEK PUBLIC OFFICE AND TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY WILL REQUIRE OUR SELF-SACRIFICE AND COMPLETE DEDICATION TO EQUALITY I THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE AND FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE OUR PEOPLE YOU HAVE MY UTMOST RESPECT THE NEWLY ELECTED SENATORS SWEARING IN BEFORE US OR EARLIER TO TWO DAYS AGO WHO HAVE BEEN SWORN IN HAVE PROMISED AND NOW COMMITTED TO DELIVER ON A SAFER GUAM EDUCATION AND PRIORITIZING OUR CHILDREN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND SUPPORT FOR GUAM'S BUSINESSES TO REDUCE POVERTY TO FOR BETTER ACCESS TO RESOURCES FOR DISABILITIES TO COMBAT CORRUPTION TO COMBAT DRUGS FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO RESTORE PRIDE BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITY AND TERRAIN IN GOVERNMENT FRIVOLOUS SPENDING AND TO LOWER THE TO CONTINUE THE BPT AND AN EQUAL PLAYING FIELD FOR THE BUSINESSES ON GUAM TO THE REDUCED BPT TO REDUCE GOVERNMENT RED TAPE TO FIX PROCUREMENT CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS FIGHTING INFLATION CREATING JOBS DEDICATING RESOURCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL CONTINUING TO IMPROVE OUR ROADS AND MOST OF ALL FOR BALANCED GOVERNMENT POWERS WITH A COMBINATION OF LIFE EXPERIENCE LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE BUSINESS ACUMEN PUBLIC SERVICE STATESMANSHIP BOLDNESS AND FRESH PERSPECTIVES ON LONG-STANDING ISSUES I EXPECT NO LESS THAN THAT THEY WILL DELIVER AND AS A BODY IF WE ARE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS BOLD AND DIVERSE AGENDA WE MUST WORK TOGETHER IN A BIPARTISAN EFFORT AND WE MUST PLACE PERSONAL POLITICS ASIDE AND ENGAGE IN HEALTHY DEBATE BASED ON TRUTH AND FACTS TO FIND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE PLAGUED OUR ISLAND ALL THESE YEARS MORE AND MORE EVERYDAY FAMILIES ARE STRUGGLING WITH THE DECISION TO LEAVE GUAM IN SEARCH OF A BETTER LIFE AND AS DULY ELECTED PUBLIC SERVANTS WE MUST ADDRESS THIS CRISIS HEAD-ON AND DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO BRING THAT BETTER LIFE HERE FOR THOSE WE HAVE SWORN TO SERVE THIS 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE MUST SHIFT OUR STRATEGY FROM RECOVER RECOVERY TO PROSPERITY AND COLLEAGUES IN A MATTER OF WEEKS WE'LL BE RECEIVING THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 WE WILL HAVE TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND FIND WAYS TO NOT ONLY ENSURE THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUT TO ENACT POLICY TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ALL OUR FAMILIES TO PROVIDE RESOURCE ASSISTANCE FOR RESIDENTS MOST AT RISK TO PROVIDE BETTER TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WHO ARE WORKING ACCESS TO BETTER HEALTH CARE HERE AND SAFER COMMUNITIES THROUGH CONSERVATIVE BUDGET BUDGETING AND THE EFFORTS OF OUR APPROPRIATIONS CHAIR THE GUAM LEGISLATURE HAS REALIZED EXCESS REVENUES EVERY YEAR SINCE

FISCAL YEAR 2019 OF APPROXIMATELY 117 MILLION BASED ON AUDITED SURPLUSES AND ANOTHER 103 MILLION SURPLUS FOR UNAUDITED FISCAL YEAR 2022 THIS CONSERVATIVE APPROACH TO BUDGETING AND SPENDING HAS BENEFITED NOT ONLY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BY ELIMINATING THE DEFICIT BUT ALLOWED FOR THE STABILIZATION OF GUAM'S ECONOMY ADDITIONALLY THIS BODY HAS MADE PROGRESS IN ENSURING THE PROTECTION OF GUAM'S RICH LAND AND CULTURAL RESOURCES THROUGH EFFORTS ON MANY FRONTS INCLUDING REFORM THE ALLOCATION OF BETTER RESOURCES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE FIGHT FOR FRENCH TRANSPARENCY OF THE UTILIZATION OF FEDERAL EXCESS LANDS AND FEDERAL FUNDS THIS NEWLY ELECTED BODY MUST TAKE THE PROGRESS THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE USE IT AS A ROAD MAP AND APPLY COMMON SENSE AND PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO FIND EVEN BETTER SOLUTIONS FOR WHAT LIES IN STORE FOR US DURING THIS TERM ADDITIONALLY WE MUST BE UNWAVERING IN OUR COMMITMENT TO HOLD ROBUST OVERSIGHT OVER THE AGENCIES CHARGED WITH EXECUTING OUR MANDATES OF THE LAWS OF GUAM AS WELL AS LONG-STANDING POLICY ENACTED BY THOSE WHO'VE COME BEFORE US AS YOUR SPEAKER I RESOLVE TO CONTINUE WORKING TO PROTECT THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO RESTORE THE PEOPLE'S FAITH IN THE GOVERNMENT TO BRING TRANSPARENCY TO OUR PROCESS AND TO PRACTICE TRUTH AND JUSTICE SO THAT THE BEST IDEAS AND SOLUTIONS CAN BE BORN FROM THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE SO TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THIS SHORT TWO TWO-YEAR LEGISLATIVE TERM AND I'M READY TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU TO MAKE GUAM A HOME WHERE THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF OUR FAMILIES ARE REALIZED AND THIS WILL BE THE TRUE MEASURE OF OUR WORK HERE I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN ME AND I KNOW I JUST HOPE THAT GOING FORWARD IT HASN'T BEEN A SMOOTH PASS BUT I'M HOPING AND PRAYING THAT GOING FORWARD WE WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER GENUINELY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' TODUS HAMYO SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* COLLEAGUES WERE NOW ON THE ELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS ON IS THERE A NOMINATION FOR VICE SPEAKER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I NOMINATE SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES TO VICE SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR MUÑA BARNES DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *MANANA SI YU'OS* MADAM SPEAKER I ACCEPT THE NOMINATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS IS THERE A MOTION TO CLOSE SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR VICE SPEAKER OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO CLOSE A NOMINATION FOR VICE SPEAKER ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE QUESTION OF THE ELECTION OF THE VICE SPEAKER ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF SENATOR TINA MUÑA BARNES TO SERVE AS VICE SPEAKER PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND SENATOR TINA MUÑA BARNES HAS RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FROM YOUR COLLEAGUES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE VICE SPEAKER OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES ON THE ELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY SENATOR ROY DUEÑAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED I MEAN SORRY SORRY SENATOR ROY QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: I NOMINATE AMANDA SHELTON FOR SECRETARY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SHELTON DO YOU ACCEPT THE NOMINATION.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I ACCEPT THE NOMINATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS IS THERE A MOTION TO CLOSE SENATOR QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU I MAKE A MOTION TO CLOSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIES THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NHO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE ELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE SORRY ON THE ELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY AMANDA SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON IS THERE ANY OBJECTION I MEAN SORRY SORRY JUST ONE SECOND YES ON THE ON THE QUESTION OF THE ELECTION OF SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON TO SERVE AS LEGISLATIVE

SECRETARY PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON HAS RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT TO SERVE AS LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF LEGISLATIVE ATTACHES SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I NOMINATE EDWARD S POCAIGUE JR SAR TO BE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REVEREND FATHER PAUL GOFIGAN TO BE CHAPLAIN RENNAE VC MENO TO BE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE DARLENE HITTON TO BE LEGISLATIVE LEGAL COUNSEL TO SERVE AS A LEGISLATIVE TO SERVE AS LEGISLATIVE ATTACHES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN OR THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE THERE ANY MORE NOMINATIONS SENATOR MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER YES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AS A POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER ON THE ATTACHES I'D ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION TO SEPARATE THE ATTACHES AND VOTE BY THEM ONE AT A TIME AND I'M HOPING THAT MY COLLEAGUES WILL GIVE ME THAT CONSIDERATION SO I GUESS THE MOTION TO FOR CONSIDERATION OR IS ON THE FLOOR THAT WE VOTE EACH ATTACHÉ ONE BY ONE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO SEPARATE THE NOMINATION OF ATTACHES ALL IN FAVOR OF THAT MOTION TO SEPARATE THE NOMINATION OF ATTACHES PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS IS THERE A SENATOR SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND CONGRATULATIONS I MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE QUESTION OF THE ELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE ATTACHES NAMELY NAMELY ATTORNEY DARLENE HITTON AS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RENNAE MENO AS LEGISLATIVE CLERK ED POCAIGUE AS SERGEANT OF ARMS AND FATHER GOFIGAN AS CHAPLAIN ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE NAMED ATTACHES PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND MOTION PASSES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE ATTACHES HAVE RECEIVED MAJORITY CONSENT WILL THE ATTACHES WILL THE ATTACHES PLEASE COME BEFORE THE CHAIR AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND AND AND SWEAR WE WILL DO THE OATH PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND I SOLEMNLY SWEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES APPLICABLE TO GUAM AND THE LAWS OF GUAM AND THAT I WILL CONSCIENTIOUSLY AND IMPARTIALLY DISCHARGE MY DUTIES AS AN ATTACHE OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN CONGRATULATIONS WE'RE NOW ON THE ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZE.

SENATOR PEREZ: I MOVED TO ADOPT THE STANDING RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN AND TO ALLOW LEGAL COUNSEL AND THE CLERK TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SOME COPIES ARE STILL BEING PASSED OUT SO I'M GONNA JUST PAUSE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I OBJECT THAT WE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YES YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I OBJECT TO ADOPTING OF THE RULES UNTIL WE HAVE ADEQUATE TIME REVIEWED WHAT THE STANDING RULES HAS IN ITS CONTEXT THIS IS OVER 140 PAGES THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY ALRIGHT THERE'S BEEN A MOTION TO ADOPT THE STANDING RULES THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE STANDING RULES AS THE COPIES THAT YOU HAVE ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ALL IN FAVOR OF ADOPTION OF THE STANDING RULES PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION PASSES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RENNAE RENNAE WE'RE NOW ON THE ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS THE LIST OF STANDING COMMITTEES IS ON PAGE FOUR OF THE STANDING RULES SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO SERVE AS CHAIRPERSONS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT COMMITTEE ON RULES SENATOR JOE S SAN AGUSTIN COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON COMMITTEE ON FIRE AGRICULTURE POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES PUBLIC TRANSIT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON COMMITTEE ON AIR TRANSPORTATION PARKS TOURISM HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS SENATOR ROY QUINATA COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL DISABILITY SERVICES SELF-DETERMINATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOUSING PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY ON THE GUAM BUILDUP SENATOR TINA MUÑA BARNES VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES HAGÁTÑA REVITALIZATION REGIONAL AFFAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARIES TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS SENATOR DUANE SAN NICOLAS COMMITTEE ON MARITIME TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS BORDER SAFETY AND MAYOR'S COUNCIL SENATOR SABINA PEREZ COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS AND SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE MADAM SPEAKER I I THINK I READ THE WRONG SLIP OF PAPER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES IF YOU COULD PLEASE REFER TO PAGE FOUR THOSE ARE THE ACCURATE TITLES I'M SORRY PAGE THREE PAGE THREE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THREE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AFTER THE TABLE OF CONTENTS IT STARTS TO NUMBER AGAIN.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON A POINT OF INFORMATION PLEASE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: POINT OF INFORMATION VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AS THE PREVIOUS SENATOR FROM MALESSO WAS ASKING I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS ON A BREAKDOWN ON THE COMMITTEE MAKEUP AS DISCUSSIONS ON ON EACH COMMITTEE WAS NOT TRULY VERIFIED BY THE MEMBERS SO I'M ASKING FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS SO THAT WE CAN TAKE THE TIME TO AT LEAST FOR ME TAKE THE TIME TO TALK TO OUR COLLEAGUES TO SEE WHAT THE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MY APOLOGIES VICE SPEAKER THAT'S THAT'S NOT A POINT OF INFORMATION BUT I'LL ACCEPT IT AS A.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THEN A MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MOTION THERES A MOTION TO RECESS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS.

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

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING CHAIRPERSONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT THE COMMITTEE ON RULES SENATOR JOE'S SAN AGUSTIN COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON COMMITTEE ON FIRE AGRICULTURE POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES PUBLIC TRANSIT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON COMMITTEE ON MARITIME TRANSPORTATION AIR TRANSPORTATION PARKS TOURISM HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS SENATOR ROY QUINATA THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL DISABILITY SERVICES SELF-DETERMINATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOUSING PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE GUAM BUILD UP VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES HAGÁTÑA REVITALIZATION REGIONAL AFFAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARIES TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY RESPONSE MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS BORDER SAFETY AND THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL SENATOR SABINA PEREZ COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE THERE ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS IS THERE A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NOMINATIONS ARE CLOSED ON THE QUESTION OF THE SENATORS TO SERVE AS COMMITTEE CHAIRS ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION PASSES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S BEEN MAJORITY CONSENT OF THE CHAIRS AS ANNOUNCED CHAIR WILL NOW ENTERTAIN ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY PARTY LEADERS ALRIGHT FATHER PAUL GOFFIGAN IS NOT HERE TO DO OUR CONCLUDING BENEDICTION AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED IN THE INAUGURATION SO I WOULD ASK THAT WE PLEASE RISE SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MADAM CHAIR APOLOGIES WE MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY I WOULD LIKE TO OFFICIALLY ON THE RECORD AND ON THE FLOOR NOW ANNOUNCE THE PARTY LEADERSHIP OF THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS OUR MINORITY LEADER IS SENATOR FRANK BLAS JR OUR MINORITY WHIP IS TELO T TAITAGUE THAT IS THE EXTENT OF OUR OUR LEADERSHIP AND SO WE'D JUST LIKE TO THANK THE BODY AND THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU CHIEF JUSTICE FOR YOUR DILIGENCE AND PATIENCE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ALRIGHT IS THERE A MOTION TO ADJOURN SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER SEN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER I I GUESS IF THIS IS IN ORDER THE ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADERS POSITION WAS NOT VOTED ON AND I'M HOPING THAT WE HAVE A CHANCE TO NOMINATE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S BEEN A NO ANNOUNCEMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON OUR SIDE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO WE WILL TABLE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT IT'S A IT'S NOT A.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO NO MAJORITY I'M ASKING FOR THE ASSISTANT MAJORITY OF MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE MAJORITY LEADER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALRIGHT DO YOU HAVE A MOTION SENATOR PLEASE STATE YOUR MOTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I NOMINATE SENATOR JOE SAN NIC SAN AGUSTIN AS MAJORITY ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M GOING TO WITH ALL DUE RESPECT DECLARE THAT MOTION IS OUT OF ORDER THE MAJORITY OFFICERS ARE GOING TO BE DECIDED BY THE MAJORITY PARTY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO RECESS IF THAT'S OKAY SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER ADJOURNED MADAM SPEAKER SORRY I'M NEW AT THIS I MOVED TO ADJOURN SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S BEEN A MOTION TO ADJOURN SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES WE ARE ADJOURNED SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER.

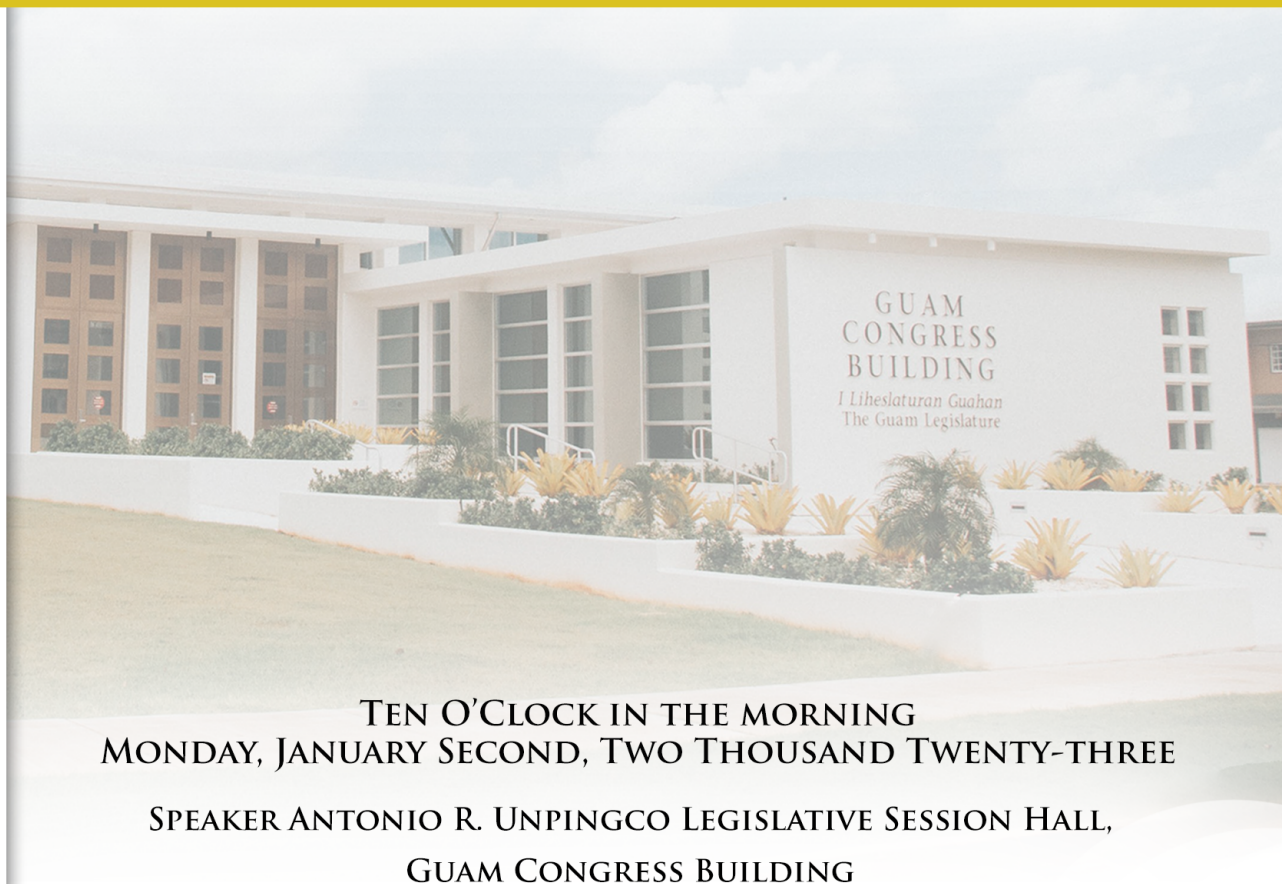
SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* COLLEAGUES.

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Call to Order

Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam

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Senators-Elect of *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*

Presentation of Colors

Guam National Guard Color Guard

National Anthem and Guam Hymn

Sophia C. Ysrael and Raymond Sulla Mathews
Una Voce Choir - Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores Parish

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Senator-Elect Amanda L. Shelton

Bendision

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Invocation

Rev. Father Paul Gofigan, Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Yigo

Roll Call of Senators-Elect and Presentation of Certificates of Election

Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam

Administration of Oath of Office

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Legislative Pinning Ceremony

Election of the Speaker

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Inaugural Address of the Speaker

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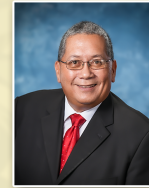
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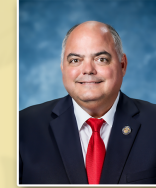
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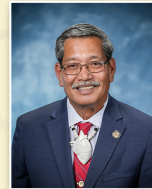
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— Oath of Office

"I do solemnly swear, that I will well and faithfully support the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the United States applicable to Guam and the laws of Guam, and that, I will conscientiously and impartially discharge my duties as a Senator of the 37th Guam Legislature"



Organic Act of Guam

Seventy three years ago, the Organic Act of Guam was passed by U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Truman as P.L. 81-630.

To Washington, the act was just another public law. But to the People of Guam, it was a symbol of the hard-won success of our CHamoru leaders.

Due to the concerted efforts of the men and women of the Guam Congress Walk-Out, our People were at last granted the institutions they had, for half a century, been denied: U.S. citizenship, the establishment of the Guam Legislature, and limited self-rule.

While it would be another twenty years before the People of Guam would elect their own governor, the Organic Act marked a turning point in the island's struggle for self-governance, and a sign of hope that when a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens get together, they can, in fact, change the world.

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