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NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS HEREBY CALLED TO ORDER THE CLERK WILL PLEASE READ THE CALL FOR EMERGENCY SESSION FOR OCTOBER 11 2023.

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: OCTOBER 11, 2023 MEMORANDUM TO ALL MEMBERS 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE FROM SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE SUBJECT CALL TO EMERGENCY SESSION – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023 AT 2:00 P.M. *BUENAS YAN HÅFA ADAI* IN LIGHT OF THE ANTICIPATED RESTORATION OF THE ISLAND TO COR 4 AT 10:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 11, 2023, THE EMERGENCY LEGISLATIVE SESSION RELATIVE TO GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, POSTPONED DUE TO TYPHOON BOLAVEN, WILL BE CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:00 P.M. OCTOBER 11, 2023 IN LIGHT OF THE CONDITIONS CONFIRMED AT A RECENT GMHA OVERSIGHT HEARING AND AUDIT, AS SPEAKER I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT EMERGENCY CONDITIONS EXIST WHICH JUSTIFY AN EMERGENCY SESSION REGARDING THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FURTHER CONSISTENT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EO 2023-11 AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES' DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR GUAM I ALSO CERTIFY THAT EMERGENCY CONDITIONS EXIST AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT TYPHOON BOLAVEN WHICH JUSTIFY AN EMERGENCY SESSION THEREFORE *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* WILL BE CALLED INTO EMERGENCY SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE GUAM CONGRESS BUILDING TO ADDRESS THE URGENT MATTERS CONCERNING GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THAT ARE IMPEDING OR THREATENING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND URGENT MATTERS RESULTING FROM TYPHOON BOLAVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF A SESSION AGENDA ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL INTRODUCED BILLS LISTED AT [HTTPS://GUAMLEGISLATURE.COM/INDEX/BILLS/](https://guamlegislature.com/index/bills/) ARE POTENTIAL ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA PURSUANT TO MOTION, STANDING RULES AND CONSISTENT WITH THE EMERGENCY CALL THE DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 1.02(C) OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE'S STANDING RULES 1.02(C) DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS UNLESS SOME OTHER ORDER IS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OR THE BODY, THE DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: (I) CALL TO ORDER; (II) PRAYER; (III) RECOGNITION OF A RECIPIENT OF *I MILÅYAN MÅS TAKHILO' NA SAKRAÅISU* (IV) RECITING OF *INIFRESI*; (V) SINGING OF GUAM HYMN IN *CHAMORU*; (VI) SINGING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM; (VII) ROLL CALL; (VIII) CALL FOR APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL; (IX) COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS; (X) MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*; (XI) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES; (XII) REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES; (XIII) INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS; (XIV) MOTIONS; (XV) LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE; (XVI) CONSENT CALENDAR; (XVII) SECOND READING FILE; (XVIII) CONSIDERATION OF DAILY FILE: (1) THIRD READING FILE; AND (2) VOTING FILE; (XIX) BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS (LIMITED TO FIVE (5) MINUTES PER MEMBER); (XX) ANNOUNCEMENTS; AND (XXI) ADJOURNMENT THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND COOPERATION PLEASE SEE A ACHED MEMORANDUM RELATIVE TO REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY SESSION.

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

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO ADOPT TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA DATED OCTOBER 11TH 2023.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADOPT TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS THREE THROUGH SIX WHICH ARE THE RECOGNITION OF A

RECIPIENT OF *I MILÁYAN MÁŠ TAKHILO' NA SAKRAfiSU* RECITING OF *INIFRESI* SINGING OF GUAM HYMN IN *CHAMORU* AND SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW IN ITEM TWO OF OUR AGENDA THAT WILL BE THE PRAYER WOULD OUR MAJORITY LEADER PLEASE LEAD US IN PRAYER KINDLY RISE.

SENATOR SHELTON: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TODAY HEAVENLY FATHER WE COME BEFORE YOU HUMBLY GIVING YOU THANKS AND PRAISE FOR SPARING US FROM THIS TYPHOON AND OUR NEIGHBORING ISLANDS FROM ANY DEVASTATION WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR WATCHING OVER US FOR LEADING US WITH YOUR GOODNESS AND YOUR MERCY WE ASK TODAY THAT YOU GIVE US YOUR GRACE AND YOUR STRENGTH TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS HERE IN THIS BODY THAT ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR WILL WE PRAY THAT YOU CONTINUE TO BE THE LIGHT IN DARKNESS THE WISDOM FOR ALL AGE AND THE TRUTH FOR ETERNITY WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND THROUGH YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST WE PRAY AMEN SANTA MARIAN KAMALEN PRAY FOR US IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AMEN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* KINDLY BE SEATED WE'RE NOW ON ITEM SEVEN WHICH IS ROLL CALL CLERKS KINDLY TAKE THE ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* CLERKS WE'RE NOW ON ITEM EIGHT SEN MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO WAIVING THOSE ITEMS OF OUR AGENDA SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* S MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT BILL'S INTRODUCED BILL NUMBERS 162-37 LS THROUGH 164-37 LS AND 165-37 LS THROUGH 184-37 COR AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED RESOLUTION NUMBERS 171-37 LS THROUGH 183-37 LS AND 184-37 COR THROUGH 218-37 COR BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THEIR FIRST READING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IN REGARDS TO THE INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW MOTIONS MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO EXCUSE SENATORS NOT PRESENT FOR TODAY'S SESSION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO EXCUSE SENATORS NOT PRESENT THERE IS AN OBJECTION SENATOR BROWN.

SENATOR BROWN: NOT AN OBJECTION MADAM SPEAKER BUT AGAIN TO AVOID ANY QUESTIONS OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT OUR ABSENCE I'D LIKE AN EXPLANATION BRIEFLY AS TO WHY THESE MEMBERS ARE NOT PRESENT FOR THE PUBLIC'S INTERESTS THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I HAVE AN.

SENATOR SHELTON: SURE MADAM SPEAKER I BELIEVE THE TWO WHO ARE NOT PRESENT OR THREE WHO ARE NOT PRESENT RIGHT NOW ARE SENATOR PEREZ VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES AND SENATOR SAN NICOLAS WE RECEIVED OFF ISLAND NOTICES FOR THOSE WHO ARE OFF ISLAND AT THIS TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES AND SENATOR PEREZ WAS HERE AND I RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM HER RIGHT IN THE BEGINNING OF SESSION THAT HAD TO LEAVE TO FOR CARE FAMILY REASONS ON THE MOTION TO EXCUSE THOSE NOT PRESENT FOR TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL ON MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LUJAN: GOOD AFTERNOON MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE A MOTION TO PLACE BILL 164-37 LS ON THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COULD YOU PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

SENATOR LUJAN: NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE TITLE OF THE.

SENATOR LUJAN: TITLE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AN ACT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FUNDING TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THAT'S BILL ONE 164-37 LS AGAIN NOTWITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO PLACE A MOTION TO PLACE 16437 LS ON THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL 164-37 LS ON THE SESSION AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF PLACING THE BILL ON THE ON THE SESSION AGENDA PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS WE'RE STILL ON MOTIONS SENATOR BLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZE UNDER MOTIONS.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE RESOLUTION NUMBER 21 NOT NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES TO PLACE RESOLUTION NUMBER 215-37 COR AS INTRODUCED BY MYSELF SENATOR AND SENATORS TELO TAITAGUE JOANNE BROWN CHRISTOPHER DUEÑAS THOMAS J. FISHER AND JESSE LUJAN IT IS A RELATIVE TO URGENTLY AND STEADFASTLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIRE AND DECREPIT CONDITIONS THAT EXIST AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND TO DECLARE A STATE OF EXTREME EMERGENCY TO ADDRESS THE UNSAFE UNHEALTHY UNSANITARY AND FINANCIALLY CHALLENGING CONDITIONS THAT EXIST THERE MY MOTION IS TO PLACE THIS RESOLUTION ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE RESOLUTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA IS THERE AN OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE STILL UNDER MOTIONS SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED OH.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TO RECONSIDER THE LAST MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE LAST MOTION WAS A MOTION TO PUT RESOLUTION NUMBER 215-37 ONTO THE AGENDA NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES THERE'S A MOTION TO RECONSIDER ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION TO RECONSIDER PASSES ON THE MOTION TO PLACE RESOLUTION 215-37 COR NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND THIS IS A MOTION TO PLACE BILL I MEAN RESOLUTION 215-37 ONTO THE AGENDA NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION SO ALL IN FAVOR OF PUTTING IT ON THE OBJECT AGENDA PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL ON MOTIONS ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO WAIVING THOSE ITEMS ON OUR AGENDA SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON THE SECOND READING FILE SO THE ONLY ITEM UNDER SECOND READING IS RESOLUTION NUMBER 215-37 COR SENATOR FRANK BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE RESOLUTION NUMBER 215-37 COR AS INTRODUCED BY MYSELF SENATORS TELO TAITAGUE JOANNE BROWN CHRISTOPHER DUEÑAS THOMAS J. FISHER AND JESSE A. LUJAN RELATIVE TO URGENTLY AND STEADFASTLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR GUAM TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIRE AND DECREPIT CONDITIONS THAT EXIST AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND TO DECLARE A STATE OF EXTREME EMERGENCY TO ADDRESS THE UNSAFE UNHEALTHY UNSANITARY AND FINANCIALLY CHALLENGING CONDITIONS THAT EXIST THERE ON TO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I'D LIKE TO BE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER IT'S AN INTERESTING TURN OF EVENTS THAT WE'VE HAD BASED ON THIS EMERGENCY SESSION AND IN MY INITIAL REQUEST TO YOU TO PROVIDE US AN THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO THROUGH EMERGENCY SESSION IT IS BECAUSE OF THE CONSTANT COMMUNICATIONS CONDITIONS AND THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN HEARING AND SEEING OURSELVES AS WELL AS RECEIVING TESTIMONY FROM NOT JUST FROM THE PATIENTS FROM THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BUT ALSO NOW FROM THE EMPLOYEES OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND AND AND ALSO YOU KNOW RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ABOUT THE CONTINUING DISINTEGRATION OF SERVICES THAT CAN BE PROVIDED THERE AND THE DECREPIT AND THE UNSANITARY CONDITIONS THAT EXIST WITHIN THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER IT'S NOT TO GO WITHOUT THIS BODY AND IN ITS DESIRE AND ATTEMPT TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN BEING ABLE TO WRITE TAKE CARE OF THE CONDITIONS THAT EXIST THERE YOU YOURSELF MADAM SPEAKER PROVIDED LEGISLATION YOU KNOW AND A LAW THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THEM I THINK IT'S \$10 MILLION IN FUNDING THAT WAS DESPERATELY NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO PAY DOWN VENDORS AND AND TO TO TO REPAIR SERVICES IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY IF YOU CAN CORRECT ME MADAM SPEAKER I THINK THIS IS BACK IN THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE IF NOT IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN YOU KNOW THAT WAS WHAT FOUR YEARS AGO THREE FOUR YEARS AGO \$10 MILLION AND THEN IN A RECENT HEARING PROVIDED BY THE HEARING OVERSIGHT HEARING ON THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IT WAS CAME TO OUR SURPRISE THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THE 10 \$10 MILLION WAS APPROPRIATED BUT THEY NEVER RECEIVED IT BUT IN THE SAME TESTIMONY PROVIDED IN A SHORTENED OVERSIGHT HEARING IT WAS FURTHER PROVIDED THAT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WERE STILL OWED IN VENDOR PAYMENTS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN REPAIRS WERE NECESSARY MILLION DOLLARS OF SUPPLIES WERE MISSING OR COULD NOT BE OBTAINED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE THE ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE THAT OUR PEOPLE OF GUAM SHOULD EXPECT IN GOING TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL COMBINE THAT WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT WE'VE NOT ONLY SOME OF US ON THE BODY I'M SURE IT'S GOING TO BE TALKED ABOUT BY BY BY OTHERS OF OF THE CONDITIONS THE UNSANITARY AND THE UNHEALTHY CONDITIONS THAT EXIST IN THE HOSPITAL BUT WHEN YOU HEAR STORIES FROM PATIENTS AS WELL AS HEALTHCARE WORKERS OF WHAT THEY HAVE TO RELY ON OF WHAT THEY HAVE TO USE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES THE THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO OUR PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE WHEN THEY NEED TO RELY ON ROLLED UP SOILED LINEN TO BE ABLE TO USE AS AS AS PILLOWS WHEN THEY NEED TO RELY ON TOILET TISSUE AND PAPER TOWEL TO TO TO WIPE TO BATHE PATIENTS BED BEDRIDDEN PATIENTS WHEN YOU WHEN YOU HEAR OF OF PEST INFESTATION WHEN YOU SEE PICTURES OF MOLD CONDITIONS NOT ONLY INSIDE BUT OUTSIDE THE FACILITIES THAT COULD THAT WOULD GO TOWARDS AGAINST THE HEALTH CONDITIONS OF OF A PATIENT WHILE THIS IS ALL HAPPENING AND THEN YOU HAVE AN ADMINISTRATION WHO SEEMINGLY DOESN'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT INSTEAD WANTS TO CONTINUE TO FORCE AN ISSUE OF HAVING TO BUILD A NEW COMPLEX A NEW HOSPITAL DOWN THE ROAD FROM WHERE THE CURRENT FACILITIES EXIST IGNORING THE CURRENT THE THE THE CONDITIONS OF THE CURRENT FACILITY AND SAYING THAT BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL WHICH IS ALL BY THE WAY IS NOT GOING TO TAKE ANOTHER FIVE OR 10 YEARS TO COMPLETE THAT WILL BE THE ANSWER THE ANSWER IS NEEDED NOW IT'S NOW OUR PEOPLE CANNOT WAIT HEALTH CARE DOES NOT STOP WE DON'T HAVE NOR DOES ANYBODY HAVE THE MORATORIUM OR THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE A MORATORIUM TO TELL THE PEOPLE TO TELL PEOPLE OH BY THE WAY YOU CAN'T GET SICK BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT THE NEW HOSPITAL WON'T WON'T BE READY FOR ANOTHER 10 YEARS IT NEEDS TO BE DONE NOW AND SO WHAT THIS RESOLUTION IS GOING TO BE ABLE ABLE TO PROVIDE MADAM SPEAKER IS RECOGNIZING FIRST OF WHAT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND ROLE ARE IS IN IN OUR BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO EXECUTE EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS BUT IN OUR ROLE AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY PROVIDE THE THE FRAMEWORK AND THE ABILITY THE POLICY TO BE ABLE TO MOVE ON THINGS THAT IS DIRE THAT IS NEEDED FOR OUR COMMUNITY THAT'S WHY THIS THIS RESOLUTION ADDRESSES THIS

RESOLUTION ADDRESSES A EXTREME DESIRE AND AND ENCOURAGE TO THE GOVERNOR TO FIRST OFF
RECOGNIZE THE CONDITIONS THAT CURRENTLY EXIST IN OUR HOSPITAL RECOGNIZE THE CONDITION THAT
CURRENTLY EXIST IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TODAY IN OUR COMMUNITY PROVIDE THE RESOURCES THAT
ARE NECESSARY TO BE ABLE TO TO TO TO TO DEAL WITH THIS WE JUST RECENTLY VOTED ON AN ATTEMPT TO
BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FUNDING I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO THAT BECAUSE IT'S GONE BUT ALL THE WHILE
THERE'S STILL OVER TWO \$200 MILLION THAT'S SITTING IN WHAT IS CALLED THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
FUNDING THAT COULD HAVE BEEN UTILIZED SHE'S GOT \$153 MILLION SET ASIDE FOR A NEW HOSPITAL WE DON'T
NEED A NEW HOSPITAL 5 YEARS DOWN THE ROAD WE NEED A HOSPITAL THAT CAN FUNCTION FOR US TODAY SO
WITH REGARDS TO THE FINANCIAL RESOURCE OKAY SO THEN YOU KNOW THIS BODY DOESN'T WANT TO TAKE
IN TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION A FUNDING SOURCE GRANTED THERE'S A THERE'S A FUNDING SOURCE THAT
STILL EXISTS AND THE UTILIZATION OF THAT FUNDING SOURCE THAT WE CAN CAN'T TOUCH SHE HAS THAT
FINANCIAL ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE OF OF THE WALLS THE PHYSICAL WALLS OF THE
HOSPITAL BUT MORE THAN JUST THE PHYSICAL WALLS OF THE HOSPITAL IT CONS YOU GOT TO CONSIDER SOME
OF THE THINGS THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND THE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED ONE OF THE THINGS
THAT WE CAN SUGGEST TO THE GOVERNOR IN BEING ABLE TO TO TO FIX THIS MAYBE INSTITUTE TO PUT
TOGETHER A TASK FORCE TO BE ABLE TO BRING IN THE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS IN THE HEALTHCARE
INDUSTRY OUTSIDE OF WHAT YOU OF OF OF THE PEOPLE THAT YOU BROUGHT IN TO BE ABLE TO FIND A NEW
PLACE FOR A HOSPITAL GO WHICH THAT'S ANOTHER DISCUSSION TO BE HAD BUT THIS DISCUSSION TODAY IS
ABOUT THE PHYSICAL THEN THE FINANCIAL PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HOSPITAL AND THE
CONDITIONS THAT ARE IN I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE RECONSIDERATION OF THE VOTE SO THAT
WE CAN WE CAN DEAL WITH THIS MATTER BECAUSE GOD HELP US IF THIS BODY DOESN'T ANY ATTEMPT TO
WANT TO FIX WHAT IS OBVIOUS IN AS FAR AS A DIRE CONDITION IN OUR COMMUNITY SHAME ON US FOR NOT
WANTING TO PUSH THE ISSUE WHAT ARE WE AFRAID OF AND WE SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID BUT AT THE SAME
TOKEN LET'S RECOGNIZE OKAY I'M NOT TELLING YOU HOW TO DO THIS HOW TO FIX THE CONDITION THERE ARE
PEOPLE THERE IN THE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT EXIST IN THE COMMUNITY THAT KNOW HOW TO BE ABLE TO
DO THIS THAT WE CAN TAP INTO THAT SHE CAN TAP INTO TO BE ABLE TO START TO MAKE THOSE FIXES IT'S ONE
THING TO GIVE THEM MONEY BUT IT'S ANOTHER THING TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT MONEY IS SPENT PROPERLY
AND IT'S SPENT IN THE IN THE RIGHT PLACES YOU KNOW BEFORE THE SESSION TODAY I HAD A MEETING THIS
MORNING WITH ONE OF THE VENDORS FROM FROM FROM THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THEN I ASKED HIM
OKAY HOW MUCH IS THE HOSPITAL OWE YOU SAY SIR THEY OWE US CLOSE TO ALMOST \$800,000 WHAT'S YOUR
AGING ON THIS SAID OVER 6 MONTHS HOW DOES A BUSINESS BE ABLE TO OPERATE \$800,000 OVER BY THE
HOSPITAL OVER SIX MONTHS AND THE KIND OF THE KIND OF SUPPLIES AND THE KIND OF MATERIALS THAT THEY
PROVIDE TO THE HOSPITAL ARE ARE LIFE SAVING SUPPLIES THESE ARE THINGS THE THESE ARE SUPPLIES THESE
ARE MEDICATIONS THAT OUR CAREGIVERS ARE THE PRACTITIONERS WHO PRACTICE WHO TAKE CARE OF THE
PEOPLE WHO ARE AT THE HOSPITAL WHO ARE SICK WHO RELY ON THESE ON ON THESE MATERIALS ON THESE
SUPPLIES TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE HEALTH CARE THAT THESE PEOPLE NEED AND THEN I ASKED SAID HOW
LONG HAS THIS BEEN GOING ON HE SAID WELL SIR YOU KNOW EVERY TIME YOU KNOW THEY'LL MAKE A \$50
\$50,000 PAYMENT HERE BUT THEN REQUEST IN SAME TOKEN REQUEST FIRST FOR \$75,000 ADDITIONAL MORE
SUPPLIES AND HOW ARE YOU SURVIVING AND IT GOES BACK TO A CONVERSATION THAT WE HAD IN THE BODY
HERE A FEW WEEKS AGO WHEN WE HAD THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OFFICIALS BEFORE US AND WHEN WE
ASKED THEM HE SAYS OKAY NOW WITH REGARDS TO THE VENDORS THAT YOU THAT THAT YOU CAN CAN YOU
STILL GET SUPPLIES FOR THEM NO WE CAN'T BECAUSE WE'RE ON CREDIT WATCH SO HOW DO YOU DO THIS OH
WE GO LOOK FOR ANOTHER VENDOR REALLY HOW MANY MORE VENDORS DO YOU HAVE IN THIS WELL BEFORE
THE WELL RUNS DRY AND THEN PRETTY SOON WE COME NOW WE HAVE A CRISIS ON OUR HANDS I'M VERY CLOSE
TO ASKING IN THIS RESOLUTION NOT TO DECLARE A STATE OF EXTREME A STATE OF EXTREME CRISIS A
CATASTROPHIC CRISIS BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE IT'S AT RIGHT NOW AND THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE CAN
WAIT TWO THREE FOUR FIVE YEARS DOWN THE ROAD TO BE ABLE TO FIX WE NEED TO FIX IT NOW IT NEEDS TO
GET FIXED NOW AND WHAT THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IS THAT ENCOURAGEMENT GOVERNOR
TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE HOSPITAL ACKNOWLEDGE IT RECOGNIZE IT AND LET'S DEAL WITH
THIS WE OWE NOTHING LESS TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM FOR THIS AND AS MUCH AS WE WANT TO BE ABLE AS
MUCH AS I'M GOING TO SPEAK PERSONALLY AS MUCH AS I WANTED TO PUT MORE FORCE AND EFFECT IN THIS
I RECOGNIZE IT'S JUST THE RESOLUTION YOU KNOW THERE WAS A THERE WAS AN ARTICLE THAT WAS PUT OUT
OF PRESS RELEASE THAT THEY PUT OUT THE FRONT OFFICE PUT OUT LAST WEEK SAID YOU KNOW RESOLUTION
215 DOES ABSOLUTELY NOTHING YOU KNOW WHAT THEY'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT BECAUSE IF THEY CHOOSE
NOT TO CONTINUE TO IGNORE THE THE CONDITIONS OF THE HOSPITAL IF THEY CHOOSE TO CONTINUE TO IGNORE

THAT PEOPLE ARE DYING BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF MEDICATION THE LACK OF HEALTH CARE NECESSARY BECAUSE WE CANNOT PAY FOR IT OR BECAUSE IT DOESN'T EXIST IF WE CONTINUE TO GO DOWN THAT ROAD THEN YES IT DOES ABSOLUTELY NOTHING THE ONUS IS NOT GOING TO BE ON ME OR ON YOU ON US I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO STAND HERE WHETHER IT BE THIS RESOLUTION OR ANY OTHER MEASURE THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO MOVE TO TO TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR HOSPITAL IS FIXED TO PROVIDE THE BEST SERVICE THAT WE CAN FOR OUR HOSPITAL I'M GOING TO CONTINUE THAT EFFORT UNTIL SOMETHING ACTUALLY GETS DONE YOU KNOW AND YOU KNOW WHAT AS MUCH AS GRANTED I AM THE FIRST INDIVIDUAL FIRST SENATOR FOUND ON THIS ON ON THIS RESOLUTION BUT THIS IS NOT JUST MY RESOLUTION THIS IS A RESOLUTION BROUGHT BY MY OTHER COLLEAGUES MY OTHER REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES COULD IT SHOULD WE HAVE EXTENDED OVER TO TO OUR DEMOCRATIC COLLEAGUES WHO WANT YES WE CAN BUT YOU KNOW AT THE AT THE MOMENT AT THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT RECOGNIZING FIRST OFF THAT THIS WAS NOT A PRIORITY AND A SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WAS PASSED THAT WAS RECOGNIZING THE REVENUES WHEN WE SAW THAT THIS WAS THIS WAS NECESSARY THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN A PRIORITY WE FELT IT NECESSARY TO STAND UP AS THE SIXTH REPUBLICANS THAT WE WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO PUSH PUSH THIS RESOLUTION YOU KNOW ONCE PERSON ONCE TOLD ME GOES YOU KNOW WHAT BE VERY CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU SAY WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY BECAUSE YOU MAY SAY THINGS YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET SO YOU KNOW WHAT I'VE GOT ONLY THREE SECONDS I BETTER SIT DOWN BEFORE I DO SAY SOMETHING I REGRET BUT I DON'T REGRET BEING A PART OF INTRODUCING THIS RESOLUTION THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR BLAS ON THE RESOLUTION SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: OH BOY THE LEGISLATURE AND THE HOSPITAL NAME A MORE ICONIC DUO SO WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE WITH THIS RESOLUTION WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACHIEVE THIS RESOLUTION DOESN'T PROVIDE FUNDING DOESN'T START A GROUNDBREAKING ALL IT DOES IS PUT US ON THE WRONG DIRECTION OF SELF-DETERMINATION RATHER THAN ASKING FOR MORE AUTONOMY WE'RE ASKING FOR MORE GOVERNMENT MORE FEDERAL INTERFERENCE IN WHAT WE DO AND IT DOESN'T SOLVE ANY OF THE ISSUES WHAT IS IT THAT GMH AND GUAM ACTUALLY NEED IN TERMS OF HEALTHCARE WE NEED TO PROVIDE A BASIC LEVEL OF CARE AT GMH AND BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL IT'S NOT EITHER OR THEY ARE BOTH ESSENTIAL TO ENSURING THE PEOPLE OF GUAM HAVE PROPER HEALTH CARE ONE IS NOT PRIORITIZED OVER THE OTHER ONE IS NOT MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE OTHER BOTH ARE OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE WE NEED TO BE HONEST ABOUT WHAT THE ISSUES ARE WE NEED TO FIX THE WAY FINANCES OF GMH ARE GOVERNED HOSPITAL FINANCIAL EXPERTS NEED TO BE BROUGHT IN TO MANAGE THE FINANCIALS OF THE HOSPITAL WE CAN'T JUST KEEP GIVING GMH MONEY BECAUSE IT FAILED EVEN WHEN IT HAD PLENTY OF MONEY WE NEED NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MANAGEMENT IS THE PROBLEM AND NOT MONEY BECAUSE WE HAVE GIVEN MONEY TO GMH FOR A VERY LONG TIME AND WE ARE EXPECTING A DIFFERENT RESULT IN SOME CIRCLES THEY WOULD CALL THAT INSANITY THIS LEGISLATURE WE ARE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FOR TOO LONG WE AS A BODY HAVE DONE NOTHING TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF THIS ISSUE EXCEPT THROW MONEY AT IT AND WRITE STRONGLY WORDED RESOLUTIONS HONESTLY THE ONLY SENATOR IN THIS BODY THAT I'VE EVER SEEN WHO TRY TRULY TRIED TO FIX GMH WAS SENATOR DENNIS RODRIGUEZ WHEN HE TRIED TO PRIVATIZE THE MANAGEMENT OF GP GMH IN THE 33RD GUAM LEGISLATURE BUT THIS BODY CONTINUES TO THROW MONEY AT THE SAME HOSPITAL AND THE SAME MANAGEMENT AND EXPECT DIFFERENT RESULTS WE NEED TO PUT THE BLAME ON OURSELVES AS A BODY NO ONE EVER SAYS IT'S THEIR FAULT SO LET ME BE THE FIRST THE PROBLEMS WITH THIS HOSPITAL ARE THE LEGISLATURE'S FAULT THIS IS OUR HOSPITAL AND FOR TOO LONG WE HAVE STOOD BY AND AND ALL WE'VE DONE IS TRY TO PIN THE TAIL ON SOMEBODY ELSE WELL LET ME PUT TIN ON THIS BODY WE PUT THIS MONEY IN TODAY I GUARANTEE WE WILL HAVE THE SAME PROBLEMS TOMORROW WE PASSED THIS RESOLUTION TODAY I GUARANTEE WE WILL STILL HAVE THE SAME PROBLEMS TOMORROW SO WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE GIVEN STRONGLY WORDED ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE GOVERNOR THAT THE HOSPITAL IS IN PROBLEMS I THINK THAT'S KIND OF THE WORST KEPT SECRET ON GUAM I THINK WE ALL KNOW THE HOSPITAL HAS A PROBLEM AND IF IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW IT NOW AND YOU NEED THIS RESOLUTION TO TELL YOU WELCOME TO 2023 FOLKS THE ARMY CORPS AND GMH'S LIFESPAN THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SAID 5 YEARS AGO THAT THIS BUILDING HAD SEVEN YEARS LEFT OF GOOD LIFE THEY ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS A MAJOR FAULT LINE AT YPAO POINT MAKING IT A SAFETY HAZARD FOR OUR ISLAND'S ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND BUILDING A TEMPORARY HOSPITAL WHILE THEY REPLACE THE OLD GMH IS A LOGISTICAL NIGHTMARE WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS A VERY SHAKY FUTURE FOR OUR HEALTH CARE THE REPUBLICAN SOLUTION IS THE SAME THING

WE'VE BEEN DOING FOR DECADES AND BEEN FAILING WE JUST THROW MONEY AT IT POINT THE FINGER WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE MANAGEMENT WITHOUT ADDRESSING MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE FACILITIES NURSE FLORES SAID THAT GMH BUILDING WILL NOT SURVIVE ANOTHER TYPHOON I CANNOT BE THE ONLY ONE WHO IS HOLDING MY BREATH ALL THROUGHOUT THIS LAST STORM SCARED THAT OUR ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL WOULDN'T MAKE IT THROUGH THE TYPHOON WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE NOT JUST POINTING BLAME WITH RESOLUTIONS OR THROWING MONEY AT THE PROBLEM WE CAN'T JUST BE HOPING AND PRAYING GMH SURVIVES TYPHOON RAINS AND WINDS WE NEED TO START LOOKING FORWARD AND WHILE I SUPPORT GETTING MORE FUNDING TO GMH I CANNOT SUPPORT THAT FUNDING UNLESS WE HAVE A NEW LOCATION READY TO GO FOR A NEW HOSPITAL OTHERWISE WE ARE JUST CONTINUING THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST AND DOING THEM AGAIN TODAY WE NEED TO STOP PLAYING POLITICAL FOOTBALL AND TRYING TO BLAME THIS ADMINISTRATION OR THAT ADMINISTRATION IT'S IRRELEVANT WHOSE FAULT IT IS THERE'S A PROBLEM TODAY AND I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO THINK OF THESE FUNDING FOR GMH AND THE NEW HOSPITAL NOT AS SEPARATE PROBLEMS BUT AS ONE PROBLEM BECAUSE BOTH NEED TO BE DONE WE NEED TO PAY OUR VENDORS MAKE SURE THAT THE HOSPITAL IS FUNCTIONING FOR THE SMALL AMOUNT OF USEFUL YEARS IT HAS LEFT BUT WE MUST ALSO GET A GIDDY UP ON THAT NEW LOCATION WHEREVER THAT LOCATION IS THE BEST TIME TO BUILD A HOSPITAL WAS 10 YEARS AGO THE NEXT BEST TIME IS TODAY LET'S FUND THE HOSPITAL AND GET A NEW LOCATION SQUARED AWAY UNTIL WE DO BOTH I CANNOT SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION AND I CANNOT SUPPORT MORE FUNDING TO GMH UNTIL WE SETTLE ON A NEW LOCATION UNTIL WE HAVE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT OVER GMH'S FINANCES BY FRANKLY PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERTS AT IT NOT UNTIL WE ADDRESS MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM NEED US TO GET OUR ACT TOGETHER NOW FOR AS LONG AS I COULD REMEMBER 20 PLUS LONG YEARS THAT HOSPITAL HAS NEEDED UPGRADES AND CHANGE LET US BE THAT CHANGE TODAY WITH THAT I ASK MY COLLEAGUES NOT TO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION UNTIL WE CAN HAVE A NEW LOCATION FOR OUR HOSPITAL SECURED AND WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE RESOLUTION ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

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

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER IN DEALING WITH EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF RECOVERY ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THEY'LL TELL YOU WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO RECOVER IS THE FIRST STEP YOU NEED TO MAKE IS TO ADMIT YOU HAVE A PROBLEM THAT'S WHAT THIS RESOLUTION IS DOING YES AS MY RETIRING COLLEAGUE SPOKE IT'S STATING THE OBVIOUS THE PROBLEM MADAM SPEAKER IS THE OBVIOUS HAS NOT RESULTED IN ANY ACTION AND I THANK YOU FOR AGREEING THAT THE CONDITIONS EXIST UNDER WHICH AN EMERGENCY SESSION IS A RESPONSIBLE THING TO DO UNFORTUNATELY AS MY COLLEAGUE AND THE AUTHOR OF THE RESOLUTION STATED WE WON'T GET TO ANY SOLUTIONS TODAY BECAUSE THE FUNDING MECHANISM FOR THE HOSPITAL FAILED TO MAKE IT ON THE AGENDA YOU KNOW I WAS A LITTLE PERPLEXED AT POLICY BY PRESS RELEASE COMING OUT OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE PARTICULARLY IN A LOT OF THE CHIDING THAT THE RESOLUTION DOES NOTHING AND THEN ALSO BEYOND THAT WAS BASICALLY TO KIND OF BUTCHER THE TESTIMONY OF SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT CAME DOWN TO TESTIFY BEFORE US MADAM SPEAKER 95% OF THE TESTIMONY THAT WAS BROUGHT FORWARD TO US BY THOSE THAT ARE ACTUALLY GIVING PATIENT CARE PAINTED A VERY GRIM UNSAFE AND VERY DIRE SITUATION WHILE I AGREE WITH THE PRESENTATION AND THE FRUSTRATION WITH THE LEGISLATURE THAT A COUPLE OF INDIVIDUALS EXPRESSED THERE JUST SEEMS TO BE A BREAKDOWN IN CIVICS HERE SEE MADAM SPEAKER AS MUCH AS I KNOW MOST OF US IN THIS BODY WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THE MONEY FOR PHARMACEUTICALS AS MOST OF IT THIS US IN THIS BODY WOULD LOVE TO COMPLETE EVERY SINGLE ITEM OVER 5 YEARS AGO THAT WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE ARMY CORPS WE WOULD LOVE TO DO THAT BUT MADAM SPEAKER THAT'S NOT OUR ROLE BUT WHAT HAVE WE DONE LET'S GO BACK TO OUR ROLE MADAM SPEAKER YOU YOURSELF IN THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE IDENTIFIED \$10 MILLION FOR REPAIRS AND TO DEAL WITH OTHER THINGS BECAUSE OF OVERSIGHTS AND AND HEARINGS WITH GMH AND WHAT WAS ON PERHAPS I BELIEVE THE THIRD PAGE OF THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION THAT MANAGEMENT PROVIDED TO US ONE OF THE SQUARES THERE BOLDLY STATED THE \$10 MILLION THAT THIS LEGISLATURE APPROPRIATED NO FUNDS RECEIVED MADAM SPEAKER WE STUMBLED UPON THIS \$30 MILLION OF OUTSTANDING TO VENDORS BY IN THIS LAST FISCAL YEAR BUDGET THAT WAS PASSED WE CALLED GMH DOWN HERE A MONTH PRIOR TO THAT SENATOR BROWN IN A

HEARING HAD ASKED SOME QUESTIONS OF MANAGEMENT I BELIEVE IT WAS THEIR BUDGET HEARING JUST BEFORE WE WENT INTO AUGUST AND THEY SAID AT THAT TIME THEY WERE \$22 MILLION IN AREARS TO VENDORS BY THE TIME WE GOT INTO THE BUDGET SESSION MADAM SPEAKER THAT WAS \$30 MILLION THROUGH SOME CHANGES IN THE BUDGET PROCESS WE WERE AT LEAST ABLE TO GIVE THEM AN ADDITIONAL 9 MILLION IN THIS FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET BUT AS YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER THAT IS STILL WOEFULLY SHORT FROM WHAT IS NEEDED MADAM SPEAKER I BELIEVE THIS BODY AND DEFINITELY THE LAST LEGISLATURE HAS BEEN DOING EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO TRY TO HELP GMH NOW LET'S ADDRESS THIS SITUATION OF A NEW HOSPITAL AND THAT BEING AT THE CORE OF THE PROBLEM THAT EXISTS HERE I GUESS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS WITH THE BACK AND FORTH AND THE FINAL CALL TO SESSION WAS THE LATEST RELEASED BY THE GOVERNOR STATING THAT SHE AGREES FINALLY IN HER WORDS WHILE I AGREE THAT THERE ARE MAJOR OUTSTANDING ISSUES AT THE HOSPITAL HERE WE GO AGAIN WITH PRESENTED LEGISLATION THAT OF COURSE WE DIDN'T TAKE UP SO I WON'T TALK ABOUT IT YOU PROMISED A PUBLIC HEARING AND I THINK IT'S A VERY GREAT THING TO DO BUT WE'RE ONCE AGAIN HAVING THAT DISCUSSION EVEN THOUGH TIME AND TIME AGAIN IT'S BEEN EXPRESSED THAT WE HAVE TO NOW IMMEDIATELY GO IN AND MAKE THIS CURRENT HOSPITAL SOUND IN ORDER TO GET US TO THAT EVENTUALITY IN THAT DAY AS A MATTER OF FACT MADAM SPEAKER ANOTHER THING THAT WE'VE DONE IN THIS LEGISLATURE IS WE SET OUT AND WE LAID OUT A TRANSPARENT PROCESS BY PASSING A BILL THAT THIS BODY ENTIRELY VOTED FOR IN IN FACT IN AN OVERRIDE TO SET THE STAGE FOR A PROPER WELL ANNOUNCED SET OF MEETINGS WITH THE LEGISLATURE FULLY INVOLVED TO SIT DOWN AND ONCE IN FOR ALL COME UP WITH AN AGREEMENT ON BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL THAT WAS YOUR LEGISLATION MADAM SPEAKER IN THE TESTIMONY FROM THE GOOD MEMBERS THAT CAME DOWN THAT ARE NURSES AT THE HOSPITAL EAGLES FIELD FELL APART WHAT'S YOUR PLAN WE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH EAGLES FIELD FALLING APART ALL WE DID WAS ASK FOR TRANSPARENCY ALL WE DID WAS ASK FOR BRING YOUR PLAN DOWN WE WEREN'T THE ONES WHO DIDN'T REQUEST ANOTHER EXTENSION TO THE NAVY WE WEREN'T THE ONES WHO TOLD THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SEND US A LETTER OVER HERE THAT HE CANNOT SIGN OFF ON CONTRACT GOING FORWARD BECAUSE OF THE MISSING ELEMENTS THAT WAS NOT US WE WERE SITTING HERE WAITING I'M SAYING THIS MADAM SPEAKER NOT TO PLAY THE BLAME GAME BUT TO SAY WE HAVE BEEN WAITING WHAT'S YOUR PLAN WE WANT TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR TO MAKE A PLAN BUT WE ALSO WANT TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO MAKE THAT PLAN BECAUSE YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME THAT THEY WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE PLAN THESE HALLS WERE FULL OF PEOPLE WHO SAID NO DON'T DO IT THAT WAY SO ONCE AGAIN WHY ARE WE HERE WHY DO WE INTRODUCE THIS RESOLUTION WE INTRODUCE IT YES TO STATE THE OBVIOUS BUT LET'S TALK ONCE AGAIN ABOUT A RESULT THE GOVERNOR HAS NOW COMMITTED THANK GOD TO AT LEAST \$20 MILLION IN ARP FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH THE PERENNIAL PROBLEMS AT GMH SO I GUESS WITHOUT US PASSING AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCE AT LEAST THERE IS HOPE SO MADAM SPEAKER THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS WE CAN DEBATE THAT FOR TWO DECADES NOT ENOUGH HAS BEEN DONE WE CAN DEBATE AND TALK ABOUT REPUBLICAN VERSUS DEMOCRAT WE CAN DEBATE THAT STUFF ALL DAY LONG BUT MEANWHILE ONE THING THAT THERE'S NO DEBATE ABOUT THERE ARE PATIENTS EVERY SINGLE DAY SHOWING UP TO GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WHO NEED LIFESAVING CARE AND I THINK AFTER WHAT WAS PRESENTED SO ELOQUENTLY BY THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PROVIDING THAT CARE THAT'S NOT ONLY WOEFULLY INADEQUATE AT THIS POINT MADAM SPEAKER BUT IT IS DOWNRIGHT DANGEROUS AND INSUFFICIENT AS FAR AS THE REASONABLE QUALITY OF CARE TO BE EXPECTED THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE TO DISCUSS YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I ALSO OTHER THAN HAVING TALKED TO COUNSELORS AND AS MY TERM AT DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS IN TERMS OF TREATMENT AND THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO DO TO TRY TO HELP INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES GETTING THAT KIND OF ADVICE THAT YOU KNOW ADMITTING A PROBLEM IS YOUR YOUR FIRST ENTRY TO RECOVERY I ALSO LIKE TO LISTEN TO SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS AND I HEARD DR. NGUYEN THE OTHER DAY DR HOA NGUYEN THE FORMER PHYSICIANS ADVISORY GROUP CHAIR DURING THE COVID EMERGENCY ON A MEDIA OUTLET SAYING IF YOU WANT TO SEE IF YOU WANT TO SEE A STRUCTURE AND IF YOU WANT TO SEE AN INADEQUATE LEVEL OF CARE BEING PROVIDED AND WHAT CONSTITUTE AN EMERGENCY HE KNOWS OF NO OTHER ON GUAM THAN TO GO UP TO GMH TO VISUALIZE WHAT IS TRULY TRULY A STATE OF EMERGENCY I KNOW DOCTORS ARE VERY BUSY PEOPLE AND THEY PROBABLY DON'T LIKE HAVING TO PUT THEMSELVES IN THE MEDIA TO TRY TO POINT THINGS OUT BUT TO GO ON A MEDIA OUTLET AS PROBABLY ONE OF THE SURELY HIGHLY RECOGNIZED DOCTORS ON GUAM AND WHO HAS GIVEN A LOT TO GUAM AS WELL TO TAKE THE TIME TO STATE THAT PUBLICLY THEN I HAVE TO SAY MADAM SPEAKER THIS RESOLUTION 21537 ON ITS FACE HAS MERIT I WANT TO CLOSE WITH THIS MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW THIS TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT THIS RESOLUTION REPRESENTS AN ABROGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND ASKING FOR MORE FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT IT'S KIND OF A SLAP IN THE FACE TO THE FACT THAT WE RECEIVE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS

OF MILLIONS DOLLAR IN FACT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN THIS LAST COVID EMERGENCY IN JUST REGULAR ANNUAL FUNDING MADAM SPEAKER IT IS OUR JOB TO UTILIZE THOSE RESOURCES TO THEIR MAXIMUM CAPABILITY AND WHAT THEY WERE CALLED FOR NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT BUT A RESCUE MISSION AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN HAS NO SAVINGS ACCOUNT ON IT IT DOESN'T SAY DEPOSIT HERE AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE THIS IS NOT A CALL FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO GIVE US LESS SELF-GOVERNANCE THIS IS A CALL TO AVOID THAT MADAM SPEAKER TO DO OUR JOB SO THAT WE ARE NOT HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO MONEYS THAT ARE GIVEN TO US FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE SO I CALL ON US TO GET OUT OF THAT MENTALITY OF SAYING LET SOMEBODY ELSE DO IT AND LET'S DO IT OURSELF AND PROVE TO THE PEOPLE THAT WE'RE COMMITTED TO THIS THEM COMMITTED TO THIS PROCESS AND COMMITTED TO DO WHAT'S DOING BE DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND DO IT RIGHT I HOPE THE BODY WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE RESOLUTION SENATOR BROWN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 215 INTERESTING THAT A NUMBER OF OUR COLLEAGUES DID NOT SUPPORT THIS PARTICULAR RESOLUTION AND MAYBE THEY DON'T NEED TO BECAUSE THEY CAN OH THAT'S FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE AISLE SO YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT GOING TO SUPPORT IT OR WE'RE GOING TO TIE THIS WHOLE ISSUE OF THE CURRENT EMERGENCY SITUATION AT GMH TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING AND SAY THAT OH WE'RE NOT GOING TO ADDRESS THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF THE HOSPITAL UNTIL WE APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE WHAT THE GOVERNOR WANTS TO BUILD A BUILDING A BUILDING THAT OF COURSE SINCE TIME IS SHORT I MEAN THEY ARE IN THE FIFTH YEAR OF THEIR ADMINISTRATION 3 YEARS REMAINING WILL NOT BE THERE FOR THE COMPLETION OR EVEN MAYBE EVEN THE START OF CONSTRUCTION BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE THAT THE ISSUE WE WANT TO MAKE THAT WHAT WE CONNECT TO THE EMERGENCY BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THE EMERGENCY IF WE DON'T GET WHAT WE WANT BECAUSE AFTER ALL ISN'T THAT WHAT THIS HAS ALL BEEN ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION ONLY EXTENDS THEIR HANDOUT WHICH IS RARE WHEN THEY WANT SOMETHING OTHERWISE THEY ONLY TALK TO THEIR SELECT SENATORS HERE AND THEY DON'T TALK TO THOSE SELECT SENATORS IN THE EYES AND DAYS OF THE PUBLIC NO THEY DON'T DO THAT THEY DO THAT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER YOU WERE THERE I WAS THERE THERE WERE A NUMBER OF OUR COLLEAGUES BUT THE MAJORITY OF OUR COLLEAGUES THAT ARE HERE WERE NOT THERE AT THE HEARING FOR GMH MAYBE THEY WATCHED THE REPEAT MAYBE THEY WATCHED IT ONLINE MAYBE THEY LISTENED TO THE MEDIA REPORTS BUT THEY WEREN'T THERE AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT THE STATEMENTS THAT WERE MADE THAT EVENING WERE VERY CONCERNING AS THE STATEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY GMH ADMINISTRATION AS WE WENT THROUGH THIS WHOLE BUDGET PROCESS WAS CONCERNING BECAUSE GMH DID NOT COME TO US AND SAY WE ARE IN A FINANCIAL CRISIS WE HAVE NOT BEEN PAYING OUR VENDORS WE ARE \$22 MILLION IN DEBT AND ARE STILL NOT PAYING VENDORS WE ARE NOT GETTING THE BASIC MEDICAL SUPPLIES THAT WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF PATIENTS AT GMH NO DID THEY VOLUNTARILY COME AND PROVIDE THAT ABSOLUTELY NOT WE HAD TO ASK THE QUESTIONS NOW DURING THAT PARTICULAR HEARING IN SEPTEMBER AND YOU KNOW THIS THIS NURSE FLORES THAT YOU KNOW HAS A PRETTY CONNECT LINE WE KNOW WHO THAT LINE IS TO THE ADMINISTRATION WE SAW THE THE THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE USE HER QUOTES THAT THEY THOUGHT BENEFITED THEM BUT YOU KNOW WHAT CONCERNED ME WAS THE COMMENTS THAT SHE ACTUALLY MADE WITH REGARDS TO THE CURRENT SITUATION AT THE HOSPITAL AND I'M GOING TO READ IT OUT OF THE RESOLUTION FOR OUR PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT DON'T HAPPEN TO HAVE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THIS WAS A HEARING THAT OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 28TH AND THIS IS WHAT SHE SAID WE REGULARLY LACK ESSENTIAL MATERIALS LIKE LINENS AND PILLOWS DIABETIC TUBE FEEDING FORMULA UNDERPADS FOR PATIENTS TO POO AND PEE TO POO AND PEE ON INNER TRACHEOSTOMY CANNULAS WIPES TO CLEAN PATIENTS PRE-FILLED EPINEPHRINE SYRINGES FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AND SO MANY OTHER THINGS TO ADD TO THIS LIST THE NURSE WENT ON TO STATE WE DIDN'T HAVE WIPES FOR MONTHS AS AN ALTERNATIVE WE WERE TOLD TO USE PAPER TOWELS TO CLEAN AND BATHE OUR PATIENTS TO OUR EMBARRASSMENTS PATIENTS FAMILIES WITNESSED THIS AND HAVE DONATED WIPES BECAUSE OF THE PITIFUL SITUATION THE HOSPITAL IS IN IT IS SAD AND EMBARRASSING AND IT IS DISGRACEFUL THAT YOU'VE ALLOWED THIS TO BE THE STANDARD OF CARE FOR OUR PEOPLE I DON'T KNOW HOW ANYONE IN A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP HERE CAN'T HEAR THOSE COMMENTS UNLESS YOU'RE GOING TO YOU KNOW COUNTER AND SAY THAT WHAT THIS NURSE IS STATING IS NOT TRUTHFUL BUT YOU KNOW FOR HER AND OTHERS THERE IN THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY COME OUT THAT WORK AT GMH AND COME FORTH I'M SURE AT A CERTAIN DEGREE OF DISCOMFORT BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE LOOKED UPON WELL YOU KNOW WHEN I ASK THE QUESTION OF OF OF LILLIAN POSADAS WITH REGARDS TO DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS HERE WHAT ARE THEY DOING DOING IF THEY'RE NOT PAYING THEIR VENDORS

BECAUSE YOU'RE RIGHT SENATOR CHRIS WE DID ASK THAT QUESTION DURING THEIR BUDGET HEARING THEY DIDN'T VOLUNTEER THE INFORMATION WE HAD TO ASK HOW MUCH IN DEBT ARE YOU TO YOUR VENDORS OR WHAT DO YOU OWE TO YOUR VENDORS OH WE OWE \$22 MILLION AND KNOW IT'S THE AGING IS IT 30 60 90 DAYS OR WE'RE BEYOND THAT AND THEN WHEN I ASK THE QUESTION AGAIN OF LILLIAN POSADAS DURING THE BUDGET HERE IN THIS VERY HALL THE RESPONSE IS OH WE WORK WITH OTHER VENDORS SOMEHOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE THAT EXPLANATION GO OH OKAY MAKES SENSE RIGHT YOU'RE NOT PAYING ALL THESE OTHER VENDORS THAT YOU HAVE BUT YOU'RE WORKING WITH OTHER VENDORS THAT I'M SURE WANT TO STAND IN LINE TO NOT BE PAID SO THAT THEY CAN'T GET MORE SUPPLIES AND MORE MEDICINES WE TALK ABOUT THE BUILDING OH WE CAN'T TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE WITHOUT A BRAND NEW BUILDING A BUILDING AGAIN AS I MENTIONED THE VERY BEGINNING WON'T BE BUILT FOR YEARS OR COMPLETED MAYBE THE CURRENT GOVERNOR WILL BE INVITED BY A FUTURE GOVERNOR FOR THE RIBBON CUTTING YOU KNOW I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THEY EXTENDED THAT COURTESY OF GOVERNOR CALVO WHEN HE LEFT OFFICE BECAUSE THESE PROJECTS THAT WERE COMPLETED TOWARDS THE VERY END OF HIS ADMINISTRATION THIS CURRENT ADMINISTRATION IS VERY QUICK TO TAKE CREDIT FOR VERY QUICK TO PUT THEIR NAME AND SAY OH THIS IS PART OF OUR AGENDA WELL MAYBE THAT FUTURE GOVERNOR WILL SAY OH THIS IS PART OF MY AGENDA YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO PLAY THE THE DIRT OF POLITICS THERE'S THE DIRT OF POLITICS IT'S SO IMMATURE ESPECIALLY WHEN WE WANT TO TAKE CREDIT FOR STUFF WE DIDN'T EVEN DO THIS PARTICULAR CASE WHERE WE'RE AT NOW IS VERY SURPRISING TO ME SURPRISING TO ME BECAUSE THIS I EXPECTED I EXPECTED BETTER WHY BECAUSE WHEN THE GOVERNOR RAN SHE SAID SHE WAS A BANKER SHE WAS A MOTHER SHE WAS A GRAND MOTHER AND SHE REMINDED US TIME AND TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT SHE WAS A NURSE HER MORE THAN EVEN I KNOW THE SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE OF PATIENT CARE AND HAVING THE MEDICINES AND THE SUPPLIES THAT YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF A PATIENT AND YET DURING HER ADMINISTRATION FIVE YEARS IN THIS IS WHERE WE'RE AT FIVE YEARS IN THIS IS WHERE WE ARE AT WHEN THIS ADMINISTRATION RAN ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES THEY RAN ON ON WAS WHAT HEALTH CARE HEALTH CARE COULD ONLY LEAD US TO BELIEVE AS A PEOPLE THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET BETTER HEALTH CARE WITH THIS ADMINISTRATION ANYONE COULD BE GOVERNOR RIGHT NOW AND END UP WITH THE SITUATION THAT WE HAVE AT GMH ANYONE HERE COULD BE GOVERNOR BUT IN HER PARTICULAR CASE EVEN I WHO SERVED MANY TERMS WITH HER IN THIS BODY EXPECTED MORE WHY BECAUSE OH MY GOODNESS DEAR COLLEAGUES REMEMBER ALL THOSE TIMES WE'VE BEEN HERE REMEMBER ALL THE TIMES THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION BRAGGED ABOUT THE EXCESS REVENUE IN THIS GOVERNMENT MY GOODNESS IT WAS FALLING FROM THE SKY LIKE THE RAIN LAST NIGHT AND BOY SOME OF US COULDN'T WAIT TO APPROPRIATE CAUSE WE LOVE TO APPROPRIATE AND MAKE SURE OUR NAME IS ATTACHED TO IT SO WE CAN GET CREDIT BUT WERE WE TAKING CARE OF THE KEY ISSUES THAT WE GO OUT EVERY OTHER YEAR AND EVERY FOUR YEARS AND TELL OUR PEOPLE WE CARE ABOUT YOU YOUR HEALTH WE CARE ABOUT YOUR EDUCATION THE EDUCATION OF YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND WE CARE ABOUT YOUR SAFETY BUT WHEN THE TIME COMES IS THAT WHAT WE'RE PRIORITIZING BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THAT'S NOT THE CASE NOW WITH WHERE THE HOSPITAL IS THE GOVERNOR COULD HAVE TRANSFERRED MONEY WITH THEIR TRANSFER AUTHORITY THAT A NUMBER OF OUR COLLEAGUES FELT SHE SHOULD HAVE IN THIS LAST BUDGET WE'RE ONLY THE SECOND WEEK REMEMBER COLLEAGUES THAT 15% 15% OF A BILLION DOLLARS AND YES SENATOR CHRIS BROUGHT IT UP SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS HERE ALL THAT ARP MONEY THAT SHE KEEPS HOLDING ON TO THAT IS INTENDED FOR THE VERY PURPOSE OF HEALTH CARE FOR OUR PEOPLE SO WHEN YOU LOOK AT ALL OF THAT REALITY YOU HAVE TO WONDER WHY ARE WE IN THIS SITUATION THAT WE ARE IN NOW AND WHY DO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS THAT I'M SURE THE GOVERNOR KNOWS AND CAN IDENTIFY WITH COMMISERATE WITH WHY ARE THEY COMING DOWN HERE CRYING OUT FOR BASIC RESOURCES TO DO THEIR JOB WHY DO THEY EVEN HAVE TO WHAT DOES THAT TELL US IF WE CANNOT EVEN FUND THESE BASIC NEEDS AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WE CAN'T EVEN GET SANITATION WIPES UP THERE WHAT WAS THE EXPLANATION WHEN I ASKED THAT QUESTION OF OF THE ADMINISTRATOR THEY CLOGGED THE SEWER LINE *HÅFA* WHAT WHAT DID I CATCH THAT THAT'S THE REASON WE DON'T HAVE THESE SANITATION WIPES TO CLEAN PATIENTS AT THE HOSPITAL THEY CAN USE PAPER TOWELS AND TOILET PAPER REALLY I DON'T KNOW FOLKS IF YOU BUY THAT GOOD LUCK TO YOU GOOD LUCK TO YOU WE CAN'T EVEN DO THAT TODAY WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO BE HERE YOU'RE RIGHT ONE OF OUR PREVIOUS SPEAKERS *A/* FROM THE MOUTH OF BABES WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO BE HERE TODAY THE GOVERNOR COULD HAVE TRANSFERRED MONEY WITHIN THE BUDGET APPROPRIATION THE GOVERNOR COULD USE ARP SHE SHE ALWAYS REMINDS US THAT'S HER POWER IT'S HER MONEY TO DECIDE NOT NOT US WE DON'T GET TO TELL HER WHAT TO DO WITH ARP MONEY SO YEAH SHE COULD HAVE AVOIDED THIS THAT'S WHAT IS SO PUZZLING IT'S SO PUZZLING YOU WOULD THINK THAT YOU WANT TO HEAT YOUR KEY MARKS BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOU GO ON AND TELL THE PEOPLE

THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO HEALTHCARE YOU KNOW RECALL I WASN'T HERE IN THAT LEGISLATURE BUT YOU KNOW I RECALL GOVERNOR CALVO'S TIME TOWARDS THE END RIGHT THE HEARSE THAT WAS PARKED IN FRONT OF THE GUAM LEGISLATURE FOR WEEKS THE CRY FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND FINANCES I MEAN AT LEAST THE GOVERNOR KNEW TO ASK FOR IT WE DON'T HAVE THAT NOW WE HAVE TOTAL AVOIDANCE AND THE ONLY THING WE CAN GET OUR STAFF TO WRITE PRESS RELEASES ABOUT HOW WE NEED A NEW HOSPITAL AND THAT'S GOING TO BE THE SOLUTION FOR OUR PEOPLE IS THAT GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE NEEDS UP THERE NOW THE REPAIRS THAT YES YEAH I'D LOVE TO BUILD A NEW BUILDING TOMORROW BUT WE HAVE TO WORK WITH WHAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THE PATIENTS THAT ARE THERE NOW THAT NEED THE CARE THERE'S NO REASON THEY CAN'T EXPEDITE REPAIRS WHERE THEY NEED THEM BECAUSE DON'T WE HAVE THE MONEY BEFORE WE DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY NOW WE GOT A LOT OF MONEY THERE'S NO REASON WE CAN'T DO IT IN PHASES THERE'S NO REASON WE CAN'T LOOK AT OKA POINT AGAIN I MEAN WHEN OKA POINT WAS ABANDONED MY GOODNESS THAT HOSPITAL WAS BUILT IN THE 50S JUST AROUND THE TIME NAVAL HOSPITAL WAS BUILT NAVAL HOSPITAL WAS ONLY TORN DOWN A FEW YEARS AGO GMH WAS ABANDONED THE ORIGINAL GMH WAS ABANDONED IN THE EARLY 90S THAT BUILDING WASN'T EVEN THAT OLD AND IT WAS ABANDONED LITERALLY ABANDONED WHY AREN'T WE LOOKING AT IT IN PHASES IN TERMS OF WHAT WE CAN AFFORD BUT NO THE GOVERNOR WANTS THE HOSPITAL COMPLEX WE CAN'T EVEN GET BASIC SUPPLIES PAID FOR AT GMH NOW DURING HER ADMINISTRATION AT A TIME WHEN WE BRAG THAT WE GOT ALL THE MONEY MONEY MONEY MONEY MONEY WHERE WERE WE LAST YEAR HERE WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT PAY RAISES DO WE HAVE OH YES WE HAVE THE MONEY WE CAN PAY FOR IT RIGHT BEFORE THE ELECTION WE CAN PAY FOR EVERYTHING AND A NUMBER OF OUR COLLEAGUES HERE SAID OH YEAH YEAH LET'S DO THAT LET'S INCREASE THE COST OF GOVERNMENT BY ANOTHER 70 80 MILLION A YEAR FOREVER CAUSE WE GOT THE MONEY AND COLLEAGUES YOU JUST FELL FOR IT RIGHT YOU KNOW MAN YOU JUST DELIVERED IT BUT WHERE ARE WE TODAY FOR CRITICAL NEEDS FOR PEOPLE THAT NEED IT MAYBE IT'S YOU MAYBE IT'S YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MAYBE IT'S YOUR LOVED ONE THAT'S UP THERE THAT NEEDS CARE AND HERE WE ARE TRYING TO DRAG MORE HEALTHCARE PROF HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THAT WHEN THEY HAVE SUCH DIRE CIRCUMSTANCES TO HAVE TO WORK UNDER TO TRY TO SAVE PEOPLE TO HEAL PEOPLE IF THIS IS THE BEST WE HAVE TO OFFER AS LEADERS IN THIS COMMUNITY AT A TIME WHEN WE'RE SUPPOSEDLY OVERRUN WITH MONEY WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT US OF COURSE YOU'RE ALWAYS GOING TO HAVE ADDITIONAL COSTS AT GMH AS LONG AS WE MANDATE THAT GMH HAS TO SERVE EVERYBODY THAT COMES THROUGH THE DOOR WHETHER THEY CAN PAY OR NOT THAT THERE'S NO NO BIG YOU KNOW REVELATION WITH THAT THAT'S THAT WE'VE KNOWN THAT FOR YEARS BUT THIS I HAVE TO TELL YOU AT THIS JUNCTURE FOR ME AS I MENTIONED EARLIER WAS A BIG SURPRISE BECAUSE I AT LEAST EXPECTED THAT TO BE IT'S GOT TO BE MORE THAN RUNNING FOR OFFICE TO MAKE SURE WE TAKE CARE OF OUR HIGH PAID MAKE SURE OUR CONSULTANTS GET SORRY MAKE SURE OUR CONSULTANTS GET PAID MAKE SURE OUR MAJOR DONORS GET PAID MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO HIRE PEOPLE THAT THEY DO VERY WELL GOOD LORD LIGHTNING SPEED BUT THE STUFF THAT ACTUALLY MATTERS TO OUR PEOPLE OH I MEAN FOR COLLEAGUES FOR YOU THAT VOTE DIDN'T WANT TO VOTE TO EVEN ENTERTAIN THIS RESOLUTION GOOD LUCK TO YOU YOUR PRIORITIES GOOD LUCK TO YOU IF ANYTHING WE SHOULD ALL BE ENRAGED ABOUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED UP THERE WHAT IS GOING ON UP THERE NOW AND DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE LEADERSHIP BECAUSE IT'S A REFLECTION OF THIS ADMINISTRATION THEY'RE IN OFFICE THIS IS THEIR MOMENT TO SHINE AND I HAD HOPE THAT THEY WOULD SHINE ESPECIALLY IN THIS AREA THIS AREA I THOUGHT WAS A GIVEN AND HERE WE ARE TODAY HAVING TO FIGHT TO ENSURE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION ADDRESSED THESE ISSUES HAVING TO HOLD THIS UP PUBLICLY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE ACCOUNTABLE TO ENSURE THAT THE HOSPITAL HAS THE BASIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLIES THEY NEED I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO THINK WHAT MORE TO SAY MADAM SPEAKER BUT I DEFINITELY RISE AND SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION AND I HOPE THAT WE ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THE HOSPITAL THANK YOU.

NOTE SENATOR SHELTON PRESIDES

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU ON RESOLUTION NUMBER 215-37 SENATOR LUJAN FOLLOWED BY SPEAKER.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' NI REKOGNISA-HU YA BAI KUENTOS PÁGO NA PUENGE' BAI TUTUHON BAI ALOK LECHE* THE REASON WHY I'M SAYING THAT IS BECAUSE I GOT EXCUSE MY COLLEAGUES ARE NOT SUPPORTING THIS RESOLUTION AND BILL 165 LS THEY PROBABLY DIDN'T READ THE THE TITLE RESOLUTION 215-37 COR READS RELATIVE TO URGENTLY AND STEADFASTLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIRE AND DECREPIT CONDITIONS THAT EXIST AT THE GUAM MORAL HOSPITAL AND TO DECLARE A STATE OF EXTREME EMERGENCY TO ADDRESS THE UNSAFE UNHEALTHY

UNSANITARY AND FINANCIALLY CHALLENGING CONDITIONS THAT EXIST IT'S SISTER BILL 164-37 LS AN ACT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FUNDING TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR AN EXTREME EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT THE GUAM MORAL HOSPITAL IS FACING TO SAY THAT TO FUND THE HOSPITAL TO THROW MONEY INTO THE HOSPITAL WITHOUT IDENTIFYING A NEW HOSPITAL IS HOW THIS WORLD WE KNOW THAT WE NEED A NEW HOSPITAL I HAVE PROPOSED THE FASTEST WAY TO GET A NEW HOSPITAL AT THIS POINT AND I TELL YOU AND I'LL PROPOSE IT AGAIN THE FASTEST WAY TO GET A NEW HOSPITAL IS WORK A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH GRMC JUST THIS PAST WEEK WE READ ABOUT A MEDICAL FACILITY THAT WAS BUILT TO AUGMENT THE NEEDS OF GRMC AND THE TWO PARTIES THE BUILDER AND THE HOSPITAL ARE IN LAWSUIT BECAUSE OF NONUSE OR CONSTRUCTION THAT WASN'T COMPLETED AND I'M SAYING DOWN THE LINE PROBABLY I MEAN BECAUSE THIS HOSPITAL WE HAVE NOW WAS WAS OWNED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE MCM AND GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TOOK IT OVER I THINK DOWN THE LINE WE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM MIGHT BE LOOKING AT THAT HOSPITAL AS WELL I'VE ALWAYS SAID THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS ALREADY THERE CAN MOVE IN DO A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP A NEW WING NEEDS TO BE BUILT LET'S BUILD IT THERE'S A MEDICAL FACILITY BUILDING THAT NEXT DOOR CAN UTILIZED AS WELL YOU CAN USE IT NOW CAN BE USED NOW WORK SOMETHING OUT WE KNOW AGAIN THESE TWO PARTIES ARE IN LITIGATION AT THIS POINT THAT'LL BE THE FASTEST WAY LIKEWISE WE HAVE PROPERTY UP THERE IN YPAO POINT TO SAY IT'S IN A OF COURSE EARTHQUAKE FAULT GUESS ALL THE ALL THE HOTELS ARE AS WELL THEY'RE STILL BUILDING THERE'S ANOTHER ONE THAT'S GOING TO BE GOING UP THE HOSPITALS IN DIRE NEED AND TO SAY AGAIN THAT WE CANNOT DO EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR THE HOSPITAL AT THIS POINT AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO SO UNTIL ANOTHER HOSPITAL IS BUILT OR IDENTIFY ANOTHER PLACE WHERE A HOSPITAL TO BE BUILT THAT'S GOING TO BE DONE IT'LL BE DONE SOON I'M SURE BUT IN THE MEANTIME OUR URGENT NEED FOR A HOSPITAL TO BE FIXED IS URGENT AND TO SAY NOT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WANT TO PUT MONEY IN THERE IT'S TO SAY YOU DON'T WANT TO PAY THE VENDORS MY COMMUNICATION WITH THE GOVERNOR SHE ACKNOWLEDGES THE FACT THAT SHE WANTS TO PAY THE VENDORS OF THE TUNE OF 30 MILLION SHE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THE FACT THAT SHE WAS GOING TO USE ARP FUNDS THE TUNE OF \$20 MILLION TO FIX THE HOSPITAL AND THAT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WAS WAS MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATION SO TO SAY YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE IDENTIFY AND YOU PLACE AT THIS POINT IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PAY THE VENDORS AND BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT PAYING THE CURRENT VENDORS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR OTHER VENDORS TO PROVIDE ALMOST THE SAME THINGS TO GET YOURSELF IN DEBT LET ME SAY THIS THAT REGARDLESS OF A NEW FACILITY BEING BUILT AND IT WILL BE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS GOING TO RUN INTO THE SAME SITUATION AS WELL BECAUSE OF STATUTE AND THE STATUTE BASICALLY IS THAT REGARDLESS OF THE PATIENTS ABILITY TO PAY THAT THEY HAVE TO BE SEEN IN THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL NOW ALL HOSPITALS HAVE THAT FOR EMERGENCY CARE THE PROBLEM WITH GMH AT THIS POINT IS NOT JUST EMERGENCY CARE BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE USE IT FOR THEIR PRIMARY CARE AS THEIR MEDICAL CLINIC UNTIL WE FIND A SOLUTION FOR FOR THAT TO SOLVE THAT AND WE DO HAVE THAT WITH PUBLIC HEALTH WE'RE GOING TO RUN INTO THE SAME PROBLEM WE HAD THAT AT OLD GMH WHEN WE MOVED IN AND TOOK OVER MCM THAT PROBLEM CAME WITH THE MOVE SO IF WE DON'T CHANGE IF WE DON'T FIND A SOLUTION FOR THAT FOR FOLKS USING EMERGENCY ROOM AS THEIR PRIMARY CARE SOURCE FOR MEDICAL CARE THAT PROBLEM WILL FOLLOW AS WELL WHEREVER YOU GO AND SO TO SAY AGAIN THAT A REPUBLICAN SOLUTION IS THROUGH AGAIN RESOLUTIONS NO IT'S IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEM WE HAVE AND OF COURSE THE RESOLUTION WITHOUT THE FUNDING SOURCE SISTER BILL 164 37 LS IS THE FUN FUNDING SOURCE SO OF COURSE WHAT WE'RE TAKING UP RIGHT NOW IS WE'RE IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEM THAT WE'RE IN EXTREME EMERGENCY AND WE WANT THE DECLARATION OF SUCH BUT YEAH YOU'RE RIGHT WHAT IS THE FUNDING SOURCE WELL THIS BODY VOTED DOWN THE FUNDING SOURCE WE ONLY HAVE SEVEN VOTES WE NEED EIGHT TO GET IT ON SO YEAH THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED SO TO SAY IS EMPTY BECAUSE WE'RE ONLY IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEM YEAH WE HAVE TO PLACE BOTH IDENTIFICATION AND CALLING FOR THE DECLARATION OF SUCH OF EMERGENCY AND THE FUNDING SOURCE BUT *LECHAY* HE JUST WANT US TO IDENTIFY AND THEN WHAT GOTTA TEXT *YA HÅFA BIDÅN MIMIYU HÅFA BOY I BIDÅN MIMIYU NA PO FANSESSION, PUES GI NA MANHÅLOM AYU ESTA PON FANÅYAN, ESTA PON FAMMOKKAT HUYONG* SO YOU'RE RIGHT THIS RESOLUTION WILL PROBABLY PASS AND I HOPE IT DOES AND I ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES BOTH DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICAN BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS I KNOW THEY DON'T ASK YOU WHEN YOU GO TO GMH JUST WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE A DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN THAT'S OUR ONLY CIVILIAN HOSPITAL PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND AGAIN PROVIDING THE EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR A GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS IS URGENT CRITICAL AND NOT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT THIS LEGISLATURE CAN IGNORE THIS IS NOT A GAME MADAM SPEAKER OF LET'S KICK THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD GMH DEFINITELY NEEDS LIFE-SAVING MEDICATION THIS IS ABOUT KEEPING CRITICAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES FUNCTIONING TO BE ABLE TO SAVE LIVES THE FACT THAT WE ARE AT THIS POINT IS SAD ENOUGH

THIS IS ANOTHER CHAPTER OF ANOTHER CHAPTER IN A FINANCIAL SOAP OPERA THAT SHOULD NOT BE AIRING IS RERUNS GMH NEEDS FUNDING AND WE ARE OBLIGATED TO FIND THE FUNDING AND TO PROVIDE IT MADAM SPEAKER YOU MUST DO ALL THAT WE CAN THAT OF COURSE TO KEEP OUR ONLY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC HOSPITAL I'M SORRY FUNCTIONING AND WORKING TO SAVE LIVES THIS IS NOT REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT THIS IS NOT ABOUT POLITICAL BACKBITING AND TRYING TO SCORE POLITICAL POINTS ENOUGH GAMESMANSHIP ALREADY GMH NEEDS US TO FIND COMMON GROUND AND TO GET THE FUNDING THAT IT NEEDS OF COURSE I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE TO PUT THIS PARTISAN DIFFERENCES ASIDE WITH POLITICS ASIDE AND WORK IN UNITY IN BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM LET US FUND THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF COURSE OF OUR ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND YES WE DO NEED A NEW HOSPITAL BUT I TELL YOU ALONGSIDE THAT NEW HOSPITAL LET ME JUST SAY THAT WHEN IT'S BUILT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE SAME PROBLEMS IF WE DON'T SOLVE THE SITUATION THAT PEOPLE USE THE EMERGENCY ROOM AS ITS PRIMARY SOURCE PRIMARY CARE FACILITY WELL AGAIN FOR THE THIRD TIME MOVING FROM THE OLD HOSPITAL TO WHAT WE HAVE NOW TO THE NEW HOSPITAL THAT PROBLEM WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST SO HOLISTICALLY SPEAKING AND TO LOOK AT THIS HOLISTICALLY YES WE NEED TO FUND IT NOW BECAUSE IT'S IN CRITICAL NEED WE NEED TO PAY THE VENDORS WE NEED TO BUY THE URGENT MATERIALS MEDICINES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES THAT ARE NEEDED AND LIKEWISE THE INFRASTRUCTURE THE HVAC SYSTEM THE DECREPIT SITUATION THAT NOT ONLY PATIENTS BUT HOSPITAL WORKERS NURSES DOCTORS TECHNICIANS AND EVERYBODY ELSE THAT WORKS THERE THE CONDITIONS THAT THEY HAVE TO WORK IN UNDER THAT NEEDS TO BE FUNDED THAT'S THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF AND LIKEWISE LIKE I SAID A NEW HOSPITAL IS NEEDED BUT WE NEED TO ALSO SOLVE THE PROBLEM THAT WE'RE SEEING THAT'S CAUSING A 30 30 MILLION PLUS ALMOST ANNUALLY SITUATION WE NEED TO PLUG UP THAT HOLE BUT TO SAY WE CAN'T FUND IT WE SHOULDN'T FUND IT LIKE DON'T SAY YOU DON'T WANT TO PAY THE VENDORS THAT PROVIDED THE SERVICES THAT PROVIDED THE EQUIPMENT THAT PROVIDED THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES ALREADY THAT IT HELPS SAVE LIVES ALREADY TO SAY THAT IS A DISGRACE WITH THAT I URGE MY COLLEAGUES AGAIN TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION 215-37 COR THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN ON THE RESOLUTION SPEAKER TERLAJE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* THIS RESOLUTION THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING RIGHT NOW SAYS AGAIN THAT THERE ARE UNSAFE UNHEALTHY UNSANITARY AND FINANCIALLY CHALLENGING CONDITIONS THAT EXIST AT THE HOSPITAL I ABSOLUTELY STAND IN SUPPORT OF THAT IT ALSO ASK THAT WE DECLARE THAT THE GOVERNOR DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY AT THE HOSPITAL I WILL SUPPORT THAT HOWEVER I JUST FIND IT ALMOST LUDICROUS THAT WE HAVE TO ASK THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY WHEN WE HAVE BEEN IN AT THE HOSPITAL IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY SINCE COVID WE HAD THE COVID EMERGENCY AND THEN WE WENT INTO THE TYPHOON MAWAR EMERGENCY AND WE ARE NOW IN THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FROM THE LAST STORM THAT PASSED THROUGH AND SO THERE'S EXCUSE ME SO THERE'S NOTHING TO.

SENATOR SHELTON: COLLEAGUES CAN WE PLEASE HAVE SOME ORDER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO WHILE WE ARE FINDING IT URGENT THE PROBLEM IS HOW DO WE GET THE GOVERNOR TO FIND IT URGENT HOW DO WE GET THE ENTIRE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO FIND THE HOSPITAL TO BE URGENT THE HOSPITAL FOR YEARS HASN'T BEEN IN NEEDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND WHEN THE ARMY CORPS CAME IN THEY MADE IT CRYSTAL CLEAR YOU WANT TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL WE RECOMMEND BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL AND NOBODY SAID LET'S NOT BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL EVERYBODY SAID OKAY HOW DO WE DO THAT AND THEY SAID YOU'VE GOT TO RE YOU'VE GOT TO FIX YOUR CURRENT HOSPITAL AND MAKE IT UP TO PAR TO LAST FOR A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS SO THERE'S NO LIKE WHAT HAPPENED HERE IF ANYBODY WAS LISTENING AND I WAS IN THOSE MEETINGS WHEN ARMY CORPS WAS EXITING GUAM AND THE GOVERNOR WAS IN THE MEETINGS AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WAS IN THE MEETINGS AND EVERY SINGLE PERSON THAT HAS COME DOWN FOR THESE GMH OVERSIGHTS EXCEPT FOR THE LAWYERS WERE IN THE MEETINGS BECAUSE THE LAWYERS ARE NEW THEY'VE GOT TWO NEW LAWYERS WHEREAS WHEN THEY WERE UNDER THE AG THEIR COLLECTIONS WERE NOT AN ISSUE AND IF YOU READ THE LAST AUDIT BY THE OPA COLLECTIONS WERE NOT THE ISSUE BACK THEN BUT NOW THE ISSUES HAVE THEY'VE GROWN FROM JUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FIX THE FALLING ROOF FIX THE ELEVATOR FIX THE EHR SYSTEM GET A NEW ONE THOSE WERE THE CRITICAL FIX THE HVAC BUT NOW IT'S LIKE IT'S IT'S LIKE DEJA VU OVER AND OVER AND WE HEAR OVER AND OVER LIKE OH WE'RE NOW FIXING THE HVAC OH WE'RE NOW FIXING YOU KNOW WE'RE GOING TO GET A NEW EHR SYSTEM AGAIN IT IT'S VERY HARD FOR THE PUBLIC TO FOLLOW IT'S HARD FOR ME TO FOLLOW AND I'VE GOT EVERY SINGLE DETAIL THAT I COULD EVER WANT IN FRONT OF MY FACE BECAUSE I'VE ASKED FOR IT

OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND I'M TELLING YOU THE STORY CHANGES WHEN WE TRIED TO GIVE THEM \$10 MILLION YEARS AGO THEY SAID WE DON'T NEED IT THEY REFUSED TO ASK FOR ANY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MONEY IN THEIR BUDGETS FOR THE SINCE I'VE BEEN A SENATOR THEY'VE REFUSED US THEY COME IN AND THEY SAID NO WE DON'T NEED IT THE GOVERNOR'S GOING TO TAKE CARE OF US OR WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES WITH OUR REVENUE AND I WANT TO GIVE THEM SOME CREDIT BECAUSE THEY'VE ACTUALLY DONE A LOT OF IT THAT WAY AND THEN THEY GOT A BOOST THROUGH THE COVID MONEY AND THEN IT'S LIKE SOME BOMB WENT OFF BECAUSE IT IS EVERYTHING HAS GONE HAY WIRE BUT THE WE'RE HERE FOR SOLUTIONS SO OF PASSING A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO RECOGNIZE AN EMERGENCY AT GMH IS GOING TO GET THE GOVERNOR TO RECOGNIZE AN EMERGENCY AT GMH AND DO WHAT USE HER EMERGENCY POWERS SHE HAS THOSE SHE HAS EXCLUSIVE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM POWERS OVER THE HOSPITAL IT'S BEEN PROVEN IN COURT CASES IT'S IT'S EXCLUSIVE BUT YET THE LEGISLATURE HAS CONSISTENTLY TRIED YES SEND MONEY THERE BECAUSE THAT IS OUR JOB AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THE MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN TELLING THE NURSES AS WE HEARD IN THEIR TESTIMONY THE NURSES ARE BEING TOLD WE CANNOT GET THE SUPPLIES THIS IS ACTUALLY A STANDARD OF CARE IT'S GONE WAY BEYOND FISCAL MANAGEMENT OR YOU KNOW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT IT'S NOW STANDARD OF CARE CRITICAL CRISIS BECAUSE IF YOU CAN'T GET THE RIGHT SUPPLIES YOU'RE BRINGING DOWN THE STANDARD OF CARE THAT EVEN A THE GMH HAS BEEN OPERATING UNDER IN PREVIOUS YEARS AND AND THEY ADMITTED THAT TO US IN OUR BUDGET HEARINGS SO WHAT WE WANT TO DO TODAY FOR A SOLUTION IS WE WANT THEM TO PAY OFF THEIR VENDORS AND WE ASKED THEM DURING THE BUDGET HEARINGS DO YOU HAVE A PLAN TO PAY OFF THESE VENDORS AND AT FIRST THEY DID THEY SAID WE ARE GOING TO BILL THE \$100 MILLION WORTH OF BILLS THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO BILL THEY WERE BEHIND COMPARED TO THE PAST FIVE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS BY \$100 MILLION IN BILLING BECAUSE OF THE SWITCH OVER TO THE NEW EHR SYSTEM BECAUSE OF THAT DECISION THAT SOMEBODY MADE UP THERE TO SHUT DOWN THE ENTIRE SYSTEM AND EVERYTHING WENT HAYWIRE ALL OF THOSE THINGS COMBINED THEY WERE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CATCH UP ON THE BILLING THEY TESTIFIED RECENTLY THAT THEY'RE DOING A VERY GOOD JOB TRYING TO CATCH UP BUT THEY'RE STILL FAR BEHIND AND THUS THE \$30 MILLION THE 100 MILLION IN UNBILLED THE 30 MILLION IN UNPAID VENDORS AND OF COURSE 62 MILLION IN RECEIVABLES THAT THEY NEED TO COLLECT FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES AND OTHERS SO WE WANT TO GIVE THEM A SOLUTION I I ACTUALLY READ THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER TO US TRYING TO DIVERT THIS FROM THERE'S A FISCAL AND STANDARD OF CARE CRISIS AT THE HOSPITAL TO WE NEED TO FIND A SITE FOR THE NEW HOSPITAL SHE TOLD ME PERSONALLY THAT NEW HOSPITAL IS NOT GOING TO BE BUILT WHILE SHE'S GOVERNOR WE'RE GOING TO BE PREPARE FOR IT WE'RE GOING TO PLAN FOR IT WE'RE GOING TO GET IT IN GEAR BUT IT CANNOT BE BUILT IN TWO YEARS SO I DON'T LIKE THAT WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO DISTRACT EVERYBODY BY OH THEY PUT ON THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE AGAIN OH SPEAKER THERESE WANTS TO LOOK FOR OTHER PLACES FOR THE HOSPITAL NO I DON'T THAT'S NOT MY JOB BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO PICK A SITE I ABSOLUTELY WANT WANT TO SEE HOW YOU PICK THAT SITE BECAUSE EVERY OTHER STUDY THAT HAS EVER COME OUT ABOUT WHERE TO BUILD A HOSPITAL ON GUAM POINTED TO YPAO POINT EXCEPT FOR THE STUDY THAT THE GOVERNOR CAME OUT WITH MATRIX AND WE PAID THEM MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO PUT IT THERE WITHOUT ANY DETAILS AS TO WHY AND NOW AGAIN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THAT AND WE'LL FLESH IT OUT WHICH I THINK IS OUR JOB TOO WE'RE GOING TO FLESH OUT WHERE THE NEW HOSPITAL IS GOING TO BE WE'RE NOT GOING TO DELAY IT BUT WE'RE INVESTING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND I THINK THE PEOPLE HAVE ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO KNOW WHY THIS SITE IS BETTER THAN YPAO POINT AND WHY THEY WON'T CLEAN UP YPAO POINT SO I'M ALSO HAVING AN OVERSIGHT HEARING ON THAT BUT IN THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER SHE PLEDGES 20 MILLION IN ARP FUNDING TO ADDRESS GMH'S STRUCTURAL CONCERNS SHE'S WILLING TO PUT THAT IN RIGHT AWAY SO I SAY WELL WHERE IS THAT BECAUSE RIGHT AWAY SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED AT THE LAST OVERSIGHT HEARING WHEN WE HAD THE CEO WILLING TO QUIT THE EVERYONE WAS FRUSTRATED THE NURSES WERE IN HERE TESTIFYING ABOUT THE CONDITIONS WHY DIDN'T SHE PUT THE \$20 MILLION IN RIGHT THEN AND THERE THAT DAY GIVE THEM SOME SUPPORT THAT'S THE THING SHE MAKES IT SOUND LIKE IT'S A CONDITION I'LL ONLY PUT THE \$20 MILLION IN IF SENATOR JESSE LUJAN HAS AGREED TO PUT IN 30 MILLION FROM APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VENDOR INVOICES WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT AT ALL SO IT'S EITHER WE AGREE THERE'S A CRISIS UP THERE AND SHE SAYS YES I SHARE I JOIN THE LEGISLATOR'S CONCERN OVER THE THE DETERIORATING DETERIORATING STATE OF OUR ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND I'M COMMITTED NOT I HAVE PUT IT IN IT'S ON ITS WAY IT WENT THERE LAST WEEK NO I'M COMMITTING AND THEN TALKS ABOUT THE WHOLE JESSE LUJAN THING I I I DON'T KNOW IT WASN'T WE JUST PASSED A BUDGET WITH MAYBE A MONTH AGO AND THEY WERE IN HERE AND WE SAID WE'RE GIVING YOU MORE THAN THE GOVERNOR ASKED FOR YOU GMH FOR FISCAL YEAR 24 WE'RE GIVING YOU MORE AND THEY SAID THANK YOU WE'LL TAKE IT BUT THEN IT'S ONLY IN OUR LAST OVERSIGHT HEARING WHEN THEY IT ACTUALLY

WASN'T THE ADMINISTRATOR IT WAS THE FINANCIAL OFFICER WHO SAID WE NEED IT WHERE DESPITE OUR BILLING WE'RE CATCHING UP IN BILLINGS AND WE'RE DOING ALL THESE THINGS AND OUR PLAN WAS WE WERE GOING TO GET 2 MILLION FROM THE GOVERNOR FOR DO FROM FOR DOC WE GOT IT WE WERE GOING TO GET 6 MILLION TRANSFERRED FROM THE GOVERNOR WE GOT THAT BUT WE SPENT ALL OF IT AND WE ARE GOING TO RAISE 15 MILLION FROM RAISING THE RATES BUT THAT IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IMMEDIATELY THAT TAKES LIKE A YEAR IF NOT LONGER TO DO THAT AND THEN OF COURSE THEY WANT TO REBASE THE MEDICARE RATES AND THAT TAKES YEARS AS WE SAW SO THEY THEY FINALLY ADMITTING THAT THEY CANNOT CATCH UP TO THE VENDOR PAYABLES WITHOUT SOME HELP SO I POINTED OUT IN IN MY RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNOR GMH REQUIRES HER FULL ATTENTION OR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S FULL ATTENTION IF THE GOVERNOR'S OFF ISLAND THE FULL ATTENTION MEANING MANAGEMENT ATTENTION IT REQUIRES THEM TO USE THEIR ORGANIC ACT POWERS TO USE THEIR EMERGENCY POWERS THAT EXIST EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT EXISTS BUT WE NEED BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES WE MUST DELIVER THE MONEY TO THE HOSPITAL THAT WE HAVE ALREADY APPROPRIATED TO THE HOSPITAL 10 MILLION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 20 15 MILLION FOR LABOR AND DELIVERY 5 MILLION FOR SPECIALISTS THERE'S MORE BECAUSE AS ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES SAID EVEN DENNIS RODRIGUEZ WAS PUTTING MONEY OVER THERE AND I DON'T THINK IT GOT THERE THAT IS AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH FUNCTION TO PUT THE MONEY WHERE THE LAW SAYS IT SHOULD GO AND THAT IS A SHAME THAT THAT IF THAT IS WHAT CAUSED OUR CRISIS BUT THERE ARE MANY THINGS COMPOUNDING BUT THERE'S JUST NO EXCUSE ANYMORE THAT WE NOW KNOW AND WE HAVE TO ADMIT THAT WE'RE IN A CRISIS IF THEY GAVE THE \$20 MILLION TODAY THAT WOULD BE 70% OF THE EH OF THE VENDOR PAYABLES GMH COULD GET THEIR SUPPLIES AND THEY COULD GET THE QUALITY SUPPLIES THAT THEY THAT THEY NEED IT SHOULDN'T BE CONDITIONAL NOBODY SHOULD HAVE TO BEG ANYMORE THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY DEALS MADE AS TO WHETHER WE AGREE TO PUT THE NEW HOSPITAL ON ONE PLACE OR ANOTHER THAT'S A SEPARATE QUESTION WHICH MUST BE ADDRESSED AND I I LIKE SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES I DID HEAR PROMISES OF PRIVATE MANAGEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL IN THE LAST ELECTION TWO ELECTION CYCLES A GO BUT I ALSO HEARD IT FROM THIS GOVERNOR BUT ALL OF IT TODAY WE HAVE A SOLUTION BAIL THEM OUT OR NOT BAIL THEM OUT ON THE VENDOR PAYABLES BAIL THEM OUT WITH ARP MONEY OR THAT'S SITTING IN A BANK IMMEDIATELY TODAY OR BRING THEM ALL IN AND LET'S DISCUSS WHETHER WE REALLY NEED TO USE FY22 UNAUDITED I MEAN AUDITED EXCESS FUNDS WHICH THIS ADMINISTRATION CAN'T EVEN GET THE AUDIT DONE SO ACCORDING TO THE PUBLIC AUDITOR HE'S WAITING FOR THIS ADMINISTRATION TO FINISH AN FY22 AUDIT AS WE ARE GOING BEYOND FY 23 INTO FY 24 SO TALK ABOUT COMPOUNDING PROBLEMS YOU KNOW I KEEP WANTING TO GIVE EVERYONE THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT BUT IT'S LIKE ARE THEY HIDING SOMETHING AND WHEN WE ASKED THEM WHERE DID ALL THE EXCESS MONEY GO THAT YOU BRAGGED ABOUT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEARS WHICH THE LEGISLATURE CREATED WE CREATED THE BUDGETS AND WE DID NOT SPEND THE EXCESS AND WE ASKED THEM WHERE IS THE EXCESS WE GOT NO STRAIGHT ANSWERS FROM THE FISCAL TEAM SO IF IT'S SITTING IN A BANK AND THE GOVERNOR'S TELLING SENATOR LUJAN TO GET THE 30 MILLION THAT'S SITTING IN THE BANK SOMEWHERE YES I'D LIKE TO KNOW TOO WHERE THAT IS AND WHEN WE HAD THEM ALL DOWN HERE IN GOOD FAITH DURING OUR BUDGET AND THEY REFUSE TO DISCLOSE THAT INFORMATION WHILE THE GMH IS STRUGGLING I HOW MANY TIMES DO WE HAVE TO SAY THE WORD UNCONSCIONABLE I SEE MY TIME IS EXTEND EXPIRED BUT I WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO SPOKE BEFORE ME THEY WERE VERY ELOQUENT AND I THINK OUTLINED ALL THE REASONS WHY WE SHOULD SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SORRY I PASS OUT AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION PAGE FOUR LINE 5 THROUGH 11 THIS IS TO REMOVE THE LINE IN THIS RESOLUTION THAT REFERS TO A FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP IT'S I WOULD PROPOSE THIS TO THE BODY THAT WE DELETE THAT.

SENATOR SHELTON: SEN SENATOR BERNETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: MA'AM I'D LIKE TO YIELD MY TIME TO SPEAKER TERLAJE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR IT WOULD BE TO CHANGE THE RESOLUTION THAT CURRENTLY SAYS IT WILL NECESSITATE THE CALL FOR FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP TO ENSURE THAT PROPER MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FOR GMH BEGIN THE PROCESS NEEDED TO RESTORE THE HOSPITAL'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE A DESERVING AND ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF HEALTHCARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND STRIKE THAT LANGUAGE SO THAT IT NOW READS *I LIHESLATURAN* FINDS THAT WITHOUT THAT AN IMMEDIATE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IS NECESSARY WITH IMMEDIATE ACTION AND DILIGENCE FROM DMH LEADERSHIP AND THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM TO CORRECT THE DYSFUNCTIONAL STATE OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND PROPER MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FOR GMH TO BEGIN THE PROCESS NEEDED TO RESTORE

THE HOSPITAL'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE A DESERVING AND ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF HEALTHCARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM JUST TO REMOVE THE LINE THAT CALLS FOR A FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP NOW I DON'T AGREE WITH SOMEBODY THAT SAYS THIS SENDS US DOWN DECOLONIZATION ROW WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS WHEN WE CANNOT RUN A HOSPITAL RECEIVERSHIP OR NOT IF WE CAN'T RUN A HOSPITAL OUR POLITICAL STATUS WILL BE DEAD IN THE WATER AND THAT'S WHY I SAY LET'S ALL STEP UP GET OVER WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU HAVE TO PUT MY NAME ON FACEBOOK EVERY SINGLE DAY AS THE BLAME FOR THIS HOSPITAL AND LET'S BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL BUT RIGHT NOW IMMEDIATELY TODAY LET'S GIVE THEM THE MONEY TO PAY THEIR VENDORS LET'S GET THOSE VENDORS LET'S GET SOME EXPERTS IN THERE SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO RESTART THIS EHR SYSTEM PROCESS RFP ALL OVER AGAIN AFTER WE JUST SPENT MILLIONS ON IT AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO START OFF A NEW COLLECTION SYSTEM AFTER THE AG WAS DOING A SUCCESSFUL JOB OF COLLECTIONS WE GOT IN A NEW CONTRACT THEY GOT IN TWO LAWYERS AND IT'S GOING DOWNHILL AND WE GET THEM THE HELP THAT THEY REALLY NEED AND WE GET THEM THE EXPERTS THAT THEY NEED AND WE PUT ALL OUR RESOURCE INTO INTO IT LIKE WE BEG THEM TO DO FOR DOE I STILL BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE CAPABLE OF RUNNING A HOSPITAL ARE CAPABLE OF DOING THIS ARE CAPABLE OF HAVING A LEGISLATURE THAT MOVES THE MONEY WHEN IT NEEDS TO AND A GOVERNOR THAT MOVES THE MONEY WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE TO HER AND UNDER HER CONTROL AND I I JUST DON'T LIKE TRYING TO TRICK THE PEOPLE THAT THAT'S NOT REALLY THE ISSUE THE ISSUE IS WE NEEDED A NEW HOSPITAL WHAT WHY ARE THEY SO DEFENSIVE ABOUT NEEDING A NEW HOSPITAL WHEN I HAVEN'T HEARD A SINGLE PERSON IN HERE SAY THAT WE DON'T NEED A NEW HOSPITAL AND WE DON'T NEED IT URGENTLY AND I THINK IT'S A DISTRACTION AT THIS POINT WHILE WE'RE FACING AN EMERGENCY THAT HAS BECOME A CRISIS THAT IS AFFECTING PATIENTS IT'S NOT JUST AFFECTING HOW THE HOSPITAL LOOKS IT AFFECTS PATIENTS SO I ASK FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I THINK IT WOULD MAKE THE RESOLUTION BETTER I STILL THINK WE NEED A SOLUTION IF THIS AND HOPING THIS RESOLUTION IS GOING TO GET US TO THAT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE TERLAJE RESOLUTION I SAW SENATOR JOE AND SENATOR SENATOR SAN AUGUSTINE AND SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I BELIEVE EVERYTHING THAT THE SPEAKER MENTIONED EVERYTHING SHE SAID MADE SENSE THERE WAS EVERYTHING THAT BACKED IT UP YOU KNOW THAT OUR HOSPITAL IS IN DIRE NEED MORE THAN DIRE NEED IT'S IT'S JUST IT'S READY TO GO TO RUMBLE IT'S GOING TO FALL I MEAN WE HAVE NURSES WHO PUT THEIR JOBS ON THE LINE TO COME INTO THIS BODY IN FRONT OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO TELL US HOW BAD IT IS THIS RESOLUTION I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT BUT MOSTLY I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT BECAUSE OF THE RECEIVERSHIP THAT'S THE TEETH THAT'S THE TEETH THIS RESOLUTION HAS YOU'RE TAKING IT AWAY THEN IT BECOMES JUST POLITICAL MUMBLE JUMBLE MADAM SPEAK MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW THE JOINT COMMISSION THAT COMES TO ACCREDIT THE HOSPITAL THEY HAVE A JOB WHEN THEY COME TO TO LOOK AT OUR HOSPITAL OUR CURRENT HOSPITAL AND WITHOUT THAT CREDITATION WE'RE GOING TO LOSE A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN WE ARE EVEN IF THIS RESOLUTION PASSES WITHOUT THE THE FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP EVEN IF BILL 164 PASSES WE WILL LOSE A WHOLE LOT MORE DOC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON FEDERAL FUNDS GUAM BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS OUR DUMP OUR *ORDOT* DUMP BECAUSE THIS GOVERNMENT COULD NOT GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO PLAY POLITICS AND NOT DO WHAT'S RIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM YOU KNOW THERE IS ONE THING THAT MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR PARKINSON SAID THAT I AGREE ONLY THAT ONE PART THOUGH WHERE HE SAYS THAT WE NEED A NEW MANAGEMENT WE DO WE DO BUT HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE PUT MANAGEMENT IN PLACE AND IT HAS FAILED US TIME AND TIME AGAIN NOTHING HAS WORKED AND OUR PEOPLE DESERVE MORE HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE ARE WE GOING TO LOSE OUR PEOPLE FROM GUAM LEAVE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GET MEDICAL HELP THEY'RE TOO AFRAID TO WALK INTO GMH AND NOW WE'RE FINDING OUT OUR OTHER HOSPITAL THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL IS IN TROUBLE TOO THIS IS THE TEETH OF THIS RESOLUTION GOVERNOR IF IF YOU CAN'T FIND A DECENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY THAT COMES IN THEN LET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TAKE OVER YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER WHEN WE HAD THAT PUBLIC HEARING LAST WEEK WHEN MANAGEMENT WITH NO RESPECT TO THIS BODY GOT UP AND WALKED AWAY WHEN IT GOT HOT NOPE SHE GOT OUT THAT'S THE KIND OF MANAGEMENT WE HAVE TODAY IT'S TIME PEOPLE I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I'VE BEEN STOPPED WHEN I GO TO COST U LESS OR I MEAN YEAH COST U LESS OR HOME DEPOT MY FAVORITE PLACE TO GO TO HOME DEPOT OR EVEN PEOPLE CALLING UP CALLING ME UP I DON'T EVEN KNOW I'VE NEVER MET BEFORE STOPPING ME SAYING THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR FINALLY CALLING OUT THE ADMINISTRATION LET'S CHANGE THIS WE'RE LOSING TOO MANY OF OUR PEOPLE TO LEAVE OFF ISLAND BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE HEALTH CARE THEY

NEEDED HOW MANY STATISTICS ARE THERE ON THIS ISLAND FOR PEOPLE WITH CANCER DIABETES HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE IN FACT I THINK IT NEED TO CALM DOWN BECAUSE GOD FORBID I NEED TO GO TO GUAM MEMORIAL RIGHT NOW BECAUSE MY BLOOD PRESSURE IS GOING UP WE CAN'T CHANGE THIS FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP THIS RESOLUTION TELLS THE GOVERNOR DOES MORE THAN TELLS THE GOVERNOR IT PUTS THE FIRE TO HER FEET IF IT PASSES THIS BODY THIS BODY HAS SPOKEN YOU NEED TO GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER OR WE GO INTO RECEIVERSHIP BECAUSE WHERE'S OUR *ORDOT* DUMP NOW IT'S BEING TAKEN CARE OF DOC THOUGH IT NEEDS A NEW BUILDING TOO AS WELL NEEDS FUNDING FOR THAT TAKEN CARE OF DOE ON FUNDING UN FUNDING FEDERAL MONEY COMING INTO DOE HAS TO GO THROUGH A THIRD PARTY RECEIVER BECAUSE DOE MESSED UP AND IT'S BEEN THERE FOR 10 YEARS GUAM BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS WE JUST GOT IT BACK BUT IT'S SHAPED UP THERE IS NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED ABOUT TO ASK FOR HELP PEOPLE THERE IS NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED ABOUT ESPECIALLY IF WE'RE HAVING PEOPLE TOO AFRAID TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL AND THEY ARE SO SICK THEY RATHER DIE AT HOME THAN GO INTO GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LET ALONE LET ALONE THE STAFF THAT WORKS THERE THE DOCTORS THAT WORK YOU KNOW HOW MANY CALLS I RECEIVED FROM DOCTORS THANKING US FOR FINING CALLING OUT THIS ADMINISTRATION I'VE RECEIVED AT LEAST FOUR CALLS FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO I THOUGHT NEVER LIKED ME BECAUSE I WAS FOR THE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ARBITRATION TO REPEAL THAT BUT NO THEY CALLED TO SAY THANK YOU I AGREED WITH EVERYTHING OUR SPEAK SAID WITH REGARDS TO THE RESOLUTION BUT THIS I CAN'T AGREE ON WE CAN'T TAKE THE TEETH OUT OF THIS RESOLUTION IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING NOW THE CREDITORS WILL THE JOINT COMMISSION WILL OH WHAT THE HECK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MIGHT COME IN HERE AND SAY YOU KNOW WHAT OUR PEOPLE USE THIS HOSPITAL TOO SOMETIMES WE'VE GOT MILITARY BUILDUP PEOPLE COMING THEM THE WORKERS THAT ARE COMING TO TO BUILD THE MILITARY BUILD UP BUILDINGS AND THING YOU KNOW WORKERS COMING HERE THAT MAY USE THE HOSPITAL AND IF THIS HOSPITAL IS NOT UP TO PAR OR EVEN CLOSE TO UP TO PAR THEN WE NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE I THINK EVERYBODY ON THIS ISLAND IS WAITING FOR THIS HOSPITAL TO GO INTO RECEIVERSHIP SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES PLEASE DON'T SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE SPEAKER THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER WHEN I FIRST YEAH WHEN I SAW THIS I I WELCOME THE CHANGE THAT THE AMENDMENT BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE'VE ALL SEEN WHAT FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP LOOKS LIKE I KNOW YOU KNOW IT HAS COME IN TIMES WHEN AGENCIES WERE NEED WERE NEED OF OVERHAUL BUT JUST TO POINT OUT THE FACT THAT YOU KNOW THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES THERE ARE EXAMPLES WHERE AN AGENCY HAS OVERHAULED WITHOUT GOING TO RECEIVERSHIP AND SO CASE IN POINT IS GWA THEY WERE UNDER CONSENT DECREE IN THE EARLY 2000S THEY HAD THEY WERE ABLE TO MAKE THE CHANGES THAT WERE NECESSARY TO UPGRADE THE SYSTEM AND I JUST MY CONCERN WITH THE FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP ALSO YOU KNOW IN HEARING YOU KNOW GUAM SOLID WASTE AS WELL THE FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP REALLY HAD FREE REIGN OF THE EXPENDITURES AND SO NOW AS GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY IS TRYING TO GET GET BACK ON ITS FEET OR IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING BACK ON ITS FEET THEY HAVE TO CONTEND WITH THESE PREMIUM CONTRACTS THAT THEY FEEL ARE UNNECESSARY AND THEY COULD DO IT MUCH MORE EFFECTIVELY AND MORE COST EFFICIENTLY AND SO BEFORE WE EVEN GO TO FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP I UNDERSTAND THE PLIGHT OF GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IT IS IN IN DIRE NEED AND WE REALLY NEED TO ENSURE IT'S PROPER THAT IT'S PROPERLY ADDRESSED BECAUSE WE KNOW IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME FOR IT FOR US TO REBUILD A HOSPITAL BUT WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF IT TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEMS NOW BUT FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP MAY NOT I BELIEVE THERE THERE ARE SOME ISSUES THAT COME WITH IT AND YOU KNOW ONCE YOU ONCE YOU GET TIED DOWN TO A FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP IT'S VERY HARD TO HAVE SOME SORT OF AUTONOMY IN ENSURING THAT THE CHANGES AND REFORMS THAT ARE MADE YOU KNOW ARE ARE GOING TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM YOU KNOW I THINK THAT THERE OTHER OPTIONS BESIDES FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP THAT WE CAN LOOK TO TO MAKE SURE THAT GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE KNOW THAT YOU KNOW MONEY DOESN'T SOLVE EVERYTHING RIGHT WE CAN'T JUST THROW MONEY AT A PROBLEM AND EXPECT IT TO BE FIXED AND IN THIS CASE WE KNOW THE PROBLEMS AT GMH REALLY HAS TO DO WITH THE THE BILLING IT'S THE THE SYSTEM THE IT SYSTEM IS REALLY PROBLEMATIC AND YOU KNOW IF WE WORK TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM THAT CAN HELP JUST THAT ONE PROBLEM ALONE CAN HELP TURN THE TIDE OF THE THE STATE THAT IT'S IN BECAUSE RIGHT NOW IT'S IN FINANCIAL CRISIS THEY CAN'T 100 MILLION OF RETIRING SPEAKER SAID \$100 MILLION THEY'RE BEHIND IN COLLECTING THAT AND SO THAT HAS CASCADING EFFECTS ON YOU KNOW HOW

THEY CAN PROCURE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND KEEP THIS HOSPITAL AFLOAT BECAUSE WE REALLY NEED TO KEEP THIS HOSPITAL AFLOAT NOW AND NOT WAIT TILL NEW HOSPITAL IS BUILT BECAUSE WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WE WE COULD SEE THE WRITING ON THE WALL IF WE DO NOT CONTEND WITH THIS ISSUE NOW I MEAN I HATE TO BRING IT UP BUT SIMON SANCHEZ IS AN EXAMPLE WE WAITED WE WE WE DIDN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES THE RESOURCES WEREN'T WEREN'T UTILIZED TO ENSURE THAT THAT STRUCTURE WAS UP TO PAR AND SO NOW IT'S IT'S U NO LONGER FUNCTIONAL AND THIS IS THE PATH THAT GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS AT UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING NOW TODAY TO HELP THE CRISIS THAT EXISTS CURRENTLY SO I DO WELCOME THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE I THINK THERE ARE OTHER WAYS AND NOT THIS EXTREME MEASURE ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS LIKE YOU KNOW I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP YOU KNOW I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP I I DON'T I HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THAT POINT WHERE I THINK IT'S YOU KNOW WE NEED TO GO FOR THE THE HARDEST SOLUTION BUT I THINK THERE ARE TOUGH SOLUTIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE MANAGEMENT AND I THINK PART OF THE ISSUE OBVIOUSLY IS YOU KNOW POLITICAL WILL POLITICAL WILL TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS AND THAT'S I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE ISSUES TOO BUT THERE THERE ARE OPTIONS FOR THAT WITHOUT HAVING TO GO WITH FULL-ON RECEIVERSHIP YOU KNOW WE WE'VE SEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IF I COULD JUST DIGRESS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOW THERE WAS A SHUT THERE THERE WAS A POTENTIAL SHUTDOWN OF THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT YOU KNOW THE AGREEMENT ON THE BUDGET AND I THINK WE HAVE TO PUT OURSELVES INTO THAT SITUATION WHERE WE REALLY NEED TO SIT DOWN AND AND GET TO A SOLUTION COLLECTIVELY I MEAN THIS CALLS I MEAN I I THINK THIS THE REASON FOR THIS EMERGENCY SESSION IS WE REALLY NEED TO CALL ATTENTION BUT NOT JUST CALL ATTENTION BUT HAVE A SOLUTION IN PLACE AND AGAIN I THINK THE SOLUTION IS THERE THERE ARE SOLUTIONS WE JUST NEED TO HAVE THE POLITICAL WILL TO IMPLEMENT THEM SO THANK YOU.

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR BLAS.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW MADAM CHAIR WHEN THE AMENDMENT WAS FIRST INTRODUCED I LOOKED AT IT AND I SAID ALL RIGHT LET ME LET ME THINK ABOUT THIS BUT THEN GOOD SENATOR FROM *TAMUNING* SHE SPOKE SHE TALKED ABOUT OH SO YOU KNOW GOOD SPEAKER FROM *YONA* ABOUT THE CONCERN OF THIS IS JUST A RESOLUTION HOW DO WE PUT TEETH IN IT HOW DO WE MAKE IT SO THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT COULD SERIOUSLY BE CONSIDERED THAT'S IT FIRST OFF JUST A LITTLE EDUCATION ON AS FAR AS THE RECEIVERSHIP OR WHERE IT'S AT IT'S IN A WHEREAS CLAUSE OKAY IT'S NOT IN THE RESULT IT'S IN WHEREAS AND IT BASICALLY PROVIDES THAT IF THINGS AREN'T FIXED IF THE HOSPITAL DOESN'T GET THE CARE AND THE ATTENTION THAT IT NEEDS THAT IT WILL NECESSITATE THE CALL FOR A FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP SO THE ONUS IS ON THE ADMINISTRATION I THINK EVERYBODY RECOGNIZES AND I UNDERSTAND AND I I KNOW THE CONCERN OF THAT RESPECTABLE RECEIVER THAT'S THE NUCLEAR OPTION SO IF YOU WANT TO YOU WANT TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT NOT WANTING TO PUT TEETH OR NOT WANTING TO TO ENSURE THAT SOMETHING GETS DONE PUT EVERYTHING OUT IT AS FAR AS WHAT COULD HAPPEN I DON'T THINK THAT THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE YOU KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT THE RECEIVERSHIPS THAT EXIST IN OTHER PLACES OF OUR GOVERNMENT EDUCATION CORRECTIONS SOLID WASTE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LIVES HERE WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT NOT THE THE INABILITY NOT TO BE ABLE TO PICK UP THE TRASH ON TUESDAY AND I'LL PICK IT UP ON FRIDAY OR UNTIL NEXT WEEK TUESDAY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A LIFE THAT NEEDS TO BE SAVED NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE ATTENTION THAT'S NECESSARY TO SAVE THAT LIFE AND MIND YOU IT DOESN'T TAKE NECESSARILY TAKE US TO BE ABLE TO CALL FOR THIS I'M JUST WONDERING HOW COME THE VENDORS HAVEN'T CALLED FOR THIS YET BECAUSE THE VENDORS HAVE EVERY RIGHT AND EVERY THEY'RE ABLE TO BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION AND THEY THEMSELVES CAN CALL FOR A RECEIVERSHIP THEN WHAT THIS DOESN'T PROVIDE A TIMELINE HERE ALTHOUGH WE WANT THIS TO TO WE WE WANT THE ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER TO BE DONE NOW TO GIVE IT SOME SENSE OF URGENCY THERE'S GOING TO BE A DISCUSSION ON THAT IT DOESN'T SAY HERE IF YOU DON'T DO THIS IN THREE WEEKS OR IN THREE MONTHS THEN WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO THE NEXT STEP THAT STEP DOESN'T SAY THAT IT SAYS THAT IF IT DOES NOT GET THE PROPER AND IMMEDIATE ATTENTION I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE WITH WITH THE FIRST FEW AMENDMENTS TO TO THE LANGUAGE TO THAT PARAGRAPH IN FACT YEAH I SEE WHERE IT MAKES IT STRONGER AND I APPRECIATE THAT IT'S THE ISSUE WITH REGARD TO THAT LANGUAGE THAT MENTIONS FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP WE SCARED WE SHOULD BE THERE IT TO GET THERE IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BUT WHAT NEEDS TO GET DONE RIGHT NOW IS IMMEDIATE SO YOU KNOW THE INTEREST OF SAVING THE LANGUAGE LIKE THIS I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PROPOSE THAT WE BIFURCATE THIS AMENDMENT AND WE BIFURCATE IT BASICALLY BY DEALING WITH THE FIRST TWO

LINES AND THEN BY VOTING THE FIRST TWO LINES THEN VOTING FOR THE NEXT THREE OTHER TWO OTHER LINES.

SENATOR SHELTON: SO THERE IS A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BLAS: BIFURCATE NOT AMENDED BIFURCATE.

SENATOR SHELTON: PLEASE STATE WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPLIT THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BLAS: I'D LIKE TO SPLIT THE AMENDMENT TOO FIRST OFF WE DEAL WITH THE *LIHESLATURA* FURTHER FINDS THAT AN IMMEDIATE DECLARATION EMERGENCY IS NECESSARY THAT WILL BE THE FIRST PORTION OF THE AMENDMENT THE THE SECOND PORTION WILL BE THE THE THE SECOND PORTION WOULD BE TO STRIKE OTHER WORDS IT WILL NECESS NECESSITATE THE CALL FOR FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP TO ENSURE THAT AND SO THE FIRST ONE IS JUST TO DEAL WITH THE INCLUSION THE EXCLUSION OF WITHOUT AND THEN INCLUSION OF AN IMMEDIATE AND IS NECESSARY.

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE REQUEST TO TAKE THIS AMENDMENT IN TWO PARTS ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS.

SENATOR PARKINSON: OBJECTION.

SENATOR SHELTON: THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND FAILS.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY WELL YOU KNOW IT'S THE BEAUTY OF THIS PROCESS BUT YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I AND THAT BE THAT BE THE CASE THEN I I STAND AN OBJECTION TO THIS AMENDMENT FOR THE MAIN REASON THAT WE ARE WONDERING AS TO HOW THIS IS GOING TO BE WHAT TEETH WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IN THIS RESOLUTION WELL THERE IT IS WE TAKE THAT OUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY TEETH THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT IT MAKES THIS PART OF THIS RESOLUTION MAKE A LOT MORE SENSE BECAUSE THE FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP IT COMES WITH A COST AND I'M NOT EVEN SURE IN READING THIS RESOLUTION WHAT THIS SECTION EVEN MEANS IT WILL NECESSITATE THE CALL FOR FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP TO ENSURE THAT AND PROPER MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FOR GMH TO BEGIN THE PROCESS NEEDED TO RESTORE THE HOSPITAL'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE A DESERVING AND ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM A PREVIOUS SPEAKER SAID THAT THIS AMENDMENT OR THIS SECTION OF THE RESOLUTION WAS THE TEETH BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THE AUTHORS OF THIS RESOLUTION COULD EXPLAIN THE MECHANICS OF HOW A CALL FOR FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP IS NECESSITATED AND WHO NECESSITATES IT OR EVEN IF IT'S EVEN NECESSARY IN THIS CASE I WAS TALKING TO ONE OF MY UNCLES LAST NIGHT AND AND WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THIS EMERGENCY SESSION COMING UP AND HE ASKED ME HE SAID BOY WHAT ARE YOU GUYS GOING TO DO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO BECAUSE I HAD TO PINCH MYSELF FELT LIKE I WAS DREAMING EARLIER *ADELUP* AND THE REPUBLICANS ACTUALLY AGREE THAT THIS RESOLUTION DOES NOTHING WHAT IT DOES DO IS IT IT GIVES US ALL AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET UP AND TALK TALK TALK TALK TALK AND TALK SOME MORE AND TALK ABOUT ALL THE PROBLEMS WE ALREADY KNOW EXIST AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SO I DON'T THINK THIS RESOLUTION IS THE SOLUTION BUT ALSO I THINK TRYING TO FORCE THROUGH A PIE IN THE SKY PET PROJECT THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN'T AFFORD IS THE ANSWER EITHER THIS RESOLUTION AND THE NEW HOSPITAL DO ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT THE LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS WE FACE TODAY AND EVERY SINGLE DAY AT OUR ISLAND'S ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL THIS ADMINISTRATION SEEMS HELLBENT ON LETTING THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CRUMBLE TO THE GROUND ALL BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL WELL WHAT ARE OUR PEOPLE SUPPOSED TO DO IN THE MEANTIME GO TO TO THE *SURUHANA* WHAT ARE PEOPLE ARE JUST SUPPOSED TO PUT ALOE VERA I AGREE THAT US THROWING MONEY AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO HELP LET THE GOVERNOR AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR THROW MONEY AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BECAUSE THEY ARE SITTING ON A WHOLE BUNCH OF MONEY THE PROBLEM AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO ME IS NOT NECESSARILY MONEY IT'S MISMANAGEMENT AND WHILE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE WAITING FOR THE SOLUTIONS I I WELCOME THIS CHANCE TO TO AIR OUT ALL OF OUR DIRTY LAUNDRY ABOUT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BECAUSE THAT SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY THING THAT PUSHES THIS GOVERNOR AND THIS

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO ACT POLITICS HAS PARALYZED THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL POLITICS HAS POISONED OUR PEOPLE'S HOSPITAL AND OUR PEOPLE ARE THE ONES PAYING THE PRICE WE ALL AGREE WE ALL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NEEDS URGENT HELP NOW BUT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ISN'T ACTION AND WE NEED ACTION ON GMH NOW *ADELUP* NEEDS TO ACT NOW THE GOVERNOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HAVE ALL THE AUTHORITY AND ABILITY TO ADDRESS THE CRITICAL ISSUES AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY I ECHO THE COMMENTS OF THE SPEAKER THE GOVERNOR IN A RELEASE SAID SHE'S COMMITTED \$20 MILLION TO IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS FACILITY ISSUES STRUCTURAL ISSUES AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND I PRAY THIS ISN'T GOING TO END UP LIKE THE \$20 MILLION WE TRIED TO GIVE OVER TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION I PRAY THAT THESE PRONOUNCEMENTS OF OF HELP BASED ON THE CONDITION THAT THAT WE EMPTY ALL THE COUCH CUSHIONS OF THE GENERAL FUND TO FIND \$30 MILLION I HOPE THESE AREN'T THE SAME PRONOUNCEMENTS OF HELP THAT WE GOT IN FEBRUARY FROM *ADELUP* ABOUT HELPING THE SCHOOLS THE TIME FOR TALK IS OVER IT'S GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER ALL 15 OF US REPUBLICANS DEMOCRATS THE GOVERNOR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TRULY WORKING TOGETHER GENUINELY WORKING TOGETHER AND TO BLAME THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE SAD STATE OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AS IT SITS TODAY NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH AND SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES REMARKED THAT FORMER SENATOR DENNIS RODRIGUEZ HAS DONE THE MOST FOR HEALTHCARE THAT THEY CAN REMEMBER WELL IF YOU THINK THAT I WOULD SAY YOU CAMPAIGN FOR THE WRONG GUBERNATORIAL TEAM BECAUSE FROM THE LOOKS AT IT IT KIND OF SEEMS LIKE WE'RE SUPPORTING FORMER SENATOR RODRIGUEZ'S NONPROFIT A LOT MORE THAN WE'RE SUPPORTING THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TALK ABOUT DIRTY LAUNDRY SO I I BEG THE GOVERNOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS THAT GMH IMMEDIATELY NOT WITH \$20 MILLION *BUSTA* TAKE THE 20 FROM THE ARP PUT ANOTHER 30 FROM THE ARP ON TOP OF IT AND THEN LET'S GENUINELY SIT AT THE TABLE AND WORK TOGETHER TO REACH A REALISTIC SOLUTION TO OUR ISLAND'S FUTURE HEALTH CARE NEEDS BECAUSE *LAMA'* IF IF MY KIDS CANNOT EVEN TAKE CARE OF A GUAM BOMB I'M NOT GOING TO GOING TO GO BUY THEM AT TESLA AND IF WE CAN'T EVEN TAKE CARE OF THE GUAM MORAL HOSPITAL I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN MAINTAIN A BILLION DOLLAR MEDICAL COMPLEX COMPLEX TOO COMPLICATED LET'S KEEP IT SIMPLE AND WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS NOT JUST THE CRITICAL WHAT IS IT THIS RESOLUTION CALLS IT AGAIN THIS RESOLUTION ASKS THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM TO DECLARE A STATE OF EXTREME EMERGENCY THAT DOESN'T EVEN EXIST IN GUAM LAW BUT I AGREE IT'S VERY EXTREME BUT I DON'T THINK THEY NEED TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THE GOVERNOR CAN GO DOWN THERE WITH HER LOUIS VUITTON PURSE OPEN IT UP AND JUST THROW THOSE ARP FUNDS WRITE AT ALL THE PROBLEMS AND THEN COME ON DOWN HERE TO THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE WE ALREADY INVITED THEM ONE TIME THIS TERM I SAY WE DO IT AGAIN AND INSTEAD OF CHASING AFTER THIS PIE OF THE SKY PUT A BILLION DOLLAR MEDICAL COMPLEX OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE LET'S GET REALISTIC ABOUT OUR PEOPLE'S HEALTH CARE NEEDS AND MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN AFFORD THEM *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU SENATOR BERNETT ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR IT'S A GREAT DISCUSSION YOU KNOW I KNOW MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES CAN BACK ME UP ON THIS BECAUSE WE HEARD IT THERE ARE ACTUAL PEOPLE THERE AT THE HOSPITAL UNDER THESE CONDITIONS WHO ARE BEGGING FOR FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP BUT THE RETIRING SPEAKER IS RIGHT BUT ONLY *HÁFA* RIGHT WHAT WE SAID WAS THE RESOLUTION DOES NOTHING IF YOU DON'T THE RESOLUTION DOESN'T DO ANYTHING IF YOU DON'T GIVE MONEY TO THE HOSPITAL I MEAN DO WE SIT HERE AND THINK THAT THE CFO THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MONEY IS LYING TO US I MEAN DO YOU THINK THAT THAT YUKA JUST CAME DOWN HERE AND TOLD US THAT TO SAY MAN I HOPE WE GET 30 MILLION BECAUSE I TOLD THEM BUT I ONCE AGAIN *HÁFA* AGREE WITH THE RETIRING SPEAKER WE WOULD NOT HAVE EVEN HAD A DECLARATION FROM THE GOVERNOR ON THE 20 MILLION IF WE DIDN'T INTRODUCE THIS RESOLUTION BECAUSE TIME AND TIME AND TIME AGAIN WE WERE TOLD THAT'S NOT YOUR MONEY I DECIDE WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT MONEY AND THE MOVER OF THIS AMENDMENT IS RIGHT WE'VE BEEN BARGAINING DOWN HERE EVERY TIME CAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GET THINGS DONE YOU PUT 15 MILLION TO HELP THE BUSINESSES I'LL PUT FIVE YOU DO THIS I'LL DO THAT I GIVETH I TAKETH AWAY 20 MILLION YES OH NOW THAT YOU GAVE ME EMERGENCY FUND NO MORE 20 MILLION SO IT'S TRUE BUT WHAT I DO AGREE IS THIS IS NOT CALLING OUT AS I MENTIONED IN MY MY SPEECH ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION IT'S NOT CALLING OUT FOR THE RECEIVERSHIP IT'S SAYING THAT IF YOU DON'T DO THIS YOU ARE ASKING AND YOU ARE BEGGING FOR IT AND IT WILL NECESSITATE THAT I'M SURE THERE'S NO GOVERNMENT THAT EVER WENT TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAID HEY CAN YOU PLEASE PUT PUT US UNDER RECEIVERSHIP BUT IT IS YOUR ACTIONS THAT

SPEAK AND NOT YOUR WORDS OF COMMITMENT SENATOR LUJAN CAME OUT AND SAID I WASN'T SITTING AT THE BARGAINING TABLE I DIDN'T SAY OKAY I'LL SEE YOU ONE AND I'LL SEE YOUR 20 AND I'LL RAISE YOU 10 AND GIVE YOU 30 FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR SENATOR LUHAN AND THE REST OF US WHAT WE WERE DOING WAS WE WERE KEEPING TO OUR COMMITMENT THAT DURING THE BUDGET SESSION WE KEPT SAYING THE PRIORITY IS THE HOSPITAL YES I WANT TO FUND CHARTER SCHOOLS YES I WANT TO FUND XYZ AND BEYOND THE ALPHABET BUT THE REALITY IS WE COULD NOT PRY THE MONEY FROM THOSE HANDS OUT OF ARP SO WE HAVE TO PUT THE GENERAL FUND ON THE HOOK FIRST BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY AUTHORITY THIS BODY HAS AND SO ONCE AGAIN WHEN WE'RE ASKED WHAT IS THIS GOING TO DO I AGREE WITH THE QUESTION BUT AT LEAST IT'S GOING TO ANSWER A QUESTION THAT WE KEEP GETTING BY THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE IN THE FRONT LINE TAKING CARE OF PATIENTS ARE BEING FED PROPAGANDA THAT SAYS LOOK AT THOSE GUYS THEY'RE DOING NOTHING THEY DIDN'T GIVE ME EAGLES FIELD THEY DIDN'T DO WHAT THEY NEED THEY'RE DOING NOTHING SO ONCE AGAIN BACK TO CIVICS WE'RE ONLY DOING WHAT WE CAN DO WE SPEAK TWO WAYS THROUGH SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS AND THROUGH BILLS THAT'S THE ONLY WAY THIS BODY TALKS OTHER THAN THAT EVERYTHING ELSE IS MEANINGLESS IF YOU DON'T PUT IT ON PAPER IT'S MEANINGLESS SO ONCE AGAIN YES I DON'T THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE THOSE OF US THAT ARE GOING TO BE JUMPING ON A PLANE AND GOING TO WASHINGTON AND SAY HEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CAN YOU DO US A FAVOR PUT US UNDER RECEIVERSHIP BUT WE'RE PUTTING IN A RESOLUTION WHAT STATES THE OBVIOUS TO TELL THE STORY BUT I AGREE IN CLOSING GIVE THE WHOLE 50 *MAGÁHET* THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN SAYING FROM THE BEGINNING PRESERVE THE GENERAL FUND THAT'S THE WHOLE DEBATE WE HAD DURING THE DISCUSSION ON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS WELL AND THROUGH ALL THE CHASTISEMENT AND THROUGH EVERYTHING THAT CAME DOWN WE EVEN NOW HAVE TO LEARN THAT UNLESS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GETS FEDERAL REQUESTS THEY'RE \$36 MILLION SHORT SO IT'S TRUE USE THE DARN MONEY *LAO* THE ONLY WAY WE TALK IS THROUGH RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS SO THAT WE CAN GO BACK TO THOSE THAT COME TO US AND SHAKE US UP AND SAY WHAT ARE YOU DOING WHAT HAVE YOU DONE HERE IT IS I I AGREE WITH MY GOOD MINORITY LEADER WHO WANTED TO BIFURCATE IT BECAUSE THE BEGINNING OF THE RESOLUTION LANGUAGE THAT WAS AMENDED DOES MAKE IT STRONGER BUT THE STATEMENT UNDERNEATH DOES WHAT EVERYTHING ELSE THAT THIS RESOLUTION DOES STATES THE OBVIOUS BUT IF WE VOTE NO THEN I GUESS WE'RE IN DENIAL THAT'S WHY I WANT TO LEAVE THE LANGUAGE ALTHOUGH I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO LEAVE THE TOP LANGUAGE BUT WE'LL SEE HOW THE BODY DELIBERATES IT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION 215 TERLAJE AMENDMENT SPEAKER YOU MAY CLOSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU AGAIN I I JUST WANT TO REMOVE THIS RECEIVERSHIP LANGUAGE BECAUSE IF THEY WANT TO MAKE A CALL FOR A RECEIVERSHIP LATER THEY WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME TO DO THAT WHAT I BELIEVE RIGHT NOW THOUGH IS WHAT WE NEED IS REALLY TO JOIN TOGETHER AND TO SHOW THE EVERYBODY THAT WE'RE WILLING TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES WE'RE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THEM THE SUPPORT WE'RE GOING TO NOT WASTE ANY MONEY PAYING A RECEIVER TO DO WHAT WE CAN DO AND I I I DON'T WANT TO DEBATE WHETHER WE CAN OR WE CANNOT IT JUST SEEMS HONESTLY THAT'S A WASTE OF TIME THE GOVERNOR IS THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM SHE BROUGHT US THROUGH COVID AND SHE HAS SOME GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS I KNOW THAT SHE CAN MANAGE THIS HOSPITAL IF THEY WANT TO BUT WHAT WAS MADE CLEAR DURING THE HEARING IS THAT FROM THE HOSPITAL STAFF IS THAT THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS THEY DIDN'T DO BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR'S VISION WAS TO BUILD A NEW ONE AND NOT TO REPAIR THIS ONE AND NOW THEY'RE SCRAMBLING TO REPAIR IT BECAUSE IT MAYBE THEY WERE GAMBLING THAT IT WOULD LAST FOR 5 YEARS I'M NOT SURE WHAT BUT THE FACTS ARE BEFORE US THEY NEED SUPPLIES LET'S GIVE THEM THE MONEY FOR THE SUPPLIES WE'VE SHOWN THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS THE MONEY FOR THE SUPPLIES SHE SHOULD GIVE IT SHE SHOULD GIVE IT YESTERDAY GET THAT OFF THE TABLE GET THE NURSES WHO ARE DOING AND THE AIDES WHO ARE DOING THE FIRST TO FA FIRST FACE TO FACE CARE EVERYTHING THAT THEY NEED GET THE URGENT PROJECTS DONE BUT GET SOME MANAGEMENT AND EXPERTS IN THERE SO WE DON'T KEEP WASTING MONEY AND THAT'S THE OTHER REASON I DON'T WANT THE RECEIVERSHIP IS JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE SEEN IT WE'RE STILL PAYING A RECEIVER TO CLOSE THE *ORDOT* DUMP AND EVERY TIME WE GET CLOSE TO REMOVING THE RECEIVER I MEAN IT GETS EXTENDED IT'S GONE ON FOR YEARS NOW AND JUST BECAUSE PAST GOVERNMENTS DID NOT DO IT I'M NOT GIVING IT UP FOR THE WHOLE REST OF US THAT WE CAN'T GET THAT DONE I HAVE FAITH THAT IF THE GOVERNOR AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR PUT THEIR MIND TO IT THEY WILL DO WHAT THE GO THE GMH NEEDS THEY'VE SHOWN IT IN THEIR LETTER THEY KNOW THE MONEY THEY KNOW WHERE THE MONEY IS MORE THAN WE KNOW WHERE THE MONEY IS SO MONEY SHOULD NEVER EVER BE

AN ISSUE FOR THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NOT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S ORGANIC ACT POWERS OVER IT SO THE THREAT OF RECEIVERSHIP I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO WORRY HER BECAUSE AGAIN THAT'S THAT WILL GO ON FOR YEARS BEYOND HER TENURE IN OFFICE BEYOND ANY OF OUR TENURE IN OFFICE THAT WILL BE A BURDEN ON THE PEOPLE OF GUAM BEYOND THE BURDEN THAT THEY CURRENTLY FACE IN BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL AND BEYOND THE BURDEN THAT THEY CURRENTLY FACE IN FIXING THE CURRENT HOSPITAL THAT'S ALL AND IF THEY DON'T WANT TO MANAGE IT THEN LET'S GET SOMEBODY WHO WANTS TO THANK YOU.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH ON THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENT THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND AMENDMENT FAILS WE'LL TAKE A BRIEF RECESS.

RECESS

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE ON THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE RESOLUTION ANYONE ELSE ON THE RESOLUTION ALL RIGHT IF NOT THEN THE SENATOR SORRY SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN OH SENATOR SHELTON DID YOU WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR SHELTON OKAY SO SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE RESOLUTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM MADAM SPEAKER VERY SIMPLE MANY STATEMENTS BEEN MADE FROM THE DOE FEDERAL FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS WERE SENATORS THEN I WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND IT WAS BEFORE MY TERM AND IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT POINTING FINGERS IT WAS DURING THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATIONS ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO WHEN THAT STARTED AT DOE BECAUSE WHEN I GOT ON BOARD AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION I WALKED INTO THAT WHEN WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT SIMON SANCHEZ THE OPPORTUNITY EXISTED WHEN THEY BUILT FOUR NEW SCHOOLS THE ADMINISTRATION COULD HAVE BUILT THE FIFTH NORTHERN SCHOOL THEY CHOSE NOT TO CAUSE WHY RESOURCES WEREN'T THERE SO LEAVE THAT ALONE LEAVE THOSE TWO AREAS OUT WANT TO TALK ABOUT RECEIVERSHIP I DON'T KNOW WHY ANYBODY WANTS TO EVEN WELCOME RECEIVER RECEIVERSHIP WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE DUMP I THINK IT WAS ON THE NEWS RECENTLY THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THE COURT SAID THAT GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SHOULD GET ABOUT \$50 MILLION BECAUSE OF THAT 42 MILLION SEE MY COLLEAGUE HERE MENTION IT'S 42 MILLION BECAUSE OF THE ISSUE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WERE INVOLVED IN THE DUMP THERE'S MANY THINGS WE NEED TO CONSIDER FOLKS RECEIVERSHIP IS SOMETHING WE WILL REGRET AND THE SPEAKER AND HER AMENDMENT THAT I SUPPORTED WE DON'T SEEM TO REALIZE THAT ASKING FOR RECEIVERSHIP YOU DON'T NEED TO ASK YOU KNOW WHAT IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO MANAGE THEY WILL COME IN AND GRANT THE RECEIVERSHIP ESPECIALLY IF THE AGENCY IS RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS DON'T ASK FOR SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO BECAUSE EXACTLY WHAT MY OUR SPEAKER MENTIONED IT'LL BE BEYOND OUR TIME WE WON'T BE MOST OF US WON'T BE IN THE LEGISLATURE WHEN THAT RECEIVERSHIP TAKES OVER GMH NUMBER TWO EVERYBODY WANTS TO COMPLAIN AH GOSH PRIORITIES BUILDING NEW HOSPITAL FOLKS IN 2021 IF YOU WERE A SENATOR THEN AND YOU VOTED FOR IT WE PASSED A BILL TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL ALSO ON THE CONDITION THAT THE CURRENT HOSPITAL HAS TO BE MAINTAINED SO THE THREAT OF SAYING THAT BUILDING NEW HOSPITALS IS NOT IT'S NOT GOING TO HELP IT DOES BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO DO BOTH IF YOU WANT TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL YOU GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S FUNDING TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT HOSPITAL THAT WAS WHAT THAT BILL WAS ALL ABOUT AND THEN IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED ABOUT DOC OH THEY GOT FEDERAL MONEY NO THEY DON'T WHATEVER MONEY THEY GOT ALSO DURING THAT TERM WE PASSED A BILL TO PROVIDE MONEY TO DOC TO BUILD A NEW DOC THEY PRESENTED THE WHOLE PLAN NOTHING'S HAPPENED AM I GOING TO BLAME THE GOVERNOR NO I'M NOT BECAUSE WHY THERE'S A DIRECTOR THERE UNFORTUNATELY THAT WAS MY COUSIN HE PASSED AWAY IT'S A NEW DIRECTOR I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR TO ASK HIM WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO BUILD AT LEAST HALF OF A NEW PRISON AND THEN WE CAN MOVE ON WHEN ARE WE GOING TO SETTLE THE ISSUE OF WHERE YOU KNOW BECAUSE ON THE BILL WHEN WE PASSED ABOUT THE NEW GMH WE NEVER TALKED ABOUT WHERE BECAUSE THAT WAS NEVER OUR CONCERN IS MAKING SURE WE PROVIDED THE FUNDING SO THE FUNDING EXISTS SO FOLKS PASS A RESOLUTION TO SAY THEY'RE IN DIRE YOU DON'T EVEN NEED TO PASS A RESOLUTION FOR THAT TO SAY IT CALLS FOR RECEIVERSHIP YOU DON'T NEED TO MAKE A PHONE CALL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL COME WHEN THEY THEY BELIEVE THEY NEED TO COME WITH THAT I DON'T SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION BECAUSE EXACTLY WAS MENTIONED BY ONE OF THE ONE OF THE CO-SPONSORS THERE'S BILL 164 I'VE SCHEDULED THAT TO BE HEARD

WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK AT 9:00 A.M. WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THAT WE'LL IDENTIFY FROM THE ADMINISTRATION HOW MUCH IS GOING IS IT REALLY 20 MILLION OR IS IT GOING TO BE MORE IS IT REALLY 30 MILLION OR IS IT GOING TO BE LESS THEN THE QUESTION WE SHOULD ASK IT'S NOT TOO MUCH WHO SHOULD BE IN CHARGE IT'S WHAT IS GOING ON ON THE FINANCIAL ASPECT OF IT BECAUSE THE APPROPRIATION GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATION OPERATION OPERATION APPROPRIATION ONLY DEALS IN WHAT DO YOU HAVE WHAT OR WHAT I THREE QUESTION I ALWAYS ASKED WHERE YOU AT WHERE YOU WANT TO GO AND HOW CAN WE HELP YOU AND THAT'S HOW WE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON BECAUSE POINTING FINGERS DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD WE NEED TO WAKE UP FOLKS OH GOVERNOR YOU DIDN'T DO THIS YOU HAVE A BUNCH OF MONEY NOTHING NEW SHE'S HAD A BUNCH OF MONEY FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND GMH WE HAVE TO ADMIT WENT THROUGH COVID GMH SURVIVED WE WENT TO TYPHOON MAWAR WE'RE ALL OKAY AND YES WHEN WE ASKED I KNOW ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES BROUGHT IT UP WHEN WE SAID LET'S DO LET'S GIVE SOME MONEY FOR THE LEAP I'LL GIVE FIVE OR EVEN THE THE POWER REBATE WILL GIVE SO MUCH YOU GIVE SO MUCH THERE'S A GIVE AND TAKE IT'S PART OF COLLABORATION IT'S PART OF COMING TOGETHER AND FINDING A WAY TO GET SOME MONEY OUT OF THAT FEDERAL BUCKET AND MOVE US ALL FORWARD AND WE ALL BENEFIT FROM THAT EVERYONE ON ISLAND BEN TO INCLUDE EACH ONE OF US NONE OF YOU CAN EVER SAY YOU DIDN'T BENEFIT FROM THE POWER REBATE NONE OF YOU CAN SAY YOU DIDN'T BENEFIT FROM THE LIQUID FUEL TAX AND EVERYTHING ELSE HAS BEEN GOING ON AND BECAUSE IT WAS MENTIONED BY ONE OF THE AUTHORS THAT BILL 164 IS THE COMPANION BILL *PUES NA PÁRA NAI ESTE* RESOLUTION LET'S MOVE FORWARD COME WEDNESDAY WE HEAR EVERYTHING THAT'S WHAT WE STRESS NOT INTIMIDATE PEOPLE BUT STRESS WHAT IS IMPORTANT AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO FOR GMH BECAUSE THIS RESOLUTION DOESN'T DO ANYTHING AND I STAND AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION UNTIL WE HEAR BILL 164 AND WE MOVE ON THEN HOPEFULLY WE'LL HEAR THE NEXT BILL WHICH DEAL WITH THE THE NEW HOSPITAL WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE AT IS NOT MY CONCERN BUT WE KNOW THERE'S A FUNDING MECHANISM THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ANYONE ELSE ON THE RESOLUTION IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES TO YOU AND MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE DISCUSSION ON THE RESOLUTION JUST LET ME RE REITERATE SOME OF THE AND SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT WERE BROUGHT UP PRIMARILY TWO I KNOW THAT THERE'S SOME CONSTERNATION WITH REGARDS TO THE LANGUAGE ABOUT THE FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP BUT YOU KNOW I WANT TO ENSURE WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THIS RESOLUTION IS ALL FOR NOT THAT IS IS NOT ALL FOR NOT YOU KNOW WE'VE THERE'S BEEN CONCERN THAT HAS BEEN RAISED ABOUT WE KNOW WHAT THE URGENCY IS HOW DO WE GET THE ADMINISTRATION TO KNOW WHAT THE URGENCY IS IS WELL WE PUT LANGUAGE IN THE BILL TO REMIND THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THERE ARE OTHER ALTERNATIVES THAT COULD BE MET IF IT GETS ANY MORE DIRE THAN IT IS RIGHT NOW WANT YOU THINK ABOUT IT BECAUSE IT WAS BROUGHT UP EARLIER THAT NOTHING'S BEEN DONE WITH THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND THEY EVEN SAY IN THE PAST TWO ADMINISTRATIONS WELL YOU KNOW WHAT LET ME BRING UP THE PAST THREE ADMINISTRATIONS BECAUSE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION IS ABLE TO HAVE TO BE ABLE TO FIX NOT JUST CORRECTIONS OR PUBLIC SAFETY OR PUBLIC OR PUBLIC EDUCATION BUT IN HERE IS IS THE HEALTH HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OF OUR ISLAND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS CONTINUES TO HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS IS MUCH MORE THAN ALL THREE ADMINISTRATIONS COMBINED HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET SO WHY DO WE NEED TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION THERE'S GOING TO BE ONE THING I AGREE WITH THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WITH WITH COLLEAGUES WHO OPPOSE THIS RESOLUTION IS SHOULD THIS RESOLUTION HAVE BEEN NEEDED WHAT ELSE ARE WE GOING TO NEED TO DO TO BE ABLE TO PUT URGENCY TO OUR HOSPITAL THERE WAS A CONCERN EARLIER THAT WAS BROUGHT UP IN AS FAR AS AND I RECOGNIZE WE WANTED 164 AS AS A COMPANION BILL THAT WAS VOTED DOWN I'M GOING TO REMIND YOU WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO PUT THAT ON THE FLOOR NOW BUT WE DIDN'T SEE THE URGENCY IN THAT AND WE WANT TO HOLD THIS OFF UNTIL AFTER NEXT WEEK HOW IS THAT NOW BECOME AN EMERGENCY IT GOES AGAINST WHAT I BELIEVE IS AN EMERGENCY IT GOES AGAINST WHAT I BELIEVE IS URGENT THIS IS SIMPLY ASKING THE GOVERNOR WITH IN HER OWN POWERS THE ABILITIES THAT WE KNOW THAT SHE HAS TO PUT AN EMPHASIS TO PUT URGENCY IN HER IN BEING ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE HOLES OF THE HOSPITAL I FIND IT YOU KNOW AS IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER YOU KNOW PUT THIS IN AND I'LL PUT THAT IN PUT THIS AMOUNT IN APPROPRIATE THIS AMOUNT AND I AND I'LL INCLUDE THAT WHEN DID WE LAST EVER HAVE THAT KIND OF CONVERSATION WITH AN ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE THEY HAD THE ABILITY TO DO THIS WE NEVER HAD THAT NOR DO WE

HAVE THE OPPORT NOR DID WE EVER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY NOT EVEN TO COME AND TO TO FIND MONEY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THESE MATTERS BECAUSE THE FUNDING EXISTS SO THIS RECEIVERSHIP QUESTION FIRST OFF AGAIN I'M GOING TO REMIND IT'S IT'S IN THE WAREHOUSE CLAUSE IT STATES WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN IT STATES WHAT WE COULD THE NEXT STEPS WE COULD POSSIBLY TAKE IF THIS ISN'T GIVEN THE ATTENTION THAT IT NEEDS IT DOESN'T STATE WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS NOW WE HOPE I HOPE THAT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO GET TO THAT POINT IT SHOULDN'T GET TO THAT POINT AND WE'RE SCARED OF IT AND THEN THE SCARE THAT THE RECEIVERSHIP IS GOING TO BE A BURDEN PAST THIS ADMINISTRATION WELL YOU KNOW WHAT THAT'S A LEGACY I'M SURE SHE'S GOING TO WANT TO SHE'S GOING TO APPRECIATE THAT SHE'S GOING TO HAVE AND TO PEG TO SAY THAT IT IS JUST AS DIRE TO TALK ABOUT BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL 5 YEARS THAT WILL BE READY 5 YEARS DOWN THE ROAD IS JUST AS IMPORTANT OR IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN DEALING WITH THE HOSPITAL WALLS TODAY REALLY TELL THAT TO THE PATIENT WHO IS BEING WAY BATHED DOWN WITH THE UTILIZATION OF PAPER TOWELS AND TOILET PAPER TELL THAT TO THE PATIENT WHO'S WAITING TO HAVE HIS CATHETER REMOVED OR REPLACED BUT THEY CAN'T BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE SUPPLY TELL THAT TO THE PATIENT WHO HAS TO BE COMFORTED BY ROLLING UP A DIRTY LINEN TO TO BE USED AS A PILLOW TELL THAT TO THE ASTHMATIC PATIENT WHO'S CONCERNED ABOUT GETTING TREATMENT AND HAVING TO WALK THROUGH TREATMENT IN MOLD AND MILDOW MILDOW MILDEW FILLED HALLWAYS TELL THAT TO THE ICU PATIENT OKAY WHO'S PROBABLY RIGHT NOW LAYING IN BED CAN'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE IT'S HOT BECAUSE THE AIRCONS DON'T WORK TELL THAT TO THEM QUITE HONESTLY A VOTE AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION IS BASICALLY TELLING THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT YOU DON'T SEE THE URGENCY IN FIXING OUR HOSPITAL THAT'S WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO SO YOUR VOTE IS TELLING THEM JUST THAT SO NOW IT'S YOUR DECIDE YOUR DECISION SO WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR I'M GOING TO ONCE AGAIN ASK MY COLLEAGUES LET'S PUT THE URGENCY LET'S PUT THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OF OUR HOSPITAL AS A PRIORITY LET'S SHOW THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT WE CARE SO I'M GOING TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR VOTE ON THIS RESOLUTION SO WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU 30 SECOND RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: 30 SECOND RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A RECESS TONIGHT UNTIL 9:30 IN THE MORNING RECESS UNTIL 9:30.

RECESS

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES WHEN WE LEFT OFF WE WERE ON SECOND READING CLOSING ON THE RESOLUTION SENATOR BLAS YOU HAD THE FLOOR AND I BELIEVE YOU HAVE A FEW MINUTES LEFT.

SENATOR BLAS: YEAH THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER YESTERDAY I ASKED FOR A PAUSE ON THIS BECAUSE IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND CONSIDERATION COLLABORATION YOU KNOW THE SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES YOU KNOW WANTED A LITTLE BIT MORE INFORMATION BEFORE WE ACTUALLY CLOSE ON THIS THING SO WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO MADAM SPEAKER IS MAKE A MOVE MAKE A MOTION TO BRING IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO BE ABLE TO FURTHER DISCUSS THIS BEFORE WE CLOSE ON THIS AND THAT IN SPIRIT OF NOT WANTING TO RUSH DOWN HERE THEN IN THIS MOTION TO RECONVENE AT ABOUT 2:00 P.M. TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THEM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALRIGHT LET'S ADDRESS THAT SEPARATELY ON THE MOTION TO BRING THE PANEL IN IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES AND THE MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SO WE'RE RECESSED UNTIL 2:00 P.M. THE PANEL WILL COME IN AND WE WILL BE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AT THAT TIME WHO WOULD CHAIR THE COMMITTEE.

SENATOR BLAS: PARDON.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHO WILL CHAIR THE COMMITTEE THIS IS ON A RESOLUTION.

SENATOR BLAS: I SUPPOSE BASED ON THE RESO BASED ON THE STANDING RULES BASED ON THE RESOLUTION I'LL CHAIR THE COMMITTEE MADAM CHAIR SPEAKER OR DO YOU WANT TO CHAIR IT AS A.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I CAN CHAIR IT ALRIGHT.

SENATOR BLAS: YOU YOU WOULD YOU MA'AM I'LL DEFER IT TO YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALRIGHT I'LL CHECK WITH LEGAL AND WE'LL DECIDE BEFORE TWO.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND OTHERWISE WE'LL DEAL WITH IT ALRIGHT THANK YOU.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION WE AGAIN OUR SECOND READING RESOLUTION SENATOR BLAS YOU'RE A RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I THINK MADAM SPEAKER THAT FOR THE MOST PART YOU KNOW MANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED THE OVERWHELMING SENTIMENT OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND SO THEREFORE I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND CLOSE MY MY MY CLOSING STATEMENT AGAIN ENCOURAGE MY MY COLLEAGUES TO TO VOTE ON THIS MATTER AND MOVE THIS RESOLUTION NUMBER 215-37 COR INTO THE THIRD READING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THE MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 215-37 COR TO THE THIRD READING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR BLAS: MADAM SPEAKER I'D ACTUALLY MOVE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: I'D LIKE TO FURTHER MOVE MADAM SPEAKER THAT WE MOVE INTO THE THIRD READING AND FOR THE MATTERS OF VOTING ON RESOLUTION 215-37 COR WITHOUT TO TO MOVE ON VOTING IN IT WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THE MOTION TO VOTE ON RESOLUTION 215-37 COR WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES IS THERE ANYONE WHO NEEDS A COPY OKAY ALL RIGHT I THINK COPIES WERE PASSED OUT YESTERDAY ALL RIGHT AND THERE WERE NO AMENDMENTS SO WE WILL PROCEED WITH VOTING CLERKS COULD YOU PLEASE READ THE TITLE SARGE IF YOU COULD JUST MAKE SURE TO CALL THE OTHER SENATORS WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ALL RIGHT CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: RESOLUTION NUMBER 215-37 COR INTRODUCED BY FRANK BLAS, JR. TELO T. TAITAGUE JOANNE BROWN CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS THOMAS J. FISHER JESSE A. LUJAN RELATIVE TO URGENTLY AND STEADFASTLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIRE AND DE DECREPIT CONDITIONS THAT EXIST AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND TO DECLARE A STATE OF EXTREME EMERGENCY TO ADDRESS THE UNSAFE UNHEALTHY UNSANITARY AND FINANCIALLY CHALLENGING CONDITIONS THAT EXIST THERE.

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.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I ASK THE BODY THAT EXCUSE THE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT TODAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RESOLUTION NUMBER 215-37 COR RECEIVED EIGHT AYES THREE NAYS AND FOUR EXCUSED RESOLUTION NUMBER 215-37 COR IS DULY ADOPTED BY THE BODY SENATOR BLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS PLEASE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO RETURN TO MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION IS THERE AN OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF GOING BACK TO MOTIONS PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO REC NOTWITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS THE BODY ON BILL NUMBER 16437 LS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION TO RECONSIDER PASSES SENATOR BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT WE PLACE BILL NUMBER 164-37 LS AS INTRODUCED BY SENATORS JESSE LUJAN TELO TAITAGUE JOANNE BROWN CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS THOMAS J. FISHER AND MYSELF FRANK BLAS, JR. WHICH IS AN ACT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FUNDING TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 167-37 LS.

SENATOR BLAS: 61 164-37.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SORRY 164 164-37 LS ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION IF NOT THEN WE ARE IN SECOND READING BILL NUMBER 164-37 LS THIS IS AN ACT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FUNDING TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THIS IS A AN APPROPRIATION MEASURE AUTOMATICALLY WE WILL CONVENE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF APPROPRIATION SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SO WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS AND CONVENE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

RECESS

NOTE RESOLVED INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED TO ORDER MATERIALS FOR THE FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ARE IN SHARED SESSION GOOGLE DRIVE FOLDER LABEL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BILL NUMBER 164-37 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE CLERK VIA EMAIL SESSIONDRIVE@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG AMENDMENTS NOT IN WRITING WILL BE CALLED OUT OF ORDER RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE THERE WILL BE TWO ROUNDS FOR QUESTIONS AND ONE ROUND FOR COMMENTS OR AMENDMENTS SENATORS WILL BE ALLOWED FIVE MINUTES FOR EACH ROUND FOR QUESTIONS NOT INCLUDING RESPONSES TIME TO SPEAK MAY NOT BE YIELDED FROM MORE THAN ONE MEMBER TO ANOTHER A MEMBER WHO YIELD THAT A MEMBER'S TIME ON A QUESTION YIELD ALL THAT MEMBER'S TIME ON THAT QUESTION AND MAY NOT LATER SPEAK EVEN IF ALL THE TIME USED WAS NOT USED THAT'S IN SECTION 1.02 D3 QUESTIONS SHALL BE CONFINED TO THE SUBSTANCE OR NATURE OF THE BILL PERSONAL INFERENCE AS TO THE CHARACTER OR MOTIVE OF ANY SENATOR OR ANY INDIVIDUALS TESTIFYING IS NOT PERMITTED ANY BODIES THE GENERAL RULE OF CONDUCT WILL BE CALLED OUT OF ORDER AND MAY RESULT AND REMOVAL FROM THE HALL PROPER FORM AND DECORUM SHALL BE PRACTICED BY ALL PRESENT INDIVIDUALS WHO FAIL TO MAIN PROPER FORM AND DECORUM WILL BE RESTRICTED FROM PARTICIPATING AND WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE HALL AFTER WE COMPLETE DISCUSSION OF THE BILL I WILL ALLOW THE SPONSOR TO CLOSE AND I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOLLOWED BY A MOTION TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AT WHICH TIME I'LL REPORT OUT THE BILL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITH THAT AT ASK I'D LIKE TO ALSO RECOGNIZE THE PANEL MEMBERS THAT ARE HERE AT THIS TIME BUT FIRST I'LL WOULD ASK THE SERGEANT IN ARMS TO PLEASE SWEAR THEM IN AND THEN I'LL HAVE THEM INTRODUCE THEMSELVES INDIVIDUALLY AND I LIKE TO ADVISE MY COLLEAGUES THAT THE OPA WAS HERE EARLIER HE HAD TO GO TO A MEETING AND HE SAID HE'LL BE RIGHT BACK WHEN HE COMES WE'LL JUST CONTINUE ON WHERE WE'RE AT SERGEANT IN ARMS.

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

NOTE PANEL SWORN IN

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SERGEANT AT ARMS AND I ASK EACH PANEL MEMBERS FIRST TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES INDIVIDUALLY WE'LL START WITH THE OFB SIDE.

VANESSA VALENCIA – OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET (OFB) SENIOR BUDGET ANALYST: VANESSA VALENCIA OFB.

LLEWELYN TERLAJE – OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET (OFB) CHIEF FISCAL ANALYST: LLEWELYN TERLAJE CHIEF FISCAL ANALYST OFB.

LESTER CARLSON – BUREAU OF BUDGET MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH (BBMR) DIRECTOR: LESTER CARLSON BBMR.

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

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS – ADMINISTRATOR GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (GMH): LILIAN PEREZ-POSADAS GMH.

YUKA HECHANOVA – CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (GMH): YUKA HECHANOVA CFO GMH.

WILLIAM KANDO – GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (GMH): WILLIAM KANDO GMHA.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU AT THIS POINT REMINDING MY COLLEAGUES WE ARE ON BILL 164-37 LS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR JESSE LUJAN CO-SPONSORED BY SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE SENATOR JOANNE BROWN SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS SENATOR TOM FISHER AND SENATOR FRANK BLAS, JR. AN ACT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FUNDING TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL I NOW ASK THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL SENATOR LUJAN PLEASE GIVE YOUR OPENING STATEMENT ON ON YOUR BILL.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN GOOD EVENING OR SORRY GOOD AFTERNOON THE PANEL YOU KNOW THE STATE OF GMH IS OF COURSE THE MOST UTMOST IMPORTANCE IT SHOULDN'T BE LURCHING FROM CRISIS TO CRISIS I ASK HOW CAN WE FOCUS ON A NEW HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL FACILITY COMPLEX THAT IS MAYBE A DECADE OR SO AWAY WHEN OUR CURRENT HOSPITAL IS NEGLECTED AND IS NEED OF URGENT CARE CRITICAL CARE AS WE ALL HAVE SAID AT A NEW MEDICAL COMPLEX OR A NEW HOSPITAL IS A WONDERFUL GOAL AND ONE WE ALL NEED AND ONE WE DON'T OBJECT TO BUT GMH NEEDS IMMEDIATE FUNDING AND IMMEDIATE ATTENTION SO BETWEEN THEN AND NOW WHAT IS THE PLAN AS WE ARE WAITING AWAITING FOR A NEW HOSPITAL OR A NEW MEDICAL COMPLEX AND I ASK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE PANEL TO CONTEMPLATE THE QUESTION AND TO CONTEMPLATE IT WITH URGENCY WITH THAT MR. MR. CHAIRMAN I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS TO THE PANEL I GOT A COUPLE MINUTES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO I JUST GOING TO ALLOW YOU JUST TO INTRODUCE YOUR BILL.

SENATOR LUJAN: OH JUST INTRODUCE OKAY OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: AND THEN WE'RE THEN WE'RE GOING TO DO OUR ROUNDS.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY OKAY SO YEAH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SO SENATOR LUJAN WE'LL GET WITH YOU SENATOR BLAS YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE ON THE FIRST ROUND.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR TO THE PANEL THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND I GO AHEAD AND GET STARTED TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY THE STAFF THERE WHAT IS THE STATE OF CONDITION RIGHT NOW FINANCIALLY YUKA IF YOU CAN GO PROVIDE YOU PROVIDED SOMETHING ON THE OVERSIGHT HEARING PREVIOUS BUT CAN YOU GO AHEAD AND AND AND GIVE US AGAIN WHAT WHAT THE CONDITION IS FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HOSPITAL.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: I GUESS I CAN GO AHEAD AND LET YOU KNOW WHAT OUR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IS PROBABLY.

SENATOR BLAS: YES.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: SO RIGHT NOW IT'S AT ABOUT \$28 MILLION IN AMOUNTS THAT WE OWE TO VENDORS LET ME SEE AND THEN ON OUR RECEIVABLES IT'S ABOUT 40 MILLION RIGHT NOW IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT I DON'T RECALL WHAT I REPORTED ON BEFORE.

SENATOR BLAS: YOUR CIP.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: THE STATUS OF THE CIPS.

SENATOR BLAS: YES AND HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: MAYBE MR. KANDO CAN.

GMH – KANDO: WE WE NEED APPROXIMATELY \$20 MILLION TO TO START IMPLEMENTING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OUR HIGHEST PRIORITIES AND SO THAT'S THAT'S WHAT WE'RE FOCUSED ON IS IS INTERNALLY WE'RE WE'RE

DISCUSSING WHAT THOSE HIGHEST PRIORITIES ARE GIVEN THEIR CURRENT READINESS TO PROCEED WITH THOSE WHICH ONES ARE ALREADY UNDER DESIGN OR HAVE COMPLETED DESIGN AND SO WE WE WE'VE ALREADY HASHED THAT THROUGH BUT WE WANT TO LOOK AT IT A LITTLE FURTHER BEFORE WE COME TO A FINAL DECISION AND SHARE IT WITH THE BOARD BUT WE'RE READY TO TO WORK ON THOSE AND ROLL THOSE OUT.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY YOU KNOW DURING THE OVERSIGHT HEARING AND AND ACTUALLY AFTER I'M SURE THAT YOU THAT MS. POSADAS MS. HECHANOVA AND MR. KANDO YOU'VE BEEN WORRIED OF I GUESS THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PASSED IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE CONDITIONS THAT EXIST IN THE HOSPITAL AND ONE MORE VERY RECENTLY WAS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF A SNAKE THAT WAS THAT WAS CAPTURED IN IN THE HOSPITAL WHAT RIGHT NOW HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE CONDITIONS IN THE HOSPITAL AND AS FAR AS WITH WITH THE MOLD INFESTATION AND WHATNOT.

GMH – KANDO: WE DON'T WE DON'T HAVE AN INFESTATION OF SNAKES WE FOUND ONE SNAKE AS FAR AS THE MOLD WE WE HAVE I MEAN WE'VE BEEN WE'VE BEEN REPLACING CEILING TILES FOR FOR MANY YEARS BECAUSE WE'RE WE'RE SLOWLY WE'VE BEEN SLOWLY IN THE PROCESS OF REPLACING OUR AIR A LOT OF OUR AIR HANDLING UNITS THAT THAT REALLY WE HAVE ISSUES WITH OUR ENVELOPE WHICH ALLOWS WARM AIR INTO THE FACILITY AND AND AND ALLOWING FOR CONDENSATION ON OUR CHILL WATER LINES SO THAT'S NOT LEAK LEAKS NECESSARILY FROM THE ROOF BUT THOSE ARE AIR HANDLING UNITS THAT WE YOU KNOW WE WE'VE ALREADY PROCURED ABOUT 25 OUT OF 64 SO AIR HANDLING UNIT REPLACEMENTS CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF OUR MAJOR PRIORITIES WE HAVE THE MOLD ASSESSMENT THAT'S ONGOING WE SHOULD BE RECEIVING THE THE CONSULTANT SHOULD BE RECEIVING THE RESULTS OF THAT ASSESSMENT THOSE SAMPLES SO THAT THEY CAN FORMULATE THEIR THEIR REPORT AND WE WE ANTICIPATE THAT REPORT BEING COMPLETED THIS MONTH SO THAT'S FOR THE MOLD THAT'S THAT'S YOU KNOW HIDDEN MOLD YOU KNOW IN POSSIBLY BEHIND WALLS OR IN OUR VENTILATION SYSTEM WE WANT TO KNOW.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY YOU KNOW THE THE OFFICE OF THE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY RECENTLY CAME UP WITH A REPORT AND GRANTED THAT IT WAS WITH REGARD TO YOUR THE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND THERE WAS A MAKE REFERENCE TO IN AS FAR AS THE THE FACILITY CONDITION ASSESSMENT OF OF THE HOSPITAL ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THAT.

GMH – KANDO: ARE YOU REFERRING TO THE ARMY CORP ENGINEERS ASSESSMENT.

SENATOR BLAS: YES.

GMH – KANDO: I'M I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH THAT THAT'S OUR PRIORITIZATION OF OUR OF OUR CIPS IS HEAVILY FOCUSED ON ON ROLLING OUT AND COMPLETING THOSE PROJECTS WHICH MANY OF OF HAVE HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED SO WE'VE WE'VE BEEN FOCUSING ON THE AIR HANDLING UNITS WE'VE BEEN FOCUSING ON THE REPAIR TO THE ROOF IN THE MEANTIME YOU KNOW WE'RE WE'VE STABILIZED THE HOSPITAL AS FAR AS THE VENTILATION SYSTEM BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR TWO TWO 450 TON CHILLERS BOTH OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY OPERATING EFFICIENTLY SO THAT'S GOING TO ALLOW US THE TIME THAT WE NEED TO ALSO PLAN TO REPLACE THEM AND IN THE MEANTIME WE'VE BEEN PUTTING IN SPLITS AND PORTABLES BUT WE'RE BEING VERY CAREFUL WITH THAT BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A WE HAVE A CONTRACTED ELECTRICAL ENGINEER THAT'S GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T OVERLOAD THE THE MAIN PANEL AS WELL SO WE HAVE TO DO THAT VERY STRATEGICALLY AND SOME AND WE HAVE OUR NEXT PROJECTS THAT ARE THAT WE CONSIDER HIGH PRIORITY THAT WE'RE PLANNING TO ROLL OUT THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY OKAY SO IT'S NICE TO HEAR THAT YOU'VE STARTED TO ARE YOU WORKING ON THOSE AREAS THE ARMY CORP HAS STATED THAT FROM MY UNDERSTANDING ABSENT NEW EXISTENCE OF A NEW HOSPITAL IS IS CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN OUR CURRENT FACILITY OKAY AT THIS JUNCTURE AT THIS POINT IN TIME DO YOU HAVE THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THAT AS WELL AS TO BE ABLE TO PAY OFF YOUR VEN PAY PAY DOWN YOUR VENDOR PAYMENTS.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: NO.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH THAT'S THAT'S ACTUALLY THE ANSWER I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU KNOW THIS BILL WHAT THIS BILL WILL BASICALLY PROVIDE US BE THE THE FUNDING THAT'S NECESSARY THE FUNDING THAT CAN NOT JUST NECESSARY BUT IT'S QUITE HONESTLY VERY MUCH NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO

PUT YOU THROUGH AND I THINK THAT ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT WAS A MAJOR CONCERN WITH REGARDS TO THIS IS FISCAL MANAGEMENT OF OF THE HOSPITAL AND AND HOW YOU TAKE CARE OF OF YOU KNOW YOUR THE MONIES THAT THAT YOU'RE GETTING AND I REMEMBER THERE WAS A CONVERSATION WITH REGARDS TO YOUR TO BASICALLY YOUR BILLING SYSTEM AND YOUR AND AND YOUR ABILITY TO COLLECT WHERE ARE YOU WITH THAT RIGHT NOW.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SYSTEM ITSELF.

SENATOR BLAS: YES.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: WE'RE PRETTY MUCH STATUS QUO THE BILLING DEPARTMENT HAS REALLY MADE A LOT OF WORKAROUNDS BECAUSE WE'RE JUST WE'RE AT A STANDSTILL WITH SOME OF THE LIMITATIONS ON THE SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW SO WE DO EXTRA WORK JUST TO GET THE BILLS OUT AND THEY'VE BEEN VERY CREATIVE AND VERY EFFECTIVE AT WHAT THEY'VE DONE SO THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS WE'VE HAD VERY GOOD BILLINGS THANKS TO THE VERY HARD WORK OF THE BILLING TEAM.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY SO WHEN YOU SAY STATUS QUO WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY STATUS QUO WHAT IS STATUS QUO.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: THERE'S JUST SOME ISSUES WITH THE CURRENT EHR THAT WE HAVE THAT ARE IT'S NOT THE SAME AS OUR FORMER EHR SO THERE ARE SOME CHARGES THAT DON'T COME THROUGH THROUGH SOME INTERFACES THAT ARE NOT WORKING AND THAT'S CAUSED SOME BACKLOG IN THE BILLING BUT INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THESE THINGS TO BE FIXED WE FOUND SOME WORKAROUND TO GET THOSE THINGS DONE BECAUSE REALLY THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE TEAM IS TO GET THE BILLS OUT TIMELY SO WE CAN GET PAID.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. CHAIR ACTUALLY YOU I KNOW THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE OF THE QUESTIONS I JUST NEEDED TO GET THAT SET THAT AS A FOUNDATION THE BASIS THAT GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NEEDS MONEY THEY NEED SOME HELP AND AND I THINK THAT'S THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF OF OF WHAT THIS THIS THIS HEARING IS FOR AND TO BE ABLE TO FIND THAT SO I NEEDED TO ESTABLISH THAT AS AS THE GROUNDWORK BUT SO WHAT I LIKE TO DO IS THE REMAINING OF MY TIME IS GO AHEAD AND YOU NEED YOU NEED TO THAT OKAY I LIKE TO REFER DEFER THE REST OF MY TIME ON THIS ROUND TO SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU SENATOR BLAS JUST ALSO MY COLLEAGUES LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THAT FORMER SPEAKER THE OPA IS HERE AUDITOR BJ CRUZ SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU NOW HAVE SEVEN YOU SHOULD HAVE SEVEN MINUTES AND 55 SECONDS IF I'M CORRECT I SAW 255 UP THERE RIGHT OKAY 7 MINUTES AND 55.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OH 72 MINUTES SORRY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO NO NO.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: I DON'T NEED THAT MUCH TIME.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: HE HE ONLY REALLY NEEDS 55 SECONDS BUT WE'LL GIVE HIM THE SEVEN MINUTES AND 55 SECONDS 7:55 7:55 THAT'S 7:33 ONLY 7.55 THERE YOU GO THAT'S HIS TIME SENATOR DUEÑAS SIR.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. CHAIRMAN JUST WANTED TO OPEN WITH A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT WE KNOW HAPPILY THE GOVERNOR IN HER LETTER WRITTEN TO THE LETTER TO TO THE LEGISLATURE AND OVERALL TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM HAS COMMITTED \$20 MILLION FROM THE ARP FUNDS I'M GOING TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS IN TERMS OF WHERE THAT'S LIKELY TO GO AS IT'S BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT'S SHOULD BE DEDICATED TOWARDS CIPS SO I WANT TO FOCUS ON REALLY THE GIST OF THIS BILL IN TERMS OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS OR ACTUALLY FUNDS THAT WILL BE EXCESS REVENUE ON 2022 AND 2023 THAT'S IN THIS BILL AND THE INTENTION THE INTENTION OVERALL IS TO REALLY FOCUS ON WHAT IS WHAT MANY OF US BELIEVE IN THIS BODY SHOULD BE THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY AT THIS POINT AND THAT IS THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AS THEY HAVE COME TO US NOW A COUPLE OF TIMES AND WE'VE I THINK SETTLED DOWN ON THE NUMBER BETWEEN 28 TO \$30 MILLION IN TERMS OF WHAT'S NEEDED YOU KNOW I THINK IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE GET THERE WE'VE GOT TO GET THERE SOMEHOW AND SO I WANT TO AT THIS POINT FOCUS MY ATTENTION WITH MR. BIRN AND IN ORDER FOR US TO BE MOVING PRUDENTLY AND I'LL BE SPEAKING WITH THE ASKING QUESTIONS

OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR AS WELL IS I THINK TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK HERE WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE 2022 AUDIT.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: WELL THANK YOU FOR ASKING THAT SENATOR THE THE PUBLIC AUDITOR NO DOUBT WILL GIVE HIS ANSWER TO THAT WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF TRYING TO FINALIZE THE AUDIT I WAS ACTUALLY ON PAGE ABOUT 127 WHEN I WAS CALLED DOWN HERE OF PAGE OF 217 PAGES TOMORROW WE HAVE A MEETING WITH THE AUDITORS ON THE SINGLE AUDIT SO THAT SENATORS UNDERSTAND AND THE ACTUAL AUDIT IS DIVIDED UP INTO KIND OF THREE PARTS THERE'S THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHICH IS WHAT I WAS REFERRING TO THE 217 PAGES THERE'S A SINGLE AUDIT WHICH CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF ABOUT 80 PAGES WHICH IS THE REPORT ON THE FEDERAL EXPENDITURES AND THERE'S A MANAGEMENT LETTER WHICH I HAVEN'T YET SEEN SO I CAN'T COMMENT ON THAT AS TO TO WHAT PART THE AUDITORS HAVE REACHED WITH THAT WE'RE ALL WORKING VERY HARD TO TO FINISH IT THE NUMBERS ARE THE SAME NUMBERS AT THE MOMENT AS WAS RELEASED BY THE GOVERNOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO BUT I'M GOING TO ASK MY COLLEAGUE MR. CARLSON TO COMMENT UPON THIS THE AVAILABILITY OF ANY FISCAL 22 FUNDS BECAUSE THAT THE THE THE AUDIT OBVIOUSLY IS FISCAL 22 WE'VE ONLY JUST FINISHED FISCAL 23 AND THEREFORE WE HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED THE AUDIT OF FISCAL 23.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH I I WE'LL GET THERE IN A MOMENT BUT I I WANT TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK BECAUSE FIRST OF ALL CAN WE I'M THINK I JUST SHIFT OVER TO THE PUBLIC AUDITOR AT THIS POINT MR. SPEAKER PUBLIC AUDITOR CAN YOU CAN YOU GIVE US KIND OF A BACKGROUND IN TERMS OF YOUR INTERACTION WITH DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND THE STATUS OF THIS AUDIT AND WHY WE'RE SO LATE AND HOW CRITICAL IT'S GOING TO BE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH APPROPRIATING EXCESS FUNDS.

BENJAMIN CRUZ – OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY (OPA) AUDITOR: BEFORE I BEFORE I BEGIN I WANT TO PERSONALLY APOLOGIZE TO THE SPEAKER AND TO ALL OF YOU ABOUT THE DELAY IN THE ISSUANCE OF THE AUDIT WE DID AN RFP FOR NEW FOR A NEW AUDITOR LAST YEAR BECAUSE DELOITTE CLOSED I APPROVED THE SELECTION OF ER EY SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER UNFORTUNATELY THE CONTRACT WAS NOT SIGNED BY THE PREVIOUS ATTORNEY GENERAL I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT IT HAD BEEN APPROVED AND HAD STARTED AND HAD BEEN SITTING AT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND WASN'T SIGNED UNTIL I BELIEVE JANUARY FEBRUARY THIS YEAR AT WHICH TIME EY STARTED THE AUDIT THERE WAS AN ISSUE THAT THEY HAD WITH SOME NUMBERS AND IT RESULTED IN A SUBSTANTIAL DELAY BECAUSE THERE WAS BACK AND FORTH THAT WAS FINALLY RESOLVED IN LATE JUNE EARLY JULY THE GOVERNMENT FINALLY PROVIDED A FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITH ITS TRIAL BALANCE SOMETIME IN IN LATE JULY AND WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET THE AUDIT DONE EVER SINCE I KNOW THAT EVERY TIME ANY OF YOU HAVE TEXTED ME AND ANY OF YOU HAVE CALLED ME I HAVE APOLOGIZED THAT I CANNOT WILL NOT DISCUSS AUDITS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN RELEASED I WAS DISAPPOINTED MAYBE EVEN DISMAYED TO HEAR THAT NUMBERS WERE BEING BANDIED ABOUT IN PRESS RELEASES OF AN AUDIT THAT HAD NOT BEEN RELEASED AND WHEN ANY OF YOU HAVE ASKED ME WHERE THAT NUMBER CAME FROM MY RESPONSE WAS I HAD NO COMMENT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO AUDIT THAT HAD BEEN FINALIZED FOR WHICH I COULD SPEAK ABOUT IT IS TRUE THAT WE ARE AT THIS POINT TRYING TO FINALIZE THE THE AUDIT I WAS HERE AT 2 O'CLOCK FOR THE 2 O'CLOCK START BUT I HAD TO RUN BACK TO MY OFFICE BECAUSE I HAD SCHEDULED A 3:00 STATUS MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND ITS PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH EY UNFORTUNATELY MR. BIRN WAS HERE BUT WE ARE IN THE FINAL THROWS AND THE THING IS IS THAT IT NEEDS TO HAVE A MANAGEMENT RESPONSE AND AS HE SAID HE'S ON PAGE 127 OF 180 OF TRYING TO GET A RESPONSE TOGETHER I WAS ALSO NOTIFIED TODAY THAT THERE'S A NEED FOR A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN OF THE OF THE FIN OF THE SINGLE AUDIT AND AND THE DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT RESPONDING AS QUICKLY TO MR. BIRN AS THEY REALLY SHOULD HAVE I MEAN ALL THIS INFORMATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN AT MR. BIRN'S OFFICE LAST JANUARY WHY IT'S STILL NOT THERE IN SEPTEMBER I HAVE NO IDEA BUT HE'S TRYING TO GET IT SO THAT HE CAN SUBMIT IT AND EY CAN'T AND REFUSES TO RELEASE IT UNLESS HE GETS THEY GET A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND SO THAT'S WHERE WE'RE AT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: SPEAKER YOU KNOW NOT ASKING YOU TO OPINE I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD ANYWAYS BUT IN A HAT THAT YOU WORE BEFORE HERE WE ARE AND WHAT WE'VE DONE IS WE'VE APPROPRIATED AND ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE STRUCTURED THIS BILL THE WAY WE DID WAS BECAUSE IT'S BECOME A PRACTICE GIVEN THE TRACKING OF EXCESS REVENUE TO BE APPROPRIATING WITHIN THE FISCAL YEAR BASICALLY DOING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND THE REASON WHY I'M GOING DOWN THIS ROAD IS IS WE BELIEVE THAT THE MOST PRUDENT WAY AND YOU'VE MENTIONED THIS BEFORE ON THE RECORD THE MOST PRUDENT WAY TO

IDENTIFY THE FUNDS THAT ARE NEEDED AS WE GO ALONG UNTIL WE CAN RETURN GMH TO SOLVENCY IS TO BASICALLY USE REVENUES I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPRUDENT AT THIS POINT TO EVEN ATTEMPT TO USE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BECAUSE WE'VE JUST STARTED WE HAVE NO CLUE WHAT THE WATERS ARE GOING TO LOOK LIKE GOING FORWARD BUT WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET AT IS DO YOU DO YOU ONCE AGAIN REITERATE ON THE RECORD WHAT YOU'VE DISCUSSED IS THAT ONCE AN APPROPRIATION IS MADE IT'S VIABLE AND DURABLE AND IT IS A FUNDING SOURCE AS LONG AS THAT BECOMES THE LAW AND IS NOT REPEALED.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: THAT IS THAT IS CORRECT AND UNFORTUNATELY IN THE FIVE YEARS THAT I WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE THERE WAS NEVER ANY EXCESS THERE WAS NEVER A SURPLUS SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT LUXURY IS LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TO DO THAT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YOU'VE NEVER HAD THAT WONDERFUL PROBLEM OKAY WELL SO THAT'S THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO ESTABLISH THE BASIS BECAUSE WHATEVER WE DECIDE ON HERE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT I'M SURE THERE'S GOING TO BE DIFFERENCES IN TERMS OF WHAT THE PRIORITIES ARE WHAT OTHER FUNDING SOURCES SHOULD BE USED BUT I HAD TO GET YOU BACK ON THE RECORD ON THAT ONE BECAUSE YOU'VE MADE IT CLEAR TO US THAT YOU KNOW IF IF WE WANT TO REALLY BE PRUDENT AND AND SCRUB OUR BOOKS AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT THIS BODY AND AND WHAT IS YOU KNOW WHAT GOOD MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS ARE WE HAVE TO BE CLEAR THAT UNLESS A BILL IS REP A LAW IS REPEALED THAT FUNDING SOURCE IS VIABLE AND THEN IT'S UP TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON TERMS OF WHAT THE PRIORITIES ARE GOING FORWARD SO BACK TO MR. BIRN SO I THINK HERE WE ARE NOW AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE I DON'T KNOW ABOUT TREPIDATION THAT MIGHT BE A HEAVY WORD BUT NOTWITHSTANDING THE ADVICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR YOU YOU HAVE RELEASED NUMBERS AND SO LET'S GET TO THE NUMBERS NOW WHAT IF THIS BILL WERE TO PASS AS IT IS AT LEAST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 WHAT WOULD POTENTIALLY BE AVAILABLE.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: I'M GOING TO DEFER TO MR. CARLSON ON THAT BECAUSE HE HAS ALL THE NUMBERS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THANK YOU MR. CARLSON.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: PROBABLY GOING TO TAKE ALL THE WIND THAT I HAVE BUT THE BILL THAT WAS INTRODUCED NUMBER ONE WE WANT TO WORK TOGETHER WE SEE THIS AS A A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION WE'RE GLAD TO BE HERE TO HELP PUSH THIS THROUGH THERE ARE ISSUES WITH THE THE BILL AS INTRODUCED THE FISCAL NOTE THAT WE PROVIDED STATES 22 WAS OVER APPROPRIATED BY \$19 MILLION SO FOR THE RECORD 22 IS OFF THE TABLE IT ALSO SAYS 23 AUDITED EXCESS FUNDS WE'RE JUST CLOSING 23 IF WE WAITED FOR THE AUDIT IT WOULD BE HOPEFULLY NOT THIS LONG BUT CERTAINLY MONTHS SO IN CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR LUJAN AND THE GOVERNOR YESTERDAY AND A LETTER THAT WAS WRITTEN AND RESPONDED TO THE GOVERNOR STATING HER COMMITMENT TO ASSIST WE WERE THEN TASKED TO BE ABLE TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN I'LL NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT THERE IS NO DOLLAR AMOUNT SO I'LL I'LL TAKE THAT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN A MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION AND HOPEFULLY COME UP WITH A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE PLAN SO BACK TO 22 WE WENT THROUGH AN EXERCISE OF OF TAKING APPROPRIATIONS KNOWING FULL WELL THAT THEY WERE MORE APPROPRIATIONS THAN WE HAD REVENUE THEN WE LOOKED AT HOW MUCH OF THOSE APPROPRIATIONS WERE ACTUALLY SPENT AND I THINK THE GOOD LORD WAS SMILING DOWN AT US BECAUSE WHEN WE TOOK FUNDS THAT BY THE WAY THIS IS A CULMINATION OF ALL THE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY ON THE BOOKS WE DID NOT TOUCH ANY ENTITY THAT HAD THE ABILITY TO USE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR FUNDS AND WE BASICALLY GOT IT DOWN TO BELIEVE IT OR NOT CLOSE TO 19 MILLION AND THESE ARE UNEXPENDED FUNDS ESSENTIALLY TWO FISCAL YEARS AGO THERE IS NO PROVISION THAT ALLOWS FOR ANY ONE OF THESE AREAS THAT WE TOUCHED TO BE EXTENDED AND FOR THE USE TO GO BEYOND FISCAL YEAR 22 SO WE ESSENTIALLY BALANCED THE CHECKBOOK WROTE OFF 22 AS A FUND SOURCE AND TURNED OUR EYES TO 23.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OKAY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IF YOU GUYS TAKE A LOOK AT THE CRER THAT WE'RE SENDING THE LAST ONE THAT WE SENT WE SHOWED WE WERE DOING WELL AGAIN THERE WERE BILLS THAT WERE PASSED SUBSEQUENT TO THE BUDGET ACT THAT AID INTO THE EXCESS AND WE DO HAVE PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER NUMBERS IN THE SUMMARY THAT WE'LL PASS OUT TO YOU GUYS SHORTLY WE WERE ABLE TO TAKE 23 FUNDS AND YOU'LL SEE WHERE THEY CAME FROM TO COBBLE TOGETHER \$30 MILLION WITHOUT TOUCHING 24 WHATSOEVER.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: SO I GUESS AT THIS TIME MR. CHAIRMAN I WANT TO DO ONE THING AND THEN I THINK IF YOU THINK IT SHOULD BE PRUDENT I THINK WE SHOULD BE WORKING WITH THAT WORKSHEET BECAUSE WE HAVE TO YOU KNOW KIND OF EVALUATE THE VERACITY BUT I WANT TO MAYBE WHILE WE WAIT FOR THAT I WANT TO GET BACK TO YUKA REAL QUICK BECAUSE I THINK WE THIS IS A PROPER EXERCISE AS WELL YUKA YOU KNOW CAN YOU JUST GIVE US A SOLID ON THE AGING IN TERMS OF WHAT ARE THE EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES BECAUSE I THINK I THINK ONE THING SEVERAL THINGS I THINK WE CAN AGREE ON IS THE FACT THAT WE GOT TO GET TO THE MOST VITAL AND I'M NOT GOING TO MICROMANAGE YOUR ORGANIZATION BUT I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO KNOW ON THE AGING OF THOSE AND THE CRITICAL AND THE VITAL BECAUSE IT IT MAY ALSO FACTOR INTO THE THE RELEASE AND HOW WE EVALUATE WHAT WHAT PROJECTS HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK IF YOU WILL IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE FOLLOWING THE PRUDENT MAN REQUIREMENT FROM OUR PUBLIC AUDITOR AND DOING THE DILIGENCE OF OF OF LINE ITING OUT UH THOSE THINGS WHICH WILL GENERATE THE REVENUE THAT MAY BE YOU KNOW MAY COME TO SOME CONSTERNATION OF SOME MEMBERS WHO APPROPRIATED THOSE FUNDS BUT SO BE IT RIGHT NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE HOSPITAL SO YUKA CAN CAN YOU BASICALLY JUST GIVE US A VERBAL AND THEN MAYBE PREPARE THAT FOR US AS WELL SO WE HAVE THE TWO WORKSHEETS TO WORK WITH.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: SO AS OF OCTOBER SIX OUR PAYABLES WERE AT 28.8 MILLION A BIG CHUNK OF THAT 8.9 MILLION IS FOR OUR TRAVEL NURSES WE OWE 2 MILLION IN UTILITIES POWER WATER AND ABOUT 4.2 MILLION FOR CONTRACTORS THAT ARE ON THE OPERATIONAL SIDE AND ABOUT 12.2 MILLION ON THE CLINICAL SUPPLIER SIDE ONE THING TO NOTE IS THE AGING DOES CHANGE EVERY DAY WE GET INVOICES EVERY DAY WE MAKE SOME PAYMENTS SO THIS IS AS OF OCTOBER 6TH BUT I WILL GLADLY PROVIDE A MORE UPDATED ONE TO THE BODY.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH SO MR. CHAIRMAN I THINK THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL FOR US BECAUSE I THINK WE'VE ESTABLISHED AND WE CAN GO TO KANDO AND THE STRUCTURAL ISSUES LATER SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THOSE ARE GOING TO REQUIRE I'M SURE PROCUREMENT AND THAT FUNDING SOURCE OF THE 20 MILLION THAT'S COMMITTED IS IS I THINK ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL BUT IT'S ALSO PROBABLY HEAVY HEAVIER IN TERMS OF PROCUREMENT AS OPPOSED TO PAYING BILLS RIGHT LIKE PHARMACEUTICALS SUPPLIERS THINGS THAT WILL IMMEDIATELY GET US ON TRACK SO I THINK UH AT THIS POINT IF WE CAN TAKE A SHORT RECESS TO GET THOSE TWO WORKSHEETS AND THEN WE CAN MOVE FROM THERE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WILL BE ON RECESS UNTIL WE GET ALL THE DOCUMENTS MR. CARLSON.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: CAN I ADD SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO THE BILL AS WELL.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: I I THINK AS WE GO ALONG BECAUSE THOSE WILL BE AMENDMENTS YOU KNOW ON THE FLOOR IF IF THE BODY WILL WISHES BUT IF WE'RE WORKING WITH 23 AND AND AND WHAT WE'RE DOING THERE I THINK BUT I THINK FOR A START LESTER AND UNLESS YOU THINK IT'S GOING TO TAKE US A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NO.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: I THINK WE WE GET UP WE GET OFF ON ON A START HERE AND THEN BECAUSE WE WE'VE IN MY OPINION WE'VE GOT TO WE'VE GOT TO ESTABLISH THE BASELINE WHERE'S THE MONEY AND ONCE WE KNOW THAT THEN WE CAN MOVE FROM THERE SO I THINK KNOWING THE PROJECTS THAT ARE THAT THAT THAT THAT THAT YOU KNOW BALANCING THE CHECKBOOK KNOWING WHAT PROJECTS MAY BE OFF THE TABLE OR OR HOW THAT GENERATES THE SURPLUS TO INCLUDE A CRER THAT'S UPCOMING THAT CLOSES OUT THE FISCAL YEAR WE WE'LL WE'LL KNOW IF IT'S REAL MONEY AND WE CAN WORK FROM THERE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT WE'RE WE'RE WE'RE ON RECESS AT THIS TIME SO WE CAN GET THE DOCUMENTS.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER COLLEAGUES AT THIS POINT WE'RE GOING TO DO FINISH UP OF THE ONE ROUND BUT ONLY FOR QUESTIONS FOR THE OPA AND THEN WE WILL RECESS SO THAT EVERYONE CAN DIGEST THE DOCUMENTS THEY HAVE IN FRONT OF THEM AND THEY

UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS TOMORROW AND WITH THAT DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE OPA AND WE WILL AND I'LL JUST RAISE YOUR HAND AND TELL ME AND THEN I'LL PICK YOU FIRST UNTIL WE COMPLETE EVERYBODY ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR WE ONLY GOING TO BE DISCUSSING THE OPA SENATOR DUEÑAS DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION FOR OPA.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MR. CHAIRMAN I'VE COMPLETED MY QUESTIONS FOR THE OPA.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: IN MY IN MY STATEMENT SO I'M I'M GOOD.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY SENATOR PARKSON ANYTHING NOTHING SENATOR BERNETT NOTHING MADAM SPEAKER DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION FOR THE OPA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MA'AM.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: AND AND THANK YOU AGAIN TO ALL THE PANEL FOR BEING HERE ESPECIALLY THE PUBLIC AUDITOR HE'S BEEN HERE FOR THREE DAYS NOW WAITING FOR US TO CALL HIM IN AND I KNOW THAT HE'S IN THE MIDDLE OF TRYING TO FINALIZE THIS AUDIT CAN YOU JUST EXPLAIN AGAIN THE DELAY OF THE AUDIT BECAUSE WE WERE REALLY HOPING WE HAD TRIED TO YOU KNOW CHANGE THE LAW EVEN TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN GET THE AUDIT BEFORE WE DO THE FY BUDGETS AND THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO KNOW FOR SURE WHAT THE EXCESS WAS FOR THE PRIOR YEAR AND NOT HAVE TO RECEIVE THE NASTY LETTERS LIKE WE DID ABOUT OH YOU'RE OVER APPROPRIATING WHEN WHEN THE CRERS ARE SHOWING US DIFFERENT INFORMATION SO IF IF YOU COULD JUST TELL US ONE MORE TIME WHAT'S CAUSING THE DELAY.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: THE FOR THE CURRENT FOR THE CURRENT AUDIT IS COMING ACROSS FOR THE CURRENT AUDIT THE DELAY IS BEING CAUSED BY THE FACT THAT DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OR MORE DIRECTLY MR. BIRN HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET SOME DEPARTMENTS TO RESPOND TO HIM ON THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN THAT THEY ARE GOING TO IMPLEMENT TO ADDRESS FINDINGS ABOUT THEIR UTILIZATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS THAT'S THAT'S WHAT'S HOLDING UP THE SINGLE AUDIT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHICH AGENCIES.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: I HAVE NOT SPOKEN PUBLICLY ABOUT WHAT ARE WHAT IS IN THE AUDIT BECAUSE I PURPOSELY DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING BUT IN AS MUCH AS THE ADMINISTRATION IS THE ONE THAT IS PUBLICIZING ALL KINDS OF NUMBERS I'LL LET MR. BIRN TELL YOU WHO WHO HIS WHO WHICH AGENCIES ARE NOT NOT RESPONDING TO HIM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I DO BELIEVE THEN THAT MR. BIRN'S FULLY AWARE OF WHICH AGENCIES HE'S WAITING FOR AND THEREFORE YOU ARE WAITING FOR AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE WAITING FOR IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE FY22 AUDIT.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: YES I I TRY TO BE PROFESSIONAL ABOUT THE FACT THAT I DO NOT DISCUSS AUDITS THAT AREN'T FINALIZED AND RELEASED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: UNFORTUNATELY THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED THAT IT WANTS TO TO TALK ABOUT CONTENTS OF AUDITS THAT AREN'T RELEASED SO IF IF THEY ARE I'M SURE HE'LL BE HE'D BE WILLING TO TELL YOU WHO HE'S HAVING TO DEAL WITH THAT IS DELAYING THE AUDIT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS THAT WE ARE ALL AWAITING IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE AUDIT ARE CORRECTIONS FOR FINDINGS AS YOU CALL THEM MEANING SOMETHING'S WRONG THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG THE AUDIT HAD A FINDING THAT SOMETHING WAS EITHER DONE WRONG OR FINALIZED WRONG AND IT NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED SO THEY NEED TO TELL YOU HOW THEY'RE GOING TO CORRECT THAT.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: YES IF THOSE OF YOU THAT READ LAST YEAR'S AUDIT THERE WAS ABOUT ALMOST TWO DOZEN FINDINGS AND THE ADMINISTRATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING A RESPONSE THAT SAYS WE

ARE GOING THAT EITHER WE AGREE OR WE JUST DISAGREE WITH THE FINDING AND IF WE AGREE WITH THE FINDING THIS IS HOW WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS IN THE COMING YEAR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU THERE WAS A SEPTEMBER 13 2023 LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IT'S A PRESS RELEASE IT TALKS ABOUT GENERAL FUND SURPLUS FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEARS UNAUDITED AND IT TALKS ABOUT HAVING A \$105 MILLION NET SURPLUS I GUESS AND IF YOU TAKE OUT THE 28 MILLION THAT GOES TO THE RAINY DAY FUND THEY HAVE AN OPERATING SURPLUS OF 77 MILLION AND THEN THEY WENT ON TO SAY THAT IF YOU TAKE AWAY THE APPROPRIATIONS MADE THAT THERE IS AN UNASSIGNED SURPLUS BALANCE IS \$9 MILLION BUT THAT WAS SEPTEMBER 13 2023 THAT WAS AFTER THE BUDGET BILL WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE AND THEN IN WE GOT A FISCAL NOTE I THINK IT WAS ON AUGUST 5 SEPTEMBER 15 ON THE BILL THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NOW THE FISCAL NOTE SAYS EXCESS FY22 REVENUE REVENUES WERE OVER APPROPRIATED EVEN PRIOR TO THESE NEW APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FY 24 BUDGET AND I GUESS I'M JUST TRYING TO RECONCILE THOSE TWO ARE YOU ABLE ARE YOU ABLE TO CONFIRM THE NUMBERS THAT THE GOVERNOR SENT OUT IN THEIR PRESS RELEASE FIRST OF ALL.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: ONE I CANNOT CONFIRM OR DENY THAT THERE IS \$105 MILLION IN EXCESS THERE THERE IS A NUMBER IN THE BUDGET BUT IT'S NOT BEEN FINALIZED AND SO I I WILL NOT BE BE THE ONE THAT EXPOSES IT IF THE ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO DO THAT THEY MAY BUT I CANNOT PROFESSIONALLY DO THAT AND I WON'T WHERE THEY GET THE OTHER NUMBERS I CANNOT ADDRESS THOSE BECAUSE THOSE WERE DONE IN 23 I HAVEN'T EVEN DONE MY ENTRANCE MEETING YET FOR THE START OF THE 23 AUDIT OR I'M NOT SURE EVEN IF THEY FINISHED RECONCILING 23 YET THAT WAS DONE IN 23 AND THAT AUDIT IS IS MONTHS OUT WE HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED IT SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE THOSE NUMBERS COME FROM SO I CANNOT ADDRESS THOSE UNFORTUNATELY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WELL THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT FY22 REVENUES SO WHAT THEY'RE SAYING IN SEPTEMBER IS THAT THEY HAD \$105 MILLION EXCESS AND IF YOU TAKE AWAY ALL THE APPROPRIATIONS FROM THAT EXCESS THEY'RE STILL 9 MILLION LEFT BUT ONE MONTH LATER IN OCTOBER THEY'RE SAYING OH THERE WAS NEVER ANY EXCESS I MEAN THEY HAD BEEN OVER APPROPRIATED EVEN PRIOR TO THE BUDGET EVEN PRIOR TO OUR FY 24 BUDGET WHERE WE APPROPRIATED FY22 REVENUES THEY'RE SAYING IN OCTOBER OH NOW WE KNOW THAT THAT WAS ALL OVER THEY OVER APPROPRIATED I DON'T KNOW THAT WAS NOT MADE CLEAR TO US DURING THE BUDGET PROCEEDINGS EITHER ARE YOU ARE WOULD YOU DO YOU HAVE A FIRM NUMBER OF OR ABLE TO CONFIRM OR DENY WHETHER WE HAVE OVER APPROPRIATED FY22 EXCESS REVENUES.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: I I CANNOT UNTIL AFTER WE FINALIZE THE AUDIT AND THAT THE NUMBER THAT THEY GAVE YOU ON SEPTEMBER THE 13TH OF 2023 THREE THAT INCLUDED DEDUCTIONS THAT THEY MADE OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS OF 23 AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THOSE WERE AND SO I CAN'T SPEAK TO IT I SO I I CAN'T CONFIRM THOSE NUMBERS EITHER THEY'RE THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT CAN CONFIRM THOSE NUMBERS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WHEN THERE'S AN A SURPLUS AFTER THE AUDIT IS DONE AN AUDITED EXCESS WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT MONEY.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: THAT JUST STAYS IN THE GENERAL FUND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT IS THAT.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: UNLESS WE EITHER APPROPRIATE IT TO THE TO THE RAINY DAY FUND OR IT'S UTILIZED OTHER WAYS BUT IT'S JUST LIKE IN YOUR BANK ACCOUNT IF YOU HAVE EXCESS FUNDS IT'S THERE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THAT ABLE TO BE USED WITHOUT APPROPRIATION.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: NO THERE'S UNLESS YOU HAVE AN APPROPRIATION YOU CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT BE UTILIZING ANY MONEY THAT HASN'T BEEN AUTHORIZED AND APPROPRIATED BUT UNFORTUNATELY AS I SAID WHEN I WAS HERE THERE ARE MILLION HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS IF NOT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF APPROPRIATION BILLS THAT ARE SITTING IN THE BOOKS AND SO AT ANY TIME THEY COULD DECIDE I WANT TO BUILD THIS ROAD THAT WAS APPROPRIATED IN 1993 AND IT'S STILL GOOD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT DO HAVE YOU EVER AUDITED THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S FINANCES I THINK YOU JUST CAME OUT WITH ONE FINDING RECENTLY.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: YES WE DID.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH COULD YOU TELL US ABOUT THAT WHAT WERE THE DOWNSIDE I MEAN WHAT DO YOU THINK THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD PUT ITS ATTENTION ON FROM THAT AUDIT.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: THE ONE THE ONE THING I THINK EVERYBODY SHOULD REALIZE IS THAT THE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE THAT THEY CLAIM TO HAVE IS ARTIFICIALLY HIGH AS THEY ADMITTED AT THEIR LAST HEARING HERE AS FAR AS MEDICARE IS CONCERN THEY COULD BILL IN THE WORDS OF THE THE ADMINISTRATOR THEY COULD BILL 10 \$10,000 FOR TODAY BUT THEY WILL ONLY GET \$1,550 FROM MEDICARE SO THEY HAVE AN OUTSTANDING 8400 RECEIVABLE EVERY EVERY TIME THAT EVERY DAY THAT THEY BILL MEDICARE AND MEDICARE ACCOUNTS FOR ALMOST THE 3MS ACCOUNT FOR ALMOST 63% OF THEIR REVENUE OF THEIR REVENUE THAT'S THEY'RE NEVER GOING TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE ALL THAT BECAUSE THEY ADMIT THAT FOR THE 3MS YOU GET MAYBE 30 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR FOR THE FOR THE 10 OR 15% THAT ARE ACTUAL PAYABLE SELF-PAY THEY ONLY COLLECT ABOUT 15% I MEAN 26% I MEAN 26 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR FROM THEM AND THE SAME THING WITH WITH THE INSURANCE THE INSURANCE THEY'RE ALL DISCOUNTED THEY THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO COLLECT ALL OF THAT SO THEY THEY THEY KEEP IT'S INFLATED AND IT'S IT'S ARTIFICIAL AND THEY KEEP THINKING THAT THEY HAVE ALL THIS MONEY BUT THEY THERE'S MONEY THAT'S NEVER GOING TO BE REALIZED THEY INCREASED THEIR BILLING AND THEY'VE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO DO 5% A YEAR BUT IT'S NEVER GOING TO BE REALIZED MAYBE THEY'RE THEY'RE TRYING TO SAY THAT TO JUSTIFY TO TO MEDICARE THAT THEIR TEFER SHOULD GO UP AT SOME POINT BUT TEFER WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET UP 20 100% SO THEY'LL NEVER GET TO 10,000 EVEN IF TEER WAS TO BE INCREASED AT 2200 OR 2500 YOU KNOW LIKE THE LAST TIME OF 55500 INCREASE IT IT'S NEVER GOING TO GET TO THEIR FULL COST OF SERVICE YOU HAVE A HOSPITAL THAT HAS TO PROVIDE SERVICE FOR EVERYBODY THAT WALKS INTO THAT DOOR REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITY TO PAY AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE INSURANCE AND SO THEY WILL ALWAYS BE SHORT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO DO YOU THINK THEY SHOULD BE AWARE OF THAT AND THEY SHOULD BE BANKING THAT WAY I MEAN THAT HASN'T CHANGED OVER DECADES RIGHT THEY SO THEY KNOW THAT THEY HAVE TO ESTIMATE LESS THAN WHAT THEY'RE ACTUALLY BUILDING AS CONCRETE RECEIVABLES.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: BUT THEY ARE ALSO DEPENDING ON ADDITIONAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED FROM BY THIS LEGISLATURE TO THEM AND OTHER FUNDS AND THAT'S HOW THEY'RE MAY MAKING PAYING FOR FOR CERTAIN THINGS BUT THE THING IS IS THAT THEY HAVE TO HAVE THEY HAVE TO OPERATE AND THIS LEGISLATURE APPROVED THE NURSE'S INCREASE THAT INCREASE IS INCREASING THEIR OPERATIONS AND SO THEY WILL ALWAYS BE SHORT THERE'S THERE'S NO WAY THAT IT'S GOING TO BE A BREAK EVEN OR EVEN A PROFIT FOR-PROFIT ENTITY THIS IS NOT GWA OR GPA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH I DON'T THINK THEY PLAN TO BE PROFIT BUT NO.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: BUT THEY'LL NEVER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THEY SHOULD KNOW.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: BREAKEVEN BECAUSE THEY CAN'T.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THEY KNOW.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: THEY CAN'T.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THEY KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THE 3MS AND HOW MUCH THEY'RE GOING TO COLLECT RIGHT BASED ON THE RATES.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: THEY KNOW IT THEY WRITE IT UP IN THEIR IN THEIR IN THEIR MDNA IN MY HIGHLIGHTS I DON'T PUT QUOTES AROUND IT BUT 90% OF THEIR MY HIGHLIGHTS IS VERBATIM FROM THEIR MDNA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RIGHT OKAY ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY IMPEDIMENT TO THE HOSPITAL USING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: NO LIKE EVERY AGENCY I MEAN THEY THEY CAN IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY THEY THEY CAN JUSTIFY IT AND THEY THEY HAVE TO JUST FOLLOW THE THE PROCUREMENT RULES AS FAR AS I I I

DON'T BELIEVE THAT THERE'S BEEN ANY LEGISLATION THAT PROHIBITS A HOSPITAL FROM UTILIZING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT RULES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RIGHT THANK YOU THANK YOU MY TIME'S EXPIRED I APPRECIATE IT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR SHELTON DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION FOR THE OPA NONE SENATOR LUJAN DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION FOR THE OPA NONE SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR AND AGAIN BJ THANK YOU SO MUCH OR MR. PUBLIC AUDITOR THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE THE LAST FEW DAYS GREATLY APPRECIATE IT AND I APOLOGIZE MYSELF FOR HAVING YOU TO WAIT THIS LONG BUT I DO HAVE A QUESTION WITH REGARDS TO YOU KNOW BECAUSE THE AUDIT IS SO LATE I MEAN REALLY LATE I'VE I ALL MY YEARS I'VE I'VE NEVER SEEN IT THIS LATE YOU KNOW COMING TO COMING OUT AND WHAT WHAT ISSUES CAN WE FORESEE LIKE YOU KNOW THE BOND RATINGS OR RATINGS TO GUAM JUST KNOWING YOU KNOW PEOPLE KEEPING AN EYE ON GUAM AND OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION WHAT KIND OF DETRIMENT CAN HAPPEN TO TO US FOR IT BEING SO LATE IS MY QUESTION AND THE SECOND ONE IS DO YOU KNOW WHEN IT'S GOING TO COME OUT THE FY22 AUDIT.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE TAKEN TO HAVING STATUS MEETINGS WITH THE THE TEAM FROM THE AUDIT MUCH LIKE I USED TO HAVE STATUS HEARINGS WITH MY JUVENILES BECAUSE I CAN'T TRUST THEM TO JUST TO JUST LEAVE THEM FOR THREE MONTHS AND AND FIGURE THAT THEY'RE MOVING ALONG I'M SCHEDULING IT ALMOST THERE WAS ONE YESTERDAY THERE WAS ONE TODAY I HAVE ONE ON TUESDAY BECAUSE I'M ON THEM CONSTANTLY TRYING TO GET THIS OUT AND I KEEP TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO THEM AND TO ALL THE OTHER AGENCIES GDOE THE HOSPITAL WHEN AT LAST WEEK I KEEP TELLING THEM IF YOU WOULD HELP ME HELP YOU GET YOUR AUDIT OUT BEFORE APRIL AND THE LEGISLATURE HAS THESE AUDITS WHEN THEY'RE PUTTING TOGETHER THE BUDGET THEY WILL BE MORE SYMPATHETIC TO YOU IN PROVIDING YOU WITH THE FUNDS THAT YOU NEED BECAUSE YOU YOU CAN SEE THEY CAN SEE AND THEY HAVE SOMETHING CONCRETE TO SHOW HOW YOU SPENT MONEY IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR UNFORTUNATELY WITHOUT THE AUDIT YOU'RE IN THE BLIND YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHETHER OR NOT THEY SPENT IT WELL OR THEY MISSPENT IT AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT GIVE THEM MONEY AND SO I TOLD THEM PLEASE HELP ME HELP YOU GET IT OUT ON TIME SO THAT YOU CAN GET THE ASSISTANCE THAT YOU NEED THE PROPER APPROPRIATION THAT YOU NEED AND AND ALSO THAT THIS BODY CAN MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION ON HOW MUCH TO APPROPRIATE TO YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: HOW ABOUT THE OTHER QUESTION I ASKED YOU WELL YOU HAVEN'T ANSWERED THE QUESTION WHEN DO YOU THINK IT'LL BE OUT.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: THAT'S WELL WE ISSUED OR THE ADMINISTRATION ISSUED A LETTER THAT SAID IT WAS GOING TO COME OUT AUGUST THE 30TH IT DIDN'T THEN I THOUGHT WE WOULD GET IT OUT BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER THE MEETING THAT I HAD THE OTHER DAY UNTIL AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING I MEAN AUDITING STANDARDS THE AUDIT CAN'T BE RELEASED UNTIL THE ADMINISTRATION SUBMITS THEIR REPRESENTATION THEIR THEIR MANAGEMENT LETTER AND THEIR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND IF THEY DON'T GET IT IN THEY CAN KEEP DELAYING IT AND I KEEP I KEEP SCREAMING AT THEM AT THE IN IN THE MEETINGS OF WELL JUST HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU KEEP DO YOU NEED SHOULDN'T THERE BE A CUT OFF DATE AND I WISH THEY WOULD CUT IT OFF BUT THEY THEY KEEP TRYING TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS AND I'M GOING ACCEPT IT AS A FINDING AND JUST SAY YOU'RE GOING TO ADDRESS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY NOT YOU KNOW DON'T DON'T TRY TO RESOLVE THE THE FINDING JUST ACCEPT IT BUT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO AFTER THREE ATTEMPTS.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: SO NO.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: TO REQUEST.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: I HAVE INSISTED THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET IT OUT BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE THIS WEEKEND BUT BUT AFTER MY MEETING AT 3:00 TODAY IT OBVIOUSLY IS NOT GOING TO BE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY AND WELL WHAT IS A WHAT KIND OF STATUS ARE WE GOING TO PAINT OURSELVES BY NOT HAVING THESE AUDITS OUT IN TIME AND AND THIS LATE AS A GOVERNMENT ESPECIALLY WHEN WE GO OUT FOR BUDGET I MEAN FOR BONDS OR YOU KNOW BORROWING DOES IT AFFECT IT.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: I REALLY DON'T KNOW I I'M NOT A BOND PERSON AND SO I I DON'T WANT TO SPECULATE BUT IT'S NO SECRET THAT AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED IF WE GOT A BAD BOND RATING AND COULDN'T BORROW AGAIN.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: RIGHT.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE A BLESSING.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: EXACTLY I I THINK I'M REALLY CONCERNED YOU MENTIONED EAR OKAY CAN YOU TELL ME BJ WHEN WHEN ARE THE AUDITS DUE TO DOA TO TURN IN FROM THESE AGENCIES WHEN ARE WHEN ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO TURN THEM IN I MEAN THERE'S ONE THING TO HAVE THE AUDIT DONE BY JUNE 30TH BUT THE AGENCIES HAVE TO GIVE IT TO DOA IN IN TIME FOR THEM TO YOU KNOW PUT IT ALL TOGETHER WHEN ARE THESE AUDITS DUE FROM THESE AGENCIES TO DOA.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: THEY SHOULD BE DUE SOON AFTER THIS MONTH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WELL NO I'M TALKING ABOUT.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: AND TO AND TO HIS CREDIT MR. BIRN.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IN ORDER FOR MR. BIRN.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: TWO YEARS AGO WE BOTH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: DECIDED THAT WE WERE GOING TO TRY TO GET THESE THINGS OUT IN TIME HE SENT OUT A MEMO TO ALL THE AGENCIES DO YOUR MONTHLY AND YOUR QUARTERLY CLOSINGS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO TECHNICALLY IN ORDER FOR HIM TO BE ABLE TO.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: HE'S TRYING TO JUST TRYING TO GET THEM TO DO IT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: RIGHT SO IN ORDER FOR FOR HIM TO BE ABLE TO GIVE US AN AUDIT OR RELEASE THE AUDIT IN JUNE THE END OF JUNE THEN THE AGENCIES MUST PROVIDE THEIR REPORTS TO HIM BY LIKE FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS OUT BEFORE THE AUDIT IS DUE.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: AT LEAST A MONTH BEFORE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AT LEAST A MONTH BEFORE OKAY.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: AND AND.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHEN DID GUAM MEMORIAL.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THE GOVGUAM AUDIT WAS THIS LATE I WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE'LL BE IN SAME SIDE THAT WAS I BELIEVE FOUR YEARS AGO AND THE REASON WHY IT DIDN'T COME OUT UNTIL SEPTEMBER WAS BECAUSE GHURA HADN'T RELEASED IT HADN'T RELEASED THEIR AUDIT AND GHURA IS A MATERIAL COMPONENT UNIT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND WITH WITHOUT ITS INCLUSION IN THE IN IN THE IN THE AUDIT THE AUDIT WOULD HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED SO WE HAD IT WAS DELAYED THAT YEAR AND I THINK MANY OF YOU REMEMBER THE COMMOTION I CREATED AT THAT TIME WITH THEIR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT THE TIME ABOUT THE FACT THAT THAT THAT HE GOT AN INCREASE IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THIS AUDIT WAS LATE AND SUGGESTED AT THAT POINT THAT AUDITS NOT I MEAN INCREASES NOT BE PROVIDED TO TO TO ADMINISTRATORS IF THEIR AUDITS IS ARE ARE LATE BUT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I SEE.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: I I SUGGESTED THAT FOUR YEARS AGO AND I THINK SOME OF YOU REMEMBER IT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YES I WE REMEMBER IT I I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION WHEN DID THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SUBMIT THEIR AUDIT TO DOA.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: WHEN WE RELEASED IT LAST WEEK.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: JUST LAST WEEK.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: YEAH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO BUT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO PUT THAT AUDIT SOONER OR WHEN.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: THE WAY THAT WE HAD PLANNED IT AND I HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH MR. BIRN A FEW YEARS AGO AFTER THAT INCIDENT WITH GHURA THAT I WANTED ALL THE COMPONENT UNITS TO BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY 28TH BECAUSE THEN I WANTED THE GOVGUAM ONE TO BE MARCH THE 30TH AND AND I KEPT TELLING ALL OF THEM APPLE CAN GET THEIRS OUT BY DECEMBER AND THEY ARE EXPONENTIALLY LARGER THAN WE BUT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH IT'S OBVIOUS YOU KNOW THE FRUSTRATION THAT YOU HAVE IS NOT JUST FOR YOU BUT THIS BODY WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO PUT A BUDGET TOGETHER AND WHEN IT COMES TIME TO APPROPRIATING I THINK THE FRUSTRATION IS THAT WHEN WE START APPROPRIATING UNAUDITED FUNDS BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE DON'T WANT TO WAIT WE'VE BEEN WAITING TOO LONG WHEN AGENCIES NEED FUNDING WHEN ESPECIALLY NOW WE'RE HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF THAT SITUATION FOR THE HOSPITAL AND TRYING TO HELP IT OUT THAT WE START ENDING UP APPROPRIATING UNAUDITED FUNDS AND IT JUST ROLLS THAT WAY BUT DEFINITELY YOU KNOW A PUBLIC AUDITOR IT IT'S TIME FOR A BILL THAT ACTUALLY PUTS FINES TO AGENCIES DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO WHO RECEIVE QUITE A BIT SIX FIGURE YOU KNOW FUNDS YOU KNOW OR SALARIES SIX FIGURE SALARIES AND CAN'T EVEN PUT AN AUDIT OR PROVIDE AN AUDIT ON TIME SO I THINK WE NEED TO GET TO A POINT WHERE WE START PUTTING FINES TO THESE DIRECTORS WHO DON'T PROVIDE THEIR AUDITS IN TIME FOR US AND I THINK IT'S A BILL THAT'S COMING ITS WAY PRETTY SOON SO I HOPE MY GOOD CHEER ESPECIALLY YOU KNOW BEING AN APPROPRIATION VICE CHAIR OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SEEING WHAT THE APPROPRIATION CHAIR GO THROUGH AND HIS FRUSTRATIONS AS WELL I THINK IT'S TIME FOR A BILL THAT WILL PUT A FINE ON ON THESE AGENCIES THAT DON'T PROVIDE THE AUDITS ON TIME SO I THANK YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN I APOLOGIZE BJ OR PUBLIC AUDITOR SPEAKER FOR YOUR TIME ESPECIALLY BUT PLEASE TAKE BACK THAT I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A *DANGKULU NA SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* TO YOUR STAFF YOU KNOW THEY HAVE BEEN SO GOOD AT PROVIDING YOU KNOW INFORMATION THAT WE NEED IF THEY CAN AND THEN TAKING OUR PHONE CALLS SO I GREATLY APPRECIATE THEM AND LET THEM KNOW THAT WE DO APPRECIATE YOUR STAFF THANK YOU.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: THANK YOU AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE TOO AND SUPPORT TO OUR OFFICE ALSO BUT AGAIN YOU HAVE BEEN VERY KIND TO US BUT IN THE HEARINGS THAT I'VE HAD BEFORE YOU I HAVE SAID IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS LEGISLATURE MAKE SURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION ALSO GETS ASSISTANCE IN UPGRADING THE SALARIES OF THEIR ACCOUNTING DIVISION BECAUSE THEY HANDLED OVER TWO AND HALF BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR AND IF THEY DON'T GET THIS THE THE SALARY INCREASE THAT THEY SHOULD THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE FOR THEIR ACCOUNTING DIVISION THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO HIRE PEOPLE THAT'S GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT THAT THAT KIND OF THING AND THEY WILL ALWAYS BE BEHIND THEY THEY DON'T THEY CAN'T COMPETE TO GET A CPA THE SAME THING WITH GDOE THEY'RE AUDIT IS ALSO NOT COMPLETED BUT THEY JUST LOST THEIR CFO I DON'T DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO BUT THE THING IS IS THAT THEY DON'T HAVE THE THEY DON'T HAVE THE SALARY THE THE THAT IS COMMENSURATE TO BE ABLE TO COMPETE AGAINST THE AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES AND NOW THEY CAN'T EVEN COMPETE AGAINST MY AGENCY AND BECAUSE I CAN POACH FROM THEM BECAUSE I WE NOW PAY MORE BUT THEY NEED TO YOU NEED TO ADDRESS ALL THE ACCOUNTING DIVISIONS BECAUSE WE ARE NO LONGER A MOM AND PAP OPERATION WE ARE NOW A BILLION DOLLAR OR 2 BILLION DOLLAR OPERATION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU BJ AND AND THE DOE JUST LOST THEIR CFO IS THAT COOPER NURSE.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: NO NO NO.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OH OKAY JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: HE HE WENT BACK TO AUDITING.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY THANK YOU OH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR QUINATA DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE OPA.

SENATOR QUINATA: I DO HAVE A QUESTION UM FIRST AND FOREMOST THANK YOU TO THE TEAM THANK YOU FOR BEING A GREAT GREAT LEADER MR. SPEAKER DO YOU DO YOU FEEL THAT ALL REVENUES ARE AVAILABLE IN THIS PACKET THAT WAS GIVEN TO US.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: DO YOU THINK WHAT.

SENATOR QUINATA: DO YOU DO YOU FEEL THAT ALL REVENUES WERE IN WERE ADDRESSED IN THIS PACKET THAT WAS GIVEN TO US I DON'T WERE YOU THE ONE THAT GAVE THIS TO US NO.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: NO I WAS PROVIDED WITH THE THING IS IS THAT YES THEY YOU THEY THAT'S WHAT IT HAS TO BE DONE IS YOU NEED TO DE-APPROPRIATE SOME PROJECTS I'VE BEEN SAYING FOR YEARS DE-APPROPRIATE ALL THE PROJECTS AND THEN WHEN THERE'S NO NO NO OUTSTANDING APPROPRIATIONS THE ONLY ONE WHO CONTROLS WHAT HAPPENS ANYWHERE IS THIS BODY BUT AS LONG AS THIS BODY DOES NOT WANT TO DE-APPROPRIATE AND EVEN WHEN I WAS HERE I I HAVE TO ADMIT IN 10 YEARS I TRIED TO DO THAT BUT NOBODY NOBODY WANTS TO GIVE UP THEIR PROJECT THAT WAS APPROPRIATED 20 YEARS AGO BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE HOPE AT SOME POINT SOMEONE'S GOING TO DECIDE THAT THE NEW BASKETBALL COURT THAT'S GOING TO BE BUILT IN YOU KNOW I I DON'T KNOW WHICH VILLAGE DOESN'T HAVE BASKETBALL COURT YET THEY'RE GOING TO EXPECT THAT'S GOING TO FINALLY HAPPEN AND THEY DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONE THAT'S KNOWN IN THE VILLAGE AS HAVING GIVEN IT UP AND SO UNTIL SUCH TIME THERE WILL YOU JUST HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO DE-APPROPRIATE SOMETHING IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO APPROPRIATE SOMETHING ELSE.

SENATOR QUINATA: OKAY THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER AND THANK YOU MR. CHAIR OTHER THAN THAT I'VE EXHAUSTED MY QUESTIONS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU WE HAVE SENATOR FRANK BLAS.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOU GOT ONE QUESTION.

SENATOR BLAS: JUST ONE QUESTION MR. SPEAKER REFERRING TO YOUR FY22 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR FOR GMH THE VERY LAST PAGE OF YOUR REPORT YOU PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE ACCOUNTS WITH THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND IT BASICALLY 1,146 EMPLOYEES.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: THAT'S ON THE LAST PAGE OF THEIR AUDIT.

SENATOR BLAS: RIGHT DO YOU HAVE ANY OPINION OR ANY CONCERN WITH REGARDS TO THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES BASED ON THE OPERATIONS THAT THEY HAVE ARE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO PARTAKE IN COMPARISON TO LET'S SAY GRMC.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: NO I I THINK IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO PUBLICLY MAKE A MAKE A STATEMENT ON THAT BECAUSE THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE MANAGEMENT'S DECISION I I DO KNOW THAT WHEN I WAS COMMITTEE CHAIR THAT GRMC ALWAYS CAME IN AND SAID THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO OPERATE WITH I BELIEVE ABOUT HALF THE STAFF THAT WE HAVE.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY AND I I PREFACE THAT NOT SO MUCH I DON'T WANT TO PUT YOU IN A POSITION BUT I I THINK TO BE VERY FAIR FOR GMHA WHEN WE GO BACK TO QUESTIONING THEM THAT MAY BE A AN ISSUE WITH REGARDS TO MANAGEMENT ON THAT BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH I JUST NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO POINT THAT OUT THAT THIS WAS A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION IN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR FY22.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: YES.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BARNETT DO YOU HAVE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ONE QUESTION YES.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR I JUST WANTED TO ASK THE PUBLIC AUDITOR IF HE'S ABLE TO TO STATE DEFINITELY IF THERE WILL BE AN EXCESS ANY EXCESS REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 22.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: ON PAPER I'M SURE THERE IS AND PROBABLY ON OCTOBER THE 1ST OF 23 I I MEAN OF 22 LAST YEAR THAT YES THERE PROBABLY WAS ACCESS I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT IS TODAY BUT ON OCTOBER 1ST OF 19 20 22 YES THERE WAS.

SENATOR BARNETT: NICE SMART ANSWER ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY OTHER FUNDING SOURCE THAT WE CAN USE TO TO BRING \$30 MILLION TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

PUBLIC AUDITOR – CRUZ: NOT THAT I KNOW OF NOT THAT I KNOW OF I MEAN BECAUSE YOU YOU THIS LEGISLATURE EVEN UNFORTUNATELY EVEN DURING THE YEARS THAT THE 13 YEARS THAT I WAS HERE WE APPROPRIATE WE PASSED TOO MANY APPROPRIATION BILLS AND THEY'RE STILL OUT THERE AND THEY'RE STILL YOU KNOW IT'S LIKE HAVING A WIFE WITH A OR SPOUSE WITH A CREDIT CARD I STILL HAVE THAT ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO BUY SOMETHING ELSE AND SO YOU'LL NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH THEY'RE GOING TO SPEND UNTIL YOU GIVE YOU SAY ALL RIGHT YOU ONLY HAVE A LIMIT AND YOU HAVE TO CUT BACK.

SENATOR BARNETT: AND YOU CAN'T SAY DEFINITELY WHEN THE AUDIT WILL BE OUT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IF I AT THIS POINT AFTER TODAY'S MEETING I MEAN THAT I HAD AT 3:00 I WANT TO HAVE IT OUT BEFORE NEXT FRIDAY BUT I WANTED IT OUT THIS FRIDAY I WANTED IT OUT LAST FRIDAY BUT I'M PUSHING TO TRY TO GET IT OUT BY NEXT FRIDAY BUT UNLESS THE MR. BIRN IS ABLE TO GET THE AGENCIES TO.

SENATOR BARNETT: I DON'T KNOW WHY NO ONE'S ASKED MR. BIRN SO WHAT BUT MR. BIRN I KNOW OKAY I'M JUST YEAH OKAY SO I MEAN WE'RE JUST IN THIS TOUGH POSITION BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE'RE FLYING BLIND TRYING TO APPROPRIATE NO AUDIT AND THEN YOU KNOW WHEN WE DO WE GET LECTURED FROM *ADELUP* AND THEY'RE THE ONES HOLDING UP THE AUDIT SO IT'S JUST FRUSTRATING ALL AROUND BUT I THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WELL OKAY NO YOU YOU YOU'LL STILL BE BLIND BECAUSE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE 22 NOT THE 23 AND SO THERE'S BEEN 12 MONTHS SINCE THE 22 AND SO I LOTS HAS HAPPENED IN THE INTERIM INCLUDING A TYPHOON AND SO I NOT SURE WHAT WAS LEFT OF 22 AND WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE WHATEVER THE CRER EXCESSES WERE DURING THAT TIME AND SO IF THEY'RE WILLING TO TO SAY THEY'RE GOING TO SET ASIDE 20 I MEAN 30 I DON'T KNOW I I WISH SOMEONE HAD MADE THAT OFFER WHEN I WAS CHAIR.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK THANK YOU MR. AUDITOR THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MY COLLEAGUES THAT BEING SAID WE WE'LL EXCUSE NOW THE THE THE AUDITOR SPEAKER CRUZ AND WE'LL WE'LL RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 10:00 AND WE'LL CONTINUE ON WITH THE ROUNDS WITH THE REST OF THE PANEL THANK YOU RECESS TIL 10:00 TOMORROW MORNING.

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SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE COMMITTEE THE WHOLE IS CALLED TO ORDER UNFORTUNATELY WE DON'T HAVE A QUORUM SO WE WILL STAY AT RECESS AT THIS TIME I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR SHOWING UP SPEAKER TERA I SENATOR FRANK BLAS AND SENATOR LUJAN THANK YOU WE WILL REMAIN AT RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER WE HAVE A QUORUM WITH THAT NOTE SENATOR DUEÑAS I THINK YOU'VE COMPLETED YOUR FIRST ROUND YOU'RE GOOD OKAY SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE NEXT.

SENATOR PARKINSON: WE'RE STILL ON THE FIRST ROUND.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WE'RE STILL ON THE FIRST ROUND.

SENATOR PARKINSON: I'LL PASS ON THE FIRST ROUND.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY SENATOR BARNETT DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THE FIRST THIS WE'RE ON THE FIRST ROUND.

SENATOR BARNETT: GOOD MORNING *BIBA BETNES* GOOD MORNING PANEL OKAY I GUESS THIS THE FIRST QUESTION I HAVE IS FOR THE HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT WE DON'T WANT TO JUST BAIL YOU OUT AND THEN BE BACK IN THE SAME SITUATION NEXT YEAR OR EVEN IN THE NEXT TERM SO WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE AREAS OF MANAGEMENT THAT WE CAN IMPROVE ON AND WHAT CHANGES OR CORRECTIVE MEASURES WILL YOU TAKE TO AVOID COMING TO THIS JUNCTURE AGAIN.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: OKAY THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION SENATOR I'LL JUST REITERATE ALSO WHAT THE OPA SPEAKER FORMER SPEAKER BJ CRUZ THAT YOU KNOW HE'S MENTIONED THAT YOU KNOW WITH OUR SITUATION THE COLLECTION THE BILLING AND THE COLLECTION THE PAYERS WE'RE NOT GETTING REIMBURSED 100% PROBABLY THE MOST WOULD BE 60 TO 70% FROM THE VARIOUS PAYERS INCLUDING THE MIP MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SO REALLY THE FINANCIAL SIDE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT MAY BE SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO THEN YOU KNOW RAMP UP AND AND GIVE MORE SUPPORT BUT IT'S ALSO LINKED TO OUR ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM WE LAUNCHED THAT SYSTEM IN OCTOBER AND WE THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE THE BEST PRODUCT FOR US BUT WE'RE DISCOVERING THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME ISSUES WITH IT IN TERMS OF INTERFACING THE SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED BY THE VARIOUS AREAS SUCH AS THE PATIENT CARE UNITS LABORATORY RADIOLOGY WHATEVER CHARGES AND WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY THOSE VARIOUS AGENT UNITS DOESN'T ALWAYS GET TRANSLATED OVER TO THE FISCAL SIDE AND SO THAT'S ONE OF THE AREAS I THINK IS THAT WE NEED HELP WITH AND MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT IS OUR ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM AND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING AN RFP FOR A NEW PRODUCT THAT IS OUT THERE IN THE MARKET THAT WE THINK WILL WORK BEST FOR THE HOSPITAL.

SENATOR BARNETT: SO WOULD IT WOULD IT BE FAIR TO SAY THAT A LOT OF THIS MONEY IS ISN'T LOST FOREVER IT'S JUST THAT BECAUSE OF THE SHORT COMINGS WITH THE EHR THAT YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO GET TO IT NOW.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IT'S NOT THAT IT'S NOT LOST FOREVER BECAUSE WE THERE IS A TIME FRAME THAT WE CAN THEN REALLY GET OUR BILLS OUT IN A TIMELY MANNER AND BE REIMBURSED FOR IT THERE IS A TIME LIMITATION.

SENATOR BARNETT: MUCH HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S MANDATE TO ACCEPT ALL PATIENTS REGARDLESS OF ABILITY TO PAY OR INSURANCE STATUS SO WHAT DO YOU THINK IS A GOOD ESTIMATE ON A SUBSIDY AMOUNT THAT COULD BE FACTORED INTO YOUR ANNUAL BUDGET THAT COULD ABSORB THIS MANDATE AND COULD YOU JUST BASE THIS ESTIMATE OFF OF WHAT YOU WOULD ESTIMATE IF YOU WERE TO IMPROVE YOUR COLLECTIONS.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: I'LL LET YUKA ANSWER THAT QUESTION AN ESTIMATE.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: SO THAT'S ALL ACCOUNTED FOR WHEN WE SUBMIT OUR ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST WE DO FACTOR IN ALL THE COSTS FROM ALL THE DEPARTMENTS WHICH IS THE COST TO PROVIDE CARE TO ANYBODY THAT WALKS INTO OUR INTO OUR HOSPITAL AND THEN WE WE ALSO OFFSET THAT WITH ANY PROJECTED REVENUES BASED ON PATIENT CENSUS OUR PER DIEM RATES OUR COLLECTION RATES FROM ALL THE PAYERS AND SO THE DIFFERENCE IN THAT IS WHAT IS OUR SHORTFALL AND THAT'S WHAT WE ALWAYS REQUEST IN OUR IN OUR BUDGET.

SENATOR BARNETT: LILLIAN IN OVERSIGHT HEARING THAT TOOK PLACE I THINK LAST WEEK YOU HAD SAID ON THE RECORD THAT WE COULD JUST CLOSE DOWN THE HOSPITAL AND I'M SURE THAT DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO IMPROVE THE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE AND OUR ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL BUT COULD YOU PLEASE ELABORATE ON THAT STATEMENT AND MAYBE HIGHLIGHT THE AREAS OF PATIENT CARE THAT YOU THINK HAVE BEEN IMPACTED THE MOST BY THE HOSPITAL'S CURRENT CRISIS.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT STATEMENT BUT YOU KNOW REALLY TRUTHFULLY BECAUSE OF OUR CONTINUOUS STRUGGLE WITH OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION WE HAVE VENDORS CLAMORING ON OUR DOOR ON OUR WINDOWS TO THEN PAY THEM AND SO BECAUSE OF OUR LIMITED FINANCIAL SITUATION WE'RE JUST VERY THANKFUL AND BLESSED THAT SOME OF THESE VENDORS SUCH AS YOU KNOW PHARMACEUTICAL VENDORS OXYGEN LAUNDRY THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE US THE SUPPLIES THAT WE NEED BUT OF COURSE WE NEED TO REIMBURSE THEM SO FOR THAT REASON IT'S IT'S REALLY VERY CHALLENGING TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL OPERATIONAL EVEN THOUGH WE DO OUR BEST IT IS CHALLENGING IN THE AREAS THAT WE MAY THAT YOU'RE QUESTIONING AS FAR AS MAYBE CURTAILING SOME OF THE SERVICES PERHAPS MAYBE LIKE IN THE OPERATING ROOM BUT I DON'T RECOMMEND THAT BECAUSE THAT IS A REVENUE GENERATING AREA FOR US YOU KNOW WITH ESPECIALLY WITH ELECTIVE SURGERIES THAT'S WHERE WE CAN GENERATE MORE REVENUES AND SO WE REALLY DON'T WANT TO CLOSE THAT DOWN BUT YOU KNOW DURING COVID AND DURING THE TYPHOON WE SUSPEND ELECTIVE SURGERIES SO MAYBE FOR A SHORT PERIOD WE CAN SUSPEND ELECTIVE SURGERIES BUT I DON'T RECOMMEND THAT BUT IF PUSH COMES TO SHOVE IF WE CAN CURTAIL IF WE NEED TO CURTAIL SOME SOME OF THE SERVICES THAT CAN BE ONE OF THE AREAS UM THAT AS FAR AS ANY OTHER AREAS I DON'T THINK WE CAN YOU KNOW PEOPLE COME TO THE HOSPITAL IT'S A PUBLIC HOSPITAL IF YOU'RE HAVING CHEST PAINS WE'RE NOT GOING TO TELL YOU DON'T COME RIGHT SO AND WE ARE THE ONLY MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICE HOSPITAL AND SO WOMEN IN LABOR THEY HAVE TO COME THEY HAVE TO COME TO THE HOSPITAL SO WE CAN'T CLOSE THAT DOWN EITHER.

SENATOR BARNETT: SO IT KIND OF SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE NOT REALLY CLEAR ON THE IMPACT OF PATIENT CARE AND SERVICES IN THIS CURRENT HOSPITAL CRISIS BUT YOU KNOW WHEN WE HAD THE OVERSIGHT HEARING AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW WE HAD A COUPLE NURSES COME OUT AND TESTIFY SPECIFICALLY ABOUT AREAS OF PATIENT CARE AND SERVICES THAT WERE IMPACTED WOULD YOU GENERALLY AGREE WITH THOSE STATEMENTS THAT WERE MADE IN THAT TESTIMONY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THERE'S NO DENIAL THAT THERE ARE SOME AREAS THAT GET IMPACTED YOU KNOW LIKE THE LACK OF SUPPLIES THE FACILITY WHEN THE AIRCON WENT OUT YOU KNOW THAT WAS IT IMPACTED WHEN THE EHR WENT DOWN THAT WAS IMPACTED BUT YOU KNOW WE CONTINUE WE REALLY HAVE A GREAT TEAM OF WORKERS DOWN THERE WHO GIVE THEIR HEART AND SOUL AND THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE BEST CARE THAT THEY CAN YES THERE WAS AN ISSUE ABOUT WIPES LIKE I SAID I'VE BEEN A NURSE MYSELF AND I DID NOT HAVE WIPES WHEN I WAS PRACTICING WE HAVE OTHER MEASURES OR OTHER THINGS THAT WE CAN DO SO PATIENT CARE CAN BE IMPACTED YES BUT WE ALSO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SAFEST CARE AND WE CONTINUE TO EXERCISE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT INFECTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: WERE WAS WERE THERE ANY RETALIATORY MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST ANY EMPLOYEES WHO TESTIFIED IN THE OVERSIGHT HEARING ABOUT GMH'S CONDITIONS.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: CAN YOU REPEAT THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: WAS THERE ANY WERE THERE WAS THERE ANY RETALIATION AGAINST EMPLOYEES WHO HAD TESTIFIED IN THE OVERSIGHT HEARING ABOUT CONDITIONS AT GMH.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: I DON'T THINK SO AND FROM MY PERSPECTIVE I WELCOME PEOPLE TO FEEL COMFORTABLE AND CONFIDENT AND SAFE THAT THEY CAN EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS AND WE WELCOME THAT BUT WE ALSO WOULD LIKE FOR SOME SOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND WE WORK TOGETHER BUT I HAVEN'T SOME OF THE PEOPLE WERE HURT THEY FELT HURT AND BUT YOU KNOW WE'RE HUMAN BEINGS BUT NO I DON'T THINK THAT THERE'S BEEN ANY RETALIATION AND MY MESSAGE TO THE MANAGERS PARTICULARLY THE NURSING MANAGERS IS NO WELCOME THEM TO SPEAK THEIR MINDS FREELY AND TO BRING THE CONCERNS SO THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO COME WITH SOLUTIONS.

SENATOR BARNETT: DO YOU THINK THERE WAS ANY POINT BEFORE NOW WHERE WE'RE LOOKING AT \$30 MILLION IN THE HOLE WITH THE VENDORS WHERE YOU COULD HAVE COME TO THE LEGISLATURE AND AND MAYBE APPRISED APPRISED US OF THE SITUATION THAT WAS COMING AND BASICALLY WHY DO WE WAIT TILL WE WERE 30 MILLION IN THE HOLE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SENATOR IF I CAN ALSO SAY A LITTLE BIT I'LL LET YUKA BUT AT THE TIME IN JULY WHEN WE PRESENTED OUR BUDGET REQUESTS WE DID WE MENTIONED THAT WE NEED WE'RE SHORT AND THAT'S WHY WE LOOKED TO THE UH TO THIS LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP FOR THE AUTHORITY THAT THIS LEGISLATION HAS IN TERMS OF APPROPRIATING WHAT WE NEED TO SUBSIDIZE THAT HOSPITAL SO IT'S NOT BEEN A SECRET WE HAVE BEEN SAYING IT MAYBE WE'RE NOT CRYING LOUD ENOUGH BUT WE HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT WE THE HOSPITAL NEEDS FINANCIAL SUBSIDY THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MS. LILLIAN SO THE RESOLUTION THAT WE JUST VOTED ON AND PASSED YESTERDAY THERE'S A A PIECE OF LANGUAGE IN THERE THAT SAYS IF WE DON'T DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY AT THE HOSPITAL THAT IT WOULD NECESSITATE THE CALL FOR FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP AND I SAW THAT YOU HAD MADE COMMENTS ON THAT IN THE MEDIA CAN YOU JUST EXPLAIN TO THE BODY WHY YOU DON'T SUPPORT A FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: I'LL BE HONEST I DON'T HAVE A FULL AND CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP PROGRAM OR OPTION BUT WHAT I HAVE BEEN TOLD IT IS QUITE COSTLY AND IT IS GOING TO COST US MORE MONEY AND I DON'T KNOW THAT REALLY THAT IS GOING TO BE THE SOLUTION MY UNDERSTANDING OF A FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S SOME CONTROL BY THE RECEIVER WHETHER IT'S THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR WHATEVER ENTITY PRIVATE ENTITY GETS AWARDED UH BY THE COURT TO THEN YOU KNOW TAKE OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF IT AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CREDITORS SUCH AS THE VENDORS THAT WE OWE ARE PAID AND SO THAT'S MY THE GIST OF MY UNDERSTANDING OF THAT FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP AND THAT'S WHY I COMMENTED THAT IT IS GOING TO BE VERY COSTLY.

SENATOR BARNETT: I I THINK IT'S PRETTY CLEAR AND I ALSO SAW IN THE MEDIA THAT YOU HAD SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT YOUR RESIGNATION.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SURE THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION AFTER PRAYING ON IT MORE YOU KNOW DEEPLY AND INTENTLY AND RUMINATING ON IT AND THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM THE STAFF FROM MANY PEOPLE TO SAY LILLIAN DON'T DON'T QUIT DON'T GIVE UP YOU KNOW JUST STAY IN THERE AND HANG IN THERE SO AFTER THAT I HAVE MADE MY FORMAL DECISION AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIRWOMAN THERESA OBISPO THAT MY DECISION IS TO STAY ON IN THIS POST UNLESS THEY DECIDE TO BOOT ME OUT OR YOU GOING SAY LILLIAN THAT'S OKAY YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND GO.

SENATOR BARNETT: YOU YOU TESTIFIED ON THE RECORD IN PREVIOUS HEARINGS I THINK IN THE OVERSIGHT HEARING AND THEN ALSO WHEN YOU GUYS CAME DOWN FOR THE THE BUDGET THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD PROVIDED FUNDING AND SUPPORT CAN YOU AGAIN ELABORATE IS THIS SEPARATE FROM THE \$20 MILLION THAT HAS BEEN COMMITTED AND JUST MAYBE EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THE FUNDING THAT WAS GIVEN AND THE SUPPORT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: YES EVERY NOW AND THEN WHEN WE REALLY ARE CHALLENGED AND OUR ACCOUNTS ARE REALLY LOW THAT WE'RE NOT ABLE TO MAKE PAYROLL AND THE PAYABLES I I PUT MY PRIDE ASIDE AND I BEG THE GOVERNOR I BEG ED WE NEED SOME HELP FINANCIALLY AND SO YES THE GOVERNOR COMES THROUGH TO HELP US WITH OUR PAYROLL AND ALSO WITH SOME OF THE VENDOR PAYMENTS.

SENATOR BARNETT: HAVE YOU HAD ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR OR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RECENT RECENTLY ABOUT THE THE CURRENT CRISIS AND THIS EMERGENCY SESSION AND ALL THAT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: YES WE HAVE WELL WE SORRY WE FREQUENTLY HAVE CONVERSATIONS WHERE WE ARE WITH THE FINANCES AND THE GOVERNOR DOES ALSO REACH OUT TO US AND WE MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS AS FAR AS TO DISCUSS MORE ABOUT OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION AND OUR BILLING AND OUR COLLECTIONS PROCESSES AND WHERE WE STAND ON THAT ONE SO YES WE COMMUNICATE REGULARLY ON THAT.

SENATOR BARNETT: HAVE YOU MADE ANY ASK TO THE GOVERNOR TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF ARP FUNDS THAT SHE'S WILLING TO COMMIT TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FROM THE 20 MILLION.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IT WAS THE GOVERNOR WHO REALLY OFFERED IT TO US THAT YOU KNOW WITH THE LEGISLATURE INTRODUCING A BILL 164 TO THEN THE LEGISLATURE TO SUBSIDIZE US WITH THE 30 MILLION FOR THE VENDOR PAYMENTS THAT THEN SHE'S ALSO OFFERED THE 20 MILLION TO HELP US WITH THE IMPROVEMENT AND CONTINUATION OF THE REPAIRS FOR THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE OF THE HOSPITAL SO WE CAN SOLIDIFY IT AND STRENGTHEN IT IF IN THE EVENT WE HAVE ANOTHER STORM WE'VE WE'VE COMPLETED ALL THOSE REPAIRS AND THE RENOVATIONS.

SENATOR BARNETT: HAVE YOU HAD ANY COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR'S CHIEF ADVISER ON HEALTH CARE RELATIVE TO THE CONDITIONS AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISOR FOR HEALTH CARE IS THAT MR. DENNIS RODRIGUEZ.

SENATOR BARNETT: I I BELIEVE SO.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: OKAY I HAVEN'T BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE DENNIS RECENTLY BUT IN THE BEGINNING WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED WE'VE MET SEVERAL TIMES TO DISCUSS THE THE WHOLE SITUATION OF THE HOSPITAL PARTICULARLY RECRUITMENT OF DOCTORS AND NURSES AND ALSO THOSE PATIENTS THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN IN OUR HOSPITAL AND OCCUPYING THE ACUTE CARE BEDS WHEN THEY DON'T REALLY NEED TO BE THERE ANYMORE AND SO WE'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT A SOLUTION FOR IT A HOME FOR THEM SUCH AS A TRANSITIONAL CARE FACILITY FOR THEM SO THAT WE CAN DECOMPRESS THE ACUTE CARE BEDS SO THAT THOSE IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO BE WAITING TOO LONG TO GET AN IMPATIENT BED SO THOSE HAVE BEEN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE THE HEALTHCARE ADVISOR MR. DENNIS RODRIGUEZ I HAVEN'T BEEN IN CONVERSATION WITH HIM LATELY SO.

SENATOR BARNETT: I DID SEE ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION DOCUMENTS THAT THE CHIEF ADVISER ON HEALTHCARE RESIGNED EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30TH 2023 WERE YOU AWARE OF THIS.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SAW THAT NEWS TOO YES.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY AND WAS IT RELATED TO THE CURRENT CRISIS AT THE GUAM HOSPITAL DO YOU KNOW.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: I I HAVE NO INFORMATION ON IT I AM NOT PRIVILEGED TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE BASIS IS AND WHAT THE YOU KNOW REASONS ARE SO.

SENATOR BARNETT: BUT YOU HAVE YOU DID HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM INITIALLY ON.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IN THE BEGINNING.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IN THE VERY BEGINNING CORRECT YES.

SENATOR BARNETT: MR KANDO I READ IN THE NEWS THAT YOU RECENTLY MOVED INTO A CLASSIFIED POSITION AND I KNOW THAT SOME PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC WOULD OFFER THE OPINION THAT WE'RE FACING A CRISIS AND THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT MAYBE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN PRIORITY OVER MOVING YOU INTO A POSITION THAT UH GIVES YOU MORE JOB SECURITY SO IF YOU COULD JUST APPRISE THE BODY OF THE THE IMPETUS THE PROCESS AND THE TIMELINE OF THIS EVENT.

GMH – KANDO: THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION SENATOR SO I HAD BEEN IN DISCUSSION ACTUALLY WITH LILLIAN ON THIS ISSUE OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS DIDN'T IT DIDN'T JUST COME SUDDEN AND SO I INFORMED HER THAT THAT I HAD AN INTEREST IN STEPPING DOWN AND COMPETING THROUGH THE MERIT SYSTEM FOR THIS PARTICULAR POSITION THAT I WAS I WAS QUALIFIED FOR I WAS INTERVIEWED FOR AND I WAS APPOINTED TO THE POSITION IT HAD NOTHING TO DO IF I IF I HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE CRISIS THE GIVEN CRISIS THAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH NOW I WOULD HAVE I WOULD HAVE ASKED FOR TO RETIRE AND I'M STILL HERE AND I'M I'M STILL FIGHTING THE SAME ISSUES AND I'M STILL INTEREST VERY INTERESTED IN FIGHTING THESE ISSUES FOR THE FOR THE COMMUNITY'S ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE I'M NOT I'M NOT NOT AFRAID TO TO FRONT AND FACE CHALLENGES I WALK INTO THE FIRE WHEN WE HAVE A TYPHOON I DON'T I DON'T I DON'T WALK AWAY I DON'T STAY AT HOME UNLESS I'M TOLD TO STAY HOME SO THAT'S THAT'S THAT'S MY FEELING THAT'S MY POSITION.

SENATOR BARNETT: WAS THIS POSITION WOULD YOU SAY IT WAS CREATED FOR YOU OR WAS THIS POSITION ANNOUNCED AND WAS IT WAS IT COMPETED FOR.

GMH – KANDO: WE WE RESTRUCTURED WE'VE BEEN RESTRUCTURING VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF THE HOSPITAL OPERATIONS INCLUDED AND THIS WAS A RESTRUCTURE THAT TOOK PLACE I THINK ABOUT A YEAR AGO IN WORKING WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IT GOES THROUGH THE BHR SUBCOMMITTEE UH TO THE FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL SO WE HAD WE HAD ADDED THESE POSITIONS BECAUSE THE OPERATIONS DIVISION IS ONE OF THE LARGEST DIVISIONS IN THE HOSPITAL SO IT'S VERY COMPLEX AND AND ALL OF THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS ARE JUST SO DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER THAT WE JUST NEEDED MORE LAYERS OF LEADERSHIP IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE IT.

SENATOR BARNETT: SO SO IS THAT A A YES IT WAS TAYLOR MADE FOR YOU OR.

GMH – KANDO: NOT FOR ME NO NO.

SENATOR BARNETT: SO THERE WAS NUMEROUS.

GMH – KANDO: WE DO NOT CREATE ANY POSITIONS FOR ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL WE NEVER DO THAT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IF I MAY INTERJECT.

SENATOR BARNETT: PLEASE LILLIAN.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THIS IS A POSITION THAT WAS IN EXISTENCE SINCE LONG LONG TIME AGO AND IT WAS CALLED ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND IT WAS A CLASSIFIED POSITION IT WAS MADE CLASSIFIED BY THE PER FORMER EMPLOYEE WHO OCCUPIED IT MANY MANY YEARS AGO AND SO IN THE RECLASSIFICATION OF OUR ADMIN OFFICE WE THEN RETITLED THAT TO ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF OPERATIONS AND THAT WAS OCCUPIED BY MR. DON RABANAL BUT THEN HE RETIRED HE RESIGNED AND MOVED TO THE MAINLAND SO THAT POSITION WAS THEN VACANT TO WHICH MR. KANDO SAID HE APPLIED FOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SEN SEN.

SENATOR BARNETT: HOW MANY APPLICANTS WERE THERE FOR THAT POSITION.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THERE WAS ANOTHER APPLICANT BUT UNFORTUNATELY REVIEW BY THE HR.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'M SORRY MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: CAN WE JUST.

SENATOR BARNETT: I I JUST FEEL IT'S RELEVANT BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE HOSPITAL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE STAY RELEVANT TO.

SENATOR BARNETT: YEAH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: 164.

SENATOR BARNETT: YEAH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THERE WAS ANOTHER APPLICANT BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE REVIEW BY THE HR THAT APPLICANT DID NOT QUALIFY FOR THAT POSITION SO MR. KANDO WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS QUALIFIED.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: I WAS LOOKING OVER YOUR STAFFING PATTERN AND I I NOTICED A LOT OF INCONSISTENCIES WITH SOME OF THESE UNCLASSIFIED POLITICAL HIRE POSITIONS LIKE THE PROGRAM COORDINATORS SO IN JUST KIND OF A CURSORY REVIEW THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY RHYME OR REASON WITH THE THE AND MAYBE YOU COULD EXPLAIN AND CLARIFY THIS PROGRAM COORDINATOR TWO SO FOR EXAMPLE I SAW A PROGRAM COORDINATOR TO IN PATIENT AFFAIRS WHO MAKES 64,000 BUT THEN THERE WAS ANOTHER PROGRAM COORDINATOR TWO WHO MAKES 111,000 IN SALARY AND THEN IN PATIENT REGISTRATION THERE'S A PROGRAM COORDINATOR THREE WHO MAKES 59,000 BUT IN SKILLED NURSING THERE'S A PC3 WHO MAKES 73,000 BUT IN RADIOLOGY THERE'S A PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR WHO MAKES JUST 61,000.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IF I MAY CORRECT YOU SIR.

SENATOR BARNETT: PLEASE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THOSE ARE NOT POLITICAL HIRES THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR THAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO WHO'S EARNING A HUNDRED SOME THOUSAND DOLLARS THAT INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN EMPLOYED WITH THE HOSPITAL AS A STAFF NURSE BUT SHE OPTED TO STEP DOWN FROM THAT POSITION AND WE NEEDED HER EXPERTISE TO HELP US OUT IN THE FISCAL DEPARTMENT WITH REGARDS TO SOME OF THE CLAIMS THAT GET DENIED BECAUSE SHE HAS THAT EXPERIENCE IN TERMS OF CLAIM CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE THAT SHE CAN THEN GO BACK TO THOSE RECORDS OF THOSE PATIENTS OF THOSE CLAIMS THAT THE INSURANCE DENY THAT SO WE'RE USING HER EXPERTISE BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL STEPPED DOWN FROM BEING A STAFF NURSE DIDN'T WANT TO WORK THE FLOOR ANYMORE SO WE SHIFTED HER OVER THERE BUT BECAUSE OF HER YEARS OF EXPERIENCE THAT'S WHY HER SALARY IS THAT HIGH SO AND IT'S NOT A POLITICAL HIRE.

SENATOR BARNETT: IT'S I MEAN UNCLASSIFIED IT'S UNCLASSIFIED POSITION.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SHE'S A CLASSIFIED POSITION.

SENATOR BARNETT: THAT'S A CLASSIFIED OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SHE'S CLASSIFIED.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: BECAUSE OF HER.

SENATOR BARNETT: SO I'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF THE THE DIFFERENT AMOUNTS SO ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU USE THESE PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITIONS TO PUT PEOPLE THAT WOULD OTHERWISE HOLD OTHER TITLES INTO.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: NOT ALL OF THEM BUT THAT'S ONE EXAMPLE THAT YOU'RE YOU'RE YOU KNOW HIGHLIGHTING.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: AND SO I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU AND THEN WHAT ABOUT THE THE VACANT POSITION OF THE HOSPITAL CHIEF PLANNER IS THAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO KEEP THAT VACANT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WELL WE ANNOUNCED IT BUT THEN YOU AGAIN WE'RE STILL NOT GETTING APPLICANTS FOR THAT POSITION SO.

SENATOR BARNETT: THAT'S 300,000 A YEAR RIGHT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: \$300,000 A YEAR.

SENATOR BARNETT: YEAH.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: FOR THE CHIEF PLANNER.

SENATOR BARNETT: THAT'S WHAT I SAW THANK YOU.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THAT WAS MORE THAN THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR SALARY.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU THANK YOU MR. CHAIR THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT AT THIS POINT AT THIS TIME COLLEAGUES WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A 15 MINUTE RECESS THEY NEED TO RESET THE CAMERAS THEY'RE HAVING SOME TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AT THIS THING THANK YOU WE'LL BE IN RESET FOR 15 MINUTES.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER WE NOW PROCEED TO SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU HAVE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES I DO MR. CHAIR AND THANK YOU THANK YOU TO THE PANEL FOR BEING HERE ON TIME THIS MORNING I APPRECIATE THAT SHOULD WE HOLD OUR QUESTIONS FOR BBMR AND THE DOCUMENTS THAT THEY SENT OUT OR BUT I CAN BEGIN WITH GMH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO NO THEY'RE THEY'RE HERE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALRIGHT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: BUT GO AHEAD YOU CAN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES SO FIRST OF ALL THE THE GOVERNOR SENT A LETTER TO US DISCUSSING THAT THERE'S \$20 MILLION IN ARP THAT SHE'S GOING TO GIVE THE HOSPITAL HAVE YOU RECEIVED THAT NOT NO.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: NOT YET I THINK IT'S.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT'S NOT BEEN DELIVERED TO YOU DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU WILL BE RECEIVING IT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: MY UNDERSTANDING IS IT'S CONTINGENT WITH THIS BILL 164 THAT THE 30 MILLION WAS GOING TO BE APPROPRIATED AND THAT SHE WAS GOING TO THEN SUPPLEMENT IT WITH A 20 MILLION FOR SPECIFICALLY FOR THE STRUCTURAL REPAIRS THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SHE IN AN INTERVIEW THAT YOU GAVE THE NEWS YOU SAID THE 20 MILLION WILL BE USED FOR STRUCTURAL REPAIRS AND THE 30 MILLION IF IT'S GIVEN BY THIS BILL IS GOING TO BE USED FOR VENDOR PAYABLES BUT YOU'RE SAYING THE GOVERNOR IS NOT GOING TO GIVE THE MONEY FOR THE STRUCTURAL REPAIRS UNLESS THE LEGISLATURE PASSES A BILL FOR VENDOR PAYABLES.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING AT THE INITIAL CONVERSATION WHEN THE GOVERNOR CALLED ME UP WAS THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT SHE IS GOING TO PUT FORTH ON THE TABLE THE 20 MILLION TO HELP THE HOSPITAL AND THEN THE 30 MILLION THAT'S COMING FROM THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY IS THEN FOR THE VENDOR PAYMENTS THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING NOT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DO YOU NEED THE 20 MILLION RIGHT AWAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WELL WE HAVE A PLAN AS FAR AS WHAT THOSE STRUCTURAL REPAIRS THAT ARE GOING TO BE PRIORITIZED BUT IF WE COULD GET THE 20 MILLION NOW DEFINITELY WE'LL USE IT YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT BUT SHE HASN'T GIVEN IT TO YOU YET AND YOU'RE SAYING IT'S CONTINGENT ON SOME OTHER FUTURE ACTION.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THAT'S MY WORD THAT'S MY INTERPRETATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY WHAT ABOUT BEFORE WE HAD THE OVERSIGHT OF THE GMH WAS THE GOVERNOR AWARE OF YOUR SITUATION THAT YOU NEEDED 20 MILLION FOR CIP AND 30 MILLION FOR VENDOR PAYABLES.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE DID NOT DISCUSS THAT PARTICULARLY IT WAS SOMETHING THAT SHE PROFFERED WHEN SHE HAD THE DISCUSSION REGARDING THIS BILL 164.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF YOUR SITUATION ACTUALLY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SHE IS AWARE OF OUR SITUATION SHE'S ALWAYS AWARE OF OUR SITUATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY SO WAS SHE AWARE THAT YOU NEEDED THE 20 MILLION FOR CIPS.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: I DIDN'T SAY 20 MILLION THAT WAS NOT THE FIGURE I GAVE IT BUT WE NEEDED FUNDING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SORRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND WAS SHE AWARE OF THE 30 MILLION AND VENDOR PAYABLES THAT WAS STILL OUTSTANDING.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: YES SHE'S AWARE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SHE WAS AWARE BEFORE THE OVERSIGHT HEARING.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: I'M NOT SURE IF IT WAS BEFORE BUT I HAD A MEETING WITH HER AND THAT THIS IS WHAT I I DISCUSSED WITH HER AS FAR AS THE CREDIT ON HOLD AMOUNT OF MONEY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THAT WE KNOW THAT WE WERE INFORMED AND SO COLLECTIVELY AT THE TIME WHEN I MET WITH HER IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE 26 OR 28 MILLION WAS WHAT WHAT I HAD MENTIONED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I REMEMBER THERE WERE SEVERAL HEARINGS SO THERE WAS A BUDGET HEARING FOR GMH THEY OUTLINED THEIR BUDGET THE GOVERNOR HAD AT THAT TIME REQUESTED STATUS QUO BUDGET FOR GMH OFB CAME OUT WITH \$8 MILLION MORE THAN THAT STATUS QUO FOR FY 24 BUT AT THE TIME OF THE BUDGET HEARING WE SAW THAT THERE WERE \$100 MILLION IN NON BILLED BECAUSE AND THEN YOU GOT THAT'S WHERE WE FIRST HEARD THE EXPLANATION THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE SYSTEM SHUTDOWN THE

TRANSIT YOU KNOW THAT HAPPENED WAS THAT IN MARCH YEAH WHEN THE WHOLE SYSTEM WAS SHUT DOWN THEY LOST TIME TO SEND OUT BILLS AND THEN THAT TRANSITION TO THE NEW EHR IN OCTOBER THAT'S ONE YEAR AGO THAT THAT WAS CAUSING YOU KNOW NOT ABLE TO INTERFACE WITH THE BILLING SO THAT WAS CAUSING A DELAY BUT I REMEMBER VERY CLEARLY ASKING YOU AND YUKA YOU SAID WE ARE GOING TO MAKE THAT UP WE ARE WORKING ON IT NOW AND THAT'S THAT'S OUR PLAN IN FACT I ASKED YOU HOW ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE UP THIS INCREASED REVENUE IN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR BECAUSE YOU ASKED FOR LIKE I THINK \$24 MILLION INCREASE IN REVENUE OR YOU PROJECTED A \$24 MILLION INCREASE IN REVENUE AND YOU SAID BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO MAKE UP FOR THE BILLS AND YOU HAD A PLAN AND THE THE PLAN WAS ACCEPTABLE TO US RIGHT BUT THEN WE CAME IN FOR A BUDGET HEARING I MEAN BUDGET SESSION THAT'S THE SECOND TIME GMH CAME IN WAS THE BUDGET SESSION AND DURING THE BUDGET SESSION YOU TALKED ABOUT YOU KNOW THE BILLINGS AND THE EHR SYSTEM AGAIN AND I HAD ASKED YOU SPECIFICALLY AND I'M GOING TO READ FROM THE TRANS BUT THIS IS A ROUGH TRANSCRIPT OF OUR BUDGET SESSION AND IT SAYS I THIS IS ME TALKING I THINK DURING THE BUDGET HEARING WE DISCUSSED THAT I THINK YOU WERE 100 MILLION WORTH OF BILLING THAT WAS NOT DONE OR NEEDED TO BE DONE SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND I ASKED YOU HOW ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE UP FOR THIS BILLING AND YOU SAID OH WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT YEAH IN THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR AND YOU STILL BELIEVE THAT'S POSSIBLE THAT'S WHAT I ASKED YOU DURING THE BUDGET SESSION AND YOU SAID WE'RE DOING IT RIGHT NOW SENATOR WE HAVE THE STAFF WORKING DILIGENTLY I'VE EVEN AUTHORIZED OVERTIME FOR THEM TO REALLY GET THESE CLAIMS OUT THE DOOR WE'VE ALSO DETAILED OTHERS IN IN OTHER AREAS OF BILLING TO COME AND JUST WORK SPECIFICALLY ON BILLING SO WE CAN REALLY PUSH THEM OUT AND GET THEM CAUGHT UP THEY'RE VERY MOTIVATED I'M PROUD OF THEM IT'S IT'S MATERIALIZED TO A SIGNIFICANT BILLING PRODUCTION THIS MONTH SO IT'S ACTUALLY LOOKING VERY GOOD AND SO THEN WE TALKED ABOUT OTHER THINGS AND IT WAS REALLY NOT UNTIL THE OVERSIGHT HEARING WHEN WE WERE TOLD WE CAN'T DO IT RIGHT THAT WE NEED THE HELP RIGHT NOW IN ORDER TO GET THESE PAYABLE I MEAN THESE VENDOR PAYABLES TAKEN CARE OF AND YOU KNOW OR OR WE IMPACTING PATIENT SERVICES SO I I ACKNOWLEDGE I SEE THAT AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY HOWEVER MR. CHAIR IF OFB COULD JUST CONFIRM THAT I'M WHAT I'M SAYING IS CORRECT THAT THE GOVERNOR'S REQUEST FOR THE HOSPITAL FOR FY 24 WAS STATUS QUO.

OFB – DIRECTOR GUERRERO: GOOD MORNING SENATOR YEAH JU JUST FOR THE RECORD YEAH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE THE BUDGET THAT WAS SUBMITTED FOR FY 24 SHOWS A SLIGHT ROUGHLY 1.2 MILLION INCREASE IN THE BPT IN THE GMA FY20 BOARD BUDGET SUBMISSION TO THE LEGISLATURE IT IT REFLECTED A \$33 MILLION APPROPRIATION LEVEL FOR THE PHARMACEUTICAL FUND I'M NOT SURE HOW THEY DETERMINED THAT 33 MILLION APPROPRIATION PHARMACEUTICAL FUND WAS HISTORICALLY THEY'VE ONLY GOTTEN LIKE 17 18 19 MILLION OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS SO TO YOUR QUESTION I BELIEVE THE THE THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET WAS BASICALLY ALMOST STATUS QUO TO FY 23 YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT AND YOU GAVE THEM MORE WHAT DID WE END UP GIVING THEM STATUS QUO.

OFB – DIRECTOR GUERRERO: WE GAVE THEM APPROXIMATELY 8 MILLION MORE FOR FY2 24.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT AND WE WE BELIEVED THEIR PLAN OF HOW THEY WERE GOING TO MAKE UP FOR THESE BILLABLES BUT I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE EHR SO THIS EHR NEW SYSTEM HAD BEEN ON THE LIST OF CIP PROJECTS THAT THE HOSPITAL NEEDED FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO MY MEMORY YOU KNOW MAYBE BEFORE THAT BUT AT LEAST VERY LEAST SINCE 2019 YOU IMPLEMENTED IT IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR I'M GUESSING THAT THERE WERE EXPERT CONSULTANTS AND THEY WERE CONSULTED AND EITHER WE WERE TOLD IN THE OVERSIGHT HEARING THAT NOW YOU'RE GOING TO GO OUT FOR A NEW AHR YOU SAID THIS MORNING YOU HAVE AN RFP FOR A NEW AHR EHR AND SO I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT DID THOSE EXPERT CONSULTANTS MAKE AN ERROR DID THEY NOT ANTICIPATE OR PLAN THAT YOUR EHR SYSTEM HAS TO INTERFACE WITH YOUR BILLING OR WERE YOU PLANNING LIKE I THINK IN THE TRANSCRIPT I READ THAT YOU COULD YOU COULD ALSO DISCUSS TO US WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO INTERFACE IT THERE'S ANOTHER STEP TO THIS EHR SYSTEM AND THAT IS TO INTERFACE THESE TWO SO I WAS VERY SURPRISED AT THE OVERSIGHT HEARING TO HEAR WE'RE NOT DOING THAT ANYMORE WE'RE GOING TO DO A NEW RFP FOR AN ENTIRELY NEW EHR SYSTEM SO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M CONCERN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOUR TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE TIME IS UP YEAH ALL RIGHT THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: BUT I'M GOING TO ASK THE PANEL IF THEY CAN ANSWER ANY OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WAS IMPOSED PLEASE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WELL I'M NOT DONE WITH QUESTION MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT IS YEAH HOW DO IF WE CONSULTED AN EXPERT HOW ARE WE NOT GOING TO MAKE THAT SAME MISTAKE GOING FORWARD WHAT KIND OF EXPERTS ARE WE CONSULTING WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THIS PLANNING THAT MADE AN EHR SYSTEM THAT DOESN'T INTERFACE AND WE SEE ALSO ON THE LIST OF VENDOR PAYABLES THAT THE EHR VENDOR IS ONE OF THOSE THAT IS NOT BEING PAID HOW ARE WE GOING TO AFFORD A NEW EHR SYSTEM AND A MORE EXPENSIVE ONE PROBABLY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY OKAY IF YOU CAN CAN JUST ANSWER THAT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SURE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: AND THEN NO MORE QUESTIONS THEN WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT SENATOR.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: OKAY FIRST OF ALL I JUST WANT TO ALSO SAY GOOD CATCH ON THAT SENATOR BARNETT THAT IS AN ERROR IN TERMS OF THE CHIEF PLANNER EARNING 299,000 THAT THAT'S AN ERROR BECAUSE IT WAS RIGHT AT THE AT THE LIST WITH THE PHYSICIAN SALARIES ARE AND IT MAY HAVE BEEN THEN MISTAKENLY PLUGGED IN SO THANK YOU FOR THAT CATCH SENATOR SPEAKER TERLAJE IN TERMS OF OUR EHR YES THERE WERE EXPERT CONSULTANTS IN THAT GROUP WHEN WE WERE TOLD BY CANTATA WHO WAS EHR PRODUCT WE WERE TOLD THAT THEY WERE SUNSETTING SO WHEN WE WERE INFORMED ABOUT THAT THEY REFERRED US TO THIS MEDSPHERE COMPANY THAT THEY ARE AFFILIATED WITH AND SO WE WENT THROUGH THE NOVATION PRODUCT PROCESS FOR THEIR PRODUCT WE DIDN'T GO THROUGH THE RFP PROCESS WE WENT THROUGH THE NOVATION PRODUCT PROCESS AND THEY CAME TO THE HOSPITAL WITH THEIR EXPERTS WITH THEIR PANEL OF CLINICAL EXPERTS PHARMACISTS NURSES AND THIS IS WHAT THEY SOLD US THAT BECAUSE THEY ARE THE EXPERTS THIS IS THE PRODUCT THAT'S GOING TO WORK FOR US UNFORTUNATELY WE DISCOVERED THAT IT'S NOT FITTING OUR SYSTEM BECAUSE WE DISCOVERED THAT IT'S AN OLD PRODUCT THAT WAS USED BY NAVAL BY NAVY FACILITIES AND IT'S GEARED MORE FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LANDSCAPE NOT ACUTE CARE SO WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEIR EXPERTS AND OUR TEAM TO FIGURE OUT ALL THOSE GLITCHES AND MAKE SURE THAT IT GETS BUILT TO FIT OUR LANDSCAPE SO NOW WE CONTINUE TO BE CHALLENGED WITH IT BUT WE HAVE TO USE IT BECAUSE WE HAVE NO NOTHING ELSE THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE CLINICIANS AND THE NURSES HAVE TO USE TO DOCUMENT WHATEVER TREATMENT WHATEVER ASSESSMENT WHATEVER NOTATION THAT THEY FIND ON THE PATIENT THIS IS THE ONLY SYSTEM THAT THEY CAN USE UNLESS WE GO MANUAL MEANING PAPERWORK AND THE CLINICIANS DON'T WANT TO DO THAT SO WE'RE MAKING THE BEST OF OF IT BUT WE ARE PROCEEDING WE HAVEN'T YET DONE THE RFP WE ARE WRITING THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR IT WHATEVER COMPANY PRO RESPONDS TO RFP IF THEY ARE THE MOST RESPONSIVE AND THE BEST THEN WE'LL SEE HOW THAT GOES BUT YES WE NEED TO HAVE ANOTHER EHR AND THOSE EHRS ARE VERY COSTLY VERY COSTLY THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MR. CHAIR I HAD ASKED ALSO IF THEY WERE IN DEBT TO THE CURRENT EHR VENDOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OH WHY DON'T WE GO MOVE TO THE OTHER SENATORS ALREADY TWO SENATORS ALREADY ASKED THE TIME'S UP AND I KNOW I KNOW WHERE YOUR QUESTIONS ARE SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: I'LL YIELD MY TIME TO THE SPEAKER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT PLEASE CONTINUE MADAM SPEAKER.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SPEAKER THE QUESTION IS THAT ARE WE IN DEBT WITH THE YES WE ARE AND YOU CAN SEE IT THE IN THE APIECE THAT WE OWE THEM ABOUT WHAT 400 400 SOME THOUSAND SO WE ARE BEHIND IN PAYING FOR THEIR SERVICES YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO HOW ARE YOU GOING TO AFFORD A NEW MORE EXPENSIVE VENDOR FOR HER.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: OKAY THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION BUT THIS IS AGAIN AS IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT YOU KNOW OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION IS WHERE WE NEED HELP THIS IS WHERE THE LEGISLATURE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S TO PAY PAST VENDORS NOT FUTURE RIGHT SO.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: BUT IT'S GOING TO BE AN ONGOING PROCESS BECAUSE AS A OPA FORMER SENATOR BJ CRUZ THAT WE DON'T GET REIMBURSED ON 100% AND SO FINANCIALLY WE'RE GOING TO NEED SUBSIDY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHICH CAN YOU CLARIFY PLEASE OFB DOES THE LEGISLATURE SUBSIDIZE DOES THE PEOPLE OF GUAM'S TAXES SUBSIDIZE THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LESTER'S NODDING HIS HEAD BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME MISCONCEPTION OR MISSTATEMENTS OUT THERE THAT WE ARE NOT SUBSIDIZING THIS HOSPITAL THAT WE'RE NOT RUNNING IT UNDER A MODEL THAT HAS IT HAS TO TREAT EVERYBODY THAT'S THE MODEL IT HAS TO TREAT EVERYBODY WE ARE ACCOUNTING FOR THAT BY SUBSIDIZING IT AND SO THIS NOTION THAT THE LEGISLATURE OR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM'S TAXES ARE NOT SUBSIDIZING THE HOSPITAL IS FALSE THEY SHOULD BE PLANNING TO RUN IT HOW THEY KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO GET THEIR REVENUE THEY KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO GET LESS THAN REIMBURSEMENT ON MEDICARE AND THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN REDOING THE MEDICARE RATES FOR A WHILE ALREADY I'LL GO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS I MEAN I JUST THINK TO SAY NOW OH THE PROBLEM IS WE NEED SUBSIDY THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM WE HAVE BEEN SUBSIDIZING IT'S IT'S YOU NEED TO PLAN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES TO MATCH EACH OTHER I WANT TO TALK ABOUT JUST TELL ME THERE'S ON THE VENDOR LIST THERE WAS THERE WAS THAT VENDOR MED SPHERE THAT'S THE EHR SYSTEM 410,000 THERE'S A MED FARM 728 000 WHAT IS THAT FOR.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLIES AND MEDICAL MEDAL AND SURGICAL SUPPLIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MED QUEST MEDICAL SUPPLY WHAT'S THAT FOR.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: DIFFERENT TYPES OF MEDICATION CAUSE NOT EVERY VENDOR PROVIDES ALL THE MEDICATIONS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES SO WE GO WITH THE VARIOUS VENDORS AND VARIOUS DISTRIBUTORS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND THERE'S A MED HEALTH SOLUTIONS LLC.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THAT MED HEALTH SOLUTION IS THE REVENUE CYCLE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT THAT WE HAD WE TERMINATED THAT LAST YEAR SO NO LONGER BUT THEY THEY CLAIM THAT WE STILL HAVE INVOICES THAT WE HAVE TO PAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DID YOU SEE THAT MR. CHAIR WE OWE THE COLLECTOR MONEY ACCORDING TO THIS.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: CORRECTION SPEAKER THEY'RE NOT COLLECTORS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHAT WERE THEY HIRED TO DO.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THEY HELPED US WITH OUR PROCESSES FOR REVENUE CYCLE FOR THE BILLING AND I CAN LET YUKA EXPOUND MORE ON IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO FOR THE BILLING THE BILLING THAT WERE \$100 MILLION BEHIND ON RIGHT.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: THEY WERE THE CONSULTANTS FOR THE REVENUE CYCLE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU I'M JUST CONCERNED THAT WE'RE WE'RE I DON'T KNOW WHO IS GOING TO BE YOUR CONSULTANT FOR THE NEW EHR SYSTEM WHO MR. KANDO WERE YOU INVOLVED IN PROCURING OF THAT EHR SYSTEM YOU WERE THE PLANNER NOW YOU'RE THE YOU WERE THEN YOU WERE THE ADMINISTRATIONS OFFICER NOW YOU'RE THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIONS OFFICER OR OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR WHAT WHAT ROLE DID YOU HAVE IN THIS EHR PROCUREMENT.

GMH – KANDO: OF OF COURSE I'M A PART OF THE TEAM SO I'M I'M A PART OF HELPING WITH THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS THE NOVATION IS IS IT'S NOT AN RFP BUT IT'S STILL A PROCUREMENT PROCESS SO I DO WHATEVER I CAN TO HELP THAT THAT PROCUREMENT PROCESS COME COME TO FRUITION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DID THEY PLAN YOU WERE THE PLANNER AT THE DID THEY PLAN THAT THE EHR SYSTEM HAS TO INTERFACE WITH THE BILLING.

GMH – KANDO: OF COURSE WE HAD A WHOLE TEAM OF BOTH CLINICAL AND NON-CLINICAL FOLKS TRYING TO COORDINATE WITH WITH THESE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE SYSTEM YOU KNOW OF COURSE NO SYSTEM WE FOUND OUT THERE'S NO SYSTEM THAT'S PERFECT ANY IN ANY EHR AND OF COURSE WE FOUND OUT WHAT WHAT THE IMPERFECTIONS ARE WERE WITH THIS PARTICULAR SYSTEM THAT UH YOU KNOW WE WERE'RE MORE THAN THAN I BELIEVE USUAL IMPERFECTIONS THAT YOU WOULD FIND IN AN EHR THAT IS DESIGNED FOR AN ACUTE CARE SYSTEM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: A COUPLE MONTHS AGO IN JULY YOU YOU MADE IT SOUND LIKE YOU WERE GOING TO PURSUE INTERFACING WITH THE BILLING WITH THE CURRENT SYSTEM BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE GIVING THAT UP NOW CAN YOU EXPLAIN.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: PART OF THE SETBACK ON THAT IS BECAUSE WE OWE THE VENDOR THEY HAVE STOPPED SUPPORTING US.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH THAT'S WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE TO ME IT'S NOT A MATTER OF WE'RE MAKING THE BEST DECISION OR WHICH ONE WORKS FASTEST OR IT'S A MATTER OF WE RAN OUT OUR WITH THAT VENDOR BECAUSE WE COULDN'T PAY THEM AND NOW WE WANT TO GO OUT WITH AN RFP WITH ALL THESE OTHER VENDORS CAN YOU TELL ME HOW DO WE HAVE VENDOR PAYABLES WHEN WHEN YOU DO A PURCHASE ORDER OR SOMETHING DON'T YOU HAVE TO CERTIFY THAT THE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: YES THEY'RE CERTIFIED AGAINST THE THE BUDGET AMOUNT FOR THE YEAR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR BUDGET AMOUNTS.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: NO WE HAVE BEEN SHORT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: FROM DOA.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: NO NOT FROM DOA JUST FROM OUR COLLECTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOUR REVENUES.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT DURING THE BUDGET HEARING YOU SHOWED US THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS YOU HAD RECEIVED OVER THE YEARS AND THEN THAT THERE WERE STILL SYSTEM THAT YOU HAD NOT RECEIVED FY20 FY20 I THINK ANYWAYS IT'S A COUPLE MILLION DOLLARS AND THEN YOU YOU SHOWED A LITTLE BOX THAT SAYS THE 10 MILLION ALSO APPROPRIATION FOR CIPS WAS NOT RECEIVED NOW WE'RE HEARING THE GOVERNOR'S 20 MILLION FROM ARP NOT RECEIVED SO MR. BIRN IS THERE ANYTHING TO PREVENT THE GOVERNOR FROM USING 50 MILLION OF ARP MONEY TO PAY FOR VENDORS OR ARP I MEAN FOR CIP PROJECTS AND IS THERE ANY REASON WHY THE 20 MILLION HASN'T BEEN TRANSFERRED YET IN ARP FUNDS TO THE HOSPITAL FOR THEIR CIP PROJECTS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY I WAS ON THE CALL WITH THE GOVERNOR AND SENATOR LUJAN AND WE MADE THAT PROPOSAL WE COMMITTED THE \$20 MILLION WE SENT THE SENATOR A LETTER TO THAT EFFECT AND WE BELIEVE THAT BILL 164 THE THE NEED TO ACT IMMEDIATELY NECESSITATED COOPERATION SO WE WENT AHEAD I PROVIDED YOU GUYS YESTERDAY WITH A ROAD MAP ON HOW TO GET \$30

MILLION WHICH THEY NEED FOR VENDOR PAYMENTS AND THEN WE TOOK A LOOK AT THE CIP BECAUSE IN GETTING INTO THE 30 MILLION WE HAD TO TAKE OUT THE 15 MILLION THAT WAS APPROPRIATED IN 22 23 FROM EXCESS 22 REVENUES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU COULD JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION REGARDING THE 20 MILLION ARP FUNDS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU WANT ME JUST TO ANSWER THE QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WELL YEAH WHY IS THERE ANYTHING TO PREVENT IT BEING TRANSFERRED TODAY OR YESTERDAY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: OUR AGREEMENT WAS WE WOULD WORK WITH 164 THE AUTHORS TO BE ABLE TO GET SECURE 30 AND WE WOULD PUT IN THE 20.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND WHAT IF WE CAN'T SECURE THE 30 THEY'RE NOT GOING TO PUT IN THE 20.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DON'T SEE WHY YOU CAN'T DO IT BUT THAT DIFFERENT STORY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WELL IS I I I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A GOVERNOR SAYING WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS CONTINGENCY DO WE NEED THE ROOF TO BE REPAIRED LILLIAN LISTED ROOF REPAIR OR DO WE NOT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SIX MEMBERS OF THE MINORITY PUTTING TOGETHER A BUDGET BAS A BILL TO HELP GMH PROMPTED THE INTEREST OF THE GOVERNOR TO HELP BECAUSE SHE SAW THE MINORITY SUPPORTING GMH SHE HASN'T SEEN THAT BEFORE SO SHE JUMPED ON IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S HILARIOUS LESTER SHE HAS NOT SEEN MONEY BEING APPROPRIATED FOR GMH FROM THE MAJORITY WHAT ABOUT FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I SAID THE MINORITY MINORITY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY WELL SO WE'RE GOING TO WAIT FOR SOMETHING ELSE TO HAPPEN BEFORE THE GMH GETS A 20 MILLION THAT LILLIAN SAYS SHE'S GOING TO USE FOR RU REPAIR AND OTHER VERY CRITICAL CIP PROJECTS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: HOPEFULLY WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT ANY LONGER THAN TODAY SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANYTHING TO PREVENT THE GOVERNOR FROM PUTTING 50 MILLION IN ARP FUNDS FOR GMH.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IF THIS LEGISLATURE DOESN'T HELP WITH THE VENDOR PAYMENTS THEN I DON'T SEE WHAT GOOD THIS IS DOING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THAT NOT AN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION MR. CHAIR.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THAT'S AN ANSWER THAT'S MY ANSWER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MR. BIRN IS THERE ANYTHING TO PREVENT THE GOVERNOR FROM PUTTING 50 MILLION IN ARP MONEY TO GMH FOR ELIGIBLE ARP EXPENSES.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: SPEAKER WHAT'S AN ELIGIBLE ARP EXPENSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PARDON.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: WHAT'S AN ELIGIBLE ARP EXPENSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DON'T YOU KNOW THAT.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: BUT I BELIEVE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ISN'T THAT YOUR ROLE IN THIS WHOLE GOVERNMENT IS TO MAKE SURE IT'S ELIGIBLE FOR ARP.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: WELL I WAS TRYING BOTH OF US HERE SPEAK MADAM SPEAKER ARE TRYING TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: BUT I CAN'T IF I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY I'LL SAY IT AGAIN IF THE GOVERNOR CAN TRANSFER 20 MILLION IN ARP TO GMH FOR CIP PROJECTS CAN SHE TRANSFER 50 MILLION.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: I'M SURE SHE WOULD CONSIDER WHATEVER SHE HAS TO CONSIDER THIS SEEMS TO ME TO BE AND AND IF I CAN PICK UP ON MY COLLEAGUE'S RESPONSE HERE A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY IF WE DON'T SPEND YOU KNOW IF WE HAVE TO SPEND MORE ARP MONEY THEN THERE'S LESS ARP MONEY FOR WHAT SHE ORIGINALLY DECIDED TO USE IT FOR THAT'S NOT A DECISION I'M SURE SHE WANTS TO TAKE AS AS MR. CARLSON SAID HE SPOKE WITH SENATOR LUJAN AND THIS WAS THE AGREEMENT THAT CAME OUT OF THAT THAT DISCUSSION IF THE AGREEMENT DOESN'T GO FORWARD THEN I GUESS OTHER DECISIONS WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN THE GOVERNOR TRANSFER ARP MONEY TO PAY FOR A BRAND NEW EHR SYSTEM.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT I MEAN YOU AND NEW I DON'T THINK RIGHT YOU KNOW ALL THESE ARP MONIES ARE NOT GOING TO BE SPENT TOMORROW YOU KNOW THESE ARE ALL CAPITAL PROJECTS OR LONG-TERM PROJECTS SO YES IT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED EVEN GMH MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER PAYING FOR AN I EHR SYSTEM OUT OF THE ARP MONEY BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN TOMORROW THE MONEY IS NOT GOING TO BE SPENT TOMORROW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE DELIVERED TOMORROW EITHER MR. CARLSON CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN YOU PASS OUT A DOCUMENT YESTERDAY THAT YOU SAID WAS YOUR PROPOSAL OF HOW TO ADJUST FY22 GENERAL FUND EXCESS APPROPRIATIONS ON PAGES 13 AND 14 AND THAT'S HOW THE \$30 MILLION OF EXCESS FY20 TO MONEY IS GOING TO BE FOUND IT'S FROM CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS COULD YOU JUST PLEASE EXPLAIN THOSE PAGES 13 AND 14 OF THE HANDOUT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THIS DOES IT MEAN DE APPROPRIATE FROM THESE USES IN ORDER TO GET THE HOSPITAL AND THERE WAS NO OTHER FUNDING SOURCE THAT YOU COULD FIND WHAT ABOUT THE 10 MILLION IS THAT AVAILABLE IS THAT GOING TO BE TRANSFERRED.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WHAT 10 MILLION WHAT 10 MILLION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE 10 MILLION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND THEN THERE WAS I THINK 15 MILLION.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: FOR THE LABOR AND DELIVERY WARD AND THERE WAS 5 MILLION FOR THE HIRING OF EXPERTS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DON'T KNOW 10 MILLION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I MEAN MEDICAL EXPERTS SPECIALISTS IT LOOKS LIKE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: OKAY IF YOU DON'T MIND FOR THE INTEREST OF THE BODY AND TIME WE PROVIDED YOU WITH A SUMMARY SHEET SO IT'S 8 1/2 BY 11 IT TALKS ABOUT WHAT MATERIAL IS CONTAINED ON WHAT PAGE NUMBERS I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO START BY SAYING THAT THE APPROPRIATIONS VERSUS EXPENDITURES FROM 22 GENERAL FUND EXCESS REVENUES ARE CONTAINED IN PAGES 8 THROUGH 12 SO THAT YOU KNOW EVERYTHING THAT THE BODY PASSED WHICH EXCEEDED REVENUES COLLECTED BY \$19 MILLION MR. BIRN IN HIS DRAFT AUDIT CONFIRMS THAT THERE WAS AN OVERSPEND SO AS SPEAKER PUBLIC AUDITOR

CRUZ MENTIONED YESTERDAY AND IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT CLEANING UP APPROPRIATIONS HE WAS VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF CLEANING UP APPROPRIATIONS SO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: HE ALSO SAID WE WOULD HAVE AN EXCESS DIDN'T HE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: BUT HE DIDN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH AND SO WE'RE NOT BANKING ON AN EXCESS WE'RE BANKING ON WHAT WE DID IN FISCAL YEARS 22 23 AND THE INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY GETTING FROM THE CRER AND THE SPECIAL FUND REPORT SO MOVING ON IF YOU GO TO PAGES 8 THROUGH 12 OR 8 THROUGH 10 YOU'LL SEE WHERE THERE WERE APPROPRIATIONS BEGINNING WITH THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE UNDER FISCAL YEAR 23 THEY WERE PROVIDED \$283,500 793 ENCUMBERED ANOTHER 66,000 AND HAD AN APPROPRIATION BALANCE OF 96,181 43 CENTS SO MOVING THROUGH THIS NEXT COUPLE PAGES ANYTHING THAT YOU PROVIDED THESE AGENCIES AND I'LL REFER AGAIN TO THE CONTINUE APPROPRIATION LIST NONE OF THEM ARE ON THERE SO THERE ARE APPROPRIATION BALANCES THAT WE TOOK AND THEN CUMULATIVELY THEY ENDED UP ON PAGE 10 20,1 183,000 SO BY TAKING THE APPROPRIATE STEP AND DE OBLIGATING THINGS THAT REALLY HAVE NO CONTINUING APPROPRIATION OR ANY OTHER WAIVER FROM THE LEGISLATURE TO CONTINUE USING THE MONEY WE WENT AHEAD AND BALANCED 22 LEAVING EXCESS REVENUE IN 23 THAT WE'RE USING TO BE ABLE TO FUND THE HOSPITAL ENSURING THAT SPECIAL FUNDS OF 13.4 MILLION ARE COVERED AND YOU SEE THAT RECONCILIATION ON THE VERY FRONT PAGE AND YOU'LL SEE IT AGAIN IN MORE DETAIL ON PAGE 16 SO THE THE WHOLE IDEA FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE WAS TO FIND A WAY TO PROVIDE 30 MILLION FOR VENDOR PAYMENTS AND WE BELIEVE WE'VE DONE THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU YOU DIDN'T TALK ABOUT PAGES 13 AND 14 14.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MA'AM AFTER THAT AFTER HE ANSWERS IT WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SENATOR YOUR TIME'S UP MR. CARSON.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE TITLE ON PAGE 13 IT SAYS THIS IS FROM THE 23 FISCAL 23 BUDGET ACT THESE ARE THE FUND SOURCES UTILIZED TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS THAT TOTAL ON PAGE 14 19,153,316 THE ONLY SOURCE THAT WE DE OBLIGATED THAT WASN'T MONEY NOT SPENT WHICH AGAIN NO CONTINUING APPROPRIATION WAS THE \$15 MILLION FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OUR LOGIC WAS THAT WE'RE GIVING FROM ARP \$20 MILLION SO THIS \$15 MILLION AND THE APPLICATION OF THAT MONEY TOWARDS THE NEEDED REPAIRS ISN'T LOST IT'S JUST COMING FROM A DIFFERENT FUND SOURCE WITH \$5 MILLION MORE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MR. CARLSON YOUR TIME THE LAPSE ALREADY SPEAKER AND AT THIS TIME IT IS 11:30 32 WE WILL RECESS UNTIL 2:00.

SENATOR FISHER: OBJECTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OBJECTION TO THE RECESS.

SENATOR FISHER: WELL THESE ARE TWO QUESTIONS THE RECESS IS NON-DEBATABLE BUT THE TIME IS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YEAH.

SENATOR FISHER: RIGHT SO I'M OBJECTING TO THE RECESS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO NO SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO.

SENATOR FISHER: WELL I KNOW BUT NOBODY IN THE WORLD GETS A 2 AND 1 HALF HOUR LUNCH EXCEPT FOR THE GUAM LEGISLATURE THAT'S RIDICULOUS WE GOT TO GET TO WORK I AM OBJECTING TO THE TIME OF REASSEMBLY I WOULD SUGGEST ONE 1 HOUR FOR LUNCH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY I SAID ALREADY WE'RE RECESSING TILL TWO THANK YOU.

RECESS

NOTE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER UNFORTUNATELY WE DON'T HAVE A QUORUM I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES THAT HAVE JOINED ME THIS AFTERNOON WE HAVE

SENATOR FRANK BLAS SENATOR JESSE LUJAN SENATOR TOM FISHER AND ALSO SENATOR ROY WHO JUST STEPPED OUT BUT OTHERWISE WE DON'T WE ONCE WE REACH QUORUM WE WILL CONTINUE SO WE RETURN BACK TO RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER WE HAVE A QUORUM WE WILL CONTINUE ON ON FIRST ROUND I DID SPEAK TO SENATOR SHELTON SHE HAD NO NO QUESTION OVER THE FIRST ROUND WE PROCEED VICE SPEAKER IS OFF ISLAND SENATOR BROWN IS NOT PRESENT WE WILL JUST CONTINUE ON SENATOR LUJAN DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL.

SENATOR LUJAN: YES SIR THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN AM I THE LAST ONE YOU WANT ME TO CLOSE I CAN CLOSE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO YOU YOU YOU'RE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: CLOSE CLOSE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOU'RE ON THIS ROUND IT'S ON YOU NOW.

SENATOR LUJAN: YEAH THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN AND WELCOME BACK PANEL GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYBODY OKAY WE'RE GOOD READY TO GO OKAY THANK YOU YEAH THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ASK ANY QUESTIONS YOU LIKE.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. CHAIRMAN AND GOOD AFTERNOON PANEL WELCOME BACK MISS LILLIAN YESTERDAY WE PASSED RESOLUTION ONE OR 215 215 CALLS FOR THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN THE HOSPITAL WE PASSED THAT TODAY WE'RE TAKING UP OF COURSE AND I I THANK OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR RECONSIDERATION AND TO TAKE UP OF COURSE BILL 164 ASK A FUNDING SOURCE AGAIN FOR THE DECLARATION WOULD YOU AGREE WITH THE THE PASSAGE OF DO YOU AGREE WITH THE PASSAGE OF OF 215 AND HOPEFULLY THE PASSAGE OF 164.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION SENATOR UNFORTUNATELY I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO REALLY READ THROUGH THAT RESOLUTION AS IT WAS REFORMATTED BUT THE ONE THAT WAS PUBLISHED LAST WEEK WITH REGARDS TO THE REPUBLICAN RESOLUTION I UNDERSTAND IT'S PRETTY MUCH THE SAME GIST BUT IT'S JUST REFORMATTED INTO.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SO I TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH I DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO READ THAT RESOLUTION SO I APOLOGIZE BUT IF THE INTENT OF THAT RESOLUTION IS TO HELP THE HOSPITAL WITH THE FINANCIAL NEEDS THEN CERTAINLY I THANK YOU I THANK THE LEGISLATURE AND THE YOU KNOW THE THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY FOR PASSING THAT RESOLUTION TO HELP THE HOSPITAL FINANCIALLY.

SENATOR LUJAN: AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUES AND I THANK OF COURSE AGAIN THE PROCLAMATION OF AN EMERGENCY TO BE ABLE TO GET US INTO THIS EMERGENCY SESSION AND AS WAS MENTIONED BY NUMEROUS OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT THE RESOLUTION THE PASSES OF RESOLUTION WITHOUT A FUNDING SOURCE WILL BE BASICALLY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: DIDN'T DIDN'T MEAN ANY DOESN'T MEAN RIGHT.

SENATOR LUJAN: ABSOLUTELY SO WE ARE NOW DISCUSSING THE THE OF COURSE THE THE THE BILL 164 AND WE'RE GETTING TO THE POINT OF COURSE IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE IDENTIFIED SOME FUNDING SOURCE BUT LET ME LET ME ASK YOU WITH THIS SITUATION BECAUSE WE'VE WE'VE READ ABOUT THIS AND WE'VE HAD NUMEROUS CALLS FROM NOT ONLY PHYSICIANS BUT NURSES AND AND OTHER HOSPITAL STAFF REGARDING SHORTAGES AT THE THE HOSPITAL AND I THINK IT'S YOU KNOW IT'S NOT IT'S NOT ANYTHING NEW THAT WE HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT NOT JUST IN THIS ADMINISTRATION BUT IN PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS WHERE WE AT IN REGARDS TO THE SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES AND AND THE SUPPLY CHAIN THAT WE'RE HAVE RIGHT NOW THE FACT THAT WE OWE VENDORS AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE STILL SUPPLYING US AGAIN EVEN IF SOME

OF THOSE SUPPLIERS ARE ARE OWED AND THE GOODNESS OF THEIR HEARTS I GUESS AND KNOWING THAT THEY'RE WHAT THEY'RE PROVIDING IS VITAL FOR FOR THE HOSPITAL WHERE WE AT IN IN SUPPLIES.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IN TERMS OF SUPPLIES YES ON OCCASION WE DO HAVE A SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES BUT AS I MENTIONED EARLIER A LOT OF THESE VENDORS OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF THEIR HEART YES WE OWE THEM MONEY BUT THEY ALSO KNOW THAT THIS IS A YOU KNOW PUBLIC HOSPITAL.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: AND SO THEY SEND US SOME SUPPLIES YOU KNOW JUST TO CARRY US OVER TILL WE'RE ABLE TO THEN MAKE SOME PAYMENTS BUT WE ALSO HAVE THIS COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH GRMC THAT YOU KNOW IF WE DON'T HAVE THE SUPPLIES THEY AND THEY HAVE IT THEY LOAN US THOSE SUPPLIES AND THEN WHEN WE GET OUR STOCK BACK UP WE REPLENISH THEIR SUPPLIES VICE VERSA THEY CALL ON US ALSO IF THEY CAN IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE SUPPLIES WE THEN PROVIDE THEM SOME OF THOSE SUPPLIES SO IT'S AN ONGOING PROCESS.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IN TERMS OF JUST RESTOCKING MAKING SURE THAT WE DO PAY THE VENDORS BUT AGAIN FOR THE MOST PART THESE VENDORS HAVE BEEN REALLY QUITE SUPPORTIVE OF THE HOSPITAL.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: AND THEY UNDERSTAND UNDERSTAND THE NEED.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE YOU YOU KNOW WE'VE HEARD SOME HORROR STORIES AS WELL AND I'VE GOTTEN ACTUALLY A COUPLE CALLS FROM PATIENTS WHO UNDERWENT THIS SITUATION WHERE THEY WERE IN THE OPERATING ROOM AND WERE READY TO BE PUT UNDER AND OBVIOUSLY THERE WAS A A LACK OF A CERTAIN.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: CATHETER RIGHT.

SENATOR LUJAN: SOMETHING YEAH AND THAT THEN THE THE OPERATION WAS DELAYED OR WHATEVER IT MAY MAY BE WHERE WE AT IN THINGS LIKE THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT ONLY ELECTIVE SURGERIES BUT SURGERIES THAT ARE AGAIN THAT NEED NEED TO BE DONE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SURE.

SENATOR LUJAN: WHERE WE AT WHEN IN THOSE SUPPLIES BECAUSE WE'RE THE ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND AND WE WE NEED THOSE I MEAN.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: CORRECT.

SENATOR LUJAN: THE ELECTIVE MAYBE WE CAN WAIT A LITTLE BIT BUT FOR THOSE UNEXPECTED AND MUST DO SURGERIES ARE WE ALL RIGHT WITH THAT I MEAN WE WE OBVIOUSLY NEED THE MONEY I MEAN THE MONEY IS NEEDED BECAUSE AS YOU SAID IT'S A PERPETUAL THING THAT THAT WE HAVE SHORTAGES RIGHT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: CORRECT AND FOR THAT PARTICULAR SITUATION SENATOR THERE WAS THAT ONE INCIDENT WHERE THE GENTLEMAN CAME IN AND IT IT WAS A SCHEDULED CATHETER CARDIAC CATHETER AND YOU KNOW WE'VE HAVE PUT INTO PLACE THAT THE DAY BEFORE THE TEAM IS SUPPOSED TO REALLY TAKE TAKE A LOOK AT THE STOCK AND MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE THE SUPPLIES FOR THOSE PROCEDURES THAT ARE SCHEDULED THE NEXT DAY SO THOSE HAVE BEEN PUT INTO PLACE AND YOU KNOW SOMETIMES I GUESS THE STAFF THEY GET PREOCCUPIED OR BUSY WITH OTHER THINGS BUT THEY'RE MAKING SURE THAT THERE'S THAT DOUBLE CHECK OF LET'S MAKE SURE TOMORROW THESE ARE THE CASES THAT ARE SCHEDULED LET'S MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE SUPPLIES AND IF WE DON'T HAVE IT THEN WE NEED TO LET THE PATIENT KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO RESCHEDULE YOUR PROCEDURE BUT FOR THE MOST PART THE SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN YOU KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN WE'VE BEEN GETTING THE SUPPLIES.

SENATOR LUJAN: YEAH OKAY NO NO CUZ IT IT'S VITAL I MEAN.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: YES.

SENATOR LUJAN: IF THE PATIENT WOULD HAVE BEEN ANESTHETIZED ALREADY YOU KNOW AND PROCEDURE NOT NOT TO HAPPEN BECAUSE OF THE SUPPLY SHORTAGE AND YOU KNOW I MEAN I I HOPE THAT THERE'S THAT THERE WAS MAYBE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN AND YOU KNOW BECAUSE THESE ARE LIABILITIES THAT THE THE HOSPITAL WILL INCUR AND HAS INCURRED IN THE PAST WHERE SUPPOSEDLY LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST BECAUSE OF A LACK OF A BETTER WORD LACK OF ATTENTION GIVEN TO TO SITUATIONS THAT THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN VITAL AND SO YOU KNOW WE SHOULD KNOW THAT I MEAN YOU KNOW PATIENT SHOULD KNOW THAT THAT THAT THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE VERSUS NOT AND NOT WAIT TILL THE TO THE LAST MINUTE BUT THAT BEING SAID THANK YOU FOR YOUR YOUR CANDIDNESS ON ON THAT BUT LET ME LET ME ASK YOU THIS AS WELL BECAUSE I KNOW THE FORMER SPEAKER IN PUBLIC AUDITOR BJ CRUZ YESTERDAY TOLD US THAT AND I I'VE BEEN SAYING THIS AND THIS IS GOING TO BE A THE PROBLEM WITH THE SHORTAGE OF MONEY FOR THE HOSPITAL IS GOING TO BE A PERPETUAL PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE MANDATE THAT REGARDLESS OF THE ABILITY OR INABILITY TO PAY YOU'RE GOING TO SEE PATIENTS AND WE'RE LOSING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE MORE TAXPAYERS THAT CAN ARE CHOOSING TO TAKE RESIDENCY ELSEWHERE AND IN THE SAME TOKEN WE'RE WE'RE HAVING MORE FOLKS COMING HERE AND POSSIBLY WITH THE INABILITY TO PAY FOR HEALTH CARE AND SO WE CAN ANTICIPATE THOSE NUMBERS TO RISE YOU'RE UNCOL COLLECTIBLES WILL RISE SO I SAID THIS YESTERDAY THAT WHEN WE WENT FROM THE OLD GMH TO WHAT IS NOW WAS THE NEW GMH WAS FORMED THE MCM THAT THAT PROBLEM WENT WITH TO THAT HOSPITAL AND WHETHER WE GO TO ANOTHER NEW HOSPITAL THAT WILL TRANSFER TO THE NEW HOSPITAL AS WELL THAT PROBLEM WILL BE THERE THE NEW HOSPITAL WON'T TAKE CARE OF THAT PERPETUAL PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IS THAT CORRECT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WELL LIKE YOU SAID WE REALLY NEED TO BE CREATIVE AND FINDING OTHER FUNDING SOURCES SUCH AS GRANTS YOU KNOW BUT WE DO NEED TO FIND ALTERNATE SOURCES.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: TO TO SUPPORT THE FINANCIAL.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY SO JUST LAST THING THE 20 MILLION THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD HAD PROMISED TO COME FROM THE ARP FUNDS AND THE 30 MILLION MUCH NEEDED YOU ENDORSED THE NEED.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: ABSOLUTELY YES.

SENATOR LUJAN: YEAH THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN I KNOW THAT SENATOR BROWN JUST WALKED IN A COUPLE MINUTES I'M ABOUT LESS THAN A MINUTE BEFORE I ASK SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR BROWN DID YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS IF IF NOT I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND CONTINUE ON SENATOR BROWN.

SENATOR BROWN: I KNOW YOU PROBABLY PREFER I DON'T HAVE QUESTIONS BUT UH I I DO WANT TO ASK A FEW.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT.

SENATOR BROWN: I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE THAT ISSUE I KNOW THE SPEAKER BROUGHT THAT UP BUT THIS THIS SYSTEM THAT YOU GUYS PURCHASE THIS EHR SYSTEM HOW MUCH DID THAT COST IF I CAN ASK THE HOSPITAL HOW MUCH OF THE SYSTEM COST THAT NOW WE'RE HEARING IS NOT WORKABLE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SENATOR I'M SORRY CAN YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION I DIDN'T QUITE.

SENATOR BROWN: I KNOW THE SPEAKER HAD BROUGHT THIS UP BUT THIS EHR SYSTEM THAT YOU GUYS ACQUIRED THAT WE'RE HEARING IS NOT WORKING OR NOT FUNCTIONAL.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IT'S WORKING.

SENATOR BROWN: OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: BUT IT'S NOT WORKING TO THE LEVEL THAT WE EXPECTED IT WHERE IN INTERFACING LIKE FOR EXAMPLE YOU GET ADMITTED TO SURGICAL FLOOR ALL THE SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED BUT YOU KNOW LABORATORY RADIOLOGY RESPIRATORY ALL THOSE CHARGES NOT NECESSARILY THEN GET INTERFACED TO THE BILLING AND SO THE BILLING TEAM HAVE TO GO BACK MANUALLY TO THEN MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER THOSE SERVICES OR WHATEVER CHARGES ARE INCURRED FOR YOUR HOSPITALIZATION THAT'S GETS INTO THE SYSTEM IN TERMS OF THE BILLING AND THE CODING INTO THEN A CLAIM TO YOUR INSURANCE PROVIDER.

SENATOR BROWN: I I KNOW PREVIOUS PRESENTATIONS WAS THAT THE SYSTEM AS YOU RELAYED WAS SUPPOSED TO DO ALL THAT SO THAT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WAS OUR EXPECTATION CORRECT.

SENATOR BROWN: IT WOULD HELP FACILITATE BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND I MEAN THE MANUAL PROCESS WITH THE AMOUNT OF BILLINGS YOU DO EVERY DAY AND YOU KNOW JUST A SINGLE PATIENT I'M SURE THERE COULD BE A WHOLE NUMBER OF THINGS THAT THE HOSPITAL HAS TO BILL ON SO SO WHAT HAPPENED WITH REGARDS TO THE INABILITY WHY IS IT NOT WORKING AND AND WHAT OPTIONS DO YOU HAVE WAS THAT WAS THAT THE DELIVERABLE IN ON THE CONTRACT FOR THE SYSTEM.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE'RE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE MEDFAIR COMPANY.

SENATOR BROWN: OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WHO OWNS THE PRODUCT AND SO WE'RE ALSO NEEDING TO WORK ON OUR HARDWARE BECAUSE THERE'S SO THERE ARE SOME LIMITATIONS WITH OUR HARDWARE BUT IT'S AN ONGOING PROCESS COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMPANY MEDFAIR WITH OUR TEAM HAVE BEEN ONGOING AND SO YOU KNOW THIS IS THE PRODUCT THAT WE HAVE WE'RE MAKING THE BEST OF IT.

SENATOR BROWN: I I UNDERSTAND BUT AGAIN I MEAN IF YOU HAVE A CONTRACT DELIVERABLE AT IS IT YOUR SYSTEM THAT'S THE SETBACK AND IF I ASSUME THEY WOULD HAVE DONE AN ASSESSMENT TO TELL YOU WHAT YOU NEED TO UPGRADE OR REPLACE IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS WORK IF THAT'S DONE IS IT GOING TO BE WORKABLE BECAUSE I THERE WERE COMMENTS THAT WERE FLOATING AROUND HERE A LITTLE EARLIER THAT THE SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE REPLACED WITH SOMETHING ELSE AND THAT CONCERNS ME I MEAN I HOW MUCH DID THE SYSTEM COST.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: HOW MUCH HAS IT COST.

SENATOR BROWN: HOW MUCH HAS IT COST THE HOSPITAL YEAH HOW MUCH OR HOW MUCH HAVE YOU PAID OR IS THERE SOMETHING LEFT YOU STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR IT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IN THE FIVE YEARS THAT WE'VE HAD THE THE PRODUCT AND WORKING TOWARDS GETTING IT LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR WE'VE PAID THE COMPANY ABOUT \$4 MILLION AND SO AND IT'S ONGOING WE DO OWE THEM RIGHT NOW ABOUT 400 \$400,000 SO PROBABLY REACHING 5 MILLION NOW SINCE THE 5 YEARS THAT WE'VE PROCURED THE PRODUCT.

SENATOR BROWN: SO DO YOU ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS WHAT YOU NEED ON YOUR END AND THEY'RE GOING TO ADDRESS WHAT THEY NEED ON THEIR END TO MAKE THE THE MAKE THIS EQUIPMENT WORKABLE FOR THE HOSPITAL.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE'RE OPTIMISTIC AS SOON AS WE MAKE THAT PAYMENT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT REALLY IS HOLDING US UP THEY THAT'S WHY THEY PUT US ON SUPPORT HOME SO WE'RE OPTIMISTIC.

SENATOR BROWN: SO THERE'S NOT A NEED COMMENTS WERE MADE HERE THAT THERE MAY BE A NEED TO REPLACE THIS SYSTEM.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THERE MAY BE A NEED TO REPLACE A SYSTEM.

SENATOR BROWN: THOSE COMMENTS WERE MADE HERE THAT'S WHY I I JUST WANTED CLARIFICATION.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: OKAY.

SENATOR BROWN: BECAUSE I MEAN YOU KNOW I MEAN YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND I'M SURE IF YOU'RE GOING TO INVEST THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY TO GET THIS IN PLACE I THINK WE WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE THAT WE'RE GOING TO DISPOSE OF IT AND WE GOT TO PURCHASE A NEW SYSTEM BECAUSE THOSE COMMENTS WERE MADE HERE ON THE FLOOR THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE ARE LOOKING TO REPLACE IT AS I SAID EARLIER IT REALLY WE THOUGHT WE WERE CONVINCED BY THE COMPANY WHEN THEY CAME OUT THEIR EXPERTS AND THEIR CLINICAL PEOPLE THEIR TEAM WE WERE CONVINCED THAT IT IS A PRODUCT THAT WILL WORK FOR US IN OUR LANDSCAPE IN OUR ENVIRONMENT AS A HOSPITAL WE'VE DISCOVERED THAT THIS PRODUCT WAS PRIMARILY BUILT FOR THE LANDSCAPE OF A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NOT FOR AN ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL SETTING AND SO OUR TEAM THEY WORK WITH THEIR TEAM TO BUILD IT SO IT FITS INTO OUR LANDSCAPE AS AN ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL BUT YOU KNOW IT'S A IT'S A PROGRAM THAT THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE THE ENGINEERS HAVE TO TWEAK IT AND THEY WERE ABLE TO TWEAK IT TO A POINT WHERE IT IS FUNCTIONAL BUT IT'S STILL NOT TO THE LEVEL OF 100% THAT WE EXPECTED TO SO.

SENATOR BROWN: AND IN THE PROCUREMENT OF IT WOULDN'T THAT HAVE BEEN OUTLINED BY GMH WHAT YOUR DELIVERABLES WOULD HAVE BEEN WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE EXPECTED.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IF WE HAD GONE THROUGH THE RFP PROCESS BUT WE DIDN'T WE WENT THROUGH THE NOVATION PROCESS BECAUSE THIS PRODUCT THIS COMPANY WAS AFFILIATED WITH THE EXISTING COMPANY CALLED CANTATA THEIR PRODUCT EHR PRODUCT WAS OPTIMAL THAT THEY WERE SUN SETTING AND SO THEIR RECOMMENDATION IN THEIR SUN SETTING WAS FOR US TO THEN TRANSITION TO THIS MEDSPHERE CARE VIEW THROUGH THE NOVATION PROCESS NOT AN RFP IF WE HAD GONE THROUGH AN RFP YES WE WOULD HAVE MADE THOSE SPECIFICATIONS AS FAR AS WHAT WE EXPECT AND WHAT WE WANT AS DELIVERABLES FOR THIS EHR PRODUCT.

SENATOR BROWN: SO WHAT RECOURSE DOES THE HOSPITAL HAVE IF YOU COMPLETE THIS PROCESS AND IT'S STILL NOT FUNCTIONAL TO THE LEVEL THAT YOU HAD ANTICIPATED.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: AND THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE OUR LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEWING THE SUPPOSEDLY AN AGREEMENT THAT WE HAD GONE INTO WITH THIS COMPANY BUT IT'S REALLY NOT AN AGREEMENT IS WHAT WE UNDERSTAND IT TO BE IT'S A SUBSCRIPTION IS WHAT WE HAVE SUBSCRIPTION.

SENATOR BROWN: WELL I HOPE THERE'S RESOLUTION BECAUSE THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME ACCOUNTABILITY SOMEWHERE BECAUSE THIS WAS SOMETHING A FEW YEARS AGO THAT WAS ADVOCATED THAT ONCE IT WAS IN PLACE THIS IS GOING TO HELP FACILITATE YOUR BILLING ISSUE WHICH IS YOU KNOW.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: CORRECT YEAH.

SENATOR BROWN: I MEAN ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE THAT ACTUALLY ARE ABLE TO PAY YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DO PAY AND IT'S DOESN'T SOUND LIKE WE'RE THERE YET I MEAN IF WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE MANUAL PROCESS WE WE'RE NO FURTHER ALONG AFTER \$4 MILLION I HAD QUESTIONED DURING THE BUDGET HEARING THAT WE HAD WITH GMH THIS PHARMACEUTICAL FUND THAT WAS OVER \$30 MILLION AND I HAD ASKED THAT QUESTION BECAUSE AGAIN YOU KNOW OFB HAD RELAYED THAT YOU KNOW THEY'RE LOOKING MAYBE BETWEEN 17 TO 19 MILLION THAT'S GOING TO BE GENERATED ANNUALLY IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL FUND AND YET IN THE BREAKDOWN AND PRESENTATION BY GMH IT SAID 30 MILLION PLUS I I AGAIN I ASKED HOW DO YOU RECONCILE THAT WITH THE EXPECTATION YOU WERE GOING TO HAVE 30 MILLION IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL FUND.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: IF I MAY SO WHEN WE PUT THE BUDGET TOGETHER WE WERE WE WERE TOLD TO SUBMIT ALL THE EXPENSES THAT WE HAD AND PUTTING THE BUDGET TOGETHER WE DID HAVE A BIG SHORTFALL AND SO IN TRYING TO RELAY THAT SHORTFALL IN OUR BUDGET BUDGET PRESENTATION TO THE LEGISLATURE WE JUST PUT THAT NUMBER IN TO SHOW THE SHORTFALL THAT WE WOULD HAVE DESPITE THE THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET APPROPRIATION ALREADY FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND THE PHARMACEUTICALS FUND WE WERE STILL VERY SHORT FOR TRYING TO MEET THE EXPECTATIONS FOR FY24.

SENATOR BROWN: IF I CAN ASK THEN WHY WASN'T IT CLARIFIED BECAUSE IT ACT IT LOOKED LIKE THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE EXPECTING ANTICIPATING IN REVENUE VERSUS THIS IS THE EXPENDITURE OF WHAT YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING IN THAT IN TERMS OF 30 MILLION INSTEAD OF I MEAN IF YOU'RE ONLY GETTING \$18 MILLION FOR EXAMPLE AND YOUR ACTUAL EXPENDITURE IS 30 THERE OR THE NEED IS THERE IT IT WASN'T CLEAR IN YOUR BUDGET PRESENTATION.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: AND I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT IF IT WAS NOT IF IT WAS NOT CLEAR.

SENATOR BROWN: YEAH I MEAN THAT'S WHY I ASKED THAT BECAUSE I MEAN WE'RE CONCERNED I MEAN THERE'S A PRESENTATION THAT THERE ACTUALLY IS GOING TO BE 30 MILLION IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL FUND AND IT'S NOT IT'S.

GMH CFO – HECHANOVA: YES I UNDERSTAND.

SENATOR BROWN: IT'S A BIG NUMBER IT'S IT'S NOT NOT A FEW DOLLARS HERE OR THERE YOU KNOW A FEW FEW EXTRA QUARTERS OR NICKELS I MEAN IT'S A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT IF I CAN ASK I I DO HAVE TO ASK AND I AM GOING TO SAY WITH A LITTLE TIME I HAVE LEFT ON THIS ROUND WHAT WAS THE PLAN FOR GMH WITH THE ADMINISTRATION I MEAN THE ADMINISTRATION CAME FORTH PUBLICLY AND THEY WERE GOING TO DO ALL THIS GREAT STUFF FOR HEALTHCARE AND GMH AND I FIND IT ODD THAT IT'S THE REPUBLICAN MINORITY HERE INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF EMERGENCY AT GMH WHEN REALLY YOU KNOW THAT THAT SHOULD HAVE COME FROM YOU GUYS YOU GUYS SHOULD HAVE SAID HEY WE HAVE A PROBLEM HERE AND WE NEED HELP WHAT WE'RE 5 YEARS IN THE GAME TIME RUNNING OUT THREE YEARS AND COUNTING DOWN IN TWO MONTHS WHAT WHAT ARE WE DOING DIFFERENTLY OR BETTER SO THAT WE'RE NOT IN THIS BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN AT THIS A LONG TIME I'VE BEEN AT IT A LONG TIME I MEAN WE HAVE BEEN AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO NEED TO SERVICE THOSE THAT THAT ARE NOT ABLE TO WE UNDERSTAND ALL THAT BUT WHAT WHAT WHAT IS THE GET WELL PLAN FOR GMH WHAT WAS THE AGENDA FOR THE HOSPITAL WITH THE ADMINISTRATION IN TERMS OF GETTING US OUT OF WHAT IS A REPETITIVE SITUATION.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: OKAY IF I MAY SPEAK THEN TO THAT QUESTION THE BIGGER PICTURE IS THEN TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL WE KNOW THAT THAT'S BEEN WELL ESTABLISHED BY THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BY PREVIOUS ASSESSMENTS THAT WERE DONE MANY YEARS AGO THAT THE HOSPITAL NEEDS TO BE REPLACED BECAUSE IT YOU KNOW IT'S JUST NOT KEEPING UP WITH THE CODE REGULATIONS FOR A FACILITY IT'S OUTGROWN THOSE STANDARDS AND SO THAT IS THE BIGGER PLAN IS TO HAVE A NEW HOSPITAL IN A MEDICAL CAMPUS SO THERE IS THAT CONTINUITY OF CARE BETWEEN ALL THE HEALTH AGENCIES THAT I AM ALSO SUPPORTIVE OF THAT BUT BEFORE WE GET TO THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE SUSTAINING THIS CURRENT HOSPITAL BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME TO BUILD THAT NEW HOSPITAL SO WE NEED TO HAVE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL OPERATIONAL BECAUSE IT MAY TAKE PROBABLY WHAT SEVEN YEARS TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL SO WE JUST NEED TO REALLY CONTINUE WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP THAT HOSPITAL OPERATIONAL AND OPEN FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.

SENATOR BROWN: WELL MY 19 SECONDS LEFT IN COUNTING DOWN I MEAN I DO HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I THINK THAT IS THE CRISIS IS ENSURING THAT YOU DO HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND THE RESOURCES THAT YOU NEED NOW TO TAKE CARE OF PATIENTS I MEAN WONDERFUL A NEW HOSPITAL WE CAN'T EVEN TAKE CARE OF THE PATIENTS NOW WITH BASIC SUPPLIES I I THINK WE HAVE A MAJOR ISSUE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: I DISAGREE WE ARE TAKING CARE WE ARE TAKING CARE OF THE PATIENTS.

SENATOR BROWN: YOU ARE ENTITLED YOU'RE ENTITLED TO DISAGREE AND I'M OUT OF TIME BUT YOU KNOW WE'RE HERE TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS AND CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC SO WITH THAT MR. CHAIRMAN THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL.

SENATOR QUINATA: YEAH SIMPLE IF WE JUST MAKE AN AMENDMENT OR I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S FOR THE PANEL BUT THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION IF WE JUST MAKE THE SIMPLE AMENDMENT REMOVE THE 2023 AUDITED REVENUE I THINK WE CAN JUST IMMEDIATELY NIP THIS IN THE BUTT AND MOVE ON OF OUR LIVES WE CAN GET FOCUSED BACK ON THE ISSUE WE'RE TRYING TO GET THE HOSPITAL FIXED SO FINANCIALLY IF THAT'S THE ISSUE

WE GOT TO GET RID OF THE 2023 AUDITED PART AND JUST USE THE 2022 THEN CAN WE MOVE FORWARD FROM THAT CUZ THAT'S THAT'S MY POINT HERE IS WE JUST KEEP MAN WE JUST KEEP GOING AROUND ON THE SAME ISSUE IT'S IT'S JUST LIKE WE'RE HAVING ANOTHER OVERSIGHT HEARING AND WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE THE 20 MILLION THERE GET IT THE 30 MILLION'S THERE GET IT MOVE ON.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: UNDERSTOOD SENATOR QUINATA BUT THAT'S ON THE THIRD ROUND FOR THE AMENDMENTS IT'S WE JUST GOT TO COMPLETE THE ROUNDS UNLESS THERE'S A MOTION TO.

SENATOR QUINATA: YES CAN SAY CAN I MAKE A MOTION THEN TO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOU CAN MAKE A MOTION TO ANYTHING YOU CAN END THE THE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: NONE OF US CAN ASK QUESTIONS NONE OF US CAN ASK QUESTIONS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WHAT'S YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHAT THE HECK IT'S RIDICULOUS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: EAST EASY NOW SENATOR TAITAGUE HE'S HE'S MAKING A STATEMENT IS HIS TIME NOT YOURS BE NICE BE NICE SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER OKAY I ASK YOU AND REMIND YOU OF WHAT THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IS OKAY SO JUST CHILL OUT SENATOR QUINATA CONTINUE ON WHATEVER YOU WANT TO ASK QUESTIONS OR NOT.

SENATOR QUINATA: SO I BELIEVE MR. LESTER HAD HIS HAND RAISED SO I WOULD LIKE TO YIELD TO HIM.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY MR. CARLSON.

BMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA FOR YOUR WELL-INTENTIONED REMARKS I THINK THE ISSUE WITH 23 IS AUDITED FINANCIALS AND WE WON'T GET THOSE FOR NINE MONTHS A YEAR SO WE BROUGHT UP THE POINT THAT THAT SHOULD BE STRICKEN AND I THINK WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER ON REVISED LANGUAGE THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE WHICH INCLUDES YOU KNOW LIKE SINCE I EARLIER SAID WE HAD TO DO WHAT THE PUBLIC AUDITOR SUGGESTED WHICH IS CLEAN UP THE CHECKBOOK FOR 2022 WE'VE DONE THAT SO WE'RE TAKING SOME 2022 FUNDS THAT WE DIDN'T DE OBLIGATE ADDING THAT TO A GOOD 2023 REDUCING THE PROVISION FOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS THAT ARE SHORT AND IT'S ALL CONTAINED ON THAT NEW ONE ONE PIECE ONE PAGER THAT I HAD PASSED OUT THAT'S THE SUMMARY SO I I AGREE WITH WHAT YOU'RE SAYING BUT I THINK THERE'S ALREADY A COUPLE OF EFFORTS TO REVISE THAT LANGUAGE AND ADDRESS YOUR CONCERNS.

SENATOR QUINATA: SIR THANK YOU YEAH WITH THAT I MEAN I'M HOW MANY MORE CYCLES ARE WE GOING TO GO AROUND ANOTHER CYCLE ANOTHER 5 MINUTES I MEAN IF WE'RE TRYING TO SOLVE THE SITUATION WITH THE HOSPITAL LET'S GET IT DONE LET'S PUT THIS ON THE VOTE AND MOVE ON I MEAN OKAY YOU WANT TO FINISH THIS GIVE THERE'S 10 MORE MINUTES I'M JUST SAYING IF IT'S REALLY AN EMERGENCY SITUATION LET'S RESOLVE IT OTHERWISE LET'S WAIT TILL NEXT ELECTION RIGHT BEFORE THE PRIMARY OR THE GENERAL AND WE'LL RESOLVE IT IN THAT MOMENT BECAUSE IF IT'S SERIOUSLY A SITUATIONAL ISSUE THEN LET'S RESOLVE IT NOW IF WE CAN NIP IT IN THE BUTT AND GET IT DONE AND OVER WITH THE MONEY'S HERE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: DO YOU HAVE A MOTION SENATOR QUINATA I DO.

SENATOR QUINATA: WELL I'M I'M NOT GOING TO MOTION TO WHAT DO YOU CALL IT END THE DISCUSSION BECAUSE ALREADY MY COLLEAGUE WANTS TO TALK SO SHE CAN HAVE HER FIVE MINUTES BUT YOU KNOW I WAS JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WHAT HOW MUCH LONGER ARE WE GOING TO KEEP GOING ON THIS IF IT'S SUCH AN EMERGENCY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO WAIT TILL MONDAY TO VOTE ON THIS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA ANYTHING ELSE ANYONE ELSE.

SENATOR QUINATA: NO THAT'S IT I MEAN I GOT NOTHING ELSE FURTHER TO SAY I'M JUST TRYING TO GET IT OVER AND DONE WITH IF WE JUST NEED TO PUT ONE AMENDMENT LET'S PUT THE ONE AMENDMENT I APOLOGIZE FOR OFFENDING A COLLEAGUE IF YOU KNOW I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE SOLUTION HERE WE KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE WE KNOW WHAT THE SITUATION IS WITH THE HOSPITAL WE'LL WANT TO WRITE

ANOTHER RESOLUTION I'LL JUST PUT IT IN BOLD FONT IN TEXT OR WHAT SO I YES BUT OTHER THAN THAT MR. CHAIR THAT'S IT I.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR FISHER DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION FOR THE PANEL.

SENATOR FISHER: I DO CHAIR THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE PANEL I APOLOGIZE I APOLOGIZE TO YOU FOR OUR TARDINESS WE TOLD YOU 2 O'CLOCK AND WE WEREN'T ABLE TO START TILL 2:25 I CAN ASSURE YOU IN THE FUTURE WE'LL TRY AND DO BETTER AND I HAVE TO I TO AN EXTENT I HAVE TO ECHO SENATOR QUINATA'S POSITION YOU KNOW MANY OF US HAVE MILITARY BACKGROUNDS YOU DON'T RAISE A PROBLEM UNLESS YOU HAVE A SOLUTION AND THAT'S WHAT HE'S LOOKING FOR AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL LOOKING FOR BUT IT OCCURS TO ME TODAY IS OCTOBER 13TH AND MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW THAT TODAY IS THE SECOND BIRTHDAY SECOND BIRTHDAY OF THE 21ST CENTURY HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2021 TODAY IS THE ACTUAL SECOND AN ANNIVERSARY I'M GOING TO TRY AND HURRY UP HERE A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE I WAS LOOKING AT WHEN THE GOVERNOR UH GOVERNOR LEON GUERO SIGNED THIS SHE WAS VERY EFFUSIVE IN HER HAPPINESS WITH WHAT WE DID HERE THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE UNFAMILIAR THE THE 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER ACT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO TAKE CARE OF THE HOSPITAL TODAY AND BUILD THE NEW HOSPITAL IT HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR TWO MEN FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS NOTHING HAS HAPPENED AND SO MISS MISS POSADAS I'M GOING TO PUT THE FIRST QUESTION TO YOU HAS GEDA WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN BASICALLY IN CHARGE OF THIS SITUATION HAS GEDA DONE ANYTHING THEY WERE REQUIRED TO DO PURSUANT TO THE ACT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE'VE BEEN MEETING WITH GEDA WHEN WE FIRST LAUNCHED THE TASK FORCE TO DISCUSS THE PLAN TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: BECAUSE GEDA IS THE ONE THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE GRANT THAT THE GOVERNOR WAS AWARDED FOR BY THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT TO THEN BEGIN THE PLAN FOR THE NEW HOSPITAL NEW MEDICAL CAMPUS SO WE'VE BEEN MEETING AND GEDA HAS DONE SOME WORK PRELIMINARY WORK WITH LAND MANAGEMENT AND THEY'VE DONE QUITE A BIT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH REGARDS TO FINANCE SENATOR JOE SAN AUGSTIN INTRODUCED LEGISLATION WITH REGARDS TO SOME FINANCIAL \$35 MILLION.

SENATOR FISHER: YEAH.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: FOR YOU KNOW FOR THE NEW HOSPITAL AND PLUS THE FOR GEDA TO HAVE A STUDY TO REUSE THAT FACILITY ONCE WE VACATE IT AND WE GO INTO THE SO THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION AND WORK AROUND WITH GEDA.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: BUT IT'S BEEN ON PAUSE BECAUSE OF THE LAND ISSUE WE ARE WE GOT INTO A LANDLOCK SITUATION WHEN THE EAGLES FIELD OPTION DID NOT GO THROUGH SO NOW THE GOVERNOR IS PURSUING ANOTHER LOCATION SO.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY SO WE JUST NEED TO FIND THE LOCATION AND THEN WE CAN LAUNCH ON THIS THING AND GET IT GOING.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: CAN CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE CORRECT.

SENATOR FISHER: CAUSE IT'S BEEN 2 YEARS IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE THIS THIS ACT PASSED I JUST NOTICED IN HER LETTER.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: RIGHT.

SENATOR FISHER: THE GOVERNOR AGAIN SHE WAS QUITE EFFUSIVE SHE SAID THAT YOU KNOW CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FACILITY HOSPITAL AS WELL AS NEW FACILITIES FOR THE AGENCIES INVOLVED FULFILLS A PROMISE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOSH TENORIO AND I MADE WHEN WE FIRST TOOK OFFICE TO PUT THE HEALTH CARE AND THE WELLBEING OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM FIRST DEDICATING THE NECESSARY AMERICAN

RESCUE PLAN FUNDS TO THAT AND SHE SAID THIS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST PRIVILEGES OF BEING GOVERNOR BRAVO GOVERNOR I AGREE WITH YOU YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THE HEALTHCARE EVERYBODY AGREES UNDER THIS ACT SHE HAS BEGUN BY SAYING SHE NEEDS TO PUT \$330 MILLION OF ARP NUM MONEY TOWARDS THE THE CREATION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL AND THEN 35 MILLION AT LEAST PER YEAR CONTINUING TO PAY FOR THE LEASE BACK WHICH WOULD BE COMING FROM THE REIMBURSEMENT I APOLOGIZE FOR TALKING SO FAST BUT THE CLOCK'S RUNNING THE REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE EITC FUNDS IT'S COMPREHENSIVE THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO REINVENT THE WHEEL IS THE WAY I LOOK AT IT BUT SO LET ME ASK YOU IN YOUR BEST ESTIMATE YOUR BEST PROFESSIONAL ESTIMATE WHEN WILL THIS PLAN BE DONE THEY'VE HAD TWO YEARS WHEN WILL THE PLAN BE DONE THE FINANCING WHICH THEY'RE REQUIRED TO DO THE DESIGN THE RFP THE WHOLE THE WHOLE SHOOTING MATCH FROM SOUP TO NUT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TAKING CARE OF THIS WITH THE INPUT OF COURSE FROM GMH WHEN'S IT GOING TO BE DONE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: I'M KIND OF BASING IT ON WHEN NAVAL HOSPITAL WAS BUILT IT TOOK ABOUT FIVE SEVEN YEARS FOR THEM BUT YOU KNOW WE STILL DON'T EVEN HAVE THE LAND SO.

SENATOR FISHER: RIGHT YEAH I'M SORRY I GOT A LITTLE BIT AHEAD OF MYSELF I DON'T MEAN DONE IN THE SENSE THAT THE HOSPITAL'S GOING TO YOU KNOW TURN OVER THE KEYS WHEN IS THE PLAN GOING TO BE DONE SO YOU GUYS CAN START BUILDING THE HOSPITAL AND WE CAN HOPEFULLY COME UP WITH WITH THE MONEY TO HELP YOU.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: RIGHT WELL FIRST WE NEED TO GET THE LAND.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY OKAY SO THAT'S IT IF WE GET THE LAND WE CAN GO.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE CAN GO FORWARD WITH PROBABLY HAVING TO DO AN RFP AS FAR AS WHO WILL COME UP WITH THE A&E DESIGN FOR THIS NEW HOSPITAL.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SO THAT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME AGAIN.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY AND I THINK THE GOVERNOR HAS SUBMITTED A BILL FOR OUR CONSIDERATION AS TO THE LAND I THINK IT'S ACROSS FROM HAWAIIAN ROCK BACK ROAD SOMEWHERE THERE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THE GOVERNOR SUBMITTED A BILL.

SENATOR FISHER: I THINK SO I MIGHT NOT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: YEAH THAT'S WHAT I UNDERSTAND.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY ALL RIGHT WELL I HOPE WE CAN ADDRESS THAT ASAP.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: I HOPE SO TOO.

SENATOR FISHER: WITHOUT SCREWING AROUND WITH THE POLITICS OF IT AND ETC AND SO FORTH BECAUSE IF WE DON'T GET THIS HOSPITAL FIXED WE'RE GOING TO LOSE PEOPLE LITERALLY AND PEOPLE ARE JUST GOING TO LEAVE ISLAND YOU CAN'T LIVE IN A PLACE WITH NO HEALTHCARE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: CORRECT.

SENATOR FISHER: SO I GUESS I'VE MADE ALL THE POINTS I WANT TO MAKE BUT I WOULD ALSO NOTE WHEN I SAW THIS I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU SAID SOMETHING'S BEING DONE BECAUSE I WAS WONDERING WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT IF NOTHING HAD BEEN DONE BECAUSE INACTION BY GEDA IS DEPRIVING ME OF A BENEFIT AND AND THAT'S A CRIME I'M A CITIZEN SO GOOD I'M GLAD THAT THERE IS A FIRE UNDERNEATH ALL OF YOU AND LET'S GET THAT NEW HOSPITAL BUILT AND LET'S QUIT BICKERING AND FOOLING AROUND ON IT AND I KNOW YOU AGREE THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER SENATOR TAITAGUE DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YES I DO THANK YOU MR. CHAIR AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR ALLOWING US THE REMAINING OF US TO ASK QUESTIONS MY QUESTION IS TO LESTER LESTER I'M SHOWING HERE LAPSES OF FY21 IN THE AMOUNT OF 1 .5 MILLION IS THAT CORRECT FY21 ACCORDING TO YOUR DOCUMENTS THAT YOU SUBMITTED TO US PAGE ONE OF 16.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THAT'S THE AUDIT BALANCE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHEN YOU SAY AUDIT BALANCE THAT MEANS LAPSES OR EXCESS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT'S A SURPLUS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SURPLUS MEANING CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE WHAT IS SURPLUS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU GOT MONEY IN YOUR WALLET.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IN OTHER WORDS WE WE WE GIVE AN AGENCY \$500,000 TO SPEND THEY ONLY SPEND 200 SO WE HAVE WHAT SURPLUS OF THREE DOES THAT WHAT MEAN MY SURPLUS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WHEN ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS AND MAYBE MR. BIRNS A BETTER PERSON TO SPEAK ABOUT THE AUDIT BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT WE ENDED UP 21 WITH SURPLUS A NOMINAL ONE BUT A SURPLUS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO AGAIN CAN YOU ANSWER MY QUESTION IS THAT A SURPLUS IF AN AGENCY WAS APPROPRIATED 500,000.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND THEY ONLY SPENT THREE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT'S THE ENTIRETY THE LIST SENATOR IS THAT LONG OF OF THINGS THAT THE AUDITORS GO THROUGH TRANSFERS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: CAN CAN YOU SPEAK INTO THE MIC LESTER I'M SORRY I'M BACK HERE THE AUDIO IS BAD.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: SENATOR IF I COULD JUST INTER ON THIS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YES PLEASE MR. BIRN.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: IT'S NOT A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATION IT'S A DIFF IT'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO MR. BIRN WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A IF WE APPROPRIATE 500,000 TO AN AGENCY THEY ONLY SPENT TWO 300 AND BY THE END OF THE YEAR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED THERE'S REMAINING IF IF THE LEGISLATURE DIDN'T ALLOW THAT AGENCY TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THEIR LAPSES WHAT IS THAT MONEY CALLED WHAT ARE YOU CALLING IT SURPLUS LAPSES OR.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: NO THAT'S A LAPSE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY IT'S CALLED A LAPSE OKAY I JUST WANTED TO CLEAR SO IN FY21 THERE IS 1.5 MILLION IN LAPSES IS THAT CORRECT MR. BIRN.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: NO I THINK MR. CARLSON SAID THERE WAS 1.5 MILLION IN SURPLUS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: FOR FY21.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: YES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY THEN CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO ME LESTER ON PAGE OKAY LET'S GO TO PAGE I BELIEVE PAGE NINE THE FIRST ONE OPERATIONS THE FIRST SECTION IT SAYS OPERATIONS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR OPERATIONS DIRECT APPROPRIATION FOR 2% GENERAL FUND RESERVE FUND SOURCE UTILIZE 40 OKAY NOT THAT ONE EXPENDITURES LET'S GO TO EXPENDITURES I'M SORRY ONE TWO THREE THREE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST OPERATIONS FUNDING SOURCE WAS 175 137 MILLION 511 EXPENDITURES IS 11141 0 SO YOU HAVE IT IN

YELLOW 26,100 OKAY SO THAT'S FUNDING THAT HAS NOT BEEN SPENT THAT'S THE BALANCE RIGHT YOU'RE LOOKING AT BALANCE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SENATOR THERE IS A ONE PAGE REVISED ONE PAGE SUMMARY THAT WAS PASSED OUT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: EARLIER TODAY GOT IT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU GO DOWN TO THE ATTACHMENTS IT KIND OF GIVES YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE DIFFERENT SECTIONS RIGHT NOW YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING ON PAGE NINE BASICALLY WE BEGIN TO TELL YOU WHAT IT IS THAT THE AGENCIES WERE BUDGETED WHAT THEY SPENT WHAT THEY ENCUMBERED AND WHAT THE APPROPRIATION BALANCE IS AND THIS IS FROM STARTING ON PAGE EIGHT FY22 EXCESS REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY LESTER CAN YOU SHOW ME WHERE THE 1.5 MILLION FOR FY21 EXPENDITURES IS LOCATED ON THIS SPREADSHEET.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT'S NOT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IT'S NOT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FY22.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WELL BUT YOU HAVE FY21 HERE IT SAYS FY21 ON THE FIRST PAGE PAGE 1 OF 16 FY21 EXPENDITURES INCLUDE AUDIT EXPEND PLUS PRIOR YEAR FUND BALANCE 1.5 MILLION CAN YOU SHOW ME ON THE SPREADSHEET WHERE YOU CAME UP THAT 1.5.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: FOR THE PURPOSES OF WHAT WE'RE DOING SENATOR HOW WE ENDED UP FISCAL YEAR 21 DIDN'T MATTER CLOSED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHAT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT DID NOT MATTER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHAT IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE 1.5 WE DIDN'T KNOW THIS LEGISLATURE WHO APPROPRIATES FUNDS IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE WE KNOW THIS 1.5 WHERE IT CAME FROM.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU SHOULD.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WELL WE WOULD IF IF YOU ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS AND GIVE US THE INFORMATION.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THE AUDIT THE AUDIT CAME OUT TWO YEARS AGO.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO THE 1.5 HAS BEEN SITTING THERE AND AND NOBODY HAS TOUCHED IT RIGHT IS THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SAYING SO WE HAVE ACCESS TO 1.5 RIGHT NOW.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NO SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: NO.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NO.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SO.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I'LL LET MR. BIRN EXPLAIN BUT I'LL END BY SAYING WHEN YOU LOOK AT AN AUDIT AND APPARENTLY YOU HAVEN'T IN A WHILE THE ENDING BALANCE IS THEN TAKEN UP TO THE BEGINNING BALANCE FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR THAT'S HOW SURPLUSES ARE TAKEN THE SAME THING WITH DEFICITS SO IT'S INCORPORATED MOVING FORWARD AND WE HAD WE WE WE HAD A GOOD 22 AND WE HAD A GOOD 23 UNFORTUNATELY WE OVER APPROPRIATED IN 22 SO WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT IS OUR RECONCILIATION OF EXCESS REVENUES SO THAT WE COULD PAIR IT DOWN AND BALANCE OUR CHECKBOOK.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WELL YOU KNOW LESTER NUMBER ONE IF YOU'D GIVE US INFORMATION.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NOT MY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION IS MORE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT'S NOT MY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MORE TRANSPARENT TO THIS BODY THEN MAYBE WE WOULD COULD UNDERSTAND THE NUMBERS THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO HIDE FROM US SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO ANY OF THIS MONEY SO IT'S AS FAR AS AUDIT IS CONCERNED YES I'VE READ AUDITS THE LAST ONE I'VE READ IS THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUDIT THE MOST RECENT AUDIT THAT CAME OUT FOR YOU TO SAY THAT YOU KNOW IT'S.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: APPARENTLY WELL I MEAN.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IT'S RIDI IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THIS THIS PIECE OF PAPER THAT YOU GAVE US WAS TO TRY AND CONFUSE US.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THE ENDING BALANCE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MORE THAN HAVE US UNDERSTAND BECAUSE WHEN WE ASK YOU A QUESTION LESTER YOU TRY EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO MAKE SURE YOU SPIN IT AROUND SO THAT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND IT SIMPLIFY IT SOME OF US DON'T HAVE THE DEGREE OF YOU KNOW THAT YOU DO WHEN IT COMES TO FINANCES BUT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SHOW US HOW THIS IS DONE WHEN WE ASK BUT UNFORTUNATELY YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THAT THAT'S FINE LESTER SO WE'LL MOVE ON BECAUSE WE KNOW NOW THIS THIS WHOLE SPREADSHEET IS TO TAKE WHAT WE APPROPRIATED FROM FY EXCESS FY22 FUNDS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THAT'S WHAT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: FOR YOU TO TAKE IT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THAT'S WHAT THE BILL SAID.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU KNOW IT'S IRONIC YOU TALK ABOUT AUDITS AND YOU HAVE THIS RED ON PAGE ON THE PAGE WHERE IT SHOWS 1 MILLION IN RED YOU KNOW FOR ANY ACCOUNTANT RED MEANS YOU KNOW IT'S A IT'S A WARNING SIGN 1 MILLION AND YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT 22 HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS IS IF THE AUDIT CAME OUT TODAY LESTER AND IT SAYS THAT WE HAD EXCESS REVENUE IN FY22 FOR 19 OR LET'S SAY 20 MILLION ROUND IT OFF 20 MILLION WOULD THIS BE IN RED STILL ON YOUR SPREADSHEET WOULD YOU BE DOING A NEW SPREADSHEET AND THIS WOULD BE IN THE BLACK INSTEAD OF THE RED.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: LOOK AT THIS PLEASE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I JUST ASKED YOU A QUESTION CAN YOU ANSWER IT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: LOOK AT THIS PLEASE BECAUSE YOU YOU ACCUSE ME OF NOT GIVING YOU INFORMATION I COUNTER TO THAT BY SAYING YOU NEVER READ IT READ IT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WHY DON'T YOU READ WHAT I HAD PASSED OUT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I DID YOU HAVE 19 MILLION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MR. CHAIR CAN HE EXPLAIN.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT'S RIGHT THERE THE 19 IS RIGHT THERE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IT'S IN RED LESTER AND RED INDICATES THAT IT'S A WARNING YOU TALK ABOUT FY22.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU OVER APPROPRIATED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: BUT THE AUDIT HASN'T EVEN COME OUT YET.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU OVER APPROPRIATED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: HOW CAN WE OVER APPROPRIATE WHEN WE HAVEN'T EVEN HAD AN AUDIT TO TELL US HOW MUCH WE HAVE AN EXCESS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: BECAUSE I GIVE YOU REPORTS EVERY MONTH THAT I GUESS YOU DON'T READ.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MR. BIRN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOUR YOUR TIME HAS RUN OUT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WELL WHAT THE ARGUING COUNTS ON THIS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: BECAUSE A GUY WON'T DO IS THAT HIS TACTIC TOO IT'S TYPICAL HIS TACTIC TO KEEP THE ARGUMENT SO I CAN'T ASK OTHER QUESTIONS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I HAVE LET ME ALLOW ME MR. CHAIR ONE MINUTE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: TO ASK MR. BIRN ABOUT THE CRER REPORT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE ALLOW HER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: LET ME READ THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IT DOESN'T COUNT AGAINST YOU ON THE RESPONSE IS EVERY TIME YOU KEEP SPEAKING THAT'S WHERE IT GOES AGAINST YOU IT'S NOT ABOUT THE RESPONSE OKAY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MR. CHAIR ALL HE IS DOING IS NOT ALLOWING TO ANSWER THE IT'S NOT ANSWERING MY QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WE GOT TO YOU GOT TO LET.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THAT'S ALL AND HE KEEPS DOING IT AND DOING SO I'M ASKING MR. CHAIR AS THE VICE CHAIR OF APPROPRIATIONS TO ALLOW ME ONE MINUTE TO ASK ABOUT THE CRER REPORT I HAVEN'T EVEN GOT TO THE HOSPITAL YET.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WE'RE WE'RE NOT GOING TO ALLOW UNLESS ONE OF THE SENATORS GOING TO GIVE YOUR GIVE YOU THEIR TIME OTHERWISE WE MOVE ON WE'RE AT THE END OF THE FIRST ROUND WE GOT ONE MORE ROUND SENATOR TAITAGUE I KNOW YOU'RE MY VICE CHAIR I KNOW THAT QUITE CLEARLY YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMIND OF THAT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WELL MR. CHAIR IF YOU CANNOT RECOGNIZE WHEN THIS ADMINISTRATION IS JUST TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO NOT ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO NO.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND ALLOW US A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME BECAUSE IT'S OBVIOUS THEY'RE DOING THAT UNLESS YOU CAN TELL THE PANEL TO ANSWER THE QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: HE MADE EVERY SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU KNOW YOU'RE YOU'RE JUST ALLOWING HIM TO GO THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR TAITAGUE YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED WE WILL NOW PROCEED TO THE SECOND ROUND AND I'LL BEGIN WITH YOU FOR THE SECOND ROUND SO YOU CAN CONTINUE YOUR QUESTION WE ARE NOW AT THE SECOND ROUND MY COLLEAGUES THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MR. BIRN WHAT IS THE CRER REPORT FOR FY22 SHORTAGE HERE IN THE THIS FIRST PAGE THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO US IT'S SAYING ZERO FY22 SPECIAL FUNDS ANTICIPATED SHORTFALL IT SAYS ZERO IS THAT TRUE TO FORM IT'S ZERO WE DON'T HAVE A SHORTFALL IN SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FY22.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: FOR OH FOR FY22 I I CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: WE DID HAVE A SHORTFALL IN SPECIAL FUNDS THAT WAS SUBSIDIZED BY THE GENERAL FUND AND IT WAS ABOUT 1.8 MILLION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AUGUST IT'S SHOWING THAT THERE WAS AN APPROXIMATELY IN FY22 8.4 MILLION AT THE END OF THE LAST FISCAL YEAR THE LAST CRER REPORT FOR FY22 8.4 MILLION AND YOU'RE SAYING IT WAS WHAT ONLY ONE.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: I THINK YOU NEED TO MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN A SHORTFALL IN REVENUES AND A DEFICIT ON THE FUND BALANCE THE AUDIT DEALS WITH THE DEFICIT ON ON THE FUND BALANCE AND I REPEAT IT WAS 1.8 MILLION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY MR. BIRN IF YOU LOOK AT THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND YOU'RE LOOKING CLOSE TO 7 MILLION THERE OR 6 MILLION THERE AND THEN YOU GO THE HIGHWAY TERRITORIAL FUND YOU'RE LOOKING AT AN ADDITIONAL COUPLE MILLION THERE SO IF YOU'RE TRYING TO TAKE THE BALANCE OF LIKE OKAY I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE MY TIME ON THAT THERE IS A SHORTFALL YOU HAVE ZERO HERE SO WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED SHORTFALL FOR FY 23 FOR SPECIAL FUNDS AN ESTIMATE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SENATOR IT SAYS GENERAL FUND RECONCILIATION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I I CAN'T HEAR I CAN'T HEAR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SHE CAN'T HEAR TURN ON YOUR MIC.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT SAYS GENERAL FUND RECONCILIATION SUMMARY IT'S THE IT'S A CULMINATION OF THE WORK ON THE SPREADSHEETS WE DID SO THERE IS A \$19 MILLION OVERX APPROPRIATION THIS SHOWS YOU AND THEN THE SUBSEQUENT PAGES ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS BECAUSE ON PAGE SIX IT SHOWS YOU A \$19 MILLION DEFICIT AND THIS BASICALLY SUMMARIZES WHAT WE DID SO WE COULD ADDRESS THE \$30 MILLION REQUEST WE'RE ANSWERING EVERYTHING THAT YOU ASKED FOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MR. BIRN WHAT IS THE CR REPORT ENDING FOR FY 23 WHAT IS THE SHORTFALL ESTIMATED SHORTFALL.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SURPLUS.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: SHORTFALL IN WHAT SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: FOR THE CRER REPORT ON THE SPECIAL FUNDS HERE IS SHOWING 13,47 253.

DOA DIRECTOR – BIRN: YEAH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY THAT'S ESTIMATED FOR FY 23.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THAT'S CORRECT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: RIGHT OKAY WE HAVEN'T GOT THE CRER REPORT THIS MONTH YET SO YOU'RE PUTTING AN ESTIMATE HOWEVER WE ENDED IN AUGUST 15 MILLION SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THERE WAS A WE WERE ABLE TO RECOVER SOME REVENUE ADDITIONAL WELL TRIED TO GET TO MORE TO THE APPROPRIATED AMOUNT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I COUNTED 10 MILLION IN AUGUST.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED EXCESS REVENUE FOR THE NEXT CRER REPORT COMING OUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO SEE FOR FV 24 I MEAN 23.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$40 MILLION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IN EXCESS REVENUE FOR THE NEXT CRER COMING OUT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WHICH BASICALLY WINDS UP THE REST OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THE END OF 23 RIGHT I WANT TO VERIFY SO YOU'RE SAYING \$40 MILLION IN EXCESS REVENUE AFTER ALL THOSE ALL THAT WE HAVE APPROPRIATED FOR FY 23.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEP YES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: LILLIAN WHAT IS THE LAST RENOVATIONS THAT WAS DONE AT THE HOSPITAL BESIDES THE EMERGENCY ROOM THAT WAS DONE DURING THE CAMACHO CALVO WELL CAMACHO AND CALVO TOGETHER COMBINED THE THEY DID RENOVATIONS FOR THE EMERGENCY ROOM AND THEY ALSO DID RENOVATIONS FOR THE ICU DEPARTMENT WHAT HAS THE HOSPITAL DONE IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS TO DO ANY KIND OF RENOVATION.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: I'M GOING TO YIELD THAT QUESTION TO MR. KANDO THANK YOU.

GMH – KANDO: THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION SENATOR TAITAGUE TO WE SO IN THE PREVIOUS OVERSIGHT HEARING WE WENT BACK TO WE GAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS WE TALKED ABOUT TELE MEDICINE PROGRAM EXPANSION WE TALKED ABOUT THE ROOFTOP REPAIR A D AND E- WINGS ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF THE EL THE MAIN PANEL AND SUB PANELS WE'VE WE COMPLETED THE HVAC SYSTEM ISOLATION AT THE SNF SKILLED NURSING FACILITY 25 OUT OF 64 AIR HANDLING UNITS REPAIRS TO OUR MAIN CHILLERS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MR. CANTO CAN YOU TELL ME WHICH ONES THAT ARE COMPLETED NOT ONES THAT ARE ONGOING BUT IT COMPLETED.

GMH – KANDO: LABORATORY OF LABORATORY ROOFTOP LABORATORY MECHANICAL ON THE ROOF.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHAT ABOUT THE MOLD IN THE HOSPITAL.

GMH – KANDO: WELL WE'RE GOING THROUGH AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE MOLD.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE STILL GOING THROUGH AN ASSESSMENT.

GMH – KANDO: WE EXPECT A REPORT AT THE END OF THIS MONTH BY AN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST AND WE MENTIONED THAT YESTERDAY I BELIEVE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: CONTINUE IF YOU THERE IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE.

GMH – KANDO: WE HAVE WE HAVE AN ONGOING LIQUID OXYGEN TANK ENCLOSURE AND TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT GOING ON WE'RE REPLACING WE'RE UP WE'RE MAINTAINING AND AND UPGRADING OUR MEDICAL VACUUM PUMPS WE'RE CLOSE TO PROCEEDING WITH AN ANGIO SUITE AND HEMODYNAMIC UNIT REPLACEMENT WE LAUNCHED THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD THESE ARE ALL CIPS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY BUT HOW MANY OF OF THOSE THAT YOU MENTIONED ARE ALREADY FULLY PROVIDED FUNDING FOR TO COMPLETE ARE THEY ALL FUNDED EVERYTHING THAT YOU JUST MENTIONED.

GMH – KANDO: WELL THE 25 OUT OF 64 AHUS YES THEY THEY WERE FUNDED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO THE 20 MILLION THAT IS SUPPOSEDLY HOPEFULLY IS GOING TO COME TO THE HOSPITAL REGARDLESS IF THIS BILL PASSES OR NOT IT'S NEEDED IT'S RIDICULOUS TO SAY I'M GOING TO HOLD HOSTAGE 20 MILLION APR FUNDING AND UNLESS YOU PASS THIS OTHER BILL IS RIDICULOUS SO OF THE 20 MILLION THAT YOU SAID AT THE BEGINNING IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT 20 MILLION WHAT PROJECTS IS GOING TO FUND THAT 20 MILLION EXACTLY TO COMPLETION NOT HALFWAY THROUGH BUT TO COMPLETION.

GMH – KANDO: WE'RE LOOKING AT REPLACING OR RELOCATING REPLACING OUR MAIN PANEL AND SUB PANELS WE'RE LOOKING AT STRUCTURAL ARCHITECTURAL IMPROVEMENTS TO INCLUDE THE HOSPITAL'S ENVELOPE

BECAUSE WE WE FIXED MOST OF THE ROOFTOP TOP BUT THE ENVELOPE THE WINDOW SEALS THE DOORS NEED TO BE REPLACED AND UPGRADED WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE MITIGATING THE COURTYARDS FRONT AND MIDDLE COURTYARDS ZWING DEMOLITION IS STILL IN PROGRESS WE WE STILL HAVE TO DE DEMOLISH A SMALL PORTION OF THE ZWING RETROFIT THE FIRST FLOOR AND DO THE PARKING PARKING EXPANSIONS NICU WE'RE LOOKING AT NICU EXPANSION BECAUSE WE'RE SHORT ON NICU CAPACITY WE'RE LOOKING AT THE DOING THE REST OF THE THE A HANDLING UNITS WE'RE LOOKING AT REMOVING AND REPLACING ONE OF OUR 1.6 MEGAWATT GENERATORS EMERGENCY GENERATORS IT NETWORK AND SYSTEMS INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO THIS IS ALL THE 20 MILLION CORRECT.

GMH – KANDO: I'M NOT DONE YET.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH OKAY.

GMH – KANDO: I'M ALSO WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT REPLACING OUR CHILLERS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT 20 MILLION IS GOING TO COVER EVERYTHING THAT YOU MENTIONED TO ITS ITS COMPLETION.

GMH – KANDO: WELL THESE ARE THESE ARE ESTIMATED COST THESE ARE COST ESTIMATES SO WHAT THEY COME IN ACTUAL OF COURSE THE 20 MILLION WILL FLEX AROUND SO THAT WE CAN.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WE SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE ALREADY HAVE THAT I THINK IN 2017 I BELIEVE THERE WAS AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT WENT AROUND THE ISLAND TO ASK WHAT THE HOSPITAL REALLY THE CURRENT HOSPITAL REALLY NEEDS AND YOU WERE A PART OF THAT AND DIDN'T YOU HAVE THOSE PLANS IN PLACE ALREADY I MEAN THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

GMH – KANDO: SO YES SENATOR THE ARMY CORPS GAVE US A \$21 MILLION COST ESTIMATE PRIOR TO COVID.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: RIGHT SO IT IS 21 SO ACTUALLY.

GMH – KANDO: THESE ARE SO.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU REALLY NEED 21 MILLION NOT 20 MILLION.

GMH – KANDO: THAT IS AN EXTREME SHORTFALL GIVEN THE FACT THAT ALL THOSE YEARS HAVE PASSED BY AND AND WE HAVEN'T WE FOCUSED ON A LOT OF RENOVATIONS ACTUALLY DURING COVID WE REPLACED A LOT OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DURING COVID BECAUSE WE HAD THAT THAT FUND THAT FEDERAL FUNDING SO THAT THAT WAS OUR FOCUS ON THREE FOUR YEARS WHEN WE WERE GOING THROUGH COVID WE DID A LOT OF RENOVATIONS AND A LOT OF EQUIPMENT UPGRADES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MR. CANTO AS THE AS A PLANNER OVER AT THE HOSPITAL SHOULDN'T YOU ALWAYS BE ON TOP OF IT HOW MUCH IF SOMEONE WERE TO ASK YOU THE QUESTION HOW MUCH DOES IT COST NOW TO FIX THAT ROOF AND YOU'RE GOING TO SAY I DON'T KNOW THE LAST ONE WE GOT WAS 5 YEARS AGO 10 YEARS AGO IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIT MORE AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO HAVE THAT UPDATED CONSTANTLY.

GMH – KANDO: I DON'T NEED TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION BECAUSE WE ALREADY FIXED THE ROOF I ALREADY KNOW HOW MUCH COST.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WELL I'M GIVING YOU AN EXAMPLE I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE ROOF I'M JUST GIVING YOU AN EXAMPLE OF A PROJECT THAT NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED AT THE HOSPITAL AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION CONSTANTLY IF YOU GET IT.

GMH – KANDO: YES AS A MATTER OF FACT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I MEAN IT'S BAD ENOUGH PROCUREMENT IS SO SLOW UP THERE.

GMH – KANDO: YES AND IT IS AVAILABLE OUR 5 YEAR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU HAVE BEEN THIS POSITION HOW LONG MR. CANTO HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAVE BEEN IN THIS POSITION.

GMH – KANDO: OUR 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN HAS BEEN IS ON OUR HOSPITAL WEBSITE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH.

GMH – KANDO: ATTACHED TO THAT THAT NEW 5YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN IS A 5-YEAR CIP PLAN THE COST OF THAT 5YEAR CIP PLAN IS NOT 21 MILLION IT'S ABOUT 140 MILLION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SO MY QUESTION AGAIN MR. CANTO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO SPEND THE 20 MILLION ON.

GMH – KANDO: I JUST I I JUST EXPLAINED IT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH BUT AND THAT ALL THOSE THAT YOU SAID IS GOING TO TOTAL UP TO 20 MILLION AND THEN YOU JUST TOLD ME WELL THAT'S BASED ON ANOTHER FIGURE A WHILE AGO BUT YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE 20 MILLION WILL COVER EVERYTHING THAT YOU JUST MENTIONED TO ME.

GMH – KANDO: IT WILL COVER THE MOST CRITICAL NEEDS THAT WE NEED FOR THIS YEAR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY WHY HAVEN'T I HEARD MOLD.

GMH – KANDO: FOR THIS YEAR COMING UP.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH.

GMH – KANDO: THAT'S WHAT IT WILL COVER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IS ANYTHING FOR THE.

GMH – KANDO: NOT FOR THE NOT FOR THE FULL 5YEAR CIP PLAN.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MR. CANTO HOW ANY ANY OF THAT HAVE MOLD IN IT TO TO RECTIFY ALL THE MOLD THAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HOSPITAL.

GMH – KANDO: WHAT WHAT IS YOUR QUESTION I'M SORRY SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ANY OF THE MOLD THAT'S YOU KNOW THE THE ISSUES AT THE HOSITAL HOSPITAL ABOUT MOLD YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT YOU'RE JUST REASSESSING BUT I DIDN'T HEAR IN THAT LIST ANYTHING ON MOLD.

GMH – KANDO: THE THE MOLD IF IT'S.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IT SHOULD.

GMH – KANDO: IF IT IT'S ASSESSED AND FOUND LIKE IN OUR HVAC SYSTEM THAT WILL BE COVERED BY AS WE REPLACE AIR HANDLING UNITS WE'RE ALSO REPLACING DUCTING SYSTEMS AS WELL SO IF IT'S THE WE'RE GOING TO WE'RE GOING TO REPLACE THOSE ATU AND SOME OF THOSE AREAS WE HAVE TO PUT IN NEW DUCTING AND SO WE'LL SEE WHAT THE INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST SAYS WHETHER WE HAVE TO REPLACE WITH NEW DUCTING OR NOT SOME AREAS SOME AREAS LIKE ICU AND ER ARE SINCE 2013 THEY NEED NEW DUCTING SO OF COURSE ALL OF THESE PROJECTS HAVE DESIGN PHASE AND THE DESIGNER IS GOING TO YOU KNOW WE'RE GOING TO DESIGN THESE SO THAT WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO LILLIAN WHAT IS THE ISSUE WITH THE JOINT COMMISSION COMING TO INSPECT THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW AND ITS CONDITION RIGHT NOW DO YOU THINK WE WILL FAIL OR PASS.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SENATOR WE'RE NOT GOING WITH JOINT COMMISSION THE BOARD HAS SELECTED THE CIHQ AS THE ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION THAT IS PRETTY MUCH DEEMED BY CMS AND SO THEIR STANDARDS ARE ALIGNED WITH CMS THEY DID A MOCK SURVEY IN AUGUST AND SO OUR TEAM IS ALREADY PRETTY MUCH ENGAGING INTO ALL THE CORRECTIVE ACTION THAT THEY NEED TO PUT INTO PLACE WITH THOSE FINDINGS FROM THE MOCK SURVEY SO IT'S THE CIHQ ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING NOT JOINT COMMISSION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SORRY DO YOU THINK WE'LL PASS THEN THE CIHQ.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: BASED ON THEIR MOCK SURVEY THEY HAVE ADVISED US THAT THERE IT WOULD BE BEST AND IT WOULD BE REALLY MORE REALISTIC FOR US TO HAVE 12 MONTHS TO GIVE US 12 MONTHS TO THEN ACTUALLY APPLY FOR THE ACCREDITATION FOR THE FULL ACCREDITATION WHAT WE WENT THROUGH IS A MOCK SURVEY AND SO THEY'RE GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY OF 12 MONTHS 12 TO 18 TO THEN REMEDY ALL THOSE FINDINGS AND THAT WAY WE WILL BE BETTER PREPARED FOR THE ACTUAL ACCREDITATION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: BETTER PREPARED BECAUSE RIGHT NOW YOU WOULD TOTALLY FAIL IF THEY WERE TO DO AN INSPECTION AT THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SENATOR PLEASE DO NOT SAY THAT WE TOTALLY FAIL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: LILLIAN I.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE AND WE CONTINUE TO SAVE LIVES IN THE HOSPITAL SO THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MADAM MADAM.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR BROWN.

SENATOR BROWN: I'LL DEFER MY TIME TO SENATOR TAITAGUE TO FINISH HER QUESTIONS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOU GOT ADDITIONAL FIVE MINUTES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: LILLIAN YOU EVEN MENTIONED DURING THE LAST OVERSIGHT HEARING THAT IF YOU IT WERE YOU YOU WOULD SHUT DOWN THE HOSPITAL AND TODAY YOU'RE COMING IN FRONT OF US PAINTING A WHOLE DIFFERENT PICTURE I I BELIEVE IN OPTIMISM I MEAN I BELIEVE THAT MAYBE WE CAN PUSH HARDER AND AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE THAT'S WHAT THIS BILL IS ALL ABOUT EVEN THE RESOLUTION EVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING INTO RECEIVERSHIP I'M HEARING FROM DOCTORS AND NURSES I'M HEARING FROM PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT LET'S JUST GO INTO RECEIVERSHIP BECAUSE WE NEED PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY EXPERIENCED ON RUNNING A HOSPITAL TO GET OUR HOSPITAL UP TO PAR SO I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND THE THIS GROUP THAT YOU HIRED DIFFERENT FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION IS THE REASON WHY YOU HIRED THESE GUYS IS BECAUSE THEY'LL PROBABLY GIVE YOU ANOTHER 12 MINUTS OR WHY DID YOU HIRE THIS INDIVIDUAL COMPARED TO A JOINT THE JOINT COMMISSION WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SENATOR WE DID NOT HIRE THE CIHQ SURVEYORS WE CONTRACT THEM TO THEN GO THROUGH THE PROCESS IF WE ARE MEETING THE STANDARDS AND SO THEY ARE DEEMED BY CMS AS FAR AS THEY ARE IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE CMS CONDITIONS OF OF PARTICIPATION IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY IT ANY ORGANIZATION IT IS CREDIBLE TO HAVE AN OUTSIDER REVIEW OUR SERVICES REVIEW OUR FACILITY IF WE ARE MEETING THE STANDARDS AND SO IT'S AN EXERCISE THAT AGAIN IS ONLY GOING TO BE VERY BENEFICIAL IT'S A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO THEN IMPROVE AND SO THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF HAVING AN ACCREDITATION YOU KNOW WE ARE CMS CERTIFIED AND SO EVERY YEAR THESE SURVEYORS COME THROUGH AND THEY GO THROUGH OUR RECORDS THEY GO THROUGH THEY INTERVIEW PATIENTS THEY INTERVIEW STAFF TO SEE IF WE ARE DELIVERING THE SAFE AND YOU KNOW EXCELLENT CARE AS BEST AS WE CAN GIVEN OUR RESOURCES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: GIVE GIVEN OUR RESOURCES SO THEY ALLOW LENIENCE FOR YOU KNOW MOLD ON THE WALL FALLING CEILINGS NOT ENOUGH UH WIPES TO CLEAN PATIENTS SO THAT'S THE LENIENCE THEY GIVE IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE WELL WE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IF WE CAN MOVE FORWARD SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WE OUR PEOPLE DESERVE MORE THAN THAT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE HAVE WIPES SO PLEASE LET'S NOT BE HUNG UP ON THAT ONE WE HAVE WIPES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IF IT'S WIPES WHAT IS IT TOMORROW THEN LILLIAN IT WAS WIPES YESTERDAY WHAT IS IT FOR TOMORROW WHAT WHAT ELSE ARE WE GOING TO HEAR FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS COMING TO US OR NURSES OR DOCTORS WHO WORK AT GMH WHAT'S NEXT I MEAN WHERE'S YOUR PLAN WHEN ONE OF YOUR BOARD MEMBERS CAME IN FRONT OF US FOR THEIR CONFIRMATION WE ASK THEM WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR THE FOR THE CURRENT HOSPITAL NOT THE NEW BECAUSE THE ONLY THING THAT EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT IN THIS ADMINISTRATION IS THE A NEW HOSPITAL BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR CURRENT IT'S LIKE TELLING A MOTHER WHO'S READY TO GIVE A YOU KNOW BIRTH SAYING NO NO YOU KNOW KEEP IT CLOSED DON'T PUSH OUT THAT BABY RIGHT NOW BECAUSE WE'RE NOT READY WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THAT THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN A PLAN IN PLACE AND AS FAR AS THIS TASK FORCE I INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO HAVE A TASK FORCE AND BRING EVERYBODY TO THE TABLE AND WHAT HAPPENED THE GOVERNOR JUST IGNORED IT AND OPENED THEIR OWN TASK FORCE WITH GEDA DIDN'T INVITE THOSE PEOPLE AND IT WAS LIKE THEY'RE SECRET MEETINGS THE TASK FORCE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SPEAKING ABOUT THE CURRENT HOSPITAL TODAY BECAUSE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SENATOR YOU WERE INVITED TO THE MEETING.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THE I DID MYSELF I FORCED MYSELF.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: YOU ATTENDED THE MEETING SO IT WASN'T A SECRET MEETING I'M SORRY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I FORCED MYSELF ON TO THAT TASK FORCE I MADE MYSELF GOOD I ATTENDED I WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON YOU GUYS MIGHT BE YOU KNOW WANT TO PLAY SECRET SECRET YOU KNOW BUT I'M GOING TO BE THERE THAT'S MY JOB AND YOUR JOB IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT A A PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE NOT AFRAID OF GOING TO I GOT A CALL LAST NIGHT FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAITED IN THE GARAGE OF THE HOSPITAL FOR TWO HOURS TWO HOURS COULDN'T BREATHE COME TO FIND OUT SHE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID BEFORE SOMEBODY PAID ATTENTION AND HAD TO ISOLATE HER TWO HOURS SICK UNACCEPTABLE AND YOU GUYS SIT THERE PAINTING A PICTURE LIKE OH EVERYTHING'S HUNKY DORY THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING FOR 5 YEARS AND NOTHING HAS HAPPENED WHAT HAPPENS NOW LILLIAN IF IF THE GOVERNOR DOESN'T GIVE YOU THAT \$20 MILLION TODAY AND ALL THAT MR. CANTO HAD MENTIONED THAT NEEDED TO BE REPAIRED WHAT HAPPENS FROM THIS CIHQ REPORT THAT WILL COME TO YOU IF YOU DON'T GET THAT 20 MILLION WHAT WILL HAPPEN.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE CONTINUE TO GIVE THE BEST CARE THAT WE CAN SENATOR AND IF I MAY YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO APPRECIATION NO UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE ENORMITY THE INTENSITY AND THE OVERWHELMING CHALLENGES TO CONTINUE OPERATING THE HOSPITAL THE STAFF GIVE THEIR HEART AND SOUL THROUGHOUT COVID WE WERE THERE RISKING OUR LIVES AND YET YOU SERIOUSLY THINK THAT WE WERE JUST NOT DOING ANYTHING YOU WERE COMFORTABLE AND YOU WERE SAFE AT HOME WE RISKED OUR LIVES AT THAT HOSPITAL AND WE SAVED LIVES SO TRULY MR. CHAIRMAN I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO BE HERE ANYMORE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OH AGAIN GET OUT OF THE OKAY WHEN WHEN IT'S HOT IT'S TIME TO SPLIT RIGHT LILLIAN ONCE AGAIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THAT'S NOT THE POINT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THE POINT IS WE'VE HEARD FROM NURSES WE'VE HEARD FROM DOCTORS LIDIAN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR TAITAGUE CAN WE STICK TO BILL 164 PLEASE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: YOU'RE A LEADER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ASK THE QUESTIONS YOU WANT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THE POINT I ASKED WAS 20 MILLION WHAT WILL HAPPEN MR. CHAIR THE QUESTION I ASKED AND DON'T TIME ME ON THAT BECAUSE NOW THEY'RE MAKING ME REPEAT MY QUESTION.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE HAVE GIVEN YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXPLANATION WHAT WE WILL USE THAT 20 MILLION FOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH BUT WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T GET IT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE CONTINUE TO GIVE THE CARE WE CONTINUE TO TAKE CARE OF PATIENTS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: CONTINUE STATUS QUO CONTINUE STATUS QUO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT ARE LISTENING CONS STATUS QUO AND THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IF YOU CAN DO A BETTER JOB PLEASE YOU KNOW GO AHEAD COME ON DO A BETTER JOB JOB THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *AI ADAI* LILLIAN YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST RETIRED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR TAITAGUE THAT'S OUT OF ORDER.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: YOU KNOW WHAT SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR NO I'M I'M GIVING MY OPINION TO JUST LIKE SHE'S DOING HERS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO NO NO SENOR TAITAGUE DO I NEED TO READ THE RULES YOU WILL NOT PERSONAL INFERENCE TO THE CHARACTER OR THE MOTIVE OF ANY SENATOR OR ANY INDIVIDUAL TESTIFYING IS NOT PERMITTED PERIOD NO DEBATE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I ALREADY ASKED YOU THAT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I SAID SHE SHOULD HAVE RETIRED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT'S ENOUGH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THINK OF YOUR HEALTH LILIAN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT'S ENOUGH SENATOR TAITAGUE I ALREADY WARNED YOU CONTINUE YOU GOT 41 SECONDS AND THEN WE'LL END IT MOVE ON TO THE NEXT NEXT SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU TALKED ABOUT HOW THE VENDORS ARE OWED MONEY AND THEY'RE THEY'RE NOT GETTING PAID AND THEY'RE DECIDING TO TO CONTINUE GIVING OUT SUPPLIES TO THE HOSPITAL BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE HEARING WE'RE HEARING THAT THESE VENDORS ARE READY TO HANG IT UP AND SAID ENOUGH IS ENOUGH THE GOVERNOR HAS ARP FUNDING THAT CAN PAY THESE VENDORS TO KEEP THEM ONLINE ONLINE TO HELP SAVE PEOPLE AT THE HOSPITAL HAVE YOU SAT AND ASKED THE GOVERNOR TO PLEASE PLEASE INFUSE SOME OF THAT ARP FUNDING TO THE HOSPITAL LILLIAN.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SENATOR TAITAGUE THE GOVERNOR HAS TRANSFERRED TO GMH \$31.4 MILLION IN ARP FUNDING FOR VITAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS AT GMH SO 31.4 SHE'S ALSO PROVIDED 36.5 IN DISCRETIONARY FUNDS ALBEIT THIS GOES BACK TO THE CALVO ADMINISTRATION SO A A TOTAL OF \$66.99 MILLION IN DISCRETIONARY FUNDING HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE HOSPITAL OVER THE YEARS IN THE RECENT PAST VIA ARP IT'S 31.4 AND WE'RE COMMITTED TO ANOTHER 20.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU ARE COMMITTED REGARDLESS OF THIS BILL PASSED LESTER.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WHEN I SPOKE TO SENATOR LUJAN IT WAS A PACKAGE DEAL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WELL THAT'S A SHAME THE GOVERNOR HAS THE ABILITY TO GIVE \$20 MILLION AND IT'S CONTINGENT UPON THIS BILL THAT'S SHAMEFUL THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT'S ALSO A SHAME THAT YOU HAVE \$30 MILLION THAT YOU COULD PUT IN THAT YOU'RE FIGHTING.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR FISHER DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL.

SENATOR FISHER: YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH FIRST OF ALL I JUST FOLLOW UP WITH WITH WHAT MISS POSADA SAID I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AND I HOPE YOU WILL EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO EVERYONE WORKING AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WHO SACRIFICED AND RISKED THEMSELVES DURING THE RECENT PANDEMIC AND ARE CONTINUING TO DO SO AGAIN AS COVID REBOUNDS SO I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE AND I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO THE HEALTH CARE ACT THERE IS IN FACT THERE IS IN FACT IN THE HEALTH CARE ACT IT IS DEFINED WHAT THE COMMITTEE IS THAT'S SUPPOSED TO THAT IS SUPPOSED TO HELP US GET THE NEW HOSPITAL DONE INCLUDES GEDA AND IT INCLUDES BBMR INCLUDES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND STANDING AND PLANNING IT ALSO INCLUDES THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON WITH JURISDICTION ON HEALTH MATTERS I THINK WE WE KNOW THAT THAT IS SENATOR TERLAJE HAVE HAS THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON TO THE TASK FORCE BEEN ATTENDING THE TASK FORCE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THEY WERE SPEAKER TERLAJE I THINK ATTENDED A COUPLE OF THEM AND SENDS HER REPRESENTATIVE AND THERE WERE OTHER MEMBERS SUCH AS THE GUAM HOUSING THE GHURA BUT WE HAVEN'T HAD A MEETING IN OVER A YEAR.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: BECAUSE OF THE LANDLOCK WITH THE SITUATION.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY THANK YOU I JUST WERE YOU SATISFIED WITH OUR AND I MEAN THE LEGISLATORS WERE YOU SATISFIED WITH OUR POSITION OR PETITION OR PARTICIPATION RATHER ON THE COMMITTEE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THEY EXPRESSED YES THEY EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS AND THEY WERE ENGAGED IN THE DISCUSSIONS AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO HOW WE ENVISION THIS NEW HOSPITAL AND NEW CAMPUS.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY SO SO IT IT IS UNTRUE TO SAY THAT THE LEGISLATOR LEGISLATURE HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF WHAT THE COMMITTEE IS DOING.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: IT'S UNTRUE.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: THEY WERE INVITED YES.

SENATOR FISHER: ALL RIGHT AND IF WE DIDN'T SHOW UP THAT'S ON US.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: AND SOME OF THEM SOMETIMES THEY SHOWED UP SO.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY SOMETIMES THEY SHOWED UP.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: YES.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY ALL RIGHT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: CORRECT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: POINT OF POINT OF INFORMATION MR. CHAIR AGAIN THEY'RE CONFUSING APPLES AND ORANGES THE MEETINGS THAT A CERTAIN TASK FORCE HAD WHERE THE LEGISLATURE WAS MEMBERS WE ATTENDED THEN THERE WERE NO MORE MEETINGS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO TO SAY WE DID NOT ATTEND SOME OTHER KIND OF TASK FORCE MEETINGS OR GEDA MEETINGS THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED THOSE MEETINGS WERE NOT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: UNDER UNDERSTAND SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE WERE NO INVITATIONS TO THOSE MEETINGS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: UNDERSTOOD THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER PLEASE CONTINUE.

SENATOR FISHER: YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH I DON'T THINK AN INVITATION MR. CHAIR WAS REQUIRED SINCE IT'S IN THE STATUTE AND YOU KNOW IF WE DIDN'T SHOW UP.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR FISHER: I'M SORRY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE MEETINGS HELD BY THE COMMITTEE IN THE STATUTE.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY ORDER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE ATTENDED BUT THERE WERE OTHER MEETINGS AND I WENT THROUGH THIS IN A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING.

SENATOR FISHER: CHAIR COULD WE HAVE ORDER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: REGARDING THE NEW HOSPITAL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

SENATOR FISHER: ORDER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: TO SHOW THIS AND THE.

SENATOR FISHER: ORDER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATORS JUST DIDN'T PAY ATTENTION THAT THERE WERE SO MANY MORE MEETINGS.

SENATOR FISHER: CALLING FOR ORDER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OUTSIDE OF ANY KIND OF COMMITTEE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM MADAM SPEAKER I AM NOT QUESTIONING WHAT YOU'RE SAYING WHATEVER HE'S SENATOR FISHER IS MENTIONING STATUTE WHY DON'T WE JUST MOVE ON WITH THE QUESTION PLEASE.

SENATOR BARNETT: MR. CHAIR I WAS IN THE HEARING TOO AND I I WAS PAYING ATTENTION AND I REMEMBER THE CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT WERE LAID OUT IT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: UNDERSTOOD.

SENATOR FISHER: IT SEEMS TO ME MR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY MR. CHAIR I WANT TO MOVE ON BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THERE'S A LOT OF GUILT IN THE ROOM THESE PEOPLE ARE JUMPING UP TO DEFEND THEMSELVES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NO MR. CHAIR THERE'S A LOT OF IGNORANCE HONESTLY IGNORANCE IGNORANCE AND THE AUDACITY TO TRY TO CONFUSE THE PUBLIC WITH WHAT THE ACTUAL FACTS ARE.

SENATOR FISHER: ORDER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: VERSUS THE MYTHS.

SENATOR FISHER: ORDER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT THEY CARRY IN THEIR MINDS.

SENATOR FISHER: ORDER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR FISHER CAN WE MOVE ALONG PLEASE.

SENATOR FISHER: YES SIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU.

SENATOR FISHER: IF I CAN JUST ADDRESS A QUESTION TO THE CHAIR SIR CAN WE HAVE AN ENSURE REGULAR ORDER IN THE HOUSE GOING FORWARD OKAY AND I'VE GOT SOME MORE QUESTIONS I'VE GOT 3 MINUTES AND 8 SECONDS THE TASK FORCE THAT WE'RE WE'RE REFERRING TO OF COURSE IS CONTAINED WITHIN THE HEALTH CARE PLAN WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY UNANIMOUSLY IN THIS BODY AND AGAIN THE GOVERNOR GAVE A GLOWING RECOMMENDATION TO IT AND SO HERE'S THE PLAN LET'S DO IT I UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM WITH GETTING THE LAND I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THAT WE NEED TO NOT DRAG OUR FEET WE NOT NEED NOT KEEP THOSE BILLS TIED UP IN COMMITTEE SO WE CANNOT RESOLVE THESE ISSUES BECAUSE WE NEED THE HOSPITAL THE NEW ONE AND I BY THE WAY THIS HEALTH CARE BILL THAT WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AGAIN UNANIMOUSLY DOES CONTAIN I BELIEVE A PROVISION WHEREBY THE NEW CONTRACTOR WILL MAINTAIN AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOSPITAL WHILE THE NEW ONE IS BEING CONSTRUCTED SO UH WHAT I'VE SAID LILLIAN IS IT LARGELY ACCURATE INACCURATE.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT SENATOR WHAT WAS THAT.

SENATOR FISHER: WHAT I'VE JUST SAID IS IT ACCURATE THAT WELL FORGET ALL THAT WE NEED TO GET THAT LAND SECURED.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: CORRECT.

SENATOR FISHER: AND THEN WE CAN START BUILDING THE NEW HOSPITAL.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE CAN START THE PROCESS IN TERMS OF RFP FOR CONTRACTOR FOR THE A&E DESIGN ALL OF THAT YES.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY AND SO LONG AS WE HOLD UP AND REFUSE TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE LAND ISSUE THEN THIS NEW HOSPITAL IS NOT GOING TO GO FORWARD IS THAT CORRECT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: WE CAN'T MOVE FORWARD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MR. MR. CHAIR WE'RE HERE ON AN EMERGENCY BILL VERY SPECIFIC.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: FUNDING WHAT THE BBMR HAS CALLED LIKE JUNK TO PUT TO THE HOSPITAL THAT'S NOT AVAILABLE.

SENATOR FISHER: IS THIS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND HE'S PROPOSING ANOTHER PROPOSAL AND NOW WE'RE HEARING TALK ABOUT.

SENATOR FISHER: ORDER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: LAND.

SENATOR FISHER: ORDER ORDER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR FISHER HAS THE FLOOR HE CAN ASK ANY QUESTIONS AND I'D ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE YOUR TURN'S COMING UP REAL SOON AND IT'S NO DIFFERENT WHAT SENATOR QUINATA BROUGHT UP CONTINUE ON ON BILL 164 PLEASE SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU.

SENATOR FISHER: AND I DON'T REALLY HAVE TOO MUCH MORE I JUST THERE PEOPLE ARE PROTESTING A LOT WHEN WE ASK THESE QUESTIONS DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROBLEM IS BUT OKAY SO I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR WE'VE GOT THE PLAN IN PLACE WE JUST NEED THE LAND WE GET THE LAND THEN WE START MOVING FORWARD IS THAT CORRECT.

GMH ADMINISTRATOR – PEREZ-POSADAS: YES.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY THANK YOU MR. CHAIR I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ OH WAIT LET'S TAKE A FIVE MINUTE RECESS REAL QUICK FIVE MINUTES YOU WANT TO 10 THEN IT'LL BE 5 MINUTES RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER SENATOR QUINATA YOU'RE NEXT AFTER SENATOR FISHER YOU'RE NEXT SIR.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR I MAKE A MOTION TO SUSPEND FURTHER DISCUSSION ON BILL 162 AND PROCEED TO THE THIRD READ OR 164 AND THEN PROCEED TO COMMENTS AND AMENDMENTS ON THE BILL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MY COLLEAGUES THERE'S AN AMENDMENT ON THE FLOOR TO SUSPEND OR TO END THE SECOND ROUND AND PROCEED TO THE THIRD ROUND WHICH IS COMMENTS AND AMENDMENTS I HEARD AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION PASSES WE WILL NOW PROCEED TO THIRD ROUND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE THE PANEL AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE LILLIAN THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AND YOUR STAFF AND PLEASE EXTEND OUR THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE ALL RIGHT WE WILL NOW RECESS AT THIS TIME AND PREPARE FOR THE THE THIRD ROUND.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER MY COLLEAGUES AT THIS POINT WE'RE ON THE THIRD ROUND WITH AMENDMENTS AND COMMENTS WE ONLY HAVE ONE AMENDMENT AND THAT'S BEEN AUTHORED BY MINORITY LEADER SENATOR FRANK JR FRANK BLAS IT IT'S FOUND ON FILE NUMBER B164 BJ L2-4 P1COTW.DOCX SENATOR SENATOR FRANK.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MR. MR. CHAIR YOU KNOW MR. CHAIR THANK YOU FOR VERY MUCH AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAD IN THE COMMITTEE IN THE COMMITTEE THE WHOLE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE FOUND AND WE APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND SOMETIMES YOU GOT TO WONDER WHETHER THE ADMINISTRATION IS THIS YOU KNOW WHEN I WE WE LOOKED AT THIS THE INFORMATION HERE AND WE GOT OURSELVES WRAPPED AROUND WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS MONIES IN FISCAL YEAR 22 AND FISCAL YEAR 23 THAT WAS LEFT OVER BUT YOU KNOW THERE WAS THERE WAS A THERE WAS AN ENTRY IN THE PAPERWORK THAT WAS THAT PROVIDED THAT BASICALLY SHOWED FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND AND WITH A BASICALLY FUNDS AVAILABLE IN EXCESS OF \$30 MILLION AND SO WHAT WE WANTED TO DO IS BE TO BE ABLE TO CAPTURE THE THAT THAT KIND OF MONEY WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO TOUCH FISCAL YEAR 2024 I PROPOSE THIS AMENDMENT HERE THAT SAYS NOT WITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW ALL UNAPPROPRIATED PRIOR FISCAL YEAR EXCESS GENERAL FUNDS OF AT LEAST \$30 MILLION SHALL BE APPROPRIATED TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO PAY OUTSTANDING VENDOR PAYMENTS AND TO PERFORM NECESSARY REPAIRS AND ALL SUCH VENDOR PAYMENTS SHALL BE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION THAT WAY WE DON'T HAVE THIS YOU KNOW SHIFTING OF HANDS AND EVERYTHING DOA IS ABLE TO BE ABLE TO PAY MAKE THE PAYMENTS AND SO MAKE MAKE MAKE THE PAYMENTS DIRECTLY TO THEM SO THAT IS THE AMENDMENT AS AS BEING PROVIDED AND ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU I'LL BEGIN WITH DOES ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT TO THIS AMENDMENT I'LL BEGIN WITH SENATOR TAITAGUE AND THEN WE'LL GO AROUND FOR ALL THE SENATORS TO COMMENT IF NEED BE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK THANK YOU MR. CHAIR MR. CHAIR THIS WOULD HAVE GIVEN US AN OPPORTUNITY ONE MORE ROUND TO DISCUSS YOU KNOW WHERE EXACTLY IS ALL THE EXCESS REVENUE WHETHER IT'S 22 23 21 IN FACT IN THE PRINT OUT THAT THAT WAS PROVIDED TO US EARLIER I'VE LOOKED AT IT EVEN WITH MY COLLEAGUES TO SAY OKAY WELL IT IT'S SHOWING HERE 1.5 ON THE FIRST SHEET OF ANY EXCESS REVENUE FOR FY21 BUT THEN IF YOU GO FURTHER INTO THIS SPREADSHEET IT'S SHOWING THERE'S AN EXCESS OF 30 MILLION 351 FOR FY21 AND THEN IT DOESN'T SHOW WHERE THAT 30 MILLION CAME FROM WHETHER IT CAME FROM A LAPSE FUND OF A CERTAIN AGENCY LIKE SOME OF THESE OTHER AGENCIES HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE WHERE THEY THE FUND SOURCE WAS 283,000 LEAVING A BALANCE OF 96,000 THAT'S THAT'S FY22 BUT IF YOU IF YOU TRY TO LOOK WHERE 21 WHERE THE BULK OF THE FUNDS THEY SAY THEY HAVE IT DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHERE THIS MONEY CAME FROM AND THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO ASK MR. CARLSON FROM BBMR TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS AND HE JUST REFUSED TO DO IT IT'S UNFORTUNATE VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT WE HAVE AN ADMINISTRATION THAT JUST TENDS TO KEEP HIDING THINGS FROM US YOU I I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS AMENDMENT AND I'M GOING TO HOLD THIS ADMINISTRATION TO IT TO ENSURE THAT WHATEVER THEY THEY USE IN 21 YOU KNOW IT MAKES ME WONDER MR. CHAIR IS THERE ANYTHING LEFT IN FY20 WOW BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THIS AMENDMENT COVERS THAT IN THE EVENT THERE IS BUT YOU KNOW WE SHOULD HAVE AN OVERSIGHT MR. CHAIR AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE APPROPRIATION HAVE AN OVERSIGHT FOR BBMR IF THEY'RE SHOWING US TODAY THAT THERE'S 30 MILLION FOR FY21 WELL IT'S CONFUSING STRIKE THAT THEY ALSO TOLD US AS 1.5 IN 21 BUT THEN YOU GO FURTHER IN IT SAYS 30 IT'S VERY CONFUSING WE SHOULD HAVE AN OVERSIGHT OF BBMR AND FIND OUT MR. CHAIR WHERE THAT 30 MILLION CAME FROM IN FY21 THAT THEY PLACED IN HERE OR IS IT 1.5 SEE IT'S VERY CONFUSING WE SET OUT A GOAL WE SET A OUT A GOAL TO HELP THE THE HOSPITAL WE ASKED WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO WITH THIS SO-CALLED 20 MILLION OF ARP MONEY IF THEY WERE GIVEN WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO FIX AT GUAM MEMORIAL THIS 30 MILLION WILL COVER THE VENDORS TO ENSURE THAT THEY THEY DON'T STOP PROVIDING SUPPLIES TO OUR HOSPITAL OUR ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL SO I THANK YOU MR. CHAIR FOR THE OPPORTUNITY JUST TO EXPLAIN A FEW THINGS AND UNFORTUNATE I'M I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED THE FACT THAT WE DIDN'T CONTINUE TO SPEAK WITH THE PANEL THAT WE WERE HOPING TO TALK TO FOR THE LAST TWO DAYS AND ONLY ALLOWING ONE ROUND THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR FISHER DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS NOTHING SENATOR SENATOR QUINATA DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS NONE NONE SENATOR PEREZ DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH I DO ACTUALLY CAN YOU JUST CLARIFY MR. CHAIR SO THE WHERE THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDING IS GOING TO COME FROM FOR THE THE BILL BECAUSE RIGHT NOW IF YOU CAN JUST RECAP DO A RECAP ON THE AVAILABLE FUNDING.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOU YOU WANT TO KNOW THE SOURCE IT'S VERY CLEAR.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NOTWITHSTANDING ANY UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM PRIOR FISCAL YEAR GENERAL FUND.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH SO THE BILL SAYS UNAPPROPRIATED FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUT WE OVER OVER APPROPRIATED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO THEY STRIKE THAT THEY STRIKE THAT THEY STRIKE 22 AND 23.

SENATOR PEREZ: THE STRIKE STRUCK IT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: DO YOU HAVE A COPY OF THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PEREZ: IS IT BUT THE AMENDMENT OH SORRY ARE WE ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WE'RE ON THE AMENDMENTS RIGHT NOW YEAH THEY STRIKED OUT FISCAL YEAR 22 AND 23 SO IT'S BASIC IT'S CAPTURING WHATEVER YEAR IS IS IS AVAILABLE IF THERE'S ANY UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL EXCESS GENERAL FUNDS OF AT LEAST \$30 MILLION.

SENATOR PEREZ: SO I GUESS THE A QUESTION TO SO EXCESS DO WE ALSO WANT TO EXPAND IT TO LAPSE FUNDS DO WE KNOW HOW MUCH LAPSE FUNDS THERE ARE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WE WE NEED WE NEED WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN THEY IDENTIFY LAPSE IS WHEN YOU DON'T USE IT BECOMES LAPSE AND THEN AT THE END OF THE YEAR WHEN THE AUDITS ALL DONE IDENTIFIES WHAT'S EXCESS OR WHAT'S SURPLUS SO TO ADD THE WORD LAPSE IT WOULDN'T IT'S IT'S UNAPPROPRIATED IT'LL BE IT'LL FALL UNDER THE CATEGORY EXCESS AT THE END OF THE YEAR THAT'S WHEN IT CHANGES FROM LAPSE TO TO EXCESS IF THERE'S NO AUTHORITY TO GRANT THEM TO TO CONTINUE TO USE THAT MONEY.

SENATOR PEREZ: SO JUST TO CLARIFY EXCESS IS UNAUDITED IS THAT CORRECT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT'S CORRECT IT'S UNAUDITED UNAPPROPRIATED IT'S UNAPPROPRIATED PRIOR YEUR EXCESS GENERAL FUNDS.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY SO UNAPPROPRIATED UNAUDITED GENERAL FUNDS AND THAT COULD INCLUDE LAPSE FUNDS TOO CORRECT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: BUT UNDERSTANDING THE LAPSE IS ONLY WHEN AT THE END OF THE YEAR YOU DIDN'T USE IT IT IDENTIFIES AS LAPSE WHEN IT FALLS IN THE CATEGORY THEN IT'S GROUPED OF EVERYBODY ELSE TO BECOME A SURPLUS OR EXCESS.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY SO THEN THAT WOULD INCLUDE IT THEN THIS IS A BIGGER UMBRELLA.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IT IT CATCHES IT ALL.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY SO PRIOR FISCAL YEAR EXCESS INCLUDES UNAUDITED LAPSED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO IT'S JUST UNAPPROPRIATED.

SENATOR PEREZ: FUNDS UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: CORRECT.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY GOTCHA.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: REMEMBER YOU'RE ONLY COMMENTING ON THE AMENDMENT ONLY.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WE HAVEN'T GOT THROUGH THE BILL.

SENATOR PEREZ: ALL RIGHT YEAH NO I THINK THIS IS GOOD OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU SENATOR SHELTON DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING NONE SENATOR BROWN ANYTHING NONE SENATOR LUJAN.

SENATOR LUJAN: JUST ONE THING AS THE AUTHOR OF THIS AMENDMENT MR. SPEAKER OR MR. CHAIRMAN I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU YOU'RE THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL NOT THE AMENDMENT THANK YOU SENATOR MADAM SPEAKER DO YOU HAVE ANY COM ANY COMMENTS ON THE AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES MR. CHAIR IT'S TOO BAD THAT WE RELEASED THE PANEL BEFORE ANYBODY ASKED THEM WHETHER THIS IS EVEN A VIABLE FUNDING SOURCE NOW WE'RE JUST GOING TO ACT IN THE DARK AGAIN AND AGAIN GET ACCUSED OF PHANTOM APPROPRIATIONS WHEN BBMR AND THE GOVERNOR'S FISCAL TEAM WAS DOWN HERE THEY TOLD US THAT THE ORIGINAL FUNDING SOURCE OF THE BILL WHICH WAS FY 2022 EXCESS THAT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH EXCESS TO FUND ANYTHING THEY TOLD US THERE WAS NO FY 23 EXS BECAUSE THERE WAS NO AUDIT SO YES THE BILL DOESN'T NEED TO BE AMENDED OTHERWISE THERE WOULD BE NO VIABLE FUNDING SOURCE BUT THE FUNDING SOURCE IN THE AMENDMENT IS NOW PRIOR FISCAL YEAR EXCESS GENERAL FUNDS AND WHEN I WAS QUESTIONING THE FISCAL TEAM THEY WERE TELLING US WHEN THEY WERE TRYING TO EXPLAIN THEIR FRONT PAGE THEY DIDN'T EVEN GET TO PAGE 13 BUT WHEN THEY'RE TRYING TO

EXPLAIN THE FRONT PAGE THEY SAID EVERY EXCESS BALANCE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEARS IS TAKEN AND PUT UP UNTO THE FUND BALANCE OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR IN OTHER WORDS HE SAYS THEY HE TOLD IN IN RESPONSE TO A VERY SPECIFIC QUESTION I THINK THAT THOSE FUNDS DON'T EXIST ANYMORE BECAUSE I HAD ASKED WHERE ARE THE FUNDS THEY DIDN'T REALLY ANSWER BUT ANOTHER SENATOR ASKED YOU KNOW WHAT ABOUT THE PRIOR YEAR BALANCES AND HE SAID THOSE ARE TAKEN FOR EXAMPLE FY22 BALANCE IS TAKEN AND IT'S INCLUDED IN THE NEW FUND BALANCE ON THE TOP FOR FY 23 SO I THINK WE NEED THE PANEL MR. CHAIR IT'S IT'S IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO TRY TO MAKE THIS UP AND THEY'RE NOT HERE TO TELL US WHETHER THERE'S ACTUAL FUNDS UNLESS OFB CAN TELL YOU WHAT AMOUNTS ARE ACTUALLY AVAILABLE TO US IN PRIOR FISCAL YEAR EXCESS GENERAL FUNDS BECAUSE I'M PRETTY SURE WE ASKED THIS DURING THE BUDGET AS WELL BECAUSE WHEN WE WERE LOOKING FOR FUNDS WELL WHAT ARE THE PRIOR YEAR EXCESS IS THERE ANYTHING THERE THAT WAS NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO US AT ALL SO FOR THAT PURPOSE I CAN'T SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE IT FROM WHAT THEY TOLD US AND TESTIFIED TODAY IT'S NOT VIABLE AND WE KNOW WHAT THE VIABLE SOURCE IS THEY TOLD US THERE'S THE GOVERNOR'S GOING TO GIVE 20 MILLION AT SOME TIME SOME INDEFINITE DATE CONTINGENT ON SOME WHO KNOWS WHAT 20 MILLION THAT'S SITTING IN THE BANK FOR CIPS THAT ARE NOT EVEN READY TO GO I THINK SHE SHOULD GIVE THE 20 MILLION TODAY OR 30 MILLION TODAY FOR THE VENDORS THAT ARE PAST DUE FOR THE SUPPLIES THAT THEY NEED IMMEDIATELY AND WHEN WE FIND THIS AMOUNT AND WE BRING THIS PANEL BACK AND THEY TELL US WHAT THIS AMOUNT IS IF THERE'S ACTUAL MONEY THEN BY ALL MEANS WE CAN PUT IT TOWARDS THE CIP PROJECTS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT THEY'VE TESTIFIED THEY'RE NOT READY TO GO WITH THOSE THEY'RE STILL DECIDING WHAT THE TOP PRIORITIES ARE OVER THERE THEY'RE CHANGING THEIR MINDS ABOUT THE PRIORITIES THEY'RE AND NOW IN THE MEANTIME NO ONE'S INSISTING THAT THE GOVERNOR PUT THE 20 MILLION AND PAY THE VENDORS AND AND THEY TESTIFIED THAT THERE'S NOTHING TO PREVENT THE GOVERNOR FROM USING THE ARP FOR THESE CRITICAL CRITICAL SUPPLIES AT THE HOSPITAL AND THEY IF THAT'S THE ONLY VIABLE SOURCE THEN LET'S DO THAT I THINK THE GOVERNOR'S FISCAL TEAM WAS TRYING TO MAKE A PROPOSAL DOWN HERE BUT WE COULDN'T HEAR THEM OUT THEIR PROPOSAL WAS AND THEY GAVE US A LIST ON PAGE 13 OF ALL KINDS OF APPROPRIATIONS TO THE HOSPITAL 15 MILLION TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR DETOX AND REHAB TO THE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE FOR INTERNMENT FOR EPA FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS THEY WANTED TO THEIR PLAN WAS TO DE-APPROPRIATE FROM THESE THINGS AND THAT'S HOW THEY WOULD COME UP WITH 30 MILLION THAT WAS THEIR CLEVER PLAN BUT THEY WOULDN'T BE A NO ONE IN HERE WOULD GIVE THEM THE TIME TO SAY IT ON THE RECORD EVEN THOUGH THAT'S THEIR PLAN THAT THEY PASSED OUT AND NOW WE WANT TO SAY THIS OTHER SOURCE THAT I THINK IT'S ACTUALLY CONTRARY TO WHAT THEY TESTIFIED SO WITHOUT THEM HERE TO TELL US WHETHER THERE'S ACTUALLY ANY MONEY HERE I THINK ALL THE TESTIMONY THAT WE'VE HEARD IS THE OPPOSITE THAT THIS THEY'VE TRANSFERRED ALREADY TO THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR FUND BALANCE SO THIS DOES NOT EXIST ANYMORE THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK THANK YOU MR. CHAIR I I WOULD JUST ASK FIRST UH I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT BUT I WANTED TO ASK FIRST IF WE COULD CONFER WITH LEGAL TO ENSURE THAT THAT THIS LANGUAGE AND THIS AMENDMENT DOESN'T JEOPARDIZE ANY OF APPROPRIATIONS THAT THIS HAS THIS BODY HAS MADE MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY WE'LL TAKE A QUICK RECESS SO WE CAN HAVE HER REVIEW THAT.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WAS THE ANSWER PROVIDED TO YOU THAT THERE'S LEGALLY GOOD OKAY.

SENATOR BARNETT: I DID HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT DO WE CAN WE GET A HARD COPY PLEASE.

SENATOR BARNETT: YES THE CLERKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTING IT THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY SO WE WE'LL MAINTAIN WE'LL GO BACK TO RECESS UNTIL WE GET ALL GET A COPY SO EVERYBODY HAS SOMETHING IN THEIR HANDS I'M HOPING TO BE DONE WITH THIS IN THE NEXT 30 MINUTES THANK YOU BACK TO RECESS UNTIL WE GET HARD COPIES OF THE NEW AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER MY COLLEAGUES YOU SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BLAS: CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WHERE'S MY COPY.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I I JUST I I'M JUST WAITING FOR MY COPY OKAY MY COLLEAGUES YOU ALL HAVE A COPY OF THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR FISHER: YOU WANT ME TO CALL CALL.

SENATOR BLAS: MR. CHAIR CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FRANK.

SENATOR BLAS: CALL FOR THE QUESTION MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: CALL FOR THE QUESTION OKAY.

SENATOR BARNETT: OBJECTION MR. CHAIR MR. CHAIR I HAD AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES WELL THERE'S A CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: OH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: LET'S FINISH THAT MOTION AND THEN WE'LL GO TO YOURS YOU OBJECT YOU OBJECT.

SENATOR BARNETT: BUT DIDN'T I HAVE THE FLOOR MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO WELL THERE WAS ASKING FOR A CALL FOR THE QUESTION AND THAT HAS.

SENATOR BARNETT: WHY WHY YOU SCARED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OH I'M WHO'S AFRAID.

SENATOR BARNETT: NO NOT YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NOT ME I'M NOT AFRAID I'M TOO OLD TO BE AFRAID ANYWAY THERE'S A MOTION CALL FOR THE VOTE OR CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

SENATOR BLAS: ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BARNETT: OBJECTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THERE'S ONE OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OBJECTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: TWO OBJECTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT JUST CUTS OFF THE DEBATE I.

SENATOR BARNETT: THAT'S WHAT IT DOES PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT NO ONE CAN TALK ANYMORE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I HAVE A QUESTION MR. CHAIR IF I MAY POINT OF INQUIRY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR JUST SO I'M CLEAR SO THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS JUST PROFFERED THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: CORRECT CORRECT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SO WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS JUST KILL THIS AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT BUT MAINTAIN THE AMENDMENT THAT'S PROFFERED BY SENATOR FRANK BLAS.

SENATOR BLAS: YES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IS THAT THAT THE CASE BECAUSE WHEN YOU CALL FOR THE QUESTION DOESN'T IT JUST CANCEL EVERYTHING OUT WE GO STRAIGHT TO THE BILL AND VOTE ON IT.

SENATOR BLAS: NO NO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO IT'S BECAUSE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WE'RE STILL ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IT CALLS FOR THE QUESTION ON THE AMENDMENT ONLY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ONLY ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ONLY ON THE AMENDMENT NOT THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SO WE VOTE FOR I SEE THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NOW THERE THERE'S TWO OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND 1 TWO 5 OH MOTION FAILS OKAY SENATOR BARNETT YOUR AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR MY AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IS IN THE DRIVE AND IT'S TO AMEND SECTION ONE OF THE BILL TO READ SECTION ONE EMERGENCY FUNDING NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW ALL UNAPPROPRIATED PRIOR FISCAL YEAR EXCESS GENERAL FUNDS OF AT LEAST \$30 MILLION SHALL BE APPROPRIATED TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO PAY AND STRIKE THROUGH FOR NECESSARY REPAIRS AND THEN I STRUCK THROUGH ALL SUCH VENDOR PAYMENTS SHALL BE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION I THINK IT WAS CLEAR IN THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S TESTIMONY MR. CHAIR THAT THEY'RE NOT REALLY READY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CIP PROJECTS UM AND THE MORE PRESSING NEED AND YOU KNOW EVEN ACCORDING TO MY REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES IS THE VENDOR PAYMENTS AND SO I THINK THAT WE CAN QUICKLY PAY THE VENDOR PAYMENTS WITH THE ARP FUNDS OF \$20 MILLION AND PUT THIS 30 MILLION FOR THE CIP PROJECTS WHICH ARE NOT READY TO BEGIN YET AND MAY TAKE LONGER TO GET UNDERWAY I HUMBLLY ASK THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MR. CHAIR THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT I'LL JUST GO THIS WAY FOR COMMENTS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS NONE SENATOR DUEÑAS NONE SENATOR BLAS OBJECTION SENATOR LUJAN NO NO COMMENTS SENATOR BROWN NO COMMENTS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR PEREZ NO COMMENTS SENATOR TAITAGUE NO COMMENTS SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: YES I I DO I OBJECT AS MINORITY LEADER DOES THIS IS NOT A SERIOUS AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA ANY COMMENTS NONE MADAM SPEAKER ANY COMMENTS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES MR. CHAIR I THINK IT'S A IT MAKES SENSE TO SAY THAT THE ARP FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TODAY THE VENDOR PAYMENTS ARE OVERDUE AND THEY COULD BE PAID TODAY AND THEN GMH CAN GET THE SUPPLIES THEY NEED AND PAY ITS VENDORS GET THE SUPPLIES GET THE BAND-AIDS GET WHATEVER THE OXYGEN GET IT THEY CAN GET IT TODAY OTHERWISE AND WE AND THEN IF THIS MONEY IS

REALLY A VIABLE SOURCE IT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE CIP PROJECTS AND THEY SAID THOSE ARE NOT AVAILABLE AND APPARENTLY NEITHER IS THIS MONEY THAT WE'RE SUPPOSEDLY TRYING TO GIVE TO VENDORS SO INSTEAD OF MAKING A MOCKERY OF IT IF IT'S REALLY VIABLE THEY CAN COME IN AND SHOW US HOW IT'S VIABLE AFTER THEY TESTIFIED TODAY THAT THEY TAKE THE PRIOR YEARS'S BALANCES AND MOVE THEM UP TO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR SO WE'VE USED THOSE IN OUR CALCULATIONS OF WHAT OUR GENERAL FUND BALANCES ARE IN EVERY SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR AND SO THERE THIS IS TALKING ABOUT GOING BEYOND FY22 PRIOR TO THAT AND SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS WHILE THE WORD SAY UNAPPROPRIATED IT'S STILL TALKING ABOUT BALANCES THAT ACCORDING TO MR. CARLSON FROM BBMR HE HE HAS BEEN MOVING THOSE INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR THAT WAS A REVELATION TODAY THAT WE HAVE NEVER HAD BEFORE DESPITE ASKING EVERYONE WHERE ARE THE PRIOR YOUR BALANCES SO SO THIS THIS AMENDMENT WOULD ALLOW TIME TO FLUSH THAT OUT AND IF IT'S THERE GREAT IT WILL GO GO TO CIPS THAT ARE NOT EVEN READY TO GO YET BUT IF IT'S NOT THERE IT WON'T BE IN THE GOVERNOR'S WORDS PHANTOMLY PROMISED FOR VENDOR PAYABLES THAT ARE URGENT AND IT SHOULD NOT BE A GAME TO PRETEND TO GIVE SOMETHING TO THEM TO PAY VENDORS THAT WE CAN'T OR IS NOT THERE THAT THEY'VE TOLD US IS NOT THERE OR THEY CAN'T BE IN HERE TO TELL US IS HE IS THERE OR NOT SO I THINK IT'S I THINK IT'S GENEROUS BECAUSE I ACTUALLY THINK THE GOVERNOR SHOULD USE 50 MILLION TO PAY BOTH THE VENDORS AND THE CIP PROJECTS IT'S EXACTLY WHAT ARP MONEY WAS FOR HEALTH CARE ESPECIALLY DISASTER COMPOUNDED BY COVID SHE'S USING IT FOR REPAIRS COVID DIDN'T CAUSE THE ROOF LEAKS BUT SHE'S ABLE TO USE IT FOR REPAIRS SHE'S ABLE TO USE IT FOR A NEW HOSPITAL I ASKED THEM IS THERE ANY TO THING TO IMPEDE THE GOVERNOR FROM USING IT FOR VENDOR PAYABLES NO ONE SAID THERE IS OFB SAID ABSOLUTELY NOT THERE IS NO IMPEDIMENT TO USING ARP FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE VENDOR PAYABLES TODAY SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE GAME IS BECAUSE IT REALLY DOES FEEL LIKE A GAME WHERE SOMEBODY MADE A DEAL ABOUT SOMETHING WITH THE GOVERNOR THAT SHE CAN'T USE HER ARP FUNDS TO PAY FOR VENDOR PAYABLES IT'S HONESTLY THAT'S A SICK GAME PUN INTENDED IT'S SICK IF THE MONEY'S THERE THEY SHOULD USE IT TO PAY FOR WHAT WE CAN GET OUR QUALITY SUPPLIES AND IF WE WANT TO PLAY AROUND WITH THIS KIND OF FUNDS THAT WE CAN'T GET CONFIRMATION BECAUSE MY COLLEAGUES REFUSE TO LET THE TEAM STAY IN HERE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT THEY ASK US TO BRING IN THEN WHY SHOULD WE TRY TO FOOL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WITH THAT KIND OF STUFF SO THIS MAKES SENSE TO ME BECAUSE IT GIVES IT PUTS THE MOST MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY UNDER ARP FUNDS AND THE ONE THAT THEY'RE STILL WORKING ON WHICH IS THE CIP PLANS THE PLANS FOR THE PLANS UNDER THIS THIS KIND OF FUNDING SOURCE THAT WE STILL NEED TO CONFIRM THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A CLOSING.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR IT IS A SERIOUS AMENDMENT AND I THANK THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER FOR RISING IN SUPPORT OF IT IT MAKES SENSE TO PRIORITIZE THE VENDOR PAYMENTS IN FACT THAT WAS ALL MY REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES WERE TALKING ABOUT A COUPLE WEEKS AGO AND THE SPEAKER'S RIGHT WE CAN PAY THESE VENDORS TODAY COULD HAVE PAID THEM YESTERDAY COULD HAVE PAID THEM LAST WEEK AND I ALSO AGREE IT DOES SEEM LIKE A GAME AND WE'RE JUMPING THROUGH ALL THESE HOOPS WHEN THE GOVERNOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LIKE I SAID IN THE OPENING OF THIS EMERGENCY SESSION HAVE ALL THE AUTHORITY AND ABILITY TO ADDRESS ALL OF THE CRITICAL ISSUES AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND SO I HUMBLY ASK THAT THEY DO THAT AND I EVEN MORE HUMBLY ASK THAT MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT AND GET THESE VENDORS PAID AND THE STRUCTURAL REPAIRS AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL UNDERWAY THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT THERE BEING AN OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT ALL IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AMENDMENT FAILS NOW BACK TO THE AMENDMENT DOES ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT OTHERWISE I'D ASK SENATOR BLAS TO GO AHEAD AND CLOSE HER HIS AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR MR. CHAIR I APPRECIATE THE THE DISCUSSION THAT WE HAD WITH WITH REGARDS TO THE FAILED AMENDMENT I JUST WANT TO ENSURE THE AUTHOR OF THAT FIL AMENDMENT THAT IF YOU LOOK VERY CAREFULLY THAT IT DOES NOT PRIORITIZE VENDOR PAYMENTS OR THE THE THE REPAIRS IT BASICALLY SAYS AND SO THEY WOULD LEAVE IT TO THE ADMINISTRATION BE TO BE ABLE TO TO TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE DISTINCTION AS TO WHAT THE PRIORITY IS WE HOPE THAT THE PRIORITY IS BASED ON THE ON THE ON THE ON LIFE SAVING CARE FOR FOR YOU KNOW OUR PEOPLE SO WITH THAT MR. CHAIR I'M GOING

TO GO AHEAD AND CLOSE AND ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS AMEND AMENDMENT THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BLAS THE AMENDMENT FOR THIS BILL AS INTRODUCED SENATOR BLAS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SENATOR BARNETT: OBJECTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OBJ THAT THAT'S WHY I BECAUSE I KNOW THERE'S AN OBJECTION SO I JUST CALLED IT ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION AMENDMENT PASSES NOW WE'LL PROCEED TO THE AMENDMENT OR THE BILL AS AMENDED ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO SPEAK TO THAT I THINK EVERYONE SPOKE TO THAT.

SENATOR BLAS: CALL FOR THE QUESTION MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: CALL FOR THE QUESTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THE OF THE BILL 164.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OF THE CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL IN FAVOR FOR THE MOTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YEAH ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: TO THE CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: OBJECTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT JUST STOPS DEBATE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO DEBATE IT'S CALL FOR THE QUESTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND IN FAVOR OF THE CALL FOR THE QUESTION MOTION PASSES I NEED A MOTION FOR THE TO RISE SEN.

SENATOR BLAS: MR. CHAIR I MOVE THAT WE RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BILL NUMBER 164-37 LS AS AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO SEND 16437 TO LS INTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND TO VOTE WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COLLEAGUES THERE'S A MOTION TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OBJECTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THERE'S AN OBJECTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: OBJECTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL IN FAVOR TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION PASSES WE ARE NOW IN RECESS AND WE WILL PROCEED TO REGULAR SESSION SO WE CAN DISCUSS THE BILL MOVING TO THE VOTING FILE THANK YOU.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I I WISH TO REPORT BACK TO THE BODY AFTER DELIBERATION ON BILL 16437 LS AS AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITH A RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO PLACE ON THE THIRD READING FILE AND VOTE WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL ON THE THIRD READING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES ON THE MOTION TO VOTE WITHOUT ENGRACE ENGROSSMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES THERE ARE NO FURTHER ITEMS IN OUR SECOND READING SO WE WILL PROCEED TO THE THIRD READING CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE OF THE BILL.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 164-37 LS AS AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE INTRODUCED BY JESSE A. LUJAN TELO T. TAITAGUE JOANNE BROWN CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS THOMAS J. FISHER FRANK BLAS, JR. AN ACT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FUNDING TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (PASS) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO EXCUSE MEMBER MEMBERS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT FOR VOTING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTIONS CARRIES.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 164-37 LS AS AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECEIVED 10 AYES AND THREE NAYS AND TWO EXCUSED BILL NUMBER 164-37 LS IS DULY PASSED BY THE BODY IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON EXTENSION OF REMARKS IF NOT IF THERE IS A MOTION TO ADJOURN MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO ADJOURNMENT SUBJECT TO THE CALL.

SENATOR PARKINSON: NO OBJECTION.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: NO OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE ARE ADJOURNED.

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