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NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *MANANA SI YU'OS* GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS CALLED TO ORDER ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO WAIVE NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 1.02 SESSIONS OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* H1 PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR PERSONS ALLOWED TO ALLOW THE STUDENTS OF C.L. TAITANO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ONTO THE SESSION FLOOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO TO WAIVE SECTION 1.02 H1 NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE WILL ALLOW THE STUDENTS OF C.L. TAITANO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ONTO THE SESSION FLOOR WELCOME TO THE STUDENTS OF C.L. TAITANO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO OUR SESSION FLOOR WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH A PRAYER SENATOR SAN NICOLAS CAN YOU LEAD US IN PRAYER PLEASE KINDLY RISE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH BLESS THE LORD OH MY SOUL OH MY SOUL WORSHIP HIS HOLY NAME SING LIKE NEVER BEFORE OH MY SOUL I'LL WORSHIP YOUR HOLY NAME YOU'RE RICH IN LOVE AND YOU'RE SLOW TO ANGER YOUR NAME IS GREAT AND YOUR HEART IS KIND FOR ALL YOUR GOODNESS I WILL KEEP ON SINGING 10,000 REASONS FOR MY HEART TO FIND BLESS THE LORD OH MY SOUL OH MY SOUL WORSHIP HIS HOLY NAME SING LIKE NEVER BEFORE OH MY SOUL I WORSHIP YOUR HOLY NAME HEAVENLY FATHER I ASK YOU IN THESE DAYS OF SESSION TO HELP US WORK TOGETHER FOR THE PROSPERITY THE PROGRESS AND THE HAPPINESS OF OUR PEOPLE I ASK THIS IN YOUR NAME AMEN THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* SENATOR SAN NICOLAS TO EXPRESS A NEVER-ENDING AND NEVER-FORGOTTEN GRATITUDE BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM, THE LEGISLATURE RECOGNIZES RECIPIENTS OF OF *I MILÅYAN MÅS TAKHILO' NA SAKRAFISU* ON A DISPLAY IN THE GUAM CONGRESS BUILDING, AND DURING EACH OF ITS SESSIONS FOR THE RECOGNITION OF A RECIPIENT OF *I MILÅYAN MÅS TAKHILO' NA SAKRAFISU* SENATOR PEREZ, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL ISLAND AND COUNTRY, WE HONOR STAFF SERGEANT PEDRO AFLAGUE CRUZ AND THE FAMILY OF STAFF SERGEANT PEDRO AFLAGUE CRUZ FOR MAKING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN SERVICE AND DEFENSE OF OUR ISLAND AND COUNTRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* WE WILL NOW HAVE THE RECITING OF THE *INIFRESI* THE SINGING OF THE GUAM HYMN IN *CHAMORU* AND THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY THE STUDENTS OF C.L. TAITANO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

C.L. TAITANO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

HU UFRESEN MAISA YU' FANOHGE FANOHGE CHAMORU

INIFRESI

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

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

UMUKON I KULO' GINEN SANHAYA UMUKON I KULO' GINEN SANLAGU ESGAIHON MO'NA GALAIDE' GI TUTUHON-ÑA I LINA'LA-TA

SAINAN-MAMI CHAHLAO HAM SAINAN-MAMI PULAN HAM ESGAIHON MO'NA I GALAIDE' GI TUTUHON-ÑA I LINA'LA-TA

O'ASAINA O'ANITI NI MUNA'I HAM MINESNGON YAN MINAOLEK O'ASAINA O'ANITI NI MUNA'I HAM MINESNGON YAN MINAOLEK

SAINA. SAINAN-MAMI O'SAINA NA'I HAM SIÑAT PARA ENGUADOK I TANO'-MU I TANO-TA O'SAINA SAINAN-MAMI O'SAINA HATME HAM YA NA'FITME I LATTEN-MAMI

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PUSISION HATSA

HINASSON GDOE

TODU ESTUDIANTE MAN RESPONSAPBLE MAN GAI RESPETU YAN MAN LISTO PARA LINA'LA'

MISSION GDOE

I KUMUNIDAD IDUKASION HA PRIPARA TODU I ESTUDIANTE PARA LINA'LA' PETSISIGI MO'NA PARA FINAYI PRIBENINIYI SINUPOTTE'.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SI YU'OS MA'ASE' SI YU'OS MA'ASE' STUDENTS WE WILL NOW HAVE THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM YOU COULD HELP ME WITH THE NATIONAL ANTHEM SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SI YU'OS MA'ASE' STUDENTS GREAT JOB HAVE A GREAT DAY THANK YOU COLLEAGUES WE NOW RESUME WITH ROLL CALL CLERKS PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SI YU'OS MA'ASE' CLERKS ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNALS DATED AUGUST 7, 2023 AND OCTOBER 11, 2023 SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO APPROVING THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNALS SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS AND I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO APPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS AND APPEND THEM TO THE JOURNAL IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAME SPEAKER THERE ARE MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN* AND I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION THAT MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN* BE APPENDED TO THE SESSION JOURNAL IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE MOTION THAT REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES BE APPENDED TO THE JOURNAL SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT BILLS INTRODUCED BILLS NUMBER 185-37 LS THROUGH 187-37 LS AND 188-37 COR THROUGH 192-37 COR AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED RESOLUTIONS NUMBER 219-37 LS THROUGH 223-37 LS AND 224-37 CR THROUGH 227-37 COR BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THEIR FIRST READING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION ON THE FIRST READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW IN MOTIONS ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED UNDER MOTIONS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO EXCUSE SENATORS NOT PRESENT FOR TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

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

SENATOR BROWN: NO MADAM SPEAKER BUT TO HELP FACILITATE AGAIN WHEN WE'RE ASKING YOU KNOW I DON'T HAVE AN ISSUE I'M SURE THERE'S CHALLENGES ALL OUR COLLEAGUES ARE DEALING WITH BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD TO KNOW PUBLICLY AS WELL FOR THE REASONS FOR THE ABSENCE SO WE'RE NOT SURPRISED THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I DID RECEIVE A NOTICE THIS MORNING FROM SENATOR SHELTON THAT SHE IS OFF ISLAND.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM MADAM SPEAKER THEY'RE BOTH OFF ISLAND UNLESS THE VICE SPEAKER HAS RETURNED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I ALSO RECEIVED AN OFF ISLAND NOTICE FROM THE VICE SPEAKER FROM OCTOBER 23 TO OCTOBER 26 ON THE MOTION TO EXCUSE THOSE NOT PRESENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL UNDER MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS SENATOR LUJAN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED THANK YOU.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MUCH THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING MORNING COLLEAGUES NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY AND THE TIMELINESS OF THE THE NEED TO GET THIS RESOLUTION PASSED NOTWITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO PLACE RESOLUTION 223-37 LS ON THE THE AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO PLACE RESOLUTION 223 ON THE AG AGENDA CAN YOU READ THE TITLE PLEASE.

SENATOR LUJAN: YES RELATIVE TO STANDING AND SOLIDARITY WITH JEWISH COMMUNITIES SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND CONDEMNING THE HORRENDOUS ATTACK AND WAR CRIMES OF HAMAS THAT OCCURRED IN OCTOBER OF 2023 RESOLUTION 223-37 LS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO PLACE IT ON THE AGENDA SENATOR BROWN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BROWN: MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE CONTENT OF THE RESOLUTION BUT AGAIN JUST TO BE CONSISTENT I UNDERSTAND THIS RESOLUTION HAS NOT EVEN HAD A PUBLIC HEARING SO I DEFER TO MY COLLEAGUES IF THEY WANT TO OVERRIDE THAT BUT I JUST LIKE CONSISTENCY WITH REGARDS TO THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA I UNDERSTAND THE TIMELINESS OF IT THOUGH THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF PLACING RESOLUTION 223-37 LS ON THE AGENDA NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION OH SORRY WAIT ONE TWO THREE FOUR MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT.

NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES

SENATOR BARNETT: WE'RE STILL IN MOTIONS SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 173-37 COR ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA IT IS TITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$15,828,000 FROM FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-107 AS AMENDED TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE *PRUGRÁMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA* ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH \$300 CREDIT TOWARDS THEIR ACCOUNT THIS IS THE THREE-MONTH EXTENSION I'M ASKING THE BODY NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES BECAUSE I BECAUSE AS YOU ALL KNOW IT EXPIRED ALREADY AND WITH THE ROLLING POWER OUTAGES AND THE CONTINUED INCREASES IN INFLATION AND COST OF LIVING I BELIEVE THIS IS AN URGENT MATTER MR. SPEAKER.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL 173- 37 COR ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES ANY OBJECTIONS SENATOR BLAS.

SENATOR BLAS: BEFORE WE CAN DISCUSS THAT CAN YOU GIVE US TIME TO LOOK AT THAT BILL FIRST BEFORE WE CAN SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

SENATOR BARNETT: SURE I'LL CALL A SHORT FIVE MINUTE RECESS SO WE CAN LOOK AT THE BILL.

RECESS

SENATOR BARNETT: THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE IS BACK FROM A SHORT RECESS I WANT TO THANK THE CLERKS FOR PASSING OUT COPIES OF BILL 173-37 COR AND I BELIEVE SENATOR BLAS HAD THE FLOOR OKAY SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BECAUSE OF THE RE RECESS I CAN RESTATE MY MOTION OR WOULD YOU LIKE.

SENATOR BARNETT: PLEASE PLEASE DO MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH SO THE MOTION WAS TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 173-37 COR ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES IT HAS NOT HAD A PUBLIC HEARING THE COMMITTEE CHAIR HAS SAID HE WILL NOT HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS BILL IT IS AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$15,828,000 FROM FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-107 AS AMENDED TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE *PRUGRÁMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA* ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH \$300 CREDIT TOWARDS THEIR ACCOUNT THIS IS A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION UNLIKE THE OTHERS THAT WERE LONGER FIVE MONTHS SIX MONTHS EXTENSIONS THIS IS JUST A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION FOR THE SAME REASONS I'M ASKING IT BE CONSIDERED NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES BECAUSE THE SAME REASONS STILL APPLY TODAY AS WHEN WE DECLARED THIS AN EMERGENCY MONTHS AGO AND THAT WAS PEOPLE ARE STILL STRUGGLING IT'S A AND ON TOP OF THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC THEY HAD SUFFERED THE WAR IN UKRAINE INFLATION WHICH THE TESTIMONY SHOWED US INCREASE THE GAS PRICES POWER PRICES TYPHOON MAWAR CAME AND WE HAVE

COMPOUNDED NOW ROLLING POWER OUTAGES AND MANY HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY ARE STILL SUFFERING AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT IT'S VERY CLEAR I THINK THAT THAT THEY COULD USE THIS HELP SO THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN FOOD AND POWER AND THIS IS SO I'M REALLY ASKING MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION JUST TO PUT IT ON THE AGENDA AND I BELIEVE IF WE CAN GET THE BBMR IN HERE THAT WE CAN CONFIRM THE FUNDING SOURCE AND RELIEVE ANY OF THEIR CONCERNS AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE DID WITH THE HOSPITAL BILL THE FUNDING WAS NOT APPROPRIATE AS INTRODUCED BUT WE WERE ABLE TO DO THAT ON THE FLOOR WITH THE HELP OF BBMR AND DOA AND THEIR TESTIMONY SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND TO THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER ONE SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR MR. CHAIR AS MOST OF US HAVE RECEIVED ALREADY THE CRER REPORT AND IT EXPLAINED TO US WHERE CERTAIN FUNDING IS GOING TO BE USED TOWARD BILLS THAT WE HAVE PASSED ESPECIALLY FOR THE HOSPITAL AND IT'S CLEAR THAT WHEN BBMR SENT US THIS CRER REPORT THEY INDICATED THAT THE \$30 MILLION THAT WE RECENTLY PASSED ABOUT A WEEK AGO IS COMING OUT OF FY 23 EXCESS REVENUE THAT BEING MISS SAID MR. CHAIR AND THE CONCERN THAT I HAD HAD WAS THE FUNDING SOURCE WAS DURING THAT TIME IN FY21 OF THERE WAS FUNDING THAT WAS NOT EXPENDED AND UH THEY WERE SHOWING THERE'S \$30 MILLION \$30 MILLION FLOATING AROUND SO AS LONG AS THAT FUNDING SOURCES CHANGED BECAUSE MY GOOD YOU KNOW CHAIRMAN OF APPROPRIATION IS HAD A CONCERN ON USING FY 23 MONEY BUT NOW WITH THE CHANGE OF 21 WOULD GIVE US THAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASK BBMR WHERE THE MONEY IS THAT THEY CLAIMED THAT'S THERE YOU KNOW VERY SIMPLE BUT WHAT'S EVEN MORE ALARMING IS THE FACT THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE STILL HURTING OUT THERE BIG TIME IT'S NOT OVER YET YEAH MANY OF US HERE MAY FEEL COMFORTABLE BUT THINK ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE NOT RIGHT NOW AND THAT'S A HUGE PERCENTAGE OF THIS ISLAND IF ANYTHING HAS WORKED MR. CHAIR IT HAS BEEN THESE CREDITS THAT BEEN GIVING TO EVERYONE WHO PAYS A POWER BILL EVERYONE ONE WHO PAYS A POWER BILL THAT'S THE ONE THING THAT I'VE BEEN HEARING FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS THAT THIS HAS HELPED THEIR FAMILY A GREAT DEAL SO I I APPRECIATE THE THE CHANGE OF FUNDING SOURCE THIS IS A GREAT CONCERN AND IS IT AN EMERGENCY AT THIS POINT SOME PEOPLE CAN SAY YES IT IS BECAUSE I NEED TO FEED MY CHILDREN I NEED TO PAY MY MORTGAGE I NEED TO PAY MY CAR PAYMENT OR THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE AWAY MY CAR ASK THEM IF IT'S AN EMERGENCY I'M PRETTY SURE THEY'LL SAY YES THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 173-37 COR ONTO THE AGENDA SENATOR QUINATA YOU'RE RECOGNIZED OH ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE MO OH THERE IS AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN EIGHT NINE MOTION PASSES.

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE STILL ON MOTIONS COLLEAGUES SENATORS SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR 12 YEARS I MEAN SINCE I WAS 12 YEARS OLD TO DO THIS I WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY BILL ONTO THE AGENDA BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COULD YOU PLEASE READ THE TITLE SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES MA'AM IT'S A BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR INTRODUCED BY MYSELF DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN ROY A. B. QUINATA TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES WILLIAM PARKINSON THERESE M. TERLAJE JESSE A. LUJAN AND THOMAS J. FISHER THIS IS AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 58109 AND 58110 OF CHAPTER 58 AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 58B TO TITLE 10 DIVISION 3 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE LEGAL LEGALIZATION AND REGUL REGULATION OF THE USE OF CONSUMER GRADE FIREWORKS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE IS A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA IS THERE AN OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MADAM SPEAKER JUST A POINT OF INFORMATION THAT THE BILL WAS DURING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT DID NOT MAKE THE

AGENDA IT WAS VOTED DOWN THIS WAS THE FIREWORKS BILL CORRECT THAT'S RIGHT SO THAT BEING SAID I MEAN IT HAD ITS OPPORTUNITY DURING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SO I AM OBJECTING TO IT THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I THINK YOU MEAN COMMITTEE OF THE RULES COMMITTEE ON RULES YES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: COMMITTEE OF THE RULE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THAT CORRECTION STAND CORRECTED AND YES I I HAVE TO OBJECT SINCE IT DID NOT PASS YOU KNOW MY COLLEAGUES SOME OF US DID NOT VOTE FOR IT AND THERE'S NO REASON WHY IT SHOULD GO ON ON THIS AGENDA WHEN IT WAS VOTED NOT TO COME ON THE AGENDA IN THE FIRST PLACE THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR ONTO THE AGENDA THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL ON OH SORRY WE'RE STILL ON MOTIONS SENATOR QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 90-37 COR ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA AND ACT TO ADD THE NEW SE ARTICLE CHAPTER 18 TITLE ONE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO MANDATING ELECTRONIC REPORTING I DID HEAR EARLIER THAT WE DID MOVE TO HAVE THIS ON THE SESSION AGENDA ON THE COR MEETING BUT UNFORTUNATELY WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH VOTES TO ATTAIN THE THIS ONTO THE AGENDA AND I'M ASKING MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THE IN THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COULD YOU REPEAT THE NUMBER PLEASE THE BILL NUMBER.

SENATOR QUINATA: BILL 90 BILL NUMBER 90-37 COR AND IT'S ON THE WEBSITE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE AN OBJECTION TO PLACING THERE'S AN OBJECTION SO COLLEAGUES THERE'S A MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 90- 37 COR ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ONE TWO THREE SORRY SENATOR WOULD YOU MIND REPEATING THE TITLE BEFORE WE COUNT THE VOTE.

SENATOR QUINATA: AN ACT TO ADD TO THE ARTICLE 3 CHAPTER 18 TITLE ONE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO MANDATING ELECTRONIC REPORTING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE WE READY TO VOTE THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ON THE MOTION TO PLACE ON THE AGENDA THREE THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU MADAM MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES AGAIN I MOVE TO BILL NUMBER 143-37 ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA AN ACT TO ADD TO A NEW SUBSECTION 96106 ON CHAPTER 96 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THE AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATIC AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN ALL GOVERNMENT GUAM OFFICES BY JUNE 30 2024 AND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES PLACE ONE BILL NUMBER 143-37 COR ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA IS THERE AN OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ONE TWO ONE THREE FOUR MOTION FAILS.

SENATOR QUINATA: SIDE SHORT OKAY CAN I MOVE TO ADD DOREEN CRISOSTOMO TO THE VOTING FILE OR IS IT TOO EARLY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SHE'S ALREADY ON THE AGENDA WE'LL GET TO HER SOON SO WE'RE STILL UNDER MOTIONS AND SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN REGARDING RESOLUTIONS FINAL MOTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MAJORITY LEADER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I MOVE THAT ALL CONGRATULATORY COMMENDATORY AND CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED TODAY AND FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION BE CONSIDERED

FIRST READ AND ADOPTED TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND TO ADD ALL SENATOR AS CO-SPONSORS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANY ANY OTHER MOTION IF NOT WE ARE MOVING ON TO LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCES SENATOR QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE UNDER THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL DISABILITY SERVICE SELF-DETERMINATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOUSING PUBLIC COUNTY AND THE GUAM BUILDUP NOMINATION I MEAN NOMINATION OF DOREEN T. CRISOSTOMO-MUÑA, PHD TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS THE NOMINATION OF MARGARITA FELICITAS B. ANGEL TO SERVE AS A MEMBER RETIRED TEACHER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR OF GDOE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM EDUCATION BOARD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM THANK YOU MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL ON LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MARITIME TRANSPORTATION AIR TRANSPORTATION PARKS TOURISM HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS THE NOMINATION OF JOANNA T. CHUN TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM BOARD OF REGENTS WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MARITIME TRANSPORTATION AIR TRANSPORTATION PARKS TOURISM HIGHER EDUCATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN YOUTH AND SENIOR CITI THE NOMINATION OF JESSE G. GARCIA TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF THE A.B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION REGARDING JESSE G. GARCIA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS THE NOMINATION OF LULENE C. SAN AGUSTIN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION REGARDING LULENE C. SAN AUGUSTINE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS THE NOMINATION OF ROSSANA D. SAN MIGUEL TISTON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER GENERAL PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION REGARDING ROSSANA D. SAN MIGUEL TISTON IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE THE NOMINATION OF ALEX ALEXANDER D. WEILAARD, MD TO SERVE AS MEMBER PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS THE NOMINATION OF ROLANDO C. ZEPEDA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE VISUAL ARTS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AGENCY OR CAHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION REGARDING ROLANDO ZEPEDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES I THINK WE'VE UH COMPLETED OUR LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCES SENATOR QUINATA.

SENATOR QUINATA: AGAIN EARLIER WE DID STATE THAT CERTAIN ITEMS DID NOT MAKE THE AGENDA DURING COR MEETING BUT JUST OUT OF GOOD FAITH AND YOU KNOW BEING A GOOD COLLEAGUE I WOULD LIKE TO ON BEHALF OF VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES *HAGÁTÑA* REVITALIZATION REGIONAL AFFAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARY TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS I WOULD LIKE TO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WAIT I'M SORRY YEAH WE NEED A MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS.

SENATOR QUINATA: OH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IF YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE A MOTION REGARDING THE AGENDA.

SENATOR QUINATA: SO CAN I MAKE A MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO GO BACK TO MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW IN MOTIONS SENATOR QUINATA YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: JUST TO CLARIFY THERE ARE THREE APPOINTMENTS JUST ALL FOR THE LIBRARY DO WE HAVE TO INDIVIDUALLY MOTION THEM OKAY SO AGAIN ON BEHALF OF VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES *HAGÁTÑA* REVITALIZATION REGIONAL AFFAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARIES TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS I'D LIKE TO MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES THROUGH THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MONIQUE R.C. STORIE PHD TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION REGARDING MONIQUE STORIE TO GUAN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I REMEMBER WHEN THESE WERE THESE PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE GOING TO BE PLACED ON THE SESSION AGENDA DURING COMMITTEE ON RULES UNFORTUNATELY THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS NOT OUT AT ALL SO MY QUESTION RIGHT NOW IS THERE A COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS FOR TO SIT ON THE LIBRARY BOARD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE COMMITTEE ON RULES YIELD TO THAT QUESTION TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR BARNETT COMMITTEE ON RULES WOULD YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: YES MA'AM I WOULD THE COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE CLEARED AND SUBSEQUENTLY EVERYTHING WAS POSTED ON THE GUAM LEGISLATURE'S WEBSITE ON OCTOBER 17TH AND THIS COVERS THE NOMINATIONS OF MONIQUE STORIE NICOLE B. NELSON AND NOLAN G.T. FLORES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION SENATOR BROWN DO YOU HAVE AN OBJECTION OKAY SO OH ARE YOU.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN YOU KNOW I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE NOMINATIONS THAT ARE BEING PUT BEFORE US SPECIFICALLY FOR THE GUAM LIBRARY I ATTENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND I THINK ALL THREE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO OUTSTANDING WORK WHAT I DO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MADAM SPEAKER IS THESE WHILE WE'RE SAYING THEY WERE PUT ONLINE YOUR OFFICE PUBLISHED AN AGENDA THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WERE ABLE TO LOOK AT AND I HOPE HAVE SOME CONFIDENCE IN OF KNOWING WHAT IT IS WE ARE GOING TO BE DISCUSSING IN SESSION WE'RE HERE EVERY MONTH WE'RE HERE EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK THERE IS NO REASON WE CANNOT MEET THESE TIMELINES SO WE HAVE ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE TO OUR PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT ISSUES WHAT BILLS ARE GOING TO BE ON THE FLOOR WHAT NOMINATIONS ARE GOING TO BE ON THE FLOOR THIS CONSTANT RUSH ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THESE REPORTS WERE NOT READY IN TIME FOR THE RULES MEETING DON'T REALLY ALLOW US THAT OPPORTUNITY AND CERTAINLY DO NOT ALLOW THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY WHILE IT MAY BE ONLINE THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE ON GUAM THAT ARE NOT ONLINE THERE A LOT OF *MANÁMKO'* THAT ARE ONLINE THERE A LOT OF *MANÁMKO'* THAT ARE NOT ONLINE I THINK OUR PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE SOME SENSE OF ORDER UNLESS IT'S AN ABSOLUTE EMERGENCY WHICH IN SOME CASES ARE QUESTIONABLE THE THINGS WE PUT ON THIS AGENDA THAT ARE NOT DON'T FALL INTO THE THOSE CATEGORIES I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE SOME SENSE OF ORDER AND THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE CANNOT THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE CAN'T COME INTO SESSION AND DO THESE THINGS IN A TIMELY FASHION INSTEAD OF COMING HERE AFTER WE'VE ALREADY HAD YOUR OFFICE HAS ALREADY PUBLISHED AN AGENDA OF WHAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE DISCUSSED ON SESSION AND THEN KEEP ADDING AND ADDING AND ADDING AND ADDING UNLESS IT'S A SEVERE CRISIS I DON'T SEE WHY WE NEED TO ENTERTAIN THESE ISSUES TODAY SINCE THEY DID NOT MEET THAT PUBLIC'S NOTICE REQUIREMENT THAT YOU HAD PRINTED WITH REGARDS TO SESSION OTHERWISE I DON'T KNOW WHY WE HAVE RULES OF MEETINGS BECAUSE THAT'S A WASTE OF TIME AND I DON'T KNOW WHY WE SPEND THE TIME AND EFFORT TO PUBLISH IN THE PAPER AS WE REQUIRE EVERY OTHER GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AGENCY EVERY OTHER BOARD AND COMMISSION EVERY MAYOR IN THEIR VILLAGE TO DO AND THEN WE OURSELVES ARE THE BIGGEST RULE BREAKERS OF THE LAW SO I HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT CONTINUE EDITIONS THAT ARE NOT PUBLISHED IN ADVANCED NOTICE TO OUR PEOPLE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION THE MOTION IS TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF MONIQUE STORIE FOR THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA ON INTO THE SORRY INTO THE LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE THERE'S AN OBJECTION SO ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN MOTION FAILS SENATOR QUINATA YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: *BUSTA* NEVER MIND ALREADY ONLY TWO MORE THE SAME THING IT'S GOING TO BE THE SAME SCENARIO *BUSTA* SIDE SHORT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE ON STILL ON MOTIONS ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS IF NOT WE WE'VE EXHAUSTED LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE THERE ARE NO ITEMS UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE SECOND READING FILE THE FIRST BILL IN OUR SECOND READING FILE IS BILL NUMBER 54-37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED THIS IS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADD BILL NUMBER 54-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE AGRICULTURE POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES PUBLIC TRANSIT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE INTRODUCED BY MYSELF WILLIAM A. PARKINSON AND CO-SPONSORED BY SENATORS JOANNE BROWN AND SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE ONE OF CHAPTER 63 TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO GAME AND FISH REGULATIONS PROTECTING OUR MARINE PRESERVES AND STANDARDIZING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF GAME AND FISH STATUTES AND THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS THEREOF I'D LIKE TO MOTION TO PUT THAT ONTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND THE DISCUSS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 54-37 ONTO THE THIRD READING PLEASE DISCUSS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: BILL 5437 WAS BASED ON BILL 322-3668 BY THE LATE SENATOR JOSE PEDO TERLAJE IN THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE IT WAS THE CULMINATION OF NEARLY TWO YEARS OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN SENATOR PEDO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE CONSERVATION OFFICERS IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE ENFORCEMENT OF OUR VITAL FISH AND GAME LAWS WHICH ARE VITAL TO THE PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE POPULATIONS WHICH IN TURN ARE VITAL TO OUR FOOD SECURITY AND STEWARDSHIP OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES BILL 322-36 WAS THE VERY LAST BILL THAT SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE HELD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR HEARING THE BILL ON DECEMBER 6, 2022 JUST OVER ONE MONTH BEFORE HE PASSED AWAY SENATOR JOANNE BROWN WAS ALSO A CO-SPONSOR OF THAT BILL AND I WANT TO THANK HER AND SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS FOR CO-SPONSORING THIS EFFORT IN THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE AT THE HEART OF THIS BILL IS THE RECOGNITION THAT SOMETIMES CLASSIFYING VIOLATION ACTIONS OF HUNTING AND FISHING LAWS AS MISDEMEANORS ACTUALLY INHIBITS THEIR EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT CURRENTLY NOT WEARING AN ORANGE VEST WHILE HUNTING IS A MISDEMEANOR UNDER LAW PUNISHABLE BY UP TO ONE YEAR IN PRISON NO ONE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED FOR THIS CRIME BECAUSE COMMON SENSE TELLS US THAT THE PUNISHMENT DOES NOT FIT THE CRIME CONSERVATION OFFICERS THE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF FISH AND GAME LAWS CAME TO SENATOR PEDO AND SAID THAT A CITATION TICKET AND A FINE WERE A MORE EFFECTIVE AND COMMON SENSE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF THESE LAWS UNDER EXISTING GUAM LAW THESE FINES ARE REMITTED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION DIVISION IN A SPECIAL FUND TO PAY FOR TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT TO FURTHER STRAIGHTEN ENFORCEMENT AT THE SAME TIME CONSERVATION OFFICERS ALSO TOLD HIM THAT THE LAW REGARDING ENFORCEMENTS OF MARINE PRESERVES AND THE PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL COMMERCIAL OVER FISHING WERE NOT STRONG ENOUGH WHEN ILLEGAL COMMERCIAL FISHING IN OUR MARINE PRESERVES HAPPENS THE CONSERVATION OFFICERS DID NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO SEIZE AND IMPOUND FISHING BOATS SIMILAR TO HOW GPD WOULD IMPOUND A VEHICLE USED IN THE CRIME THIS MEANT THAT BOATS COULD COME BACK OVER AND OVER TO FISH ILLEGALLY AND DEplete OUR FISH STOCK INCLUDING THE INFAMOUS YAMAHA FLEET WHICH WOULD BRING FISHERMEN FROM OUTSIDE OF GUAM TO FISH AROUND THE CLOCK IN A MANNER THAT IS UNSUSTAINABLE AND DESTRUCTIVE THIS BILL WOULD STRENGTHEN THE TEETH IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF OUR FISHING LAWS STOPPING OUTSIDERS FROM OVER FISHING AND DEPRIVING THE PEOPLE OF GUAM NATURAL RESOURCES THAT RIGHTFULLY BELONG TO THEM SENATOR PEDO ENVISIONED THIS BILL TO BE A COMPREHENSIVE AND THERE ARE VARIOUS OTHER CHANGES IN THIS BILL INCLUDING ALLOWING FERAL CHICKENS TO BE CAUGHT AND CAPTURED AN ISSUE THAT MAYORS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT FOR YEARS BY ADDING FERAL CHICKENS TO THE LIST OF BIRDS WHICH MAY BE CAPTURED MAYORS CAN NOW DEAL WITH FERAL CHICKEN POPULATIONS AS THEY SEE FIT TODAY I IMPORE YOU TO CONSIDER A FUTURE WHERE OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN CAN EXPERIENCE THE BOUNTY OF OUR OCEANS AND OUR LAND A FUTURE WHERE MARINE LIFE THRIVES AND OUR FISHERMEN CAN STILL MAKE A RESPECTABLE LIVING WITHOUT FEARING THE DEPLETION OF OUR SEAS BUT TO ENSURE THIS FUTURE OUR CONSERVATION OFFICERS MUST BE ADEQUATELY EMPOWERED BY GRANTING OUR CONSERVATION OFFICERS THE EXPANDED AUTHORITY TO WRITE CITATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF FISH AND GAME LAWS AMONG OTHER CHANGES THIS BILL PROPOSES WE STRENGTHEN OUR ABILITY TO ENFORCE OUR ALREADY EXISTING LAWS PROTECTING OUR FISH AND GAME JUST AS TRAFFIC OFFICERS CAN ISSUE TICKETS FOR SPEEDING OUR CONSERVATION OFFICERS SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO TICKET MINOR OFFENSES AND TO SEIZE CRAFT OF THOSE WHO GREATLY JEOPARDIZE OUR MARINE LIFE MOREOVER THE STAKES HERE ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN A MERE TRAFFIC VIOLATION THE SUSTAINABILITY OF A MARINE ECOSYSTEM IS AT RISK IN MORE EGREGIOUS CASES WHEN WE WHEN WE FIND REPEAT OFFENDAS OFFENDERS OR THOSE WHO POSE A SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO OUR MARINE SANCTUARIES OUR OFFICERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEIZE BOATS AND EQUIPMENT THIS IS NOT JUST A PUNITIVE MEASURE IT IS A PREVENTATIVE ONE BY TAKING AWAY THE TOOLS OF THE ILLEGAL TRADE WE STRIKE A BLOW AGAINST ILLICIT OPERATIONS AND SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE OUR WATERS ARE NOT OPEN FOR ILLEGAL EXPLOITATION LASTLY LET'S TALK ABOUT WHETHER REVENUE FROM THESE CITATIONS SHOULD GO INSTEAD OF MERELY FILLING STATE COFFERS I PROPOSE WE CHANNEL THESE FINES AND FEES DIRECTLY INTO A FUND DEDICATED TO THE EQUIPMENT TRAINING AND RESOURCES OUR CONSERVATION OFFICERS NEED IN THIS WAY EVERY TIME AN ILLEGAL FISHERMAN IS FINED WE REINVEST IN THE VERY SYSTEM THAT PROTECTS OUR MARINE PRESERVES AND ANIMALS BY GRANTING OUR CONSERVATION OFFICERS THE POWER THEY NEED AND INVESTING IN THEIR

TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT WE NOT ONLY PROTECT OUR MARINE LIFE AND TERRESTRIAL ANIMALS BUT ALSO ENSURE A THRIVING AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL LET'S TAKE THE STEP FORWARD FOR OUR ISLAND OUR ENVIRONMENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT ME AND VOTE FOR THIS LEGISLATION UH THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK SENATOR BROWN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I DEFINITELY RISE IN SUPPORT OF BILL 5437 AS THE MAIN SPONSOR SENATOR PARKINSON HAD ELABORATED OUR LATE COLLEAGUE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE HAD ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED THIS BILL LAST TERM AND YES INDEED IT WAS HIS LAST PUBLIC HEARING THAT WAS HELD IN DECEMBER ACTUALLY HE AND I WERE THE ONLY TWO THAT WERE THERE NOT REALIZING CERTAINLY WHILE WE RECOGNIZED IT WAS HIS LAST PUBLIC HEARING BUT NOT REALIZING OBVIOUSLY THAT WE WOULD BE LOSING OUR DEAR COLLEAGUE IN SUCH A SHORT TIME FROM HIM ENDING HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES HERE AT THE GUAM LEGISLATURE CERTAINLY BEFITTING THAT WE CONTINUE HIS HIS LEGACY AND HIS EFFORT AND HIS WORK TO MOVE THIS LEGISLATION FORWARD YOU KNOW MANY MANY YEARS AGO GOSH I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER MADAM SPEAKER IT WAS 25 OR 26 YEARS AGO WHEN WE ORIGINALLY PASSED AND CREATED THE MARINE PROTECTED AREAS AROUND GUAM OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF TIME A LOT OF EFFORT ALMOST 13 YEARS PRIOR EVEN BEFORE MY COMING INTO THE LEGISLATURE A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT WAS PUT IN BY THE DIVISION OF AQUATIC AND WILDLIFE PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT HEADED THAT DIVISION LIKE JERRY DAVIS AND RUFO LUJAN WERE ALL INTEGRAL IN CREATING THE MARINE PROTECTED AREAS AND CERTAINLY I THINK WE'VE SEEN ALL THESE YEARS LATER THE BENEFITS OF OUR ECOSYSTEM PARTICULARLY OUR MARINE ECOSYSTEM BY HAVING THESE AREAS PUT ASIDE THE CHALLENGES WE'VE HAD SINCE THEN OBVIOUSLY YOU KNOW MAYBE IN ADDITION TO THE LACK OF RESPECT THAT SOME HAVE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OUR OUR NATURAL RESOURCES BUT IS THE ABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY ENFORCE AND PROTECT THESE AREAS AND CERTAINLY OVER THE YEARS BECAUSE WE'VE NOT HAD A SYSTEM PUT IN PLACE THAT BILL 54 WILL CREATE WE'VE HAD SITUATIONS TIME AND TIME AGAIN WHERE AS A RESULT OF THESE VIOLATIONS THAT OCCUR OUT IN THE COMMUNITY THE CONSERVATION OFFICERS DO THEIR ENFORCEMENT AND UNFORTUNATELY AND WE MAY HAVE THERE MAY BE A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY ONE IT MAY BE AS MINOR OFFENSE AS OF NOT WEARING THE PROPER EQUIPMENT OR IT MIGHT BE AN EXTREME OFFENSE OF ILLEGALLY HUNTING AND UNFORTUNATELY SOME OF THAT MONEY GETS TURNED INTO AND INVOLVED IN OUR DRUG TRADE UNFORTUNATELY AS A RESULT ALSO IS THE INABILITY TO HAVE PROPER ENFORCEMENT BECAUSE WHILE CONSERVATION OFFICERS ARE DOING THEIR JOB THE LEGAL SYSTEM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HISTORICALLY AND THEN OUR COURT SYSTEM HAS NOT PROPERLY ADDRESSED THESE CASES SO THEY GET THROWN OUT AND WHERE DOES THAT PUT ALL THAT TIME AND EFFORT EVERY TIME A CONSERVATION OFFICER HAS TO GO OUT AND ARREST AN OFFENDER THIS PARTICULAR BILL WILL PUT IN PLACE A ESSENTIALLY I GUESS LIKE A TICKET SYSTEM SO THAT WHEN YOU DO HAVE THESE TYPE OF MINOR VIOLATIONS THESE CITATIONS CAN SIMPLY BE ISSUED AND THE INDIVIDUAL THAT RECEIVES IT CAN GO TO THE COURT AND PAY THEIR RESPECTIVE FINE SO THERE IS A CONSEQUENCE THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE ACTION THAT THAT IS EXPECTED AND AGAIN IT CAN BE DEALT WITH AND YET AT THE OTHER END WE WANT TO SEE THOSE MORE SERIOUS OFFENSES OUT THERE THAT ARE COMMITTED AGAINST OUR ENVIRONMENT THAT OUR CONSERVATION OFFICERS ARE HAVING TO ADDRESS BE APPROPRIATELY ADDRESSED THROUGH THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM THESE ARE ALL CRIMES AGAINST OUR COMMUNITY CERTAINLY SOME MAY ARGUE WELL IT'S NOT AS A SERIOUS AS BODILY HARM TO AN INDIVIDUAL BUT ULTIMATELY IF WE DON'T PROTECT WE DON'T CONSERVE WE DON'T ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF OUR ENVIRONMENT THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT ULTIMATELY IT WILL HAVE HARM ON OUR BODIES AND WE WANT TO PROTECT THESE RESOURCES FOR THE FUTURE WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION WE CAN'T JUST SIMPLY COME INTO THIS WORLD AND SIMPLY DESTROY AND USE AND CONSUME AND NOT CONTRIBUTE BACK NOT TO ALLOW THE REGENERATION OF THESE RESOURCES THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO DO THAT THAT'S SOMETHING WE WANT TO SEE NOT JUST FOR OURSELVES BUT FOR OUR CHILDREN FOR THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE NEXT GENERATION WHO ARE LIVING IN A WORLD THAT IS VERY CHALLENGED WITH REGARDS TO THEIR RESOURCES TO THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE TO THE MOST BASIC QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER WORLDWIDE THAT IS GOING TO AND CONTINUE TO BE A CHALLENGE FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO EMPOWER OUR CONSERVATION OFFICERS WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH OF THEM WE HAVE LESS GOODNESS SIX MY LAST ROUND IN THE LEGISLATURE WE HAD OVER 21 NOW WE HAVE

BARELY SIX AND AND THOSE SIX HAVE THE LIMITED RESOURCES AND THE OVERWHELMING JOB OF TRYING TO PROTECT ALL THESE RESOURCES ON OUR ISLAND THAT WE REQUIRE AND MANDATE BY LAW THIS IS A VEHICLE THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO ASSIST IN THEIR WORK TO FACILITATE FOR THESE SMALLER VIOLATIONS THAT ARE OUT THERE HAVE THOSE ISSUES ADDRESS AND THEN HAVE THEM TAKE THEIR TIME AND RESOURCE WHAT LIMITED RESOURCES THAT THEY HAVE SO THEY CAN FOCUS ON THE BIGGER ISSUES AND THE BIGGER INVESTIGATIONS THAT THEY NEED TO DO AND THE LARGER ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS THAT WE HAVE PUT ON THEIR SHOULDERS HERE IN THIS COMMUNITY SO CERTAINLY IN RECOGNITION OF OF THE EFFORTS OF OUR OUR LATE COLLEAGUE SENATOR PETER TERLAJE AND MOVING THIS BILL FORWARD AND US BEING HERE FOR THOSE OF US THAT ARE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO STILL BE HERE TO PUT IN PLACE AND PASS THIS BILL I CERTAINLY ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT IT I THINK IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT STEP THAT WE'RE TAKING FORWARD TO ENSURE JUDICIAL THE JUDICIAL PROCESS AND JUDICIAL RESPONSIBILITY HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THESE FINES ARE ISSUED TO ENSURE THAT COMPENSATION IS PAID BACK TO OUR PEOPLE AND WE CAN EXPAND THE LIMITED RESOURCES OF OUR CONSERVATION OFFICERS TO BE ABLE TO DO THEIR JOB EFFECTIVELY SO CERTAINLY MADAM SPEAKER I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS BILL AND HOPE ALL MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT THIS BILL IN ITS PASSAGE THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN ON THE BILL AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND I APPRECIATE THE AUTHOR'S EFFORTS TO BE ABLE TO CLARIFY PUT SOME CLARIFICATION IN THE PENALTIES RELATIVE TO THE OFFENSES ENUMERATED IN THIS IN WHAT IS CURRENTLY LAW HOWEVER IN THE SPIRIT OF CONSISTENCY AND WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS NO CONFLICT IN OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT EXIST I TAKE NOTE OF ON PAGE THREE SUB SUBSECTION 63109 POSSESSION OF DYNAMITE EXPLOSIVE POISONOUS OR INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES IT READS HERE MA'AM SPEAKER THAT IT THE IT SHALL BE A MISDAMEANOR FOR ANY PERSON WHO IS IN THE WATER CLOSE BY THE SHORE WHERE FISH CAN BE TAKEN TO POSSESS IN THE ABSENCE OF SATISFACTORY CAUSE FOR POSSESSION OF THE SAME ANY DYNAMITE OR EXPLOSIVE OR ANY SUBSTANCE WHICH HAS POISONOUS OR INTOX INTOXICATING EFFECT UPON FISH MADAM SPEAKER ANY OTHER PROVISION WITHIN THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED SPECIFICALLY 10 GCA CHAPTER 61 SUBSECTION 61110 IT PROVIDES THAT UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF AN EXPLOSIVE IS A THIRD DEGREE FELONY SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO AMEND ON LINE FIVE PAGE THREE UNDER SUBSECTION 63109 SO IT BE CONSISTENT WITH OTHER STAT AREAS OF STATUTE THAT MISDEMEANOR BE AMENDED TO READ THIRD DEGREE FELONY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO TAKING THAT MOTION WITHOUT IT BEING IN WRITING SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE WORD MISDEMEANOR ON PAGE THREE LINE FIVE SECTION 63109 TO CHANGE THE WORD MISDEMEANOR TO THIRD DEGREE FELONY IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANYONE WHO OBJECTS TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND WITH THAT I THINK THAT EVERYTHING ELSE WAS CONSISTENT I AGAIN I APPRECIATE THE THE EFFORT OF THE AUTHOR TO GO AHEAD AND UPDATE WHAT HIS CURRENTLY STATUTE AND TO TO CARRY ON WITH THE WHAT HAD BEEN CHAMPIONED BY THE LATE SENATOR TERLAJE AND THEN TO BASICALLY YOU KNOW PUT TEETH IN IT SO THAT WE RECOGNIZE OTHER THAN SAYING IT'S IT IS UNLAWFUL BASICALLY PROVIDE WHAT WHAT THE PENALTIES ARE AND IT MAKES IT PRETTY CLEAR AND ALSO IT MAKES IT PRETTY STRONG SO WITH THAT AGAIN I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL THIS LEGISLATION AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AS WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AND THEN SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST I JUST WANT TO BRING CLARIFICATION TO THE LAST AMENDMENT WHEN THE IDENTIFY CHANGE THE MISDEMEANOR TO A FELONY THAT WAS ON PAGE THREE LINE FIVE AM I CORRECT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S CORRECT AND IT'S TO THIRD DEGREE FELONY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IS IS IS IT POSSIBLE THAT IF IF WE TAKE A MINUTE BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER PARTS THERE THAT ALSO IDENTIFY MISDEMEANOR AND IF WE WANT TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENCY BECAUSE FURTHER DOWN IT IDENTIFIES THE FELONY AND IF IF YOU READ THE BILL THERE ARE OTHER PARTS THAT IDENTIFY MISDEMEANOR AND IF IT'S GOING TO BE FOR CONSISTENCY THEN LET'S MAKE ANYTHING THEY DO IN VIOLATION BE A FELONY AND BE DONE WITH THIS AND THEN MAYBE WE JUST TAKE A SHORT RECESS THAT WE CAN INTRODUCE THAT AMENDMENT SO IT JUST STRIKES ALL OR OR MAYBE THE MOTION BE ANYTHING THAT IDENTIFIES MISDEMEANOR BE REFLECT FELONY I BEG YOUR PARDON.

SENATOR BLAS: I YIELD TO THE CONCERN MADAM SPEAKER WITH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD YOU LIKE THE SENATOR TO YIELD SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: PLEASE DO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BLAS.

SENATOR BLAS: WITH WITH REGARD TO OTHER AREAS WHERE IT IS IDENTIFIED AS MISDEMEANOR THEY ARE IN FACT MISDEMEANOR IN STATUTE THE CONCERN THAT I HAD HERE WAS THE THE CONFLICT IN IDENTIFYING THIS PARTICULAR SECTION AS A MISDEMEANOR WHEN IN FACT IT IS AN ACTUALLY 10 GCA CHAPTER 61 THAT IDENTIFIES POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER IS A THIRD DEGREE FELONY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: RIGHT I MADAM SPEAKER I UNDERSTAND HIS STATEMENT AND WHAT'S ON THE CODE TO BEGIN WITH IT'S NOTWITHSTANDING ANYWHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE CHANGING MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES I'M JUST SAYING AS YOU READ FURTHER DOWN THEY IDENTIFIED ELECTRONIC DEVICE THE CATCH FISH POSSESS OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DEVICES IS IDENTIFY AS A MISDEMEANOR UND UNDERSTOOD SENATOR BLAS IS NOT EXPLOSIVE I'M JUST TRYING TO FOLLOW THE WORD CONSISTENCY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES JUST TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENCY MADAM SPEAKER WE WANT TO CHANGE AND IT'S ALL ABOUT THIS BILL I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO GO DOWN AND SAY OKAY WELL LET'S FOLLOW CONSISTENCY OF THIS LAW AND THIS **UMBILAI** ONE IS EXPLOSIVE BUT IF YOU PUT THE YOU WANT TO DO SHOCK TREATMENT TO FISH YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST EXPLODED IT THEN YOU GO DOWN FURTHER AND THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING JUST TO MAINTAIN SOME CONSISTENCY THAT ANY AREAS THAT IDENTIFY MISDEMEANOR BE CHANGED TO REFLECT FELONY THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THAT A MOTION SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION THAT ALL REFERENCES TO MISDEMEANOR BE CHANGED TO FELONY IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO HAVING THAT MOTION DONE WITHOUT IT BEING IN WRITING ALL RIGHT SO ON THE MOTION SENATOR PEREZ THERE YOU OKAY THERE'S AN OBJECTION TO IT NOT BEING IN WRITING BUT SENATOR PEREZ YOU MAY SPEAK ON THE MOTION WHILE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN PLEASE GET IT IN WRITING YEAH SENATOR PEREZ ON THE MOTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH EXCUSE ME YEAH I JUST WONDER IF WE CAN HAVE A A RECESS WITH LEGAL TO TALK ABOUT THE THE DIFFERENT MISDEMEANORS YEAH JUST PROBABLY A BRIEF RECESS THE PART WITH THE ARTIFICIAL LIGHT YEAH I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S THE YEAH I GUESS I NEED A LITTLE BRIEF RECESS OR REQUEST YOU KNOW I I I DO AGREE THAT THERE SHOULD BE CONSISTENCY WHICH MEANS THAT SOME OF THESE OFFENSES MIGHT BE I THINK I FEEL ARE STRONGER THAN OTHERS PERHAPS I CAN MAYBE REQUEST LEGAL'S ADVICE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ALL RIGHT WE'LL TAKE A A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR PEREZ YOU HAD THE FLOOR ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I BELIEVE THE PROFFER THE AMENDMENT HAS MADE SOME CHANGES SO I'LL DEFER BACK TO HIM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO WE'LL GET BACK TO THE AMENDMENT AND SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN DO YOU HAVE THAT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES MADAM SPEAKER MAYBE WE DON'T NEED THE RIGHT UP IT'S ONLY IN THE SECTION THAT COVERS THE CORAL WOULD BE BE UPGRADED FROM MISDEMEANOR TO FELONY AND THE AND AND THAT'S ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO TAKE MORE YEARS THAN MOST OF US HAVE IN LIFE LEFT TO RECOVER THE CORAL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT CAN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN CAN WE JUST BE SORRY THE PAGE AND NUMBER IT'S PAGE THREE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: LINE 17 INSTEAD OF MISDEMEANOR WE'RE GOING TO REPLACE THAT WITH FELONY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT OKAY SO ON THAT AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THAT AMENDMENT.

NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT AND I'M GLAD THAT THE PROFFER PUT BROUGHT THIS PROVISION OUT ONTO THE FLOOR BECAUSE IT'S ONE OF THE ONES I WANTED TO ALSO ASK THE SPONSOR SO THE IT CURRENTLY READS DESTRUCTION OF CORAL IT SHALL BE A MISDEMEANOR AND THE THE AMENDMENT IS TO SAY A FELONY TO WILLFULLY DESTROY CORAL GROWTH FOR PURPOSES OF FLUSHING FISH FROM THEIR HABITAT OR FOR CLEARING AN AREA FOR NET FISHING I'M I'M THINKING THAT IF WE REMOVE THE WORDS FOR PURPOSES OF WE REMOVE AN ELEMENT THAT WOULD BE VERY HARD TO PROVE FOR THESE LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CONSERVATION OFFICERS AND INSTEAD IF THEY ARE WILLFULLY DESTROYING CORAL THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO BE CLASSIFIED AS THE CRIME I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO PROVE WHY THEY ARE WILLFULLY DESTROYING THE CORAL AND I SORRY AND I THINK JUST IN MY CON CONVERSATIONS WITH THESE THESE CONSERVATION OFFICERS IT'S ALWAYS THE HARDEST THING IS TO PROVE WHY WERE THEY CARRYING THE EQUIPMENT IF THEY DON'T GET CAUGHT IN THE ACT BUT I THINK DESTROYING THE CORAL WE REALLY SHOULD ELEVATE THAT AND PREVENT ITS DESTRUCTION ESPECIALLY ITS WILLFUL DESTRUCTION REGARDLESS OF PURPOSE SO I SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT AND I'M I'M IF THE SPONSOR WOULD YIELD DOES THE DOES DO THE WORDS FOR PURPOSES OF FLESHING FISH ETC. ARE THEY REALLY NECESSARY IN THIS REGARD.

SENATOR BARNETT: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YEAH SURE I'LL YIELD TO THAT I TEND TO AGREE WITH YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE I BELIEVE THAT THAT IS JUST SOME WORDS THAT WILL ADD AN EXTRA BURDEN TO LAW ENFORCEMENT TO HAVE TO PROVE AND I'M OKAY WITH ITS REMOVAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SO I'LL WAIT UNTIL AFTER THIS AMENDMENT BUT I VERY MUCH SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT AND THE SPONSOR OF THE AMENDMENT MADE A GREAT POINT THAT THE CORAL GROWTH IS UNLIKE ANYTHING WE HAVE GROWING AROUND US IT TAKES UH IT'S GOING TO TAKE DECADES FOR THAT TO GROW SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TO THE SPONSOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MR. SPEAKER RECOMMEND THEN WE JUST GO AHEAD AND AMEND IT AND THEY JUST CHANGE THE MISDEMEANOR OF FELONY AND THEN AFTER THE THE WORD DESTROY CORAL GROWTH OR JUST CORAL AND STRIKE THE REST OF IT OFF AND IT'LL BE DONE SO I FULLY SUPPORT THE THE COMMENTS MADE BY THE SPEAKER IF YOU NEED IN WRITING THEN I CAN ONE MINUTE.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN I THINK PROCEDURALLY WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE AMENDMENT THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING AND THEN YOU CAN AMEND IT SO I'M JUST GOING TO HAVE A SHORT RECESS REAL QUICK THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY OR I CAN WITHDRAW THE AMENDMENT AND THEN PROFFER THE NEXT ONE THAT WE JUST STRIKE IT ALL.

SENATOR BARNETT: THAT TOO THANK YOU SENATOR.

RECESS

SENATOR BARNETT: WE ARE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENT AND INTRODUCE A NEW AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BARNETT: ON THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE AMENDMENT ANY OBJECTION SEEING NONE MOTION PASSES SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES I HAVE A AMENDMENT IT'S ON PAGE THREE SECTION 63113 DESTRUCTION OF CORAL IT SHALL BE A FELONY TO WILLFULLY DESTROY CORAL SO IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S GROWING OR NOT IT'S TO DESTROY IT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I WAS JUST ASKED BY MY COLLEAGUES THAT SUBMERGE CORAL I THINK IT NEEDS TO SAY THAT OTHERWISE SOMEBODY THAT'S IN BUSINESS CONSTRUCTION MAY THINK THAT I'M IT'S RELATING TO THEM MAYBE I JUST NEED TO ADD THAT SUBMERGE CORAL IN THE OCEAN CORAL I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE WE NEED TO CHANGE IT WHEN IT'S NOT EVEN IN THE BILL BUT.

SENATOR BARNETT: WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A TWO-MINUTE RECESS TO ADDRESS THIS THANK YOU.

RECESS

SENATOR BARNETT: WE ARE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU M MR. SPEAKER FIRST TO WITHDRAW THAT AMENDMENT AND AN INTRODUCE A NEW AMENDMENT THAT WILL KIND OF CLEAN IT UP.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY SO ON THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE AMENDMENT ANY OBJECTION SEEING NONE MOTION PASSES SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES THE AMENDMENT READS ON ON AMENDING PAGE THREE ON THE SECTION 63113 DESTRUCTION OF CORAL IT SHALL BE A FELONY TO WILLFULLY DESTROY CORAL AS DEFINED IN SECTION 63101D IT'S IN THE STATUTE THE DEFINITION OF CORAL THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SIR WHAT WHAT DOES 63101D READ I WAS TRYING TO PULL IT UP REAL QUICK WOULD THE WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION SIR.

SENATOR BARNETT: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES IT IT'S REFERRING TO THE LIVE OR DEAD AND IT'S IT'S IN IT'S MORE IN REFERENCE TO IT'S IN THE WATER IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU FIND ON THE BACK ROAD OKAY.

SENATOR FISHER: RIGHT RIGHT BUT MY DO YOU HAVE 63101D WRITTEN CAUSE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I CAN I CAN READ THE DEFINITION IF YOU LIKE.

SENATOR FISHER: YES PLEASE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY MR. SPEAKER.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN FOR YIELDING.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: CORAL AS YOU FIND ON FIVE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED CHAPTER 63 ANY LIVE OR DEAD MEMBER OR PART THEREOF OF THE PHYLUM CNIDARIA OR THAT FORM OF THESE MEMBERS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO ALL STONY CORALS FIRE CORALS HYDROCORALS SOFT CORALS AND RELATIVES SEA FANS BLACK CORALS AND SEE ANEMONES AND OTHER STUFF SENATOR FISHER YOU KNOW THERE THERE'S.

SENATOR FISHER: AND OTHER STUFF.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IT'S IT'S ALL CORAL IT'S ALL REALLY IN THE WATER.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY MR. CHAIR THANK YOU VERY MUCH THAT DID ANSWER MY QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK THANK YOU.

SENATOR FISHER: MY CONCERN WAS JUST THAT WE DON'T INADVERTENTLY SWEEP UP HAWAIIAN ROCK OR SMITHBRIDGE OR SOMEBODY IN THIS THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: NOTED SENATOR FISHER THANK YOU ANYONE ELSE ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IF THERE'S NO ONE ELSE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE NO CLOSE OKAY SO IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT SEEING AND HEARING NONE AMENDMENT PASSES SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. SPEAKER MR. CHAIR CERTAINLY RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 5437 AND LIKE TO APPRECIATE THE AUTHORS FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD WE ALL KNOW THAT SENATOR PEDO WAS REALLY ACTIVE IN THE AREAS OF PRESERVING OUR CULTURE OUR TRADITIONS AND MOST ESPECIALLY FOOD SOURCES FOR OUR PEOPLE AND I'M SO GLAD THAT THIS LEGISLATION HAS BEEN CARRIED FORWARD MR. SPEAKER MANY TIMES IN VISITING WITH MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY UP NORTH IN PARTICULAR BUT ALSO DOWN SOUTH PARTICULARLY NEAR THE PRESERVES AND WHERE THERE ARE LAGOONS WHICH IS A TRADITIONAL FISHING SPOT SOMETIMES FOR THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY FOR THOSE WHO WOULD GO AND AND TRY TO PILLAGE YOU KNOW THE BOUNTY OF THE SEA AND YOU KNOW A LOT OF FRUSTRATION HAS BEEN GROWING OUT THERE AS A MATTER OF FACT THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE TOLD ME A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT TIMES THEY'RE GETTING TO THE POINT TO WHERE THEY WILL TAKE THINGS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS AND I'VE I'VE SAID YOU KNOW LET'S LET'S TRY TO STRENGTHEN THE LAW I APPRECIATE THE WAY YOU FEEL AND I UNDERSTAND IT BUT YOU KNOW IF WE CAN DO THIS IN A LAWFUL WAY AND AND GET MORE ENFORCEMENT I THINK THAT'S WHERE YOU KNOW WE NEED TO WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS DO EXACTLY WHAT THIS IS DOING STRENGTHEN THE LAW MY CONCERN GOING FORWARD AND MY AND MY HOPE IS IS THAT WE ONCE THIS BILL PASSES AND GETS SIGNED INTO LAW THAT WE IMMEDIATELY CONVENE WITH THOSE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCEMENT TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN QUICKLY GET MORE ENFORCEMENT ON THIS ISSUE BECAUSE IT'S VERY CRITICAL AT THIS POINT I KNOW INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE FILMED THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY PARTICULARLY IN THE IN THE *RITIDIAN* AREA AS YOU KNOW MANY FAMILIES UP THERE SPEND NOT JUST THEIR WEEKENDS BUT EVEN THEIR WHOLE WEEKDAYS DOWN THERE TAKING CARE OF THEIR PROPERTIES AND ALSO YOU KNOW FISHING ALSO FOR THEIR FAMILIES FOR AS A FOOD SOURCE AND SO YOU KNOW THIS ACTIVITY IS IS DEFINITELY GOING ON IN TERMS OF THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR REEFS AND AND THE METHODS OF FISHING THAT ARE NOW YOU KNOW GOING TO BE FELONIES AND HAVE VERY SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS IN TERMS OF THIS TYPE OF YOU KNOW NON-TRADITIONAL AND ILLEGAL TYPE OF FISHING IN FACT I DON'T EVEN CALL IT FISHING OBVIOUSLY THAT'S JUST YOU KNOW A A POOR EXCUSE FOR GOING AND TRYING TO YOU KNOW DEplete A FOOD SOURCE FOR SIMPLE GRATIFICATION OF MONETARY GAIN YOU KNOW IT'S JUST COMPLETELY AGAINST ANY OF THE SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND ANYTHING THAT EVEN IS ASSOCIATED WITH FISHING SO IT'S NOT FISHING IT'S RAPING OF THE SEA BASICALLY AND DEFINITELY THE THE COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO CORAL AS HAS BEEN POINTED OUT BY MANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES I SPENT A LOT OF MY TIME IN THE EARLIER DAYS IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY YOU KNOW AS A SUBMARINE PILOT TAKING TOURISTS DOWN TO SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL CORAL REEFS OTHER THAN BEING A HABITAT FOR THE FISH YOU KNOW IT'S ALSO A OUR CORALS ARE SO PRECIOUS IN TERMS OF YOU KNOW WHY PEOPLE COME TO GUAM AS WELL OTHER THAN OUR LOCALS BEING ABLE TO ENJOY BUT ALSO MANY PEOPLE COME TO GUAM TO SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL CLEAN OCEANS AND THE CORAL AND THE DESTRUCTION THAT HAPPENED HAPPENS IS JUST UNIMAGINABLE WHEN DYNAMITE FISHING OR CORAL BLEACHING OR THOSE KIND

OF THINGS HAPPEN IT IS YOU KNOW SOMETHING THAT IS IS DEVASTATING AND TAKES YEARS AND YEARS TENS OF YEARS HUNDREDS OF YEARS MOST CORAL ONLY GROWS BY TWO OR THREE CENTIMETERS A YEAR MR. SPEAKER AND SO IF YOU IMAGINE THAT WHEN YOU GO DOWN AND YOU SEE EVEN JUST A CORAL THAT'S YOU KNOW 10 INCHES A FOOT LONG THE BRANCH CORALS AND THE OTHER CORALS THAT YOU SEE YOU'RE LOOKING AT YOU KNOW HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF OF GROWTH YOU KNOW THAT CAN JUST BE DESTROYED IN ONE SECOND SO I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THIS LEGISLATION IN CLOSING MR. CHAIR YOU KNOW SEVERAL YEARS BACK WHEN I WAS DOWN IN PALAU AT A CONFERENCE DEALING WITH A LOT OF THESE ISSUES I WAS MADE AWARE THAT IN PALAU YOU KNOW I JUST HAD SEN GOOD SENATOR BROWN MENTIONED ON THE ISSUE OF CONSERVATION OFFICERS AND HOW YOU KNOW THEY'VE GONE SO FAR DOWN IN NUMBERS OF COURSE WE NEED NEED TO BUILD THAT BACK UP BUT THE OTHER THING IS TECHNOLOGY DOWN IN PALAU THEY USE THERMO IMAGING AND THEY ACTUALLY STATION IN A LOT OF THEIR AREAS WHERE THEY KNOW YOU KNOW INDIVIDUALS EVEN IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITY MAY GO OUT AND AND AND BREAK THE LAW WHEN IT COMES TO TAKING FISH AND THE LIKE AND THEY THEY USE THAT HEAT SENSING YOU KNOW MONITORING AS SOON AS AND BASICALLY IT'S NOT ONLY THE HUMAN BODY BUT THE ENGINES ON THE VESSELS A LOT OF TIMES THAT GO OUT THERE AND THEY'LL MONITOR THAT WAY AND AS SOON AS THEY GET A HIT THAT YOU KNOW OVERNIGHT WHEN THE SUN'S DOWN AND THEY'RE NOT NORMALLY PATROLLING THEIR THEIR BEACHES AND THEIR AREAS TO KIND OF MAKE SURE THEY'RE ENFORCING THE FISHING REGULATIONS YOU KNOW THAT ALERTS THEM AND THEY GO OUT AND THEY INSPECT IN TERMS OF WHAT'S GOING ON SO I THINK BEYOND THIS YOU KNOW IN OUR HOMELAND WE NEED TO START THINKING EVEN BIGGER WHEN IT COMES TO TECHNOLOGY AND USING TECHNOLOGY TO TO PROTECT OUR REEFS TO PROTECT OUR SHORES TO PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES SO UM IT'S A GREAT BILL AND I I KNOW THAT SENATOR PEDO IS PROBABLY SMILING FROM HEAVEN RIGHT NOW DOWN ON US AND THANKING US FOR CONTINUING HIS LEGACY OF PRESERVATION AND HIS LEGACY OF WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU KNOW OUR PEOPLE AND THE RESOURCES ARE PROTECTED FOR FOR YEARS GENERATIONS AND CENTURIES TO COME SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL MR. CHAIRMAN AND I ALSO UM YOU KNOW PRAY THAT THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR WILL CONVENE IMMEDIATELY YOU KNOW A ROUNDTABLE TO DISCUSS ENFORCEMENT AND TO STEP UP ENFORCEMENT ON THIS ISSUE SO WITH THAT MR. CHAIRMAN THANK YOU VERY MUCH *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* AND THIS IS A GOOD BILL THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE MAIN MOTION SPEAKER TERLAJE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL IT'S A GREAT TO SEE FURTHERANCE OF THE ORIGINAL MEASURE AND IN THAT WE ARE CLEARLY INSTEAD OF JUST SAYING THESE THINGS ARE UNLAWFUL THIS BILL VERY CLEARLY SAYS THIS WILL BE A MISDEMEANOR AND THAT WILL BE A FELONY PUTS VERY CLEAR PENALTIES ON THEM WE HAVE HEARD FROM THESE CONSERVATION OFFICERS HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO REALLY PENALIZE THOSE WHO ARE VIOLATING THE RULES OF THE PRESERVE BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO PROVE INTENT THEY HAVE TO CATCH THEM IN THE ACT AND SO THIS BILL ALSO MAKES IT UNLAWFUL EVEN TO POSSESS THESE ITEMS AND MAKES US ABLE TO PROSECUTE FOR POSSESSION OF ELECTRICAL DEVICES EXPLOSIVE DEVICES POISON WITHIN THE PRESERVES THE IT ALSO AND AND OUTSIDE OF THE PRESERVES SO THIS BILL ALSO AFFECTS FISHING OUTSIDE THE PRESERVES AND JUST STRENGTHENS OUR CURRENT FISHING LAWS I LIKE THE CHANGES THAT WERE MADE TO THE CORAL TO PROTECT THE CORAL AS WELL AND I AM INTRIGUED BY THIS SECTION THAT SAYS THAT ANY PERSON EMPOWERED TO ENFORCE THESE RULES ARE GOING TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY NOW TO STOP AND BOARD ANY VESSEL OR ANY MOTOR VEHICLE OR INSPECT ANY COOLER OR CONTAINER FOUND WITHIN A MARINE PRESERVE I THINK THAT'S HUGE AND I THINK THAT THEY WOULD VERY MUCH HESITATE TO DO THAT RIGHT NOW BUT I'M HOPING ONE DAY WE CAN GET FURTHER THAN THAT I I DON'T KNOW I'D HAVE TO TALK TO THEM TO SEE WHAT AUTHORITY THEY HAVE BUT BECAUSE WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THESE FLEETS OF THE YAMAHA I GUESS BOATS THAT ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES REFERRED TO STATIONING THEMSELVES RIGHT OUTSIDE THE PRESERVES SO TECHNICALLY WE HEAR THIS FROM SOME PEOPLE IN *MALESSO'* THAT THEY SAY THEY THEY THINK PEOPLE ARE FISHING AT NIGHT AND THAT'S WHY WE SEE SOME PRESERVE WELL THAT'S THEIR SPECULATION AS TO WHY SOME PRESERVES ON GUAM ARE REALLY THRIVING SUCH AS *YPAO* BUT NOT ALL OF *TUMON* IS THRIVING AND NOT ALL OF THE MARINE PRESERVES ARE ARE THRIVING SO ALL ANY WORK THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO TO GET THESE MARINE PRESERVES TO THRIVE AND TO HELP THE FISHERMEN BECAUSE THE POINT OF THIS IS TO GET OUR FISH STOCK ABLE TO GROW AND ABLE TO PROSPER THRIVE SO THAT OUR FISHERMEN CAN ACTUALLY FISH IN SAFE PLACES AS WELL AND AND BE ABLE TO BRING THIS FISH TO CONTINUE CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND OUR CULTURAL FOOD AND SO I'M HOPING THAT THERE'S I THINK THERE'S STILL A LOT OF MORE WORK THAT WE NEED TO DO BUT I VERY MUCH WELCOME THESE AND I I

JUST WANT TO DO THIS SO THAT ANYONE WHO'S LISTENING CAN BE REMINDED THAT IT'S ALREADY A FELONY TO USE WELL THEY'RE MAKING IT A FELONY AND IT'S ALREADY THE PENALTY IS GOING TO BE UH NOT LIMITED ANYMORE IT'S GOING TO BE NOT LESS THAN \$500 WITHOUT A CAP SO IT USED TO BE CAPPED AT 500 TO 5,000 NOW THE CAP'S BEING REMOVED IF YOU ARE CAUGHT USING ELECTRICAL DEVICE TO FISH USING DYNAMITE TO FISH FINNING SHARK FINS RAY PARTS SCUBA THOSE ARE ALL A FELONY AND THE PUNISHMENT I THINK IT HAS IT'S IT'S ABOUT TO GO UP OR IT'S ALLOWED NOW BY THIS LAW TO GO UP INTERESTINGLY THE HIGHEST PENALTY LOOKS LIKE A MINIMUM OF \$25,000 FOR SHARK FEEDING AND AGAIN IT IT REINFORCES WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE IN STATUTE REGARDING PELAGIC DRIFT NETS OR TRANSFERRING EXPORTING FISH CAUGHT BY THOSE NETS THOSE ARE FELONIES FINES ARE YOU YOU MIGHT BE IMPRISONED UP TO FIVE YEARS OR FINED NOT MORE THAN \$100,000 OR BOTH THIS ALSO CATEGORIZES OTHER VIOLATIONS OF LAW TO BE JUST THAT VIOLATIONS WITH A FINE ONLY NO THREAT OF IMPRISONMENT SO THAT THOSE ARE MUCH EASIER TO PROSECUTE THIS IS REALLY I THINK WHAT IN MY DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME OF THESE CONSERVATION OFFICERS WHAT THEY REALLY WANT IS THIS EASE OF PROSECUTION THEY CAN FIND THEM IT GOES THROUGH TRAFFIC COURT ACCORDING TO THIS THEY'RE GOING TO GET A SPECIFIC FINE AND THERE'S NO DEBATE IF THEY GET CAUGHT WITH THE EQUIPMENT THEY'RE GOING TO GET FINED IF THEY GET IF THEY VIOLATE SOMETHING ELSE THEY'RE GOING TO GET FINED AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO BECAUSE THERE'S NO IMPRISONMENT THE THOUGHT IS FOR THOSE LESSER VIOLATIONS THAT IT WILL THEY'RE REALLY GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THOSE DESPITE THEIR LIMITED NUMBERS SO AGAIN I SUPPORT THIS BILL THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS FOR THE WORK ON THIS I KNOW THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AG STILL HAS WORK TO DO IN REGARDS TO THIS INDIGENOUS FISHING RIGHTS AND WE WE HEAR SOMETIMES SOME CALL FOR EXPANDED INDIGENOUS FISHING RIGHTS HOWEVER THE BILL CONTINUES TO PROTECT THOSE AND SO AND I SUPPORT FER AMENDMENTS TO MAKE SURE OF THAT AS WELL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER SO I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT FIRST OF ALL I DO SUPPORT THE BILL I THINK IT'S REALLY CRITICAL TO UPDATE OUR LAWS TO PROVIDE MORE TEETH AND JUST REALLY IT'S REALLY CRITICAL TO PROTECT WHAT'S KNOWN AS A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH IS OUR CORAL REEFS AND FISH ARE REALLY INTERCONNECTED IN THEY'RE ONE OF THE THE STEWARDS OF OUR CORAL REEFS BECAUSE THEY HELP MAINTAIN THE YOU KNOW THE THE HEALTH OF OUR CORAL REEFS SO I THINK YOU KNOW GUAM IS REALLY BLESSED WE'RE ONE OF THE THE FEW I GUESS WE'RE BLESSED WITH THE ABUNDANCE OF OF THIS RESOURCE THE CORAL REEF RESOURCE AND AS FAR AS DIVERSITY GOES I THINK YOU KNOW COMPARED TO OTHER PLACES THIS IS TRULY A TREASURE AND WE NEED TO WORK TO ENSURE THAT WE PROTECT THIS VERY VITAL RESOURCE WE KNOW A LOT OF THE BENEFITS THAT COME FROM CORAL REEFS YOU KNOW PROVIDES FOOD IT PROVIDES HABITAT IT PROVIDES PROTECTION FROM STORMS AND SURGES AND SO YOU KNOW ONCE IT'S GONE ONCE IT'S ONCE IT'S IMPAIRED THEN WE WE START TO REALIZE THE VALUE BUT I THINK WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW IS A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO THIS AND AS WELL AS ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING TODAY HAVING SAID THAT I WOULD LIKE I THINK THAT YOU KNOW WHEN WE INDISCRIMINATELY DESTROY ANY PART OF THIS ECOSYSTEM I THINK IT DESERVES A HIGHER PENALTY AND SO THIS AMENDMENT THAT I LIKE TO PROFFER IS ON PAGE THREE LINE 1 TO 3 SECTION 63108 TO AMEND THE BILL TO READ IT SHALL BE A FELONY FOR ANY PERSON TO TAKE FISH BY MEANS OF ANY DEVICE WHICH OPERATES BY SHOCKING WITH AN ELECTRIC CURRENT SO AGAIN THIS IS INDISCRIMINATE UNSUSTAINABLE USE OF FORCE AND IT DOES VIOLATE THE SANCTITY OF THIS ECOSYSTEM AND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT SEEING NONE AMENDMENT PASSES ON THE MAIN MOTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE OH SENATOR PEREZ SORRY YOU MAY CLOSE.

SENATOR PEREZ: NO CLOSING BUT I WOULD LIKE TO PROF PROFFER ANOTHER AMENDMENT AND I BELIEVE IT'S BEING SENT IN RIGHT NOW.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY.

SENATOR PEREZ: JUST ONE MINUTE RECESS.

SENATOR BARNETT: LET'S TAKE A SHORT RECESS.

RECESS

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

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

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SO THIS AMENDMENT HAS BEEN SENT IN I'M NOT SURE IF EVERYBODY IN MY COLLEAGUES RECEIVED IT THE AMENDMENT WOULD CHANGE I BELIEVE ON PAGE FIVE AND IT'S ON THE SECOND LINE IT'S IN THE SECTION 63129 UNDER PENALTY AND SO I'VE UPDATED IT TO INCLUDE THE FELONY THAT WE CHANGED SO GOOD HOUSE BASICALLY HOUSEKEEPING WHERE AN AMENDMENT WAS PASSED TO MAKE IT A FELONY TO DESTROY CORALS SO WE I ADDED THAT SECTION 63113 AS PART OF THIS LIST BUT WHAT I WHAT THIS AMENDMENT WOULD DO IT ALSO WOULD INCREASE THE FINE OF NOT LESS THAN A \$1,000 SO I JUST WANTED TO THROW THIS OUT THERE JUST BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE WHATEVER IS DETERRENT WHATEVER AMOUNT WOULD BE A DETERRENT BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S SOME OF THE RISKS WHEN VIOLATORS HARM OUR REEFS HARM OUR FISH I THINK THEY TAKE IT UNDER CONSIDERATION WHETHER IT'S YOU KNOW THEY CAN MAKE UP THE MONEY AND I FEEL LIKE THERE THERE SHOULD BE MORE OF A DETERRENT I MEAN I AS FAR AS THE DOLLAR AMOUNT SO I'M OPEN TO SUGGESTION AS FAR AS THIS AMOUNT GOES BUT THIS IS THE AMENDMENT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PROFFER SO IT WOULD BASICALLY SAY I'LL JUST READ THE AMENDMENT ANY PERSON VIOLATING SECTION 63104 63105 63106 63107 63108 63109 63113 63114.1 63114.2 OR 63116.3 OF THIS ARTICLE IS GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT OF NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS OR BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$1,000 PER VIOLATION I MEAN CONSIDERING THAT IT WAS TAKEN OUT I BELIEVE IN THE BILL IT WAS TAKEN OUT THAT OR OR BOTH SO BOTH WAS INITIALLY IN THE CURRENT STAT CURRENT LAW IMPRISONMENT AND FINE COULD BE ENFORCED BUT BECAUSE IN THE BILL IT TOOK OUT BOTH I FELT THAT THE THE AMOUNT SHOULD BE INCREASED SO I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR CAN WE BIFURCATE THOSE AMENDMENTS DO THE ADDING THE SECTION NUMBER BY ITSELF AND THEN THE OTHER PART SEPARATELY PLEASE.

SENATOR PEREZ: SO DO YOU WANT ME TO WITHDRAW AND THEN JUST SEND IN TWO AMENDMENTS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NO.

SENATOR PEREZ: OR JUST BIFURCATE IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THEY CAN PROCESS IT ALL AS ONE.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BUT IF YOU COULD JUST WE'LL JUST VOTE ON THEM SEPARATELY.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY SO THEN ON THAT MOTION I WOULD LIKE TO PROFFER THE AMENDMENT THAT WOULD JUST ADD IN THE NEW SECTION TO BE ALIGNED WITH WHAT WE JUST PASSED REGARDING MAKING IT A FELONY TO DESTROY CORAL REEF CORALS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO YOU'RE ADDING 63113 TO WHAT LINE.

SENATOR PEREZ: TO LINE TWO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO ADDING 63113 TO LINE TWO ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR PEREZ: SO THE SECOND PART OF THIS AMENDMENT WOULD TO BE TO INCREASE THE FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$1,000 SO FROM 500 TO 1,000.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT TO CHANGE THE AMOUNT FROM 500 TO 1,000 AS THE MINIMUM PENALTY IS THERE ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT AMENDMENT ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PEREZ ON THE BILL YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I APPRECIATE THE THE SPONSOR OF THIS THIS BILL TO CARRY OUT THE LEGACY OF SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE AND ENSURING THAT THAT ENFORCEMENT CAN BE CARRIED OUT EFFICIENTLY AS WELL AS TO HELP PROTECT OUR VITAL NATURAL RESOURCES SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

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

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER BEFORE I CLOSE I'D LIKE TO ADD AN AMENDMENT TO THE BILL ON LINE 27 PAGE THREE I'D LIKE TO AMEND SECTION FIVE OF THE BILL TO READ ACTIVITIES WITH MARINE WITHIN MARINE PRESERVES ALL FORMS OF FISHING INTO TAKING OR ALTERING OF AQUATIC LIFE LIVING OR DEAD CORAL AND ANY RESOURCES TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO MANGROVES SEAGRASS SAND AND ROCKS WITHIN THE PRESERVE SHALL BE A FELONY EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED SPECIFICALLY PERMITTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE THROUGH REGULATION POSSESSION OF FISHING EQUIPMENT OR FISH IN A MARINE PRESERVE SHALL BE UNLAWFUL EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE THROUGH REGULATIONS OR OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY LAW ANY PERSON EMPOWERED BY LAW TO ENFORCE THIS CHAPTER AND ANY RULE OR REGULATION ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PURSUANT THERETO SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO STOP AND BOARD ANY VESSELS OR ANY MOTOR VEHICLES OR INSPECT ANY COOLER OR CONTAINER FOUND WITHIN THE MARINE PRESERVE SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSPECTION OR TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECTION OR ANY SUCH RULE OR REGULATION THIS CHANGE IS JUST TO REALLY CLARIFY WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE HERE I KNOW THE LATE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE HE WAS REALLY A FIGHTER FOR MAKING SURE THAT OUR ENVIRONMENT WAS PROTECTED BUT ALSO OUR CULTURAL PRACTICES WERE PROTECTED AS WELL SO THIS LANGUAGE WAS AMENDED HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CLARIFY THAT WE ARE PUTTING THESE REGULATIONS TO PREVENT BAD ACTORS BUT WE ARE STILL PUTTING IN THE EXCEPTIONS AND THE CARVE ABOUTS SO THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLY PRACTICING TRADITIONAL CULTURAL WAYS OF FISHING ARE STILL ALLOWED TO DO SO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SO COLLEAGUES ON THE AMENDMENT IT'S TO ADD THE WORDS EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE THROUGH REGULATIONS OR OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY LAW IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT AMENDMENT OR SENATOR PEREZ YOU ON THE AMENDMENT.

NOTE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU FOR WAITING COLLEAGUES FOR THE TECHNICAL FIX SENATOR PEREZ YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I PROBABLY WOULD LIKE TO ADD AN AMENDMENT OR PROFFER AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT JUST TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THESE REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN PROMULGATED THROUGH THE AAA PROCESS I KNOW IT'S JUST TO TO KIND OF PROVIDE THAT SAFEGUARD THAT THESE ARE REGULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN DULY VETTED BY THE PUBLIC SO PERHAPS ANYWHERE IN THIS SECTION SO REGULATIONS PERHAPS UNLAWFUL ACCEPTANCE PERMITTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE THROUGH REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THROUGH THE AAA PROCESS SO I WOULD PROBABLY MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO THIS AMENDMENT AFTER THROUGH REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THROUGH THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION LAW FOUND IN CHAPTER 9 TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

SPEALER TERLAJE: THAT IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT ON THE ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO SPEAK IF NOT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PEREZ ANYTHING ELSE ON THE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED.

SENATOR PEREZ: NO I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT AS AMENDED *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY IS CAN I CALL FOR THE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SPONSOR MAY CONTINUE HIS CLOSING.

SENATOR PARKINSON: I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE DEBATE AND THE INPUT INTO THIS MEASURE THERE HAVE BEEN YEARS OF WORK PUT INTO THIS BILL BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT A LOT OF IT WAS NOT MINE MOST OF THIS CREDIT BELONGS TO THE LATE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE AND MY FELLOW CO-SPONSOR SENATOR JOANNE BROWN AS WELL AS THE TIRELESS WORK BY THE POLICY PEOPLE WHO NEGOTIATED TO MAKE THIS LEGISLATION COME TO THE FLOOR TODAY AND SO I'D LIKE TO GIVE ALL THE CREDIT TO THOSE FOLKS FOR PUTTING IN THE WORK AND NOT GIVING UP AND EVEN THOUGH IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO GET HERE WE GOT IT HERE AND WE ARE GOING TO PASS AND CONTINUE ON SENATOR PETO TERLAJE'S LEGACY OF COMMITMENT TO OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OUR CULTURE AND AGAIN I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE SUPPORT AND INPUT AND I'M JUST THE GUY WHO'S GETTING IT ACROSS THE FINISH LINE BUT ALL THE WORK AND ALL THE CREDIT BELONGS TO YOU FOLKS SO WITH THAT I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL AND WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL ON THIRD READING IS AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR AND AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'LL TAKE A A RECESS NOW UNTIL 2:00 P.M. RECESS TILL TWO.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE STILL ON SECOND READING AND WE WILL BEGIN WITH BILL NUMBER 57-37 COR SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 57-37 COR TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SECOND READING FILE THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL ON THE BOTTOM OF THE SECOND READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES PROCEEDING IN THE SECOND READING FILE WE'RE ON BILL NUMBER 97- 37 COR SENATOR QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 97-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AN ACT TO TRANSFER LOT NUMBER 106-1 BLOCK 12 MUNICIPALITY OF *INALÁHAN* FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH TO GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST ON THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR QUINATA: I STAND BEFORE YOU TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANT MATTER CONCERNING OUR SHARED HERITAGE THE FOCUS OF THIS LEGISLATION LIES ON THE HISTORIC *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH A SPANISH STYLE STRUCTURE THAT WAS THAT HAS STOOD AS A CORNERSTONE OF OUR CULTURAL HISTORY HOWEVER THIS MONUMENT IS IN A DIRE NEED OF RESTORATION AND TO ADDRESS THIS THIS BILL PLANS TO TRANSFER ITS JURISDICTION FROM THE NIEVES FLORES MEMORIAL LIBRARY TO THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST THIS MOVE WILL ENABLE THE TRUST TO UNDERTAKE ESSENTIAL STABILIZATION AND RESTORATION WORK ENSURING THAT THE CHURCH HAS LONGEVITY FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS IT IS OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT SUCH CULTURAL TREASURES AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS BILL WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A CULTURAL TO CULTURE AND SOCIAL VIBRANCY OF *INALÁHAN* VILLAGE I SEEK MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT ON THIS JOURNEY OF HERITAGE PRESERVATION AND OUR COMMUNITY'S ENHANCEMENT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR OR MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ONE SECOND I'M JUST GOING TO CHECK SOMETHING MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY ASK THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION THE BILL WAS AMENDED AND WHAT WAS CHANGED IN THE IN THE THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR QUINATA: I BELIEVE MADAM SPEAKER WAS THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR ON THIS LEGISLATION AND I THINK IN HER COMMITTEE SHE HAD TO CLARIFY SOME LAND CLASSIFICATION YES I GUESS MADAM SPEAKER WILL ASK FOR A ONE MINUTE RECESS REAL QUICK.

NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES

SENATOR BARNETT: WE'LL TAKE A SHORT RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR BARNETT: SENATOR QUINATA YOU'RE RECOGNIZED OH OH OKAY SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SO SENATOR TAITAGUE HAD THE FLOOR AND SHE ASKED A QUESTION BUT ON A POINT OF INFORMATION I I THINK I DO HAVE SOME INFORMATION AS THE SO THIS BILL CAME THROUGH OUR COMMITTEE AND WE HAD A HEARING AND THERE WERE SEVERAL THINGS THAT CHANGED IN THE BILL BASED ON THE HEARING SORRY THERE WERE SOME THINGS THAT WE WERE UNABLE TO CONFIRM AS WELL SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE CHANGED WAS WE ADDED A SECTION TO PAGE THREE OF THE BILL IT'S A PARAGRAPH ON SECTION TWO AT THE END THAT SAYS THAT TITLE AFTER THE GUAN PRESERVATION TRUST IS DONE WITH THEIR WORK THE TITLE WOULD BE RESTORED TO THE *INALÁHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL IT WILL BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO THEM THAT WAS ONE WE HAD TRIED TO PURSUE AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE LOT WAS FLEE FREE AND CLEAR FROM ANY ENCUMBRANCE BECAUSE THERE WAS TESTIMONY BY LAND MANAGEMENT AS TO THAT THE PROPERTY USED TO BELONG TO DR. ERNESTO ESPALDON HE DONATED THE LOT TO THE LIBRARY FOR ITS HISTORIC VALUE AND THAT THERE WAS A PUBLIC LAW THAT ALL PROPERTIES OF THE LIBRARY BECAME GOVERNMENT OF GUAM PROPERTIES AND SO THAT'S WHY THE TITLE NOW READS GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUT SO BUT STILL THIS BILL WOULD EFFECTUATE THE TRANSFER WITHOUT ANY ISSUE TO THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST AND SO THE BUT THAT BECAUSE OF THAT EXTRA PARAGRAPH IT WILL NOW GO BACK IT WILL GO TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL EVEN THOUGH THEY NEVER HAD TITLE TO IT WHAT WE COULD NOT CONFIRM DESPITE LETTERS BACK AND FORTH TO LAND MANAGEMENT AND THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST WAS WHETHER THIS LOT NUMBER ENCOMPASSES THE ANY PARTS OF THE *GEF PA'GO* VILLAGE OR THE THE CHIEF THE CHIEF'S STATUE RIGHT BEHIND IT YEAH CHIEF *GADAO* THAT ONE SO BECAUSE AT IF YOU LOOK AT THE PICTURES IT IT LOOKS LIKE THEY MIGHT BE ON THE SAME LOT BUT WE WERE UNABLE TO CONFIRM THAT THEY HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THAT IN WRITING SO THAT'S IT SO THE EXEMPTION AND THE BILL WE CHANGE SECTION 2017 TO 2107 THOSE THOSE WERE COUNSEL'S CORRECTIONS WE CHANGED THE WORDS ON SECTION TWO OF THE BILL FROM JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY JUST TO A TRANSFER AND I THINK THAT'S ABOUT IT NO I'M SORRY THERE IS MORE THE THE THE PARAGRAPH I JUST CITED IN SECTION TWO THERE'S A PARAGRAPH RIGHT IT THAT SAYS THE LAND AND BUILDING THAT COMPRISE THE *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE VILLAGE OF *INALÁHAN* IS TRANSFERRED TO THE GUAN PRESERVATION TRUST FOR THE PURPOSE TO STABILIZE THE STANDING FAÇADE OF THE RUINS AND EVENTUALLY RESTORE THE *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH TO ITS ORIGINAL STRUCTURE THAT WAS ALSO ADDED APPARENTLY THAT'S THE PURPOSE AFTER THE HEARING THEY WERE YEAH THANK YOU SENATOR I HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR TAITAGUE IS THAT SATISFY YOUR REQUEST.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU AND I GREATLY APPRECIATE THOSE ANSWERS BECAUSE THERE WAS A HUGE CONCERN YOU KNOW MR. CHAIR MR. SPEAKER WHEN I WAS LIVING IN *INALÁHAN* GREW UP IN IN *INALÁHAN* I LIVED RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET WELL TO THE LEFT OF THE ACROSS THE STREET OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH AND WHEN I WAS A YOUNG GIRL I USED TO PLAY IN THAT CHURCH SO I WAS CONCERNED TOO BECAUSE I HAD AN AUNT WHO ALSO LIVED ACROSS THE STREET WHO OWN THE PROPERTY THERE AS WELL AND IT'S THE LAND THERE THAT'S CONCERNING WHO OWNS THIS PROPERTY AND YOU KNOW I DO UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S NOT QUITE CLEAR AND WE ALL KNOW IF ANYBODY'S EVER DEALT WITH LAND AND TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO OWNS WHAT IT IT TAKES QUITE A BIT OF TIME TO DETERMINE THAT BUT YOU KNOW THAT CHURCH DOESN'T HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF TIME LEFT RIGHT NOW IT'S IT'S FALLING APART IT'S EVEN FALLING ON THE STREETS AS PEOPLE DRIVE BY IT IT'S JUST CRUMBLING AND NOW'S THE TIME TO START YOU KNOW SECURING THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THAT BUILDING TO MAKE IT SAFE AND THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST HAS FUNDING AVAILABLE TO DO SO WHICH MEANS IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO COME OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE OF *INALÁHAN* TO HAND IT OVER TO THEM AND BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING TO DO SO AT THIS TIME SO THAT'S WHY IT BROUGHT ME SOME ADDITIONAL COMFORT KNOWING THAT ONCE THE BUILDING HAS BEEN SECURED AND PRESERVED THEN IT'LL GO BACK TO THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF *INALÁHAN* TO THE PEOPLE OF *INALÁHAN* IT'S ONE OF THE GREATEST POINTS OF *INALÁHAN* EVERYBODY REMEMBERS THE OLD ABANDONED BAPTIST CHURCH EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE KNOWS WHERE THAT IS MY OTHER CONCERN WAS THAT THE GUAM PRESERVATION

TRUST HAD THESE IDEAS OF GOING IN THERE ONCE IT'S COMPLETED TO START SELLING ITEMS IT WAS BROUGHT UP DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING THINGS THAT THEY MAKE OR CRAFTS WITHIN THE CHURCH I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING FOR THE VILLAGE OF *INALÁHAN* SHOULD DECIDE UPON WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN TO THAT CHURCH ONCE IT'S BEEN COMPLETED IT'S IN THEIR THEIR VILLAGE PEOPLE HAVE GROWN UP TO LEARN TO LOVE THAT BUILDING AND I THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE A SAY ON WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN IN IN THAT CHURCH NOT THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST THOUGH I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE WORK THEY'VE DONE AND HOW THEY'RE GOING TO PROTECT THAT AREA AS WELL AS KEEP IT SAFE WHILE THEY'RE CONSTRUCTING THE BUILDING SO I DO STAND IN SUPPORT AND GREATLY APPRECIATE THE COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR RECOGNIZING THE MAYOR AS WELL AS THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL'S CONCERNS AND IT WAS INCORPORATED IN IN THE BILL HOWEVER THERE'S STILL THAT CONCERN ABOUT THE PROPERTY OWNERSHIP IN THAT AREA SO IN THE MEANTIME I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO DO RIGHT NOW IS JUST TO SECURE THAT AND KEEP IT SAFE FOR ANYBODY DRIVING BY OR YOU KNOW SOMETIMES KIDS GO PLAY IN THAT AREA I KNOW I DID WHEN I WAS YOUNG PLAYED IN THAT AREA SO IT CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS RIGHT NOW BUT THEN AGAIN IT WASN'T CRUMBLING WHEN I WAS THERE BUT SO I THANK YOU AND AND ASKED TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF THIS LEGISLATION THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR MR. MR. SPEAKER I I YOU KNOW I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL BUT I GOT I GOT SOME RESERVATION ON PAGE THREE LET ME SEE PAGE THREE UNDER LINE 15 I'M I'M I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT I'M JUST GETTING MY STAFF TO PUT IT TOGETHER TO STRIKE OUT IN THE EVENT THE *INALÁHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL DETERMINE THE FUTURE THEY NO LONGER HAVE A NEED I'M IN SUPPORT OF TRANSFERRING IT TO THE *INALÁHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL AND LET IT STAY THERE NOT THAT WHEN LATER ON THEY DETERMINE THEY DON'T NEED IT IT'S GOING TO GO TO *CHAMORRO* LAND TRUST NO KEEP IT IN *INARAJAN INALÁHAN* HANDLE IT TAKE CARE OF IT IF LATER IN THE NEXT 10 OR 20 YEARS THEY WANT TO MOVE IT SOMEWHERE ELSE LET THEM FIGURE IT OUT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IT MAINTAINS THAT HERITAGE IN *INARAJAN INALÁHAN* LET IT BE THERE AND IF ANYBODY WANTS TO TALK ABOUT *INALÁHAN* MY WIFE IS FROM *INARAJAN* MY WIFE IS A CHARGUALAF FROM *INARAJAN* SO I CAN SPEAK ON HER BEHALF TO MAKE SURE IT STAYS IN *INARAJAN* THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER BUT I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT BRING PROFFERED AS SOON AS STAFF IS DONE I'LL ROUTE IT THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A SHORT RECESS TO OKAY GOT TO GET THE AMENDMENT WE'LL JUST GET THE AMENDMENT READY THANK YOU WE'RE WE'RE BACK SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER THE AMENDMENT HAS BEEN PASSED AROUND IT'S FOUND ON PAGE THREE LINE 15 TO 19 YOU YOU'LL NOTICE THAT IT'S IT'S A STRIKEOUT IN THE EVENT THE *INALÁHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL DETERMINES IN THE FUTURE STRIKE ALL THAT OUT UNTIL THE END OF THAT SENTENCE RIGHT BEFORE SECTION THREE THAT WHOLE PARAGRAPH AND SHOULDN'T BE AN ISSUE *INALÁHAN* WILL TAKE CARE OF THEIR BUSINESS AND THEY'VE BEEN DOING WELL FOR MANY YEARS THEY NEED TO ONCE THEY GET OWNERSHIP IT'S ON THEM THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER MR. SPEAKER I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS THAT'S KIND OF WHAT I MENTIONED EARLIER MY CONCERN IN ENSURING THAT IT GOES BACK TO THE PEOPLE OF *INALÁHAN* YOU KNOW THERE'S REALLY NO NEED FOR THIS LANGUAGE IT GOES BACK TO THEM ONCE IT'S COMPLETED AND MR. CHAIR YOU KNOW *INALÁHAN* RECEIVES \$150,000 EVERY YEAR FROM THE TIPPING FEES IT WAS THE HOST COMMUNITY BILL THAT WAS INTRODUCED IN THE 30TH GUAM LEGISLATURE THAT ALLOWED THEM THIS FUNDING AND AND THEN ACTUALLY WE'RE SUPPOSED TO REVISIT THAT BECAUSE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO GET A LITTLE BIT MORE AS TIME GOES ON AN INCREASE AND THE SAME THING FOR *ORDOT CHALAN PAGO* THAT THEY RECEIVE SO IT'S NOT LIKE THEY DON'T HAVE A STEADY INCOME OF FUNDING OTHER THAN WHAT COMES FROM THIS BODY THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND BUT THEY DO RECEIVE THAT MONEY AND THAT MONEY CAN BE UTILIZED FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE BUILDING TO ENSURE THAT IT IT IT STAYS IN A PRISTINE STRUCTURAL SOUND STRUCTURAL CHURCH SO I I STAND IN SUPPORT OF IT THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT THE SAN AGUSTIN AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE SENATOR SPEAKER TERLAJE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT WHERE THAT LANGUAGE CAME FROM THAT CAME FROM THE LETTER FROM GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST THIS IS ALL THEIR LANGUAGE SO THAT WAS THEIR RECOMMENDATION AND I THINK MY ONLY CONCERN IS THAT WHOEVER GETS THE PROPERTY THEY THEY HAVE TO UNDERSTAND IT'S GOING TO BE LIKE US AND OUR TRANSFORMATION OF THE GUAM LEGISLATURE THAT THESE ARE STILL HISTORIC PROPERTIES THEY MUST BE TREATED AS HISTORIC PROPERTIES THEY CAN NOT BE YOU KNOW WE CAN'T PUT UP A SIGN OUT THERE OR SOMETHING ELSE THAT THAT IN THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST'S DETERMINATION CHANGES THE INTEGRITY OF THE HISTORICAL STRUCTURE THAT THEY WERE TRYING OR SPENT YOU KNOW MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO REDO OR REPAIR AND AND RESTORE SO THAT'S ALL IT WOULD JUST BE I'M SURE THAT THEY WILL WORK THAT OUT BUT I JUST KNOW BUT THE WHOEVER IS THE RECEIVING ENTITY AT THE END OF ALL THE WORK IS GOING TO HAVE A BIG OBLIGATION ON THEIR HANDS AS WELL TO TO MAINTAIN THAT PROPERTY AND TO KEEP ITS HISTORICAL INTEGRITY INTACT SO NO OBJECTION TO THAT AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT ANY OBJECTION NO OBJECTION SEEING NONE AMENDMENT PASSES SENATOR QUINATA OR IS THERE HOW ABOUT ON THE MAIN MOTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. CHAIRMAN AND I CERTAINLY RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 9737 YOU KNOW EVERY SINGLE ONE OF OUR VILLAGES ON GUAM HAS ITS OWN UNIQUE CHARACTER CHARACTERISTICS BUT FOR SOME REASON THERE SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING JUST SO SPECIAL ABOUT *INARAJAN* I MEAN WHEN WE LOOK AT THE HISTORY WE LOOK AT AND AND I'LL TELL YOU THE THE VILLAGE OF *INALÁHAN* HAS BEEN SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE JUST REALLY GREAT MAYORS OVER THE YEARS THAT THAT VILLAGE IS ALWAYS SO BEAUTIFULLY KEPT EACH ONE OF THEM HAS ONE AFTER THE OTHER HAS PUT THEIR MARK ON WHAT THEIR YOU KNOW THEIR VALUES AND HOW THEY WANTED TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE AND THIS IS JUST GOING TO BE ONE MORE ITEM TO KIND OF ADD TO THE REAL MOSAIC IF YOU WILL OF *INALÁHAN* YOU KNOW I I CONSTANTLY WHEN I GO AROUND THE ISLAND AND I SEE OUR GUESTS AS THEY STOP AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS I THINK *INALÁHAN* PROBABLY GETS THE MOST TIME THAT OUR GUESTS WHO COME TO GUAM AND EVEN JUST WHEN I TAKE PEOPLE AROUND FROM THE STATES THEY JUST WANT TO KIND OF SPEND A LITTLE EXTRA TIME DOWN THERE IT'S JUST A SPECIAL PLACE AND I'M SO GLAD THAT THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION IS YOU KNOW WHEN WHEN WE HAD THE PUBLIC HEARING YOU KNOW THEY MADE IT CLEAR AS ONE OF THE RETIRING SPEAKERS SAID THAT YOU KNOW THEY'VE GOT TO GET MOVING ON THIS TO PRESERVE THE THE BASIC ELEMENTS THAT ARE LEFT IN ORDER TO SEE THIS THROUGH BUT ONCE AGAIN I I JUST THINK THAT IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYTHING ESPECIALLY THE CURRENT MAYOR AS WELL MAYOR CHARGUALAF EVERYTHING THAT WE GIVE YOU KNOW TO THEM AND THAT HE'S ASKED FOR WHETHER IT COMES FROM GVB OR WHETHER IT COMES FROM TRANSFERS FROM THE LEGISLATURE OR WHATEVER IS JUST SUCH A DYNAMIC CAN DO VILLAGE AND OF COURSE VERY SPECIAL TO MYSELF AND MY FAMILY AS WELL BUT YOU KNOW YOU HAVE THE ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH IS WHICH IS REALLY AN ICON AS WELL AND THEN IT WAS KIND OF INTERESTING TO LISTEN TO *PÁLE FORBES* DURING THE TESTIMONY KIND OF YOU KNOW SAYING YEAH I'M HERE AS A CAPACHIN CATHOLIC PRIEST THAT BUT HE TALKED ABOUT THE THE UNIQUENESS AND THE SPECIAL CHARM AND VALUE THAT THAT BAPTIST CHURCH HAS BROUGHT TO THE ISLAND OF GUAM AND OF COURSE TO *INALÁHAN* SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN THIS PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY AND THEN EVENTUALLY GETS COMPLETED AND I I AND I GOT TO SAY I AGREE WITH THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS PASSED ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE CONCERNS I JUST THINK THAT ALSO WE'VE SEEN THIS PARTICULAR COUNCIL TOO JUST BE SO ACTIVE YOU KNOW THEY'RE JUST PEOPLE FROM *INALÁHAN* HAVE A LOT OF OWNERSHIP OF THEIR VILLAGE AND I THINK THAT IT'S GOING TO BE FINE GOING FORWARD BUT IN THE EVENT THERE ARE SOME ISSUES I'M SURE BODIES IN THE FUTURE YOU KNOW AND THIS AUGUST BODY WILL TAKE UP ANY CONCERNS THAT COME ALONG BUT I THINK IT'S IT'S GOOD THE WAY IT'S BEEN AMENDED AND THE WAY IT IS AND LIKE I SAID ONCE AGAIN I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS BILL PASSING AND JUST ANOTHER ANOTHER JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF GUAM AND IN THE AND REALLY IN THE BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE OF *INALÁHAN* IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO ENHANCE IT NOT ONLY FOR OURSELVES AND FOR US AND OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO UNDERSTAND THE HISTORIC VALUE BUT FOR THE GUESTS THAT COME TO GUAM AND THAT'S GOING TO ADD ANOTHER HALF HOUR PROBABLY THAT THEY STAY IN *INALÁHAN* AND AND TAKE PICTURES AND ENJOY JUST THAT BEAUTIFUL BAY AND HOPEFULLY SOON THIS

NEWLY YOU KNOW RENOVATE NOT RENOVATED BUT RESTORED HISTORICAL MONUMENT SO WITH THAT MR. CHAIR I WANT TO THANK THE YOU KNOW THE MOVER OF THE LEGISLATION FOR GETTING IT DONE AND HOPEFULLY TIMELY AND SOON COMING FORWARD WE'LL WE'LL ALL GO DOWN THERE AND CELEBRATE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. CHAIRMAN.

SENATOR BARNETT: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR LUJAN.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. SPEAKER SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT AND COMMEND THE AUTHOR AS WELL FOR INTRODUCING THE THE BILL AND YOU KNOW WHAT REMAINS OF COURSE OF THE *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH YOU KNOW I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER IT'S GOING TO BE SO THE SOONER THAT WE PASS THIS AND SOONER GETS TRANSFER TO THE ONE PRESERVATION TRUST THE SOONER THEY'LL BE ABLE TO TO GET THINGS GOING BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER WHAT REMAINS IS GOING TO REMAIN AND SO WITH THAT BEING SAID AGAIN I JUST ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO AGAIN VOTE ON THIS BILL AND I'M SURE THEY THEY WILL AND ONCE IT'S IN THE HANDS OF THE PRESERVATION TRUST THAT THEY GET MOVING ON IT BECAUSE AGAIN I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER AND YOU KNOW WE HAVE THESE EARTHQUAKES THAT FREQUENT OUR PLACE AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE AGAIN TO FOR THAT PLACE TO TO NO LONGER EXIST SO WE WANT TO ACT WITH URGENCY TO BE ABLE TO GET THIS DONE BUT THANK YOU AGAIN MR. SPEAKER AND AGAIN I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT I COMMEND THE AUTHOR THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER I JUST WANTED TO GET UP HERE AND SAY THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER BECAUSE WE ALWAYS SAY AND IT FINE SO I SUPPORT THIS THIS BILL AND I WANT TO BE A CO-SPONSOR THANK YOU THANK YOU SIR THANK YOU MR SPEAKER.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN NICOLAS *BIBA INALÁHAN* SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SO THIS BILL WAS REPORTED OUT OF OUR COMMITTEE AFTER QUITE A BIT OF WORK AND WE I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT FOR THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING THE THE THE REAL WELL THE REGISTERED HISTORIC VALUE OF THE *INARA INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH WAS FOR ITS ARCHITECTURE SO IT WAS NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AS THE *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH BUILT IN 1925 FOR A SMALL CONGREGATION OF GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH PARISHIONERS RESIDING IN THE SOUTHERN VILLAGES OF GUAM THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHURCH STRUCTURE IS ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARCHITECTURAL VERNACULAR OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT OF *INALÁHAN* THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE CHURCH DEPICTS THE SPANISH STYLE FEATURES OF MASSIVE WALLS AND THE MAMPOSTERIA CONSTRUCTION METHOD OF LIME MORTAR AND STONE RUBBLE THIS METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION IS PREVALENT IN *INALÁHAN* HOMES OF THE PERIOD THE WALLS ARE MADE OF MAMPOSTERIA AND IT HAD A METAL ROOF AND LIKE THE VILLAGE HOUSES THE ONE ROOM CHURCH IS ELEVATED NO DOUBT A PRACTICAL CONCEPT CONSIDERING ITS NEARNESS TO THE BAY ITS LAST SERVICE WAS HELD IN 1960 SO THAT'S FROM THE HISTORIC RECORDS AT GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST AS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SITE BUT *PÁLE ERIC* AS MY COLLEAGUE POINTED OUT WAS GAVE US SOME OTHER INSIGHT TO THIS PROPERTY AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN HIS TESTIMONY WHEN HE DESCRIBED IT AS ONE OF THE FEW PRE-WAR BUILDINGS THAT REMAIN ON ISLAND AND IT IS AT ITS LAST STAGE BEFORE COMPLETELY FALLING APART SO HE SAYS QUOTE IT WAS UNIQUE FOR A BAPTIST COMMUNITY TO EXIST ON GUAM DURING THAT TIME PERIOD GIVEN THE CONTEXT OF GUAM BEING PREDOMINANTLY CATHOLIC STATING THAT IT'S THE STORY OF THE PEOPLE THAT MADE THAT CHURCH VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE WHEN THAT CHURCH WAS BUILT YOU KNOW BACK BEFORE THE WAR IN THE 1920S WHEN GUAM WAS REALLY STRONGLY CATHOLIC TO PUT A BAPTIST CHURCH RIGHT THERE IN *INALÁHAN* IF THAT WASN'T A CHALLENGE THEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT WAS SO HOW THAT SMALL *CHAMORU* BAPTIST COMMUNITY IN *INALÁHAN* HAD TO NEGOTIATE THROUGH ALL OF THOSE SOCIAL DYNAMICS YOU KNOW THE DRAMA THAT INVOLVED THAT IS A VERY IMPORTANT LITTLE CHAPTER BUT IT'S STILL A CHAPTER OF THE STORY OF OUR PEOPLE HE ALSO SAID THAT THE BUILDING WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE CATHOLICS HAD LOST THEIR CATHEDRAL BECAUSE OF THE WAR AND OTHER CHURCH BUILDINGS AND BUT THIS REMAINS STANDING AND WE CAN GO BACK TO THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF OUR CATHEDRAL AND OUR OTHER CHURCHES BUT THIS ONE THIS IS THE PLACE THIS

IS THE BUILDING AND SO HE WAS VERY PROUD OF THAT AND SO AM I SO I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL
THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR BROWN
YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. SPEAKER IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE HAD A MR.
SPEAKER UP THERE BRIEF AS IT MAY BE BUT THAT USED TO BE THE STANDARD RIGHT LATE SENATOR FRANK
SANTOS MR. SPEAKERS I DO REMEMBER THOSE DAYS ALMOST 40 YEARS AGO BUT I DO RISE IN SUPPORT A BILL
97 I DON'T THINK ANY OF US WHO GREW UP ON GUAM DON'T REMEMBER THE LITTLE BAPTIST CHURCH AT
INARAJAN I'VE EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT FROM *INARAJAN* CERTAINLY MEMORIES OF GOING DOWN SOUTH YOU
KNEW YOU WERE ENTERING THE VILLAGE WHEN YOU SAW THAT PARTICULAR LITTLE CHURCH AND AND
CERTAINLY I THINK WE'RE ALL SADDEN TO SEE OVER THE YEARS AS A YOU KNOW AS A RESULT OF OUR OUR
WEATHER OUR TYPHOONS OUR EARTHQUAKES WE'VE SEEN THE THE CHURCH THE BAPTIST CHURCH
DETERIORATE AND NOT MUCH IS LEFT OF IT I ME WHEN YOU DRIVE BY NOW IF YOU DIDN'T TAKE A SECOND
LOOK YOU WOULD EVEN KNOW BECAUSE SO MUCH OF THE STRUCTURE IS NO LONGER THERE AND I THINK WE
KNOW THAT PUTTING THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE HANDS OF OF THE PRESERVATION TRUST WILL BE A VERY
GOOD THING BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN ALL THE PROJECTS THAT THEY PUT TOGETHER HENCE THIS SESSION HALL
THAT WAS ABANDONED FOR ALMOST 25 YEARS I REMEMBER COMING IN HERE AND SEEING THE BIRDS FLY
AROUND EVEN THOUGH I SPENT MANY MANY DAYS HERE IN YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN THIS HALL BUT WE'VE SEEN
WHAT EFFORTS THEY CAN PUT TOGETHER TO RESTORE HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
OUR ISLAND NOT JUST WITH THE HISTORY THE VERY RICH HISTORY THAT WE WE HAVE THAT UNFORTUNATELY
AS A RESULT OF WAR AND AND TYPHOONS AND EVERYTHING ELSE SO MUCH HAS BEEN LOST I THINK EVERY
OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE TO TO SEE THESE THESE FACILITIES RESTORED AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR
NOT JUST OUR CHILDREN BECAUSE MANY OF US HAVE NEVER REALLY BEEN IN THE STRUCTURE WHEN IT WAS
STILL A COMPLETE STRUCTURE THAT I REMEMBERED MY CHILDHOOD GOING BY BUT A LOT OF OUR YOUNG
PEOPLE YOU KNOW IF WE DIDN'T RESTORE THIS WOULD NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THAT
AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE NEED WE NEED TO HAVE A LOT MORE PRIDE IN GUAM IN WHO WE ARE AND
EVEN THE MIXED HISTORY THAT WE HAVE WHETHER YOU'RE CATHOLIC BAPTIST WHATEVER YOUR RELIGIOUS
FAITH IS I THINK WE CAN ALL RECOGNIZE YOU KNOW TO SEE SOMETHING AS SIGNIFICANT AS THAT IN THE
SOUTHERN VILLAGE OF GUAM AND BE ABLE TO SEE IT RESTORED BACK TO ITS ITS ORIGINAL DESIGN AND THEN
ALSO JUST TO COMMEND THE MAYOR OF *INALÁHAN* I MEAN I THINK FOR THOSE OF US THAT KNOW AND I THINK
WE ALL DO YOU KNOW MAYOR TONY CHARGUALAF AT HIS MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL YOU CAN'T NOT GO
THROUGH THAT VILLAGE THESE DAYS WITHOUT TAKING NOT JUST A SECOND THIRD OR FOURTH LOOK BECAUSE
HE AND HIS PEOPLE DOWN THERE HAVE DONE AN ABSOLUTELY PHENOMENAL JOB I THINK THAT IS WHAT YOU
WANT TO SEE EVERY VILLAGE ON GUAM LOOK LIKE AND FEEL LIKE AND YOU KNOW A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT
A LOT OF SWEAT A LOT OF HEART HAS BEEN PUT IN TO THAT PARTICULAR VILLAGE IT MAKES YOU ALMOST
WANT TO LIVE THERE IF WE COULD ALL LIVE IN THE VILLAGE OF *INALÁHAN* SO I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THIS BILL
AND I I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY OF THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AND BE ABLE TO GO IN THERE AS ALL
OUR RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TO DO TO GO AND SEE AND LEARN THE HISTORY AND BE
ABLE TO SEE WHAT IT WAS LIKE YOU KNOW GOODNESS ALMOST 100 PLUS YEARS AGO WHEN THE BUILDING WAS
ORIGINALLY BUILT WHAT WHAT IT WAS LIKE WHAT WHAT DID OUR RESIDENTS BACK THEN EXPERIENCE
SITTING IN THIS PARTICULAR CHURCH I'M SURE WE'LL ALL FIND TIME OF YOU KNOW TO CONTEMPLATE THERE
BUT I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THIS BILL AND LOOK FORWARD TO MOVING IT FORWARD AND AND SEEING THE
RECONSTRUCTION WITH THAT MR. SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS BILL.

SENATOR BARNETT: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BROWN ON THE MAIN MOTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO
WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: OOPS THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER SO I THINK GPT DEFINITELY HAS THE CAPABILITY AND
EXPERTISE IN ENSURING THAT OUR HISTORIC SITES ARE ARE RENOVATED AND PROTECTED BUT I WOULD LIKE
TO BRING TO LIGHT PERHAPS AN ISSUE THAT WE SHOULD ALL CONSIDER YOU KNOW IN REGARDS TO
TRANSFERRING PROPERTY GOVERNMENT OF GUAM REAL PROPERTY OUT OF THE THE ASSETS OF GOVERNMENT
OF GUAM AND SO ONE OF THE THINGS TO CONSIDER IS THAT THE IMPACT AS YOU KNOW PURSUANT TO THE
ORGANIC ACT OUR BORROWING POWER IS TIED TO SEE THE CUMULATIVE LAND VALUE OF THE GOVERNMENT
REAL PROPERTY AND I BELIEVE THIS EFFORT IS DEFINITELY NOBLE BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD

CONSIDER IN THIS DEBATE AND I THINK PERHAPS I MEAN IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT IT WAS STATED THAT THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS THAT CAN EXIST FOR GPT TO MAKE THE NECESSARY RENOVATIONS IT WAS STATED IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT THAT THERE COULD BE ONE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM OR TWO A LEASE HOLD THE OTHER THE OTHER RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS BILL WAS THAT THIS PARTICULAR LOT WASN'T FULLY THE TITLE WASN'T FULLY CLEAR AS TO WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THIS LOT POTENTIALLY THERE ARE OTHER HISTORIC PROPERTIES THAT ARE CONTAINED IN THIS LOT SO YOU KNOW THE POWER OF THE LEGISLATURE HAS BEEN TO CONTROL LAND LAND TRANSFERS AND YOU KNOW WHO CONTROLS IT I THINK THIS IS A POWER THAT WE NEED TO TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY YOU KNOW ALTHOUGH THIS IS A NOBLE EFFORT I FEEL THAT YOU KNOW THE PRINCIPLE BEHIND IT IS SOMETHING THAT TO CONSIDER AND I UNDERSTAND THE THE MAYOR OF *INALÁHAN* HAS DONE A GREAT JOB WITH HIS VILLAGE AND I THINK THERE'S JUST OTHER WAYS TO ATTAIN THIS RENOVATION BESIDES TRANSFERRING THE LAND OVER TO A NON-GOVERNMENT AGENT ENTITY DESPITE THEIR THEIR TRACK RECORD AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS AMENDMENT SO THAT I FEEL IT'S A IT'S A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR EVERYBODY AND I DID SPEAK I JUST GOT OFF THE PHONE WITH THE DIRECTOR OF GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY AS WELL AS MR. QUINATA FROM THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST YOU KNOW PRESENTING THIS IDEA TO THEM AND THEY ARE BOTH OPEN TO THIS MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT APPROACH SO THAT THE LAND STILL STAYS WITH THE GOVERNMENT BUT THE RENOVATION STILL CONTINUES TO GET DONE AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO PROFFER THIS AMENDMENT I BELIEVE IT'S ON THE DRIVE IF IT'S WE NEED A MOMENT'S RECESS TO PASS IT OUT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR PARIS MY APOLOGIES COLLEAGUES WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS NOT JUST TO GET THE AMENDMENT READY BUT ALSO AV NEEDS TO RESET THE MICROPHONE SO A SHORT RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR BARNETT: SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER SO YEAH I WOULD LIKE TO PROFFER THIS AMENDMENT SO WE'LL BY FOR BIFURCATE THE AMENDMENT INTO SECTION ONE AND SECTION TWO SO THE THE AMENDMENT READS IT'S ON LINE 7 TO 21 PAGE 2 THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST CONTINUES TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR ISLAND'S HISTORIC SITES CULTURE AND PERSPECTIVES FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR PEOPLE OF GUAM AND OUR FUTURE THROUGH THIS MEASURE GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE NIEVES FLORES MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUSTS TO ENTER INTO A ME MEMORANDUM OF OF AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH SO YEAH WE HAD TO MAKE THAT CORRECTION OF UNDERSTANDING TO AGREEMENT ENSURES GPT'S COMMITMENT TO THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO RESTORE RECONSTRUCT REHABILITATE ITS FRONT FACADE STRUCTURE WHILE STILL REMAINING ITS HISTORICAL ESSENCE AND VENUE FOR RELIGIOUS AND FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* INTENDS TO AUTHORIZE NIEVES FLORES MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF OF AGREEMENT TO LOT 106 FORMERLY KNOWN AS *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH MUNICIPALITY OF *INALÁHAN* GUAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF STABILIZING AND RESTORING ITS HISTORICAL STRUCTURE THAT HAS BEEN A PUBLIC CONCERN FOR ITS HAZARDOUS STATE AND COMPRISING THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF LOCAL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF *INALÁHAN* VILLAGE THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST SHALL HAVE OKAY THAT ONE SHOULD HAVE BEEN STRUCK I THINK THE LAST SENTENCE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN STRUCK BECAUSE THEY'RE BASICALLY GETTING INTO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT SO THE LAST SENTENCE IN YEAH SHOULD HAVE BEEN STRUCK THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE OR SHOULD BE STRUCK BECAUSE WE'RE NOT TRANSFERRING THE AUTHORITY WE'RE JUST ALLOWING THE LIBRARY SYSTEM TO UNDERGO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST SO IT'S NOT WE'RE NOT TRANSFERRING JURISDICTION AUTHORITY BUT MORE ENSURING THE THERE'S AN AGREEMENT SO AGAIN THE PURPOSE IS TO YOU KNOW BASICALLY IT'S A TO ANSWER THE THE PROBLEM OR THE THE QUESTION OF TRANSFERRING GOVERNMENT LANDS OUT OF ITS INVENTORY WHICH CAN HAVE AN IMPACT TO THE BORROWING CAPABILITY OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND SO I YEAH SO ACCORDING TO ORGANIC ACT PURSUANT TO THE ORGANIC ACT THE DEBT CEILING IS BASED ON THE ASSETS OF REAL PROPERTY AND SO WE TRANSFERRING LAND OUTSIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IT COULD HAVE AN IMPACT TO THE DEBT CEILING AND SO THIS IS A AN I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE DEBATE WHENEVER WE THINK OF TRANSFERRING LAND NO MATTER HOW NOBLE THIS EFFORT AND NO MATTER THE TRACK RECORD OF GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST THE IDEA OF TRANSFERRING LAND OUT OF OUR INVENTORY CAN HAVE THIS IMPACT SO I JUST WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE WALKING INTO THIS AGREEMENT OR INTO THIS

BILL WITH OUR EYES WIDE OPEN SO I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT AGAIN WE ARE GOING TO THIS WHAT THIS DOES IT IT CHANGES THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND I HAVE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH WHAT THE INTENT IS TO ENSURE THAT WE HOLD ON TO THE LAND AS A GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO ENSURE THAT THE REHABILITATION IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE AS WELL CONSIDERING THERE'S STILL TITLE ISSUES AS FAR AS WHAT IS ON THIS PROPERTY THERE'S OTHER THINGS ON THIS PROPERTY THAT WEREN'T INTENDED TO BE TRANSFERRED AND SO THIS BASICALLY HOLDS IT MORE LIMITED TO THE INTENT OF THE BILL WHICH IS TO REHABILITATE THIS HISTORIC PROPERTY OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH CHURCH IN *INALÁHAN* VILLAGE AND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR PEREZ ON THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION ONE SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER YOU KNOW I I TRULY APPRECIATE WHAT THE GOOD SENATOR OF THE AMENDMENT IS TRYING TO DO HERE AND HOW SHE'S PROTECTING US IN EVERY WAY WE CAN AND BROUGHT UP A CONCERN I HAD EARLIER REGARDING THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST IS IT A GOVERNMENT ENTITY IS IT A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHY WOULD NOT THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST THAT HOLDS YOU KNOW THE *HUMATÁK* ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THE THE CHURCH SOME OF THE HOUSES IN *INALÁHAN* NOT BELONG TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM I MEAN THEY WOULD BE AN ENTITY THAT STILL PRESERVES CERTAIN HISTORICAL SITES ON THE ISLAND BUT WOULDN'T THE PROPERTY STILL BE IN THE HANDS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OR IS OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT GUAM ISN'T THERE ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS BODY TO ACTUALLY TAKE LAND THAT WAS GIVEN TO THE PRESERVATION TRUST AND BRING IT BACK INTO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IT'S KIND OF IT'S VAGUE YOU KNOW WHO BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DEBT CEILING WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER PROTECTING THAT DEBT CEILING SO I HAVE A QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR OF THE LE OF THE AMENDMENT IF SHE SHOULD YIELD.

SENATOR BARNETT: SENATOR PEREZ DO YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION OH AND AND PLEASE I'M SORRY LET'S START OVER SENATOR TAITAGUE PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY THE QUESTION IS DOES THE PROPERTY THAT'S IN THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THEM BY THIS BODY IS THAT STILL BELONG TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OR CAN THE THIS BODY ACTUALLY GO IN AND TAKE LIKE *INALÁHAN* I MEAN NOT IN LINE BUT *HUMATÁK* ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THAT WE TURNED OVER TO THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST CAN THIS BODY ACTUALLY TAKE BACK AND PUT IT INTO GOVERNMENT OF GUAM PROPERTY.

SENATOR BARNETT: WOW SENATOR PEREZ DO YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION IF I CAN HAVE A MOMENT'S RECESS TO DO A LITTLE RESEARCH ON THAT ONE AND ASK LEGAL FOR THAT CLARITY CLARIFICATION.

SENATOR BARNETT: *ESTA* OKAY RECESS SHORT.

RECESS

SENATOR BARNETT: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SO THERE HAD BEEN A QUESTION POSED BUT SENATOR TAITAGUE NOW I UNDERSTAND YOU WANT TO MAKE A MOTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK THANK YOU MR. CHAIR MR. CHAIR I'M GOING TO WITHDRAW MY QUESTION I I THINK WE FOUND A A COMMON GROUND FOR EVERYONE TO A WIN-WIN SITUATION AS A GOOD SENATOR MENTIONED EARLIER AND SO I I'LL WITHDRAW MY QUESTION THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE SO I BELIEVE WE'RE ON THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION ONE IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION ONE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER I DON'T HAVE A TOTAL OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT BUT I AM DRAFTING AN AMENDMENT THIS BILL IS IN INTENTION IS TO GIVE IT TO AN *INALÁHAN* AND WORK WITH THE PRESERVATION TRUST WHICH HIS RESPONSIBILITY IS TO RESTORE HISTORICAL SITES LET'S START WITH THAT NUMBER TWO THE AMENDMENT IS GOING TO STRIKE OUT THE NIEVES FLORES MEMORIAL LIBRARY GIVE THE PROPERTY FIRST TO IN *INARAJAN* AND LET THE MOU EXACTLY WHAT THE AUTHOR OF THIS AMENDMENTS A

STRONG AMENDMENT WAS WAS TO KEEP IT WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT'S INVENTORY YES KEEPING THE GOVERNMENT INVENTORY BUT IT'LL BE UNDER THE *INARAJAN* THE *INALÁHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL OR OR THE *INALÁHAN* MAYOR'S OFFICE THAT THEY HAVE OWNERSHIP THEY DO AN MOU WITH THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST DO THE HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND THEN THEY MOVE ON FROM THERE KEEPS THE PROPERTY UNDER GOVGUAM MAINTAINS EXACTLY WHAT THE AUTHOR BROUGHT UP EXCEPT WE'RE JUST SWITCHING IT TAKING AWAY FROM THE LIBRARY GIVE IT TO *INALÁHAN* *INALÁHAN* YOU WILL DO AN MOU WITH THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST THAT WILL BE MY AMENDMENT AND AND IT'S FORTHCOMING VERY SOON THEY'RE JUST WORKING IT RIGHT NOW THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN OKAY WE'RE ON THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION ONE SENATOR FISHER DID YOU WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED THANK YOU.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR MR. SPEAKER THE WAY I READ THE AMENDMENT THE MEASURE GRANTS AUTHORITY TO THE LIBRARY AND THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST AND THE LEGISLATURE INTENDS TO AUTHORIZE THE LIBRARY TO DO CERTAIN THINGS AND THE LIBRARY IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE PROPERTY READING THE AMENDMENT IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE IS NOTHING MANDATORY HERE SO FOR EXAMPLE THE LIBRARY COULD DECIDE NOT TO ENTER INTO THE MEMORANDUM AND SO COULD GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST AND IF THAT WERE THE CASE EITHER BOTH OR NEITHER SIDE DECIDED TO ENTER INTO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THEN WE WOULD BE BACK TO STATUS QUO WITH NO ONE TAKING CARE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH AND I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT AND THE QUESTION IS THIS MA'AM DO YOU AGREE WITH MY ASSESSMENT OF THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BARNETT: SENATOR PEREZ DO YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES I YIELD SO YEAH THE THE INTENT IS TO TO ALLOW THEM TO HAVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO CARRY OUT THIS PARTNERSHIP BUT I CAN ALSO I'M OPEN TO CHANGING THE LANGUAGE SO THAT IT'S MORE IT IT MANDATES THEM RATHER THAN MORE OF NOT YEAH I'M I'M OPEN TO MAKING SOME CHANGES TO MAKE SURE THIS HAPPENS.

SENATOR BARNETT: SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: YEAH THANK YOU SPEAKER AND THAT DOES ANSWER MY QUESTION I WOULD GUESS THAT THE LANGUAGE WOULD BE CHANGED FROM AUTHORIZED TO SHALL OR SOME SOME ITERATION THEREOF BECAUSE NOTHING UNDER THE WAY WE WE'VE STRUCTURED THE LAW IT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT NOTHING WILL HAPPEN THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER ON THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION ONE IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE AMEND SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES I I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT BUT I'D LIKE TO GET A ONE MINUTE RECESS I I I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM WITH LEGAL THAT WE ARE REMEMBER WHEN THE BILL WAS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AND I THINK THIS AMENDMENT NOT SURE I WANT TO MAKE SURE THIS REFLECTS THAT BUT THE CHANGES THAT WERE MADE FROM NIEVES TO GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BECAUSE THE PROPERTY WAS DEED TO NIEVES FLORES LIBRARY BUT AS THE TESTIMONY CAME IN FROM DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT THERE WAS A SUBSEQUENT LAW THAT SAID ALL PROPERTY LIKE THAT WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO BE OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SO IT WAS OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IT'S INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S ROLES FOR TAX PURPOSES AND AND DEBT SERVICE PURPOSES IS SO THAT'S ALL BUT HOWEVER THIS IS THE INTENT WE'RE ONLY RIGHT NOW TALKING ABOUT THE INTENT SO WHEN IT SAYS IT INTENDS TO DO THIS AND INTENDS THAT'S BECAUSE THIS IS THE INTENT SECTION OF THE BILL SO I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HOW IT'S WRITTEN HERE THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE WE WILL TAKE A SHORT RECESS WHILE WE FIGURE THIS OUT.

RECESS

SENATOR BARNETT: WE'RE BACK I'M GOING TO CALL RECESS UNTIL 9:00 A.M. TOMORROW MORNING I'LL SEE YOU THEN COLLEAGUES.

RECESS

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION FROM OUR RECESS MANANA *SI YU'OS* AND *BUENAS* COLLEAGUES IT APPEARS WE DO NOT HAVE A QUORUM WE WILL WAIT FOR A QUORUM *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE A QUORUM NOW WE LEFT OFF ON BILL NUMBER 97-37 COR ON THE SECOND READING THIS IS A BILL AS AMENDED WE WERE ON SENATOR PEREZ YOU HAD THE FLOOR ON YOUR AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PEREZ: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES I DO WANT TO WITHDRAW THE AMENDMENT AND PROFFER A CLEANER VERSION MADE SOME CHANGES TO IT SO I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES I THINK THE NEW ONE HAS BEEN PASSED OUT.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES I BELIEVE SO SO THIS AMENDMENT MAKES SOME CORRECTIONS TO A LOT OF WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY DONE IN RESPONSE TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS I BELIEVE THAT WERE ASKED SO THE AMENDMENT READS I'D LIKE TO PROFFER THIS AMENDMENT THE AMENDMENT READS IT'S ON LINE SEVEN TO 21 PAGE TWO IT READS THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST CONTINUES TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR ISLAND'S HISTORIC SITES CULTURE AND PERSPECTIVES OF OUR PEOPLE OF GUAM AND OUR FUTURE THROUGH THIS MEASURE GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST RELATING TO THE *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH ENSURES GPT'S COMMITMENT TO THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO RESTORE RECONSTRUCT AND REHABILITATE ITS FRONT FAÇADE STRUCTURE WHILE REMAINING ITS WHILE STILL REMAINING ITS HISTORICAL ESSENCE AND VENUE FOR RELIGIOUS AND FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* INTENDS TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO ENTER IN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST RELATING TO LOT NUMBER 106-1 BLOCK NUMBER 12 FORMALLY KNOWN AS THE *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH MUNICIPALITY OF *INALÁHAN GUÁHAN* OF GUAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF STABILIZING RESTORING ITS HISTORICAL STRUCTURE THAT HAS BEEN A PUBLIC CONCERN FOR ITS HAZARDOUS STATE AND COMPRISING THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF LOCAL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF *INALÁHAN* VILLAGE SO THAT'S ONE AMENDMENT BASICALLY IT CHANGES THE INTENT OF THE BILL AGAIN JUST TO REITERATE FROM YESTERDAY THERE WAS A CONCERN THAT IF WE TRANSFER LAND OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT ASSETS IT COULD LOWER THE DEBT CEILING WHICH I'M SURE WE ALL DO NOT WANT TO DO AND BASICALLY JUST ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH GPT WHO HAS THE EXPERTISE IN IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION SO AS WE ALL KNOW THE HISTORIC PROPERTY AND THERE ARE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS WHEN IT COMES TO HISTORIC PROPERTY AS WE ALL KNOW WE ARE IN THIS BEAUTIFUL CONGRESS BUILDING AND YOU KNOW WHATEVER WE DO HAS TO HAVE FOLLOW PROTOCOL HAS TO GET THE STAMP OF APPROVAL FROM THOSE THAT CAN ENSURE THAT WE'RE NOT DAMAGING THE PROPERTY YOU KNOW EVEN WHEN IT COMES TO REHABILITATION PAINTING PAINTING ITSELF CAN BE A PROBLEM YOU KNOW WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THE RIGHT PAINT IS USED NOT TO WATERBLAST SO WHETHER TO WATERBLAST OR NOT YOU KNOW WHEN IT COMES TO WATERBLASTING MAMPOSTERÍA THAT'S A THAT'S A DEFINITE IT CAUSE DEGRADATION TO THAT THAT STRUCTURE SO WE REALLY NEED SOMEBODY WHO HAS THE EXPERTISE AND AND SEEING WHAT ARE THE NUANCES IN ENSURING THAT THESE STRUCTURES ARE ARE PRESERVED FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THAT BELONGS TO ALL OF GUAM THE HISTORIC VALUE BELONGS TO OUR PEOPLE ALL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND SO AGAIN WHAT WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO IS ENSURE THAT THE LAND STAYS WITH THE GOVERNMENT BUT THAT IT IS REHABILITATED BY CAPABLE HANDS THAT AND THOSE WITH A TRACK RECORD IN IN DOING A LOT OF THESE PRESERVATION WORK YOU KNOW WE WE KNOW THEIR INVENTORY OF WHAT GPT HAS DONE THROUGHOUT

GUAM AND WE CREATING THAT AWARENESS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THESE THESE STRUCTURES YOU KNOW FROM THE NEUTRAL BUILDINGS TO *ADELUP* TO IN *HUMATÁK* AND TO YOU KNOW THE CHURCH IN MAMPOSTERÍA CONSTRUCTION OF ALL THESE STRUCTURES THROUGHOUT GUAM HERE IN *HAGÁTÑA* IN *MALESSO'* AND NOW *INARAJAN* SO YOU KNOW I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT FOR THIS AMENDMENT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

NOTE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS THANK YOU COLLEAGUES WE ARE HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH THE MICROPHONE AUDIO'S ASKED FOR A LONGER TIME TO RESET A PROGRAM SO WE'RE GOING TO RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M. SO RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M. *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES WELCOME BACK THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS WE WORKED OUT SOME OF OUR TECHNICAL ISSUES WITH OUR AV SYSTEM SO THANK YOU TO THE AV CREW AS WELL WE LEFT OFF AND ON SECOND READING AGAIN BILL AMENDED BILL NUMBER 97-37 COR SENATOR SABINA PEREZ HAD INTRODUCED HER AMENDMENT BUT WE'VE RECEIVED SOME CALLS DURING THE BREAK AS TO THEY WERE VERY CONFUSED AS TO WHERE WE CUT OFF SO IF YOU DON'T MIND SENATOR CAN YOU JUST RESTATE YOUR AMENDMENT BEFORE WE BEGIN IN DISCUSSION ON THAT AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PEREZ: ALRIGHT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SO THE AMENDMENT THAT I'M WOULD LIKE TO PROF I'M PROFFERING STATES IT'S ON PAGE TWO LINE 7 TO 21 THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST CONTINUES TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR ISLAND'S HISTORIC SITES CULTURE AND PERSPECTIVES FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR PEOPLE OF GUAM AND OUR FUTURE THROUGH THIS MEASURE GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST RELATING TO THE IN *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH ENSURES GPT'S COMMITMENT TO THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO RESTORE RECONSTRUCT AND REHABILITATE ITS FRONT FAÇADE STRUCTURE WHILE STILL IT SHOULD SAY RETAINING BUT IT SAYS REMAINING ITS HISTORICAL ESSENCE AND VENUE FOR RELIGIOUS AND FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* INTENDS TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST RELATING TO LOT 106-1 BLOCK 12 FORMERLY KNOWN AS IN *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH MUNICIPALITY OF *INALÁHAN* GUAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF STABILIZING RESTORING ITS HISTORICAL STRUCTURE THAT HAS BEEN A PUBLIC CONCERN FOR ITS HAZARDOUS STATE AND COMPRISING THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF LOCAL RESIDENTS OF THE VISITORS OF *INALÁHAN* VILLAGE SO TO RECAP THE PURPOSE OF THIS AMENDMENT IS TO ENSURE THAT THE REAL PROPERTY IS NOT TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WHICH HAS THE IMPACT OF LOWERING THE DEBT CEILING BUT IT ALSO ACCOMPLISHES THIS PARTNERSHIP THIS PUBLIC PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP OR PUBLIC GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP TO RESTORE AND REHABILITATE HISTORIC PROPERTIES UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST WHO HAS HAD A TRACK RECORD OF DOING SUCH THROUGHOUT OUR ISLAND THERE ARE MANY FACILITIES THAT HAVE BEEN RE RENOVATED REHABILITATED SUCCESSFULLY AND I THINK IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE PUT IT IN IN IN A CAPABLE HANDS BECAUSE RESTORATION IS IS DEFINITELY A A SPECIALIZED FIELD AND SO WHAT WE THINK IS PERFECTLY NORMAL IN RESTORING OUR PROPERTIES IS VERY DIFFERENT WHEN IT COMES TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND IT IT REQUIRES THAT VERY FINE ATTENTION AND SO YEAH I ASK I THINK THE YEAH BASICALLY IT'S A A WIN-WIN SITUATION AT THIS POINT SO I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE INTENT OF THE BILL IS THERE ANY SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO THAT AMENDMENT AND AND MY COMMENTS AND MY AMENDMENT IS TO FOCUS EXACTLY WHAT I'VE SAID STATED YESTERDAY WAS TO FOCUS ON ENSURING THAT THE THE *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH FALLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE *INALÁHAN* MAYOR'S MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL AND MY AMENDMENT WOULD BE WHERE WERE THE AMENDMENT IT SAYS THERE THAT GRANTING JURISDICTION AUTHORITY KEEPING THE WORD JURISDICTION AUTHORITY OF THE *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH TO THE *INALÁHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL AND A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE *INALÁHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL AND THE GPT WILL ENSURE GPT'S COMMITMENT TO THEIR CONTIN EFFORTS TO RESTORE RECONSTRUCT REHABILITATE ITS FRONT FAÇADE RESTRUCTURE WHILE STILL RETAINING NOT REMAINING BUT RETAINING ITS HISTORICAL ESSENCE AND VENUE FOR RELIGIOUS AND FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES AND THEN GOING FURTHER DOWN AS SHE IDENTIFIES INTENDS TO TRANSFER OR INTENDS TO AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO ENTER A MEMORANDUM

AGREEMENT MY AMENDMENT IS TO TO IDENTIFY THAT THE THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING THE AS WE READ ALONG THE *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* FURTHER INTENDS TO TRANSFER LOT 106-1 BLOCK 12 FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH MUNICIPALITY OF *INALÁHAN* GUAM FROM NIEVES FLORES MEMORIAL LIBRARY GOVERNOR GUANG TO THE *INALÁHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL KEEPING IN MIND GOING TO THE COUNCIL STILL MAINTAINS GOVGUAM EXCEPT IT'S VERY SPECIFIC IT'S NOT IN GENERAL AND I I I WANT TO BRING BACK THE ISSUE THAT WE'RE CONCERNED IT'S *INALÁHAN* LET *INALÁHAN* DO IT LET *INALÁHAN* COME UP WITH THE DO THE MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT WITH GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST AND AND AND LET'S PUT THE ONUS ON *INALÁHAN* TO MAKE SURE AND THEY'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL WE ALL TRAVEL DOWN SOUTH THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT'S GOT THE MARKING SAYING 35 MILES AN HOUR WE DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT PUBLIC WORKS PUTTING UP SIGNS THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT'S SAYING KEEP *INALÁHAN* CLEAN PUT YOUR TRASH WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT BEEN PURSUING ALL RESTORATION AND EVEN RESTORING ALL THEIR SITES AND THAT WITH THAT I LIKE TO PURSUE THAT *INALÁHAN* HAS FULL CONTROL AND THEY WILL SET UP THE MEMORANDUM AND THAT'S MY AMENDMENT AND IT IS IT IS IT'S BEEN IT'S BEEN CIRCULATED WITH AMONG THE COLLEAGUES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT THERE ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU' OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT YOU KNOW THERE WERE SOME CONCERNS YESTERDAY WAS BROUGHT UP ABOUT THE ABILITY FOR THE MAYOR TO OVERSEE YOU KNOW THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE IS IT GOING TO DO IT RIGHT IS IT GOING TO BE DONE AT ALL I MEAN THERE'S THAT'S THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION SO I MADE SURE I I MADE A PHONE CALL LAST NIGHT YOU KNOW TO HEAR FROM THE *INALÁHAN* MAYOR HIMSELF AND ASKED HIM IF YOU WERE TO HAVE THIS UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION AND WOULD YOU SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ARE YOU WILLING TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM MOU BETWEEN A AGREEMENT BETWEEN GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST AND YOURSELF OR WILL YOU FOLLOW THROUGH ON IT BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN OTHER PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP FOR INSTANCE THE THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN *HUMÁTAK* THAT STILL HAS YET YOU KNOW TO START AND IT'S THIS BODY THAT EVEN PROVIDED FUNDING FOR THAT PROJECT BUT IT STILL HASN'T STARTED DO WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE MAYOR OF *INALÁHAN* ABSOLUTELY HE'S CONSTANTLY GETTING PRAISES HE'S CONSTANTLY GETTING AWARDS FOR BEING THE BEST VILLAGE ON GUAM PEOPLE ARE CAN'T STOP TALKING HOW WONDERFUL *INALÁHAN* IS AND ALL THE WORK HE'S DONE AND YOU KNOW THIS MAYOR BY THE WAY STARTED CLEANING UP THIS VILLAGE EVEN BEFORE HE BECAME A MAYOR OF *INALÁHAN* SO CAN WE TRUST AN INDIVIDUAL TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS VILLAGE PROJECT IS GOING TO SEE THE TIME DAY AND IT'S ACTUALLY GOING TO GET STARTED BECAUSE RIGHT NOW IT'S CRUMBLING SO I I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT I THINK IT SHOULD STAY WITH THEM BECAUSE THERE'S ANYBODY WHO HAS MORE VESTED INTEREST IN THIS BAPTIST CHURCH IS THE PEOPLE OF AN *INALÁHAN* AND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SO I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES

SENATOR BARNETT: *SI YU' OS MA'ÁSE* SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT SENATOR BLAS YOU RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR MR. CHAIR SO THAT I CAN FULLY UNDERSTAND THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT THERE IF YOU LOOK AT THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT AND COMPARE IT TO THE AMENDMENT THERE'S LANGUAGE IN HERE THAT'S DIFFERENT VERY VERY DIFFERENT LET ME GO TO THE THE THIRD LINE IN THE AMENDMENT IT SAYS THROUGH THIS MEASURE GRANTING AND STRIKING OUT JURISDICTION AUTHORITY TO BUT IN THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT THROUGH THIS MEASURE GRANTING JURISDICTION AUTHORITY IF IT'S GOING TO BE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT I THINK THAT THE LANGUAGE HAS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BARNETT: LET'S TAKE A SHORT RECESS.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU.

RECESS

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE ARE AGAIN HAVING SOME SERIOUS TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES THAT REQUIRES OUR AUDIO TO WORK ON THIS OVERNIGHT SO MY APOLOGIES TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING AND TO MY COLLEAGUES WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 9:30 HOPING THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE IN LINE BY THEN OKAY WE RECESS AGAIN STILL ON THE SAME BILL WE'LL RECESS UNTIL 9:30 TOMORROW THANK YOU.

RECESS

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SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO WITHDRAW THAT AMENDMENT AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE WITH LEGAL WE'VE COME UP WITH A A BETTER AMENDMENT AT THIS POINT I'D LIKE TO WITHDRAW THAT AMENDMENT THEN I CAN REINTRODUCE THE NEXT THE OTHER ONE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALRIGHT ON THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT BY SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ON THE AMENDMENT SORRY YOU HAVE A NEW AMENDMENT SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES MADAM SPEAKER THE NEW AMENDMENT BASICALLY IF YOU LOOK AT THE CURRENT AMENDMENT WHICH IS THIS IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IT IT IT RESTORES BACK THE ON LINE LET ME PULL UP ON THE LINE WHERE AS JURISDICTION WE RESTORED THE WORD JURISDICTION AND WE CONTINUE ON WITH HER WITH THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT AND BUT WE ADD THE AGREEMENT WITH THE GUAM NO AGREEMENT WITH THE *INALÅHAN* MAYOR AND *INALÅHAN* MAYOR MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL AS CARETAKER OF THE HISTORIC SITE RELATING TO THE *INALÅHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH AND ULTIMATELY A MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT WITH THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST TO ENSURE GPT'S AND SO FORTH AND THEN FURTHER DOWN WE AUTHORIZE THE STAYING WITH HER AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT BUT ADDING ON THAT THE GOVERNOR GUAM TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT WITH THE *INALÅHAN* MAYOR AND *INALÅHAN* MAYOR'S COUNCIL FOR THE JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY OVER LOT 106-1 BLOCK 12 *INALÅHAN* GUAM THE *INALÅHAN* MAYOR AND THE *INALÅHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL SHALL ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT WITH THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST RELATING TO THAT SAME LOT THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SO EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A COPY ON THEIR DESK OF THE AMENDMENT THIS ONE IS WE'LL TAKE FIRST THE AMENDMENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT LINE 7 TO 26 AND 1 THROUGH 7 PAGES TWO AND THREE ON THAT AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK THERE BEING NO OBJECTION I'M SORRY IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ON THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT AS AMENDED ON THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT AS AMENDED WOULD THE SPONSOR LIKE TO CLOSE.

NOTE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR PEREZ YOU HAD THE FLOOR.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE I JUST WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION TO GETTING TO A SOLUTION THAT PROTECTS THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND ALSO AT THE SAME TIME MOVES FORWARD TO REHABILITATING ONE OF OUR HISTORIC SITES AND TO HELP SUPPORT THE *INALÅHAN* VILLAGE TO FURTHER THEIR ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE AND BEAUTIFY THEIR VILLAGE SO THANK YOU THAT'S YEAH I THINK THAT THAT CONCLUDES MY STATEMENT FOR THIS FOR THE BILL THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE WAS AN OUTSTANDING AMENDMENT FOR THE FOR THE ACTUAL SUBSTANCE OF THE BILL SECTION TWO IS THAT WITHDRAWN OR THAT WASN'T OFFERED THAT WILL NOT BE OFFERED OKAY ALL RIGHT THEN ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER IT'S JUST YOU KNOW IN REVIEW OF THE BILL JUST IN THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND I'M SORRY I DON'T HAVE THE COPY OF THE BILL IN FRONT OF ME MY INTERNET'S STILL DOWN HOWEVER IT MAKES REFERENCE TO GIVE ME A GIVE ME A SECOND MADAM SPEAKER I'M TRYING TO FIND IT THERE IT IS ACTUALLY IF YOU GO BACK TO THE AMENDMENT THAT WE HAD THAT WE HAD JUST DISPOSED OF IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH WHICH IS ALSO CONSISTENT WITH WHAT IS IN THE BILL NEAR THE BOTTOM OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH IT SAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF STABILIZING AND RESTORING ITS HISTORICAL STRUCTURE THAT HAS BEEN A PUBLIC CONCERN FOR ITS HAZARDOUS STATE AND COMPRISING THE SAFETY OF AND WELL-BEING OF LOCAL RESIDENTS I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE WORD COMPRISING IS SUPPOSED TO BE COMPRISING OR IS IT SUPPOSED TO BE COMPROMISING SO MAY HAVE THE QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL IS THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE COMPRISING OR COMPROMISING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD WOULD THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL SENATOR QUINATA WOULD YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION WOULD YOU PLEASE RESTATE YOUR QUESTION SENATOR BLAS.

SENATOR BLAS: IT'S AND I'M GOING BY WHAT'S ON THE AMENDMENT BUT IT IS IT IS IN THE BILL IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH IT SAYS AND I'LL START FROM FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH COMMA MUNICIPALITY OF *INALÁHAN* COMMA GUAM COMMA FOR THE PURPOSE OF STABILIZING AND RESTORING ITS HISTORICAL STRUCTURE THAT HAS BEEN A PUBLIC CONCERN FOR ITS HAZARDOUS STATE AND COMPRISING THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF LOCAL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF *INALÁHAN* VILLAGE IS THE WORD SUPPOSED TO IS THE WORD COMPRISING OR IS IT SUPPOSED TO BE COMPROMISING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD.

SENATOR QUINATA: I THINK IT'S COMPROMISING.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SPELL CHECK.

SENATOR QUINATA: SPELL CHECK WE CAN HAVE LEGAL MAKE THE REVISION.

SENATOR BLAS: NO WE CANNOT BECAUSE YOU'RE LOOKING AT TWO DIFFERENT IT'S GOT TO BE AN AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU HAVE THE FLOOR SENATOR BLAS.

SENATOR QUINATA: WE CAN MAKE AN AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY I'LL LEAVE IT TO HIM MADAM CHAIR SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL ON THE MAIN MOTION IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED.

NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES

SENATOR BARNETT: ON THE MAIN MOTION IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MR. SPEAKER CAN CAN WE CLARIFY WITH LEGAL WHO HAS SPOKEN SO WE'LL KNOW.

SENATOR BARNETT: SURE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WHO WHO CAN'T SPEAK AND THEN WE JUST GO DOWN THE LINE.

SENATOR BARNETT: *NANGGA FAN.*

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE WERE STILL ON BILL NUMBER 97-37COR MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO TEMPORARY SUSPEND THE DISCUSSION ON BILL NUMBER 97-37 UNTIL COR UNTIL FRIDAY AT 10:00 OKAY THERE'S NO OBJECTION.

SENATOR QUINATA: NO OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO SUSPEND DISCUSSION ON THIS AMENDED BILL UNTIL FRIDAY AT 10:00 A.M. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: BUT BUT MADAM SPEAKER AT AT NOWWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE BACK IN MOTIONS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MA MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO APPEND RESOLUTION NUMBER 229-37 LS TO TODAY'S SESSION'S JOURNAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN YOU READ THE TITLE PLEASE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: *MAPPOT.*

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THIS IS A RESOLUTION FOR THE LATE JUDGE UNPINGCO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT'S CORRECT IT'S IT'S IN REFERENCE TO THE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION TO APPEND RES THAT RESOLUTION ONTO OUR AGENDA IS OR NO ONTO THE JOURNAL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: CORRECT ONTO THE SESSION JOURNAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ONTO THE SESSION JOURNAL IS THERE ANY OBJECTION.

SENATOR QUINATA: NO OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT THERE BEING NO OTHER MOTIONS WE ARE RETURNING TO SECOND READING AND WE'RE BACK ON THE NEXT ITEM ON OUR AGENDA IS BILL NUMBER 113-37 CO LS SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 113-37 AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION 3103P OF ARTICLE 1 CHAPTER 3 TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO RESTORING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION MAN MANAGEMENT AUDIT REQUIREMENTS ONTO THE THIRD READING FILE I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU BILL NUMBER 113-37 IS REALLY A VERY SIMPLE BILL THAT AIMS TO CORRECT AND MY OPINION PUBLIC LAW 3191 WHICH HAD STARTED HERE MANY LEGISLATURES BACK IS BILL 150-31 AND IN THE THE BILL THAT WAS INTRODUCED THE WORD AUDIT WAS IN PLACE IN THIS BILL BUT ON THE FLOOR THE WORD AUDIT WAS SUBSTITUTED WITH THE WORD ASSESSMENT AND THAT VERSION OF THE BILL WAS EVENTUALLY PASSED INTO PUBLIC LAW AND THAT'S KIND OF THE GIST OF THIS MEASURE MADAM SPEAKER IS THAT AS LONG AS THE WORD ASSESSMENT IS USED UH IT CAN REALLY MEAN ANY NUMBER OF THINGS TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT DEPART OF EDUCATION BUT I THINK WHAT WE'RE REALLY STRIVING FOR HERE IS THE WORD AUDIT AND SO AS I SAID THERE'S AN EXISTING MANAGEMENT AUDIT LAW THAT'S IN PLACE AND ALL THIS BILL DOES IS STRIKE THE WORD ASSESSMENT AND PUT BACK THE WORD AUDIT I'M IN THERE AND THE LAST TIME A MANAGEMENT AUDIT WAS CONDUCTED OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WAS *HAGAS HA'* IN 2009 EVERGREEN SOLUTIONS WAS HIRED TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT ORDER THE GUAM AT THAT TIME THAT'S HOW FAR BACK THE LAST MANAGEMENT ORDER WAS DONE IS IT WAS CALLED THE GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM BACK THEN FLORIDA BASED EVERGREEN SOLUTIONS HAD PERFORMED A MANAGEMENT AUDIT A 399 PAGE AUDIT REPORT STATED THAT GPSS COULD OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS REALIZE A SAVINGS OF OVER 156 MILLION AND SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THAT AUDIT INCLUDED ELIMINATING EXCESS ELEMENTARY TEACHING POSITIONS EXCESS GENERAL AND ONE TO ONE SCHOOL AIDE POSITIONS AS WELL AS

ELIMINATING UP TO 18 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL POSITIONS JUST TO NAME A FEW OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED OVERHAULING GPSS MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS THOROUGHLY AS WELL AS THE CLOSURE OF F.Q. SANCHEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHICH WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY HAVE STUDENTS ABSORBED OVER TO THE NEIGHBORING VILLAGE OF MALESSO' AND MALESSO' ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE TIME THIS AUDIT WAS RELEASED THE THEN CHAIRPERSON OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FORMER SPEAKER JUDI WON PAT AGREED WITH MANY OF THE AUDIT'S FINDINGS I JUST QUOTE A COUPLE MEDIA REPORTS HERE THE FORMER SPEAKER HAD SAID THEY ARE CORRECT THERE ARE DEFINITELY MANY WAYS IN WHICH THERE COULD BE SAVINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT GPSS IS BECOMING NOW I GUESS LIKE WHAT PEOPLE ALWAYS DUB THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS BECOMING NOW ALMOST AS IF THOUGH IT'S AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY NOW WE JUST HAVE TO LOOK IN A BRIEF CURSORY LOOK HOW MUCH WE SPEND EVEN WITH SPECIAL ED DOLLARS WITH ONE TO ONE AIDES IT'S A LOT MORE THAN ANY OTHER STATE HAS ACTUALLY SPENT ON THAT THE AUDIT AGAIN RECOMMENDED THE ELIMINATION OF UP TO 18 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL POSITIONS LAST NIGHT I WAS PERUSING THE GDOE WEBSITE THERE ARE CURRENTLY 47 ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS IN THE DEPARTMENT AND AGAIN I'LL QUOTE THE THE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR BACK THEN FORMER SPEAKER WON PAT THAT SAID I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL I HAD ABOUT A THOUSAND STUDENTS AND I ONLY HAD ONE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AND IT RAN SMOOTHLY AND SO AGAIN AS WE WELCOME THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT SWANSON TO THE HELM AT THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IT'S NO DOUBT IT'S BEEN A VERY ROUGH RIDE IN HIS FIRST FEW MONTHS ON THE JOB BUT WE HAVE SEEN SOME SUCCESSES WITH THE LIFTING OF THE THIRD PARTY FIDUCIARY AND AND ONE OF THE CONDITIONS WITH THE LIFTING OF THAT THIRD PARTY FIDUCIARY IS THAT THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MUST UNDERGO A REORGANIZATION AND THAT'S GOING TO MEAN SOME SOME BIG CHANGES I MET WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT LAST WEEK AND AND THESE ARE CHANGES THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AND IT KIND OF SEEMS LIKE THIS SUPERINTENDENT MAY BE IN THE POSITION TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THESE CHANGES AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL POPULATIONS WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY MEAN THE CLOSURE OF SEVERAL CAMPUSES ON ISLAND I KNOW THAT HE'S ALSO LOOKING AT THE NUMBER OF OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF THAT WE HAVE ON HAND RELATIVE TO THE DECREASES IN ENROLLMENT AND SO WE HAVE SEEN A SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN ENROLLMENT AT THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION I THINK SOMEWHERE MEDIA REPORTS HAVE HAVE STATED IT AS AS HIGH AS 7,000 STUDENTS HAVE LEFT THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND IF YOU LOOK AT SOME OF THE MATERIALS THAT HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED BY GDOE MANAGEMENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION YOU'LL SEE THAT SCHOOL TO SCHOOL ENROLLMENT HAS DROPPED AND A LOT OF THAT IS ATTRIBUTED TO PEOPLE LEAVING THE ISLAND AND THEN ALSO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS MIGRATING OVER TO OUR CHARTER SCHOOL SYSTEM AND SO WITH THESE CHANGES BEING IMPLEMENTED AND THE LIFTING OF THE THIRD PARTY OF FIDUCIARY I THINK THE TIME IS THE TIME IS ACTUALLY PERFECT TO REINSTATE THE MANAGEMENT AUDITS BECAUSE WE CAN ALLOW FOR THE HOPEFULLY FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO IMPLEMENT THESE SWEEPING CHANGES ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT AND THEN WE HOPEFULLY PASS THIS MEASURE REIMPLEMENT THE MANAGEMENT AUDIT AND THEN WE PERFORM THAT AUDIT IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR AND SEE HOW THESE CHANGES HAVE AFFECTED THE EFFICIENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT AND OBVIOUSLY THE COST OF EDUCATION ON OUR ISLAND AND WITH THAT BEING SAID I I HUMBLY ASK THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES I HOPE THAT THE DEBATE AND DISCUSSION ON THIS BILL WILL GO MUCH SMOOTHER THAN THE PREVIOUS BILL AND I DID HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT I I'LL GO AHEAD AND PROFFER THAT NOW AND THIS WOULD ADD A NEW SECTION THREE TO THE BILL TO READ ACTUALLY LEGAL SO THERE'S A MISTAKE THAT SHOULD SAY FIRST I THINK OR JUST THE AUDIT WILL STRIKE COST YEAH FIRST LET'S LET'S PUT FIRST THANK YOU SENATOR AND SO THE AND YOU CAN JUST TECHNICALLY CORRECT THAT MA'AM OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD YOU PLEASE ADDRESS THE CHAIR.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'M SORRY MADAM CHAIR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: LET ME KNOW WHAT YOUR AMENDMENT IS.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY I'M SORRY SO IT'S THE AMENDMENT IS TO ADD A NEW SECTION THREE TO THE BILL TO READ SECTION THREE EFFECTIVE FISCAL YEAR 2024 THE SCOPE OF THE FIRST MANAGEMENT AUDIT IS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND THEN THE SECOND SENTENCE IT SAYS THE COST AUDIT BUT I'M GOING TO STRIKE COST AND PUT FIRST AND THEN IT WOULD THEN READ THE FIRST AUDIT SHALL BE FUNDED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET THE ANTICIPATED TARGET COMPLETION DATE IS JUNE 30TH 2025.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BARNETT: IT JUST.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE GOING TO ACCEPT IT WITH YOUR CHANGE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I THINK IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF I KNOW THAT ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES SAID ASKED ME THE QUESTION OFFLINE ABOUT WHEN WE'D BE LOOKING AT CONDUCTING THIS AUDIT AND WHAT THE AUDIT PERIOD WOULD BE AND ALSO HOW WE WOULD FUND IT AND I THINK THAT THIS AMENDMENT NEATLY ENCAPSULATES ALL THOSE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS AND SO AGAIN I HUMBLY ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT NOT JUST FOR THE BILL AS A WHOLE BUT FOR THE AMENDMENT THAT I'M PROFFER THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR BLAS ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER IN THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BILL ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WAS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN IS HOW WE WERE GOING TO PAY FOR THIS BUT THEN WHEN I'M LOOKING HERE AT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT THE SCOPE OF THE FIRST MANAGEMENT AUDIT IS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 THE AUDIT SHALL BE FUNDED BY FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SCOPE OF THE FIRST MANAGEMENT AUDIT AND THE AUDIT IN THE THIS IN THE FIRST SENTENCE AND THEN THE THEN THE AUDIT IN THE SECOND SENTENCE CONCERN THAT I HAVE HERE IS AGAIN WE'RE GOING TO GO OUT AND ASK SOMEBODY TO DO AN AUDIT IN 2024 AND NOT PAY THEM UNTIL 2025.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD YOU LIKE THE SPONSOR TO YIELD.

SENATOR BLAS: YES PLEASE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'M SORRY THE INTENT OF THE AMENDMENT IS THAT THE THE AUDITING PERIOD WOULD BE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND THAT WE WOULD CONDUCT THAT AUDIT AT THE BEGINNING OF FY25 AND IT WOULD BE FUNDED OUT OF FISCAL YEAR 25 WITH THE ANTICIPATED TARGET COMPLETION DATE OF JUNE 30TH 2025 MA'AM.

SENATOR BLAS: SO YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE THE ACTIONS OF WHAT HAPPENED IN 2024 BUT THEN AUDIT IT IN 2025 AND USE THE FUNDS SO YOUR AUDIT IS NOT GOING TO BE REAL TIME YOU'RE ALL IS GOING TO BE RETROSPECT HOW DO YOU DO THAT IT'S NOT TO TAKE AWAY I I I APPRECIATE AND UNDERSTAND THE INTENT IT'S JUST THAT I JUST DON'T KNOW IF THE WORDING IS PROPER HERE SO THAT IT CAN BE SO SO WHAT THE OUR INTENT IS IS NOT ARTICULATED PROPERLY THAT'S THE CONCERN THAT I HAVE WITH THIS WITH THIS LANGUAGE BECAUSE IT'S OBVIOUSLY TWO DIFFERENT ACTIONS YOU MAY WANT TO TAKE A BREAK HAVE HIM DISCUSS WITH LEGAL PLEASE RECESS THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES WE'RE STILL SO SENATOR BLAS CONCLUDED PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR BLAS: MA'AM I DON'T THINK I CAN PROCEED ANY FURTHER WITHOUT ANY CLARIFICATION FROM THE AUTHOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD YOU LIKE THE SPONSOR TO YIELD.

SENATOR BLAS: YES PLEASE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION WOULD YOU PLEASE RESTATE YOUR QUESTION SENATOR BLAS.

SENATOR BLAS: WELL AGAIN THERE OBVIOUSLY TWO DIFFERENT ACTIONS TWO DIFFERENT TWO TWO DIFFERENT SENTENCES TWO DIFFERENT ACTIONS BUT I I KNOW WHAT YOUR INTENT IS AND WHAT YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO I JUST DON'T KNOW WHETHER ABLE TO DO THIS BASED ON HOW THIS IS WRITTEN HOW THIS IS PRESENTED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE THE QUESTION IS.

SENATOR BLAS: WELL HAS IT STANDS MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BLAS WOULD YOU PLEASE RESTATE YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR BLAS: YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW I MEAN I DON'T WANT TO BE THIS IS A VERY AMBIGUOUS AMENDMENT THE WAY IT IS I KNOW WHAT THE INTENT IS BUT IT'S NOT READING IT'S NOT READING THAT WAY AND LET'S NOT ASSUME THAT JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS DISCUSSION HERE THAT THIS DISCUSSION IS GOING TO IS IS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE INTERPRETED AS THAT AS THE INTENT WHEN IT ACTUALLY COME INTO LAW THIS HAS TO BE THIS HAS TO THIS HAS TO BE CLEAR.

SENATOR BARNETT: MA'AM MADAM CHAIR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: YEAH I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MOMENT'S RECESS I MEAN I I I FEEL LIKE THE INTENT IS VERY CLEAR BUT IF THERE'S A WORD HERE OR TWO THAT I CAN ADD OR TAKE OUT THEN I' JUST LIKE TO HAVE A SHORT RECESS TO DO THAT MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR BLAS YOU HAD THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE THE RECESS MADAM SPEAKER THERE WAS OKAY COLLABORATION ON THAT ONE MADAM SPEAKER TO TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS SOUNDS YOU KNOW THAT THAT IT FITS IS I I WANT TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT HERE AND IT'LL READ THE SCOPE OF THE FIRST MANAGEMENT AUDIT IS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 COMMA AND THE AUDIT CROSS OUT THE WORDS THE COST AND REPLACE IT WITH AND THE AUDIT SHALL BE FUNDED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ALL RIGHT THERE'S AN AMENDMENT TO AFTER FISCAL YEAR 2024 ADD A COMMA AND ADD THE WORDS AND.

SENATOR BLAS: AND THE AUDIT AND IT WILL CONTINUE WITH THE FIRST AUDIT SO IT WILL READ FISCAL YEAR 2024 COMMA AND THE FIRST AUDIT SHALL BE FUNDED IN FY 2025.

SENATOR BLAS: YES MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO TAKING THAT WITHOUT IT BEING IN WRITING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION IF NOT WE'RE GOING TO CONSIDER THAT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I I JUST HAVE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WITHOUT IT BEING IN WRITING ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I JUST HAVE AN A COMMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YEAH MADAM SPEAKER I JUST HAVE A COMMENT ON THAT ONE THAT ALL WE DID WAS WE CHANGE THE PERIOD TO A COMMA WE DIDN'T NEED THAT ALREADY THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT SAID THAT THE FIRST AUDIT EXACTLY WHAT YOU JUST READ THE DIFFERENCE I JUST A PERIOD AND A COMMA I DON'T SEE ANY GOSH WE WASTED FIVE MINUTES FOR JUST THAT A COMMA.

SENATOR BLAS: NO WE DIDN'T WASTE FIVE MINUTES MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY AND I THINK THIS IS A VERY OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN HAS THE FLOOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M I'M SPEAKING ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT WHICH YOU KNOW MANY TIMES IT'S MISTAKEN ON ON VERBIAGE YOU KNOW DID THEY MEAN THIS DID THEY MEAN THAT WELL LET'S SIMPLIFY IT AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THIS AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT DOES IT JUST SIMPLIFIES IT TO MAKE IT CLEAR AND PRECISE AND ACTUALLY IT'S MUCH SMOOTHER YOU KNOW AS A AS A FULL SENTENCE THAN BREAKING IT DOWN INTERPRETING THAT IT MAY CHANGE ON THE NEXT SENTENCE SO YOU KNOW I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT AND IT IT IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT'S ALL IT'S DOING TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR SO THAT ANYBODY INTERPRETING THIS KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT WE WANT SO THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR OR SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU I I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE EASIEST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT EVER AND I THANK THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT FOR THE BIPARTISAN COLLABORATION AND I ALSO COMMEND HIS DILIGENCE IN WEEDING OUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF OF MY ORIGINAL AMENDMENT SO THANK YOU AND I'D LIKE THE SPIRIT OF WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT SENATOR BLAS MAY CLOSE HE'S WAIVING CLOSURE SO ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT WHICH IS TO ADD A COMMA AFTER 2024 ADD THE WORD AND IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MOTION PASSES SENATOR BLAS YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR YOU DONE ALL RIGHT ON THE ON THE BARNETT AMENDMENT AS AMENDED SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I TRULY BELIEVE THAT NOW DOE WHICH THEY'RE TRYING THEIR BEST YOU KNOW NOTHING STOPS US THOUGH TO CONTINUE TO YOU KNOW KEEP THE FIRE TO THEIR FEET AS WELL AS MAKING SURE THEY'RE TRANSPARENT AND THAT ACCOUNTABILITY MOST ESPECIALLY IS IN PLACE FOR THIS WE'RE LOSING A THIRD PARTY FIDUCIARY THANK GOODNESS YOU KNOW THEY THERE SHOWING SOME STRIDES TOWARD DOE AND THEIR THEIR MANAGEMENT SKILLS WITH FUNDING BUT I TRULY BELIEVE THAT EVERY ENTITY ON THIS ISLAND MOST ESPECIALLY MOST ESPECIALLY DOE THAT RECEIVES THE MOST FUNDING FROM OUR GENERAL FUND SHOULD HAVE THIS TYPE OF AUDIT IN PLACE I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT WAS EVER LET GO MAYBE BECAUSE THERE WAS A THIRD PARTY FIDUCIARY BUT AS MENTIONED EARLIER THEY'RE NO LONGER GOING TO BE HERE OVERSEEING US THEN IT BE BECOMES OUR RESPONSIBILITY THIS IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FUNDING THAT WE GIVE TO DOE AND TO ENSURE THAT MONEY HAS BEEN SPENT CORRECTLY AND HAVE DOCUMENTATION TO NOTICE NOTIFY THAT BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO HELP THEM IN THE FUTURE WHEN THEY GO AFTER FEDERAL FUNDS THIS AUDIT WILL HELP SO I THANK YOU FOR THE THIS BILL AND AND ASK THE SPONSOR IF TO TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF THIS FOR THE SAKE OF ACCOUNTABILITY THANK THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE BILL AS AMENDED IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED WAIVES CLOSURE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION SEEING NO AMENDMENT I MEAN SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR ON THE BILL PARDON NO I'M SORRY YOU DON'T SENATOR BLOSS HAD THE FLOOR NO HE DIDN'T YOU MADE AN AMENDMENT YOU HAD THE FLOOR OKAY SO IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND FOR MY COLLEAGUES HERE IN 2009 I WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WE WERE PURSUING EVERGREEN'S MANAGEMENT AUDIT AND AT THE TIME THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH HEY TO PUT IT THIS WAY THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH GUTS IN THIS BODY BACK THEN TO CHANGE IT TO MAKE SURE THAT AUDIT WAS IMPLEMENTED THE ONLY THING THEY PURSUED WAS CLOSING F.Q. SANCHEZ WHEN ALL THEY HAD TO DO WAS REARRANGE THE EMPLOYEES AND THEY WOULDN'T HAVE CLOSED IT I BROUGHT THAT UP AND THEN AS THEY MOVED ON AND I'M I'M I'M VERY THANKFUL THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL INTRODUCED IT MAKE IT AN AUDIT I'M JUST HOPING THE CURRENT SUPERINTENDENT WILL GO INTO EVERGREEN'S RECOMMENDATION AND START IMPLEMENTING WHAT HAPPENED IN 2009 BECAUSE MANY OF THOSE ITEMS THAT THAT THEY HAVE ADDRESSED IS STILL APPLICABLE TODAY THIS MANAGEMENT AUDIT COMING UP IS MORE THAN LIKELY IT'S GOING TO REVEAL THE SAME THING AND BACK THEN WE HAD

OVER 33,000 KIDS NOW WE'RE DOWN TO WHAT LESS THAN SEVEN OR 8,000 AND AND I WE'RE AT 22 NOW ALMOST 10,000 KIDS SO I I THANK THE AUTHOR FOR THIS FOR THIS BILL AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT TAKE ACTION QUIT MAKING EXCUSES QUIT CLAIMING SOMETHING THAT YOU COULD FIX TODAY THANK YOU AND I ASK THE AUTHOR IF YOU CAN INCLUDE ME AS A CO-SPONSOR.

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

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THIS SMOOTH DISCUSSION ON THIS BILL AND ALSO IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR OKAY SO SO SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN AND THEN EVERYONE ELSE DOWN THE LINE *EI ADAI* AND I I THINK.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO ACCEPT CO-SPONSORS I MEAN TO ADD SPONSORS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR BARNETT: I ALSO THANK SENATOR BLAS FOR HIS GREAT AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT AND ALSO MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SENATOR BARNETT: OH AND I MOVE TO PLACE THE BILL NUMBER 113-37 INTO THE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THIRD READING THIRD READING FILE THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: YEAH THIRD READING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL AS AMENDED INTO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE ARE NOW ON RESOLUTION NUMBER 29-37 COR SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER GOOD MORNING GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER I MOTION TO PLACE RESOLUTION 29-37 COR RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR GUAM NON-MILITARY RESIDENTS WHO WERE EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE AND WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM AILMENTS CAUSED BY THE EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE THAT'S AGAIN RESOLUTION 2934 COR ON THE THIRD READING FILE AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN MORNING AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER AND AND COLLEAGUES I ASK THAT ALL MY COLLEAGUES JOINED ME IN VOTING UNANIMOUSLY AT UNANIMOUS VOTING FOR RESOLUTION 29-37 COR THIS BODY SHOULD OF COURSE PASS PASS IT UNANIMOUSLY IN 2022 THE U.S. CONGRESS PASSED AND PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNED THE LAW THE PACT ACT RECOGNIZING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD RESPONSIBILITY TO NOT ONLY ACKNOWLEDGE U.S. PERSONNEL STATION ON GUAM AND OTHER LOCATIONS COULD HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE HARM AND HARMED BY AGENT ORANGE AND THAT THOSE WHO SHOULD BE COMPENSATED I THINK IT'S AN UNDERSTATEMENT TO SAY THAT IT WAS A LONG AND HARD FOUGHT FOUGHT BATTLE TO GET TO THIS POINT IT WAS A REAL STRUGGLE TO GET OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND PROVIDE JUST COMPENSATION AND OVER MANY MANY YEARS BEFORE THE PASSAGE BEFORE ITS PASSAGE IN 2022 THERE WERE LOTS OF TIMES THAT IT SEEM RECOGNITION AND THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPENSATION WILL NEVER BE REALIZED NOW THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THE RIGHT TO COMPENSATION FOR THOSE IN THE U.S. MILITARY WHO WERE EXPOSED AND WHO DID SUFFER HAD BEEN REALIZED NOW OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FINALLY AGREED TO DO THE RIGHT THING BUT WE CAN'T REST BECAUSE THE BATTLE IS NOT OVER FOR EVERYONE FOR SOME THE BATTLE CONTINUES FOR THOSE IN GUAM AND OTHER LOCATIONS WHO WERE EXPOSED AND SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THE EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE BUT WHO WERE NOT MEMBERS OF THE U.S. UNITED STATES MILITARY STILL REMAIN LEFT BEHIND THEY REMAIN NEGLECTED TO THIS DAY THEY HAVE RECEIVED NO JUSTICE NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CERTAINLY NO COMPENSATION SO MY RESOLUTION ASKS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION THE U.S. CONGRESS TAKE THE NEXT AND FINAL STEP AND INCLUDE THIS GROUP OF WORTHY PATRIOTS WANT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND THE BENEFITS THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THE

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMPENSATION FOR THOSE EXPOSED ON GUAM THOSE WHO SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THIS EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE WHO WERE NOT MEMBERS OF THE U.S. MILITARY TO BE ELIGIBLE I WANT THEM TREATED WITH THE SAME DIGNITY THAT IS WHAT RESOLUTION 29-37 ASKED FOR THE RESOLUTION DECLARES IT IS THE POSITION OF THIS BODY THAT THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE DESERVE THE SAME ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THE SAME RECOGNITION AND THE SAME JUSTICE AS THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES WHO WERE STATIONED ON GUAM RECEIVE WE ARE SIMPLY STANDING UP AND STATING FOR THE RECORD THAT ANY RESIDENT OF GUAM WHO FALLS INTO THE SAME CATEGORY DESERVES THE SAME RESPECT WE ARE ASKING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO TAKE THE LAST AND FINAL STEP ON THIS JOURNEY TO INCLUDE ANY RESIDENT OF GUAM WHO WAS EXPOSED AND SUFFERED IS NOT JUST AN HONORABLE AND WORTHY VETERANS OF THE U.S. MILITARY WHO WERE EXPOSED ON GUAM WHO DESERVE JUSTICE AS I SAID THIS RESOLUTION SHOULD RECEIVE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT ALL MEMBERS OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE SHOULD SUPPORT THIS AND I ASK FOR THE SUPPORT TO REQUEST THAT THE STATEMENT OF OUR OFFICIAL POSITION FOR OUR NON-MILITARY PEOPLE WHO WERE EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE AND SUFFERED FROM IT DESERVE EQUALITY AND JUSTICE IN RECOGNITION AND COMPENSATION WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I THANK YOU AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION 29-37 COR THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR ON THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED.

NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES

SENATOR BARNETT: ON THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE RESOLUTION SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY THANK YOU VERY MUCH I'D LIKE TO STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION THAT WILL BE SENT TO CONGRESS ASKING THEM TO ACKNOWLEDGE AS WELL THAT THE CIVILIANS OF GUAM ARE ALSO EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE AND AND I'D LIKE IN DOING SO TO ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US WHO ADVOCATED VERY STRENUOUSLY EVEN BEFORE THE PACT ACT AND EVERY SINGLE TERM OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR MAYBE THE LAST DECADE THAT AND COMPILED TESTIMONIES FROM BOTH VETERANS AND CIVILIANS WHO LIVED IN GUAM AS TO THE EXPOSURE OF THOSE ON GUAM TO AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE OF CIVILIANS WHO WERE WORKING ON THE BASES EXPOSURE OF THE VETERANS OF COURSE EXPOSURE OF CITIZENS CIVILIANS WHO WORKED ALONG THE PIPELINES CIVILIANS WHO WORKED IN FIELD DEPOTS CIVILIANS WHO WORKED IN EVEN OFFICES BECAUSE THEY WERE SPRAYING AROUND THEIR OFFICES AND ALONG THE FENCE LINES AND AND AS YOU KNOW THESE FUEL LINES AND FENCE LINES THEY ARE ALL THROUGHOUT GUAM SO THERE'S STILL PEOPLE TODAY WHO COME UP TO US AND TELL US ABOUT THE SUFFERING OF THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS OR THE DEATH OF THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND THAT THEY FULLY BELIEVE THAT THE SUFFERING THAT WAS UPON THEM WAS AS A RESULT OF BEING EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE SO THERE HAVE BEEN RESOLUTIONS AFTER RESOLUTIONS IN THE LEGISLATURE PRIOR TO PASSAGE OF THE PACT ACT TO TO RECOGNIZE AND CREATE A PRESUMPTION FOR VETERANS THOSE RESOLUTIONS WERE SPONSORED BY ALMOST ALL THE SENATORS LED BY THE LATE VICENTE BEN BEN PANGELINAN SENATOR JIM ESPALDON SPEAKER BJ CRUZ AND I WANT TO ESPECIALLY POINT OUT I THINK A LOT OF THESE EFFORTS BEGAN WITH RESEARCH DONE BY MR. ROBERT CELESTIAL AND HE'S SUFFERING RIGHT NOW FROM SOME OF THE INJURIES HE RECEIVED BUT HE ALWAYS EVEN IN HIS PAIN AND SUFFERING CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE THAT ALL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE GOING TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR EXPOSURE TO CONTAMINATION INCLUDING AGENT ORANGE AND SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TODAY AND ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THOSE WHO FOR YEARS HAVE DESPITE CONGRESS AND THE MILITARY DENYING THAT EXPOSURE IN PREVIOUS YEARS THAT THEY CONTINUED TO ADVOCATE NOT JUST FOR VETERANS AND THEY CONTINUED TO COMPILE A RECORD AND THE VETERANS AND THE CIVILIANS CONTINUED TO COME IN TO THE GUAM LEGISLATURE AND PUT ON THE RECORD WHAT THEY WITNESSED SO I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THEM FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS THANK THE SPONSORS OF THIS BILL I MEAN THIS RESOLUTION AND I FULLY SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION AND AND I HOPE THAT IT WILL THAT CONGRESS WILL TAKE HEED *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SENATOR BARNETT: ON THE MAIN MOTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER YOU KNOW I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I MEAN THIS RESOLUTION AND I'M HAPPY IDENTIFYING FIND 1958 WHERE SOME OF YOU WEREN'T WEREN'T YET BUT TO 2000 THAT THEY MOVED FORWARD I JUST HOPE CONGRESS WOULD GET OUT OF THEIR GRID LOCK SO THEY CAN PROVIDE THE FUNDING THAT'S NEEDED FOR GUAM BECAUSE THEY'RE IN A MESS RIGHT NOW AS IT IS WE NEED THIS THEIR SUPPORT AND I HOPE THAT ALL ALL OTHER COLLEAGUES ARE ADDED ON TO THAT LIST FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE RESOLUTION THANK YOU FULL SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION.

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

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

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY THAT WERE AFFECTED OR EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE YOU KNOW I ATTENDED THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND CERTAINLY WAS A REMINDER TO ME BECAUSE MANY OF THOSE THAT TESTIFIED ACTUALLY WERE OF MY FATHER'S GENERATION WHO ACTUALLY WORKED WITH MY DAD AT SRF AND AND SEEING THEM THERE TO TESTIFY YOU KNOW WAS A VERY PERSONAL FEELING BECAUSE YOU RECOGNIZE THAT THESE WERE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT HAVE WORKED MANY YEARS ON THE BASE AND NOW IN THEIR LATER YEARS WHILE WE ALL AS WE GET OLDER OBVIOUSLY YOU KNOW WE SUFFER THE ACHES AND PAINS OF AGING YOU KNOW YOU ADD ADDITIONAL LAYERS OF HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT FALL ON TOP OF THAT THAT AND IT MAKES IT A VERY DIFFICULT PROCESS I EXPERIENCED THAT WITH MY FATHER WHO WAS IN THE NAVY FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS EXPOSED HE WORKED AT SRF FOR QUITE A NUMBER OF YEARS AND RETIRED AS A HEAD OF HIS SHOP 72 I ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT SHOP 72 SO MY DAD WENT TO THE NAVY FROM BEING IN CHARGE OF THE HARBOR THERE TO RETIRING AND GOING BACK WORKING FOR CIVIL SERVICE FOR ANOTHER 20 YEARS AFTER AND MANY OF HIS CO-WORKERS DOWN THERE WERE ALSO CHALLENGED AND EXPOSED AND HERE THEY ARE NOW IN THEIR SENIOR YEARS SUFFERING PREDOMINANTLY MANY OF THEM FROM CANCER AND THAT'S A CHALLENGE YOU KNOW ESPECIALLY TO TO HAVE TO ENCOUNTER THESE AILMENTS AND NOT NECESSARILY IF YOU'RE NOT RETIRED IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE THE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS THAT COME WITH BEING A MILITARY RETIREE OR YOU'RE NOT A VETERAN THAT HAS 100% DISABILITY MY FATHER WAS BOTH OF THOSE YOU KNOW A CHALLENGE IT'S A CHALLENGE TO HAVE TO SUFFER THROUGH THIS AND ON TOP OF THAT THE MEDICAL BILLS THAT COME WITH IT THAT YOU DON'T GET SUPPORT FOR THAT TAKE AWAY FROM OTHER THINGS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR FAMILY AND IT'S ONLY YOU KNOW ALL THESE YEARS LATER YOU KNOW WE LOOK AT TODAY AND IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL AND SUNNY OUTSIDE AND YOU KNOW THIS IS AS CLOSE TO PARADISE AS WE CAN GET AND YOU REALIZE BECAUSE OF OUR HISTORY PARTICULARLY DURING THE LAST CENTURY THAT THERE'S SO MUCH ACTIVITY HERE FROM YOU KNOW THE FALLOUT FROM NUCLEAR TESTING AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS TO THE WAR TO THE AMOUNT OF CONTAMINANTS THAT HAVE BEEN YOU KNOW ESSENTIALLY DUG AND DUMPED INTO OUR GROUND I MEAN THE FACT THAT YOU KNOW ANDERSEN WAS A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO 30 PLUS YEARS AGO PUT IN THE NATIONAL PRIORITIES LISTING WAS BECAUSE OF THE CONCERN ABOUT THE QUALITY OF OUR DRINKING WATER BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF CONTAMINANTS BACK THEN WHEN MANY WERE NOT AS CONSCIOUS OR AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND HOW THAT RELATED TO OUR HEALTH YOU KNOW I'VE SEEN YOU KNOW I WAS ON ON THE ANDERSEN RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR 14 YEARS AND I'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ALL THESE AREAS AROUND GUAM MAYBE NOT ALL WE PROBABLY MIGHT NOT HAVE FOUND ALL OF THEM YOU KNOW THAT STRETCH FROM ANDERSEN TO NAVAL STATION OF THE AMOUNT OF CONTAMINANTS WHERE THEY LITERALLY CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT INTO THE LIMESTONE KNOWING THAT THE LIMESTONE IS ALMOST LIKE A SPONGE THAT ABSORBS EVERYTHING YOU KNOW THEY'D EXCAVATE SOMETIMES IN ROWS AND THEY WOULD JUST DEPOSIT THIS STUFF IN THE GROUND AND BURY IT AND OF COURSE YEARS LATER THEY'RE SPENDING MILLIONS MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO EXCAVATE CLEAN OUT AND HOPEFULLY REMEDIATE SOME OF THESE CONTAMINANTS THAT ARE IN THE GROUND SOME THAT THEY CAN'T SOME THEY'VE SIMPLY CAPPED AND COVERED LIKE THEIR LANDFILL BECAUSE EITHER THE TECHNOLOGY IS NOT AVAILABLE OR THE COST IS SO COST PROHIBITIVE AT THE TIME AT THIS TIME THAT THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO ADDRESS FULL CLEANUP AND THEY HAVE TO CONSTANTLY MONITOR THESE SITES BUT YOU KNOW THE REALITY IS THE HUMAN SIDE OF ALL OF THIS AND HOW IT DOES AFFECT OUR HEALTH AND HOW YOU KNOW YOU WORRY YOU KNOW IS THIS SOMETHING WE'RE PASSING ON ALSO TO OUR CHILDREN TO OUR GRANDCHILDREN TO OUR GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN SOME THAT HAVE YET TO BE BORN WONDERING WHY IN SUCH A SMALL POPULATION THESE AILMENTS ARE SO DOMINANT AND YOU WONDER IF GOODNESS ARE WE JUST WAITING FOR YOU KNOW WHEN IF WE DON'T HAVE

CANCER OURSELVES ARE WE JUST WAITING FOR WHEN WE'RE GOING TO BE DIAGNOSED INCLUDING THOSE OF OUR RELATIVES THAT HAVE MOVED OFF ISLAND WHO HAVE YOUNG FAMILY MEMBERS THAT YOU WOULD NEVER THINK THAT ARE HEALTHY AND ROBUST AND THEN THEY GET DIAGNOSED WITH A SERIOUS CANCER AILMENT IS THAT CONNECTED TO WHAT HAPPENED HERE THE EXPOSURE OF THEIR PARENTS WHEN THEY LIVED ON GUAM GREW UP ON GUAM SO DEFINITELY ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO VOICE THE CONCERNS OF OUR PEOPLE BECAUSE THESE ARE REAL YOU KNOW WHEN YOU SEE THESE ARE YOUR OWN PEOPLE THAT YOU'VE KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS THAT ARE CHALLENGED NOW WITH THESE HEALTH ISSUES BECAUSE OF THIS EXPOSURE THEY SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED I DON'T THINK THEIR NEEDS ARE ANY LESS BECAUSE THEY WERE CIVILIAN MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND NOT MEM MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY WHICH OF COURSE MANY OF THEM WORK SIDE BY SIDE AND HAND IN HAND WITH REGARDS TO THE MISSIONS THAT WERE HERE SO BY ALL MEANS AND CERTAINLY COMMEND MY MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR JESSE LUJAN FOR PUTTING THIS RESOLUTION FORTH FOR TAKING THIS TO THE NEXT STEP BECAUSE I KNOW YOU TOO MADAM SPEAKER HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE OVER THE YEARS AND SAYING HEY LET'S YOU KNOW YOU'VE BEEN OUT THERE TOO TO GET THE ATTENTION IN THE COMMUNITY GOING OUT TO THESE LOCATIONS AND SITES AND PUSHING VERY ADAMANTLY FOR TESTING YOU KNOW BECAUSE THEY WANT VERIFICATION EVEN THOUGH THE MILITARY ITSELF WHEN IT WAS CONVENIENT IN THE PAST DIDN'T KEEP THE APPROPRIATE RECORDS IT'S LIKE CAN WE GO OUT AND FIND THE EVIDENCE IN THE SOIL THAT THIS CONTAMINANT ACTUALLY WAS BROUGHT INTO THIS ISLAND AND THAT OUR PEOPLE WERE EXPOSED TO IT SO IN OUR OWN WAY OF BEING ABLE TO PUT THIS CONCERN ON PAPER AND RELAY THIS TO CONGRESS SO THAT OUR PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM THE AILMENTS AS A RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE THAT THEY CAN GET THE SUPPORT AND HELP THEY NEED BECAUSE SOMETIMES THERE'S NO AMOUNT OF MONEY OBVIOUSLY THAT CAN ADDRESS YOUR HEALTH WHEN YOU'RE IMPACTED BY THIS ESPECIALLY IN YOUR YOUR LATER YEARS WHEN IT MAKES YOUR LIFE EVEN MORE CHALLENGING AND EVEN MORE DIFFICULT ON TOP OF LIKE I SAID JUST THE NORMAL AGING PROCESS AND THEN EVEN ON TOP OF THAT TO NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ADDRESS THE MEDICAL CHALLENGES THAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH THE THE DRAINING OF RESOURCES THAT AFFECT YOUR FAMILY YOU KNOW SOMETIMES THEY CHOOSE NOT TO GET TREATMENT SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO BURDEN THEIR FAMILY AND THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT OUR PEOPLE HAVE BROUGHT UPON THEMSELVES SO CERTAINLY ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO BRING THIS TO LIGHT AND AND ADVOCATE FOR THESE ISSUES TO SUPPORT OUR PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS EXPOSURE IS SOMETHING WE MOST DEFINITELY SHOULD DO I THINK IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DO SO SO WITH THAT I DEFINITELY MADAM SPEAKER RISE IN FULL SUPPORT AND AGAIN THANK MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR LUJAN FOR SPEARHEADING THIS INITIATIVE THANK YOU.

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

SENATOR PEREZ: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE THE COMMENTS OF THE RETIRING SPEAKER ON HOW THIS SOLUTION IS IMPORTANT AS A STATEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M SORRY THIS IS SPEAKER TERLAJE WE'RE I KNOW I'M NOT ON THE SCREEN RIGHT NOW WE ARE HAVING AGAIN SOME VERY TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH OUR AUDIO AND MICROPHONE EQUIPMENT MY APOLOGIES TO THE PUBLIC WHO ARE WATCHING WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RECESS AGAIN TO TRY TO RESOLVE THIS SO WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION FROM RECESS AGAIN WE WERE ON SECOND READING WE WERE ON RESOLUTION NUMBER 29-37 COR I APOLOGIZE AGAIN FOR ALL THE TECHNICAL ISSUES THAT WE HAVE BEEN HAVING OVER THE LAST COUPLE DAYS HOPEFULLY WE HAVE THEM RESOLVED NOW AND WE HAVE A BACKUP PLAN SO WE LEFT OFF WITH SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON RESOLUTION 29-37.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 29-37 THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION THAT IT IT'S IT RECOGNIZES THAT CONTAMINATION ISSUES HAVE NO HAVE NO BOUNDARIES WHEN IT COMES TO AGENT ORANGE AND ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO THE OUR ISLAND I THINK BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE I WAS THERE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING WHERE WE HAD A CIVILIAN WHO WORKED AT ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE AND SHE WONDERS WHETHER HER EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE AFFECTED THE HEALTH OF HER SON WHO WHO HAD CONTRACTED CANCER AND SO THAT'S JUST ONE STORY AND I'M I'M SURE AS THE

RETIRING SPEAKER BEFORE ME SPOKE ABOUT MANY PEOPLE THAT IN IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT HAS SUFFERED CANCER AS A RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO TOXINS YOU KNOW WE ALL ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE PACT ACT BECOMING LAW BECAUSE IT EXPANDED COMPENSATION FOR THOSE VETERANS WHO WERE EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE AS A RESULT OF THEIR SERVICE IN THE MILITARY AND IN VIETNAM AND IN OTHER PLACES LIKE GUAM AND YOU KNOW GUAM IS DEFINITELY WAS A STAGING POINT SO AGENT ORANGE AMONGST MANY DIFFERENT HERBICIDES WERE HEAVILY USED IT WAS A TOOL IN WARFARE BECAUSE GUERILLA WARFARE WAS USED USED IN VIETNAM AND SO THE THESE HERBICIDES WERE USED TO TO DEFOREST VIETNAM SO THEY CAN SEE THE COMBATANTS IN VIETNAM AND GUAM IS ONE OF THOSE POINTS THAT WERE WE WERE STAG BASICALLY A LOT OF THESE HERBICIDES CAME THROUGH THERE WAS AND IMAGINE THE THE QUANTITIES OF HERBICIDES THAT WERE USED AND THIS IS WAY BEFORE THE TIME BEFORE EVEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CAME INTO EXISTENCE SO THERE WAS LESS OF THAT AWARENESS OF THESE IMPACTS OF THESE CHEMICALS BEING BROUGHT IN AND LET ALONE THE HUGE QUANTITIES OF CHEMICALS AND THE OTHER THING IS THAT YOU KNOW THROUGH THE TESTIMONY OF MANY VETERANS WHO SUPPORTED THE RECOGNITION OF GUAM BECOMING PART OF THE PACT ACT YOU KNOW THANKS TO THEM THAT THEY YOU KNOW GUAM IS RECOGNIZED AND INCLUDED IN THIS IMPORTANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION THIS HALLMARK LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD BASICALLY STREAMLINE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR THOSE THAT ARE SUFFERING FROM MANY OF THE ILLNESSES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED AND ILLNESSES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH AGENT ORANGE AND JUST TO REITERATE SOME OF THESE INCLUDE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MONOCLONAL GAMMOPATHY AND A WHOLE LIST OF CANCERS BLADDER CANCER CHRONIC B CELL LEUKEMIA HODGKINS DISEASE MULTIPLE MYOMA NON HODGKINS LYMPHOMA PROSTATE CANCER RESPIRATORY CANCERS INCLUDING LUNG CANCER SOFT TISSUE SARCOMAS AMYLOIDOSIS CHLORACNE DIABETES MELLITUS TYPE 2 WHICH ARE COMMUNITY HAS A HIGH RATE OF HYPOTHYROIDISM ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE PARKINSONISM PARKINSON'S DISEASE PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY EARLY ONSET PYRACANTHA SO A LOT OF THESE CONDITIONS WE RECOGNIZE BECAUSE THEY HAVE STRICKEN OUR FAMILIES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION IS THAT YOU KNOW WITH THE HELP OF OUR RESIDENTS AND THOSE IN IN THE CONGRESS I THINK THE RECOGNITION NEEDS TO BE EXPANDED TO NOT JUST THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY WITH THEIR LIVES BUT ALSO THE NON- CIVILIANS THAT WERE IN CLOSE CONTACT UNKNOWINGLY IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THIS VERY HARMFUL CHEMICAL AND MANY OF THEM AND NOT OF THEIR WILL YOU KNOW THIS IS A VERY PERSONAL ISSUE YOU KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE IN OUR FAMILY THAT HAVE DIED FROM CANCER AND THESE PARTICULAR CANCERS THERE ARE PEOPLE IN OUR FAMILY THAT HAVE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE THAT HAVE DIABETES AND IT'S REALLY WITH THIS RESOLUTION AS A VOICE WE'RE MAKING THIS A LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY THAT OUR COMMUNITY SEEKS COMPENSATION AND JUSTICE FOR BEING EXPOSED TO THESE HARMFUL CHEMICALS WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE BUT YET WE TO THIS DAY EXPERIENCE THE IMPACTS AND SO I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION AND I DO HOPE THAT IT ACHIEVES SUCCESS AND THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN RECEIVE THE HEALTH CARE TO ADDRESS THESE ILLNESSES AND I THINK MORE IMPORTANTLY AT THIS POINT IF WE CAN PREVENT THEM I MEAN MOVING FORWARD WE KNOW THAT THESE TOXINS HAVE NO BORDERS THEY FILTER INTO OUR WATER EVENTUALLY AND SO THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO ENSURE THAT OUR ENVIRONMENT IS CLEAN SO THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN BE HEALTHY *SI YU'OS MAÅSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MAÅSE'* SENATOR PEREZ ON THE RESOLUTION SENATOR TAITAGUE THEN SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MAÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 29-30 37 MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES MENTIONED THE DEVASTATION OF AGENT ORANGE AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO BEEN PLAGUED BY IT THROUGH CANCER OR OTHER TYPE OF DISEASES I KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR PUBLIC OUR COMMUNITY WATCHES THESE SESSIONS AND THEY LISTEN TO WHAT'S GOING ON A LOT OF TIMES THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THESE REPORTS THAT ARE CREATED THESE COMMITTEE REPORTS IN WHICH MANY OF THE STORIES FROM THESE INDIVIDUALS COME FORWARD AND I JUST THOUGHT AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THIS PARTICULAR TESTIMONY THAT CAME OUT REALLY TOUCHED ME AND I JUST WANTED TO READ A FEW THINGS FROM IT IT'S IT SAYS *HÅFA ADAI* AND GREETINGS FROM THE PALIK FAMILY WITH ALL DUE RESPECT I HUMBLY REQUEST THAT YOUR GOOD OFFICE INCLUDE MY PARENTS' NAMES AND MYSELF MR. BETWEL ASSU PALIK WHO WAS BORN ON AND DIDN'T GIVE THE DATE PASSED AWAY WHO PASSED AWAY AND MY MOM JULIET B. PALIK BORN DIDN'T GIVE THE DATE SHE SHE'S STILL ALIVE AND LIVING IN CALIFORNIA TODAY AND I JOHNSTON B. PALIK CURRENTLY LIVING IN GUAM TRAVELING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN GUAM AND CALIFORNIA WE HAVE A SON IN THE MILITARY SERVICE STATION IN GUAM BORN AND RAISED HERE WE ARE

VICTIM WE ARE THE VICTIM AND SURVIVORS OF AGENT ORANGE WITH THE PRESUMPTION DISEASE EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE CHEMICAL PRESUMPTIVE DISEASE AGAIN I AM JOHNSTON BETWEL PALIK AND I AM A US CITIZEN AND A RESIDENT OF GUAM MY FATHER TOLD ME A LOT OF HIS SECRET STORY IN HIS ACCOUNT DURING AND AFTER HE WAS HIRED AS A CONTRACT SEAMAN WHEN HE WAS A YOUNG WHEN HE WAS YOUNG TO WORK ON THE VESSELS THAT TRANSPORTED AGENT ORANGE 55 GALLON DRUMS FROM MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE US PORTS IN ROUTE TO VIETNAM GUAM AND JOHNSTON ATOLL IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DURING THE US NAVY WHO ADMINISTERED GUAM AND SAIPAN DURING AND FROM 1950 TO 1977 MY DAD WAS TRAVELING ON THE SHIP BETWEEN THE US PORTS IN VIETNAM GUAM AND JOHNSTON ATOLL MY DAD TOLD ME HE NAMED ME AFTER JOHNSTON ATOLL BECAUSE IT'S A MILITARY SECRET BASE FOR CHEMICAL AGENTS FOR NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTS AND TESTING IT IS NEARBY KWAJALEIN MILITARY BASE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS I REMEMBER TRAVELING WITH MY PARENTS WHEN I WAS A LITTLE BOY BETWEEN GUAM AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AND MICRONESIA ISLANDS IT WAS FUN BUT I NEVER KNEW THOSE VESSELS WERE TRANSPORTING AND CARRYING CHEMICAL AGENTS BEFORE MY DAD PASSED AWAY HE TOLD MY MOM TO STOP EATING THE FISH THAT WAS CAUGHT IN JOHNSTON ATOLL AND SOME ISLANDS NEARBY ISLANDS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS BECAUSE HE WAS TOLD BY THE CAPTAIN AND THE CREWS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THERE WERE NO MORE CATCHING FISH IN THE OCEAN OF JOHNSTON ATOLL ISLAND AFTER THE AGENT ORANGE WAS DUMPED INTO THE SEA OFF JOHNSTON AT TO BIKINI AND WE AT TO AND WAKE ISLAND IT WAS LATE WE'D BEEN EATING THOSE FISH THAT WAS C CAUGHT IN THE OCEAN OF JOHNSON ATOLL AND NEARBY CONTAMINATED ISLANDS WITH THE EXPOSURE OF AGENT OR ONLY AFTER WHAT MY DAD LEARNED WE STOPPED EATING FISH FROM THE MARSHALL ISLANDS UNFORTUNATELY MY DAD WAS DIAGNOSED WITH MANY COMPLICATED AILMENTS HEART DISEASE LIVER CANCER SKIN DISORDER DISEASE CANCER THAT AFFECT HIS BLOOD CELLS HIGH BLOOD PROSTATE CANCER AND DIABETES MY MOM IS VERY ILL TODAY AT 84 YEARS OLD I'M ALSO DIAGNOSED WITH SKIN DISEASE DISORDER SIMILAR TO TO MY DAD'S SKIN DISEASE DIABETES AND PROSTATE ISSUES SO SAD I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND EFFORT CARING FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS WHO DESERVE THE AGENT ORANGE COMPENSATION COMPENSATION YOU CAN ALWAYS REACH ME VIA EMAIL OR CALL MY HOME PHONE NUMBER ON GUAM MY GUAM CELL AND GIVES HIS NUMBER AND THEN HE SIGNS OFF THANKING SENATOR LUJAN HE WAS NAMED AFTER JOHNSTON ATOLL JOHNSTON PALIK THIS IS A VERY TOUCHING STORY AND I HOPE THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING TODAY SEE THAT HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT'S BEEN AFFECTED BUT THERE ARE MANY MORE AND MANY MORE STORIES WHAT CAN WE DO BUT WE'RE DOING AS MUCH AS WE CAN OUR VOICES NEED TO BE HEARD OUR RESOLUTIONS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AND WE CAN NEVER STOP STOP TRYING AT THIS TIME MADAM SPEAKER I'D ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE KEEP THOSE IN YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR PRAYERS THOSE SUFFERING TODAY FROM CANCER FROM ALL THESE DIS DISEASES THAT COME FROM AGENT ORANGE AND OTHER RADIATION EXPOSURE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MAÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND I CERTAINLY RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 2937 YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER WHEN WHEN I LOOK AT THE EFFORTS BY YOURSELF AND THOSE THAT YOU MENTIONED DURING YOUR TESTIMONY IT REMINDS ME OF A GOSPEL SONG IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK TO GET A FIRE BURNING YOU KNOW I THINK BACK TO ALL THE HEARINGS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD AND ALL THE DISCUSSIONS AND ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD COME TO THIS AUGUST BODY AND SPEND HOURS AND HOURS GIVING US ALL THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF WHAT THIS TERRIBLE POISON HAD WHAT THEY BELIEVE HAD DONE TO RAVAGE MANY OF THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS THROUGH THE YEARS AND IT'S A TESTAMENT TO HOW THAT PERSISTENCE AND INSISTENCE REALLY CAN BRING ABOUT REDRESS THERE'S ONE INDIVIDUAL AND I HAVE TO BRING UP HIS NAME BECAUSE I HAVE A JUST A SHORT STORY ROBERT CELESTIAL I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR OVER 22 YEARS NOW IN HIS BATTLE AND ADVOCACY ON THIS ISSUE RECENTLY ON ONE OF OUR LONG HEARINGS THAT WENT CLOSE TO 10:00 AT NIGHT HE STAYED AND I WALKED OUTSIDE AND HE APPROACHED ME AND HE SAID *HÅFA ADAI* CHRIS HE GOES MAN YOU'VE BEEN AT THIS FOR A LONG TIME AND HE SAID THIS WAS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE LONG HEARINGS HOW DO YOU DO IT AND I LOOKED AT HIM LIKE ROBERT HOW DO I DO THIS HOW HAVE YOU DONE WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR THE YEARS THAT YOU'VE DONE IT AND YOU KNOW ONE THING ABOUT ROBERT NOT TO TAKE AWAY ANYTHING FROM ANYONE ELSE WHO'S ALWAYS BEEN PERSISTENT ON THIS ISSUE THAT MAN HAS LIKE A SMILING SOUL YOU KNOW HE'S HE'S BATTLING SOMETHING THAT HE BELIEVES HAS ALSO AFFECTED HIM HE'S BATTLING AN ISSUE THAT IS CAN BE CONTROVERSIAL AND TAKES A LOT OF PERSISTENCE AND AND AND WOULD MAKE SOME ANGRY RIGHTFULLY SO ON SOME DIFFERENT LEVELS BUT HIS DEMEANOR AS HE PRESENTED HIMSELF HE HE MUST REALLY HAVE A

PEACE IN HIS SOUL BECAUSE HE NEVER CAME ACROSS AS ANGRY OR COMBATIVE TO ME ANY TIME PASSIONATE YES SO MANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES TODAY HAVE DISCUSSED ALL THE SALIENT PARTS OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THE ISSUES SURROUNDING AGENT ORANGE AND OTHER CONTAMINATIONS THAT WERE SOMETHING THAT HOPEFULLY BECAUSE OF WHAT WE DO TODAY WILL NOT HAPPEN HAPPEN GOING FORWARD IN THE FUTURE SO I DIDN'T WANT TO CONTINUE TO ENUMERATE THAT BECAUSE MY COLLEAGUES HAVE DONE SUCH A GREAT JOB BUT I WANTED TO ONCE AGAIN RECOGNIZE THIS PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL I KNOW HE PROBABLY WOULD BE BASHFUL AND SHY AND MAYBE A LITTLE UPSET WITH ME FOR BRINGING UP HIS NAME BUT HE CERTAINLY IS SOMEONE WHO I HOLD VERY DEAR IN MY HEART AND PRAY FOR DAILY AND ALSO JUST TO ONCE AGAIN SAY TO OUR PEOPLE YOU KNOW AS MY COLLEAGUE MENTIONED I KNOW MANY DO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT WE DO HERE THAT PERSISTENCE WILL GET RESULTS AND WHEN YOU BELIEVE IN SOMETHING HOLD IT DEAR TO YOUR HEART AND FIGHT WITH EVERYTHING YOU GOT IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THAT MISSION AND I THINK THAT ONCE AGAIN WANT TO CONGRATULATE SENATOR LUJAN GLAD TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF THIS RESOLUTION GOING FORWARD AND CARRYING THE TORCH REALLY OF AND STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE TO FIGHT THIS VERY VERY RIGHTEOUS FIGHT AND HOPEFULLY NOW AS HE MENTIONED WE WERE ON A RADIO SHOW TOGETHER TODAY THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED HALF OF THE LOAF AND THANK GOD YOU KNOW IT'S PRECEDENCE RIGHT AND SO NOW WE'LL SIT BACK AND PRAY FOR THE OTHER HALF A LOAF TO COME FORWARD AND TO BRING SOME COMFORT TO FAMILIES WHO REALLY ONLY WANT THE ABILITY TO TO LIVE THEIR LIFE WITH DIGNITY AND THE POSSIBILITY TO BECOME DISEASE FREE SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER CERTAINLY I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO VOTING ON THIS RESOLUTION AND I'M PRAYING THAT IT WILL GET UNANIMOUS SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MAÅSE*'.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MAÅSE*' SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE RESOLUTION ANYONE ELSE SENATOR BAR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I TOO IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION WANTED TO JUST FIRST START BY WISHING THE BEST TO OUR FRIEND MR. ROBERT CELESTIAL GREAT GUY AWESOME AWESOME MAN GREAT MAN HAS TIRELESSLY FOUGHT FOR AWARENESS AND ACTION ON ON THIS CAUSE AND AND OTHERS DESPITE NEVER HOLDING AN ELECTED OFFICE HE HAS BEEN THE MAN ON THIS ISSUE UM AND OF COURSE GOT TO GIVE SPEAKER TERLAJE HER PROPS AS WELL BUT ONE GREAT THING ABOUT MR. CELESTIAL IS HE'S SO HELPFUL ANYTIME I GET A VETERAN WHO CALLS ME ABOUT OH THEY'RE THEY'RE RUNNING INTO STANDSTILL AT THE VA OR THEY CAN'T FIGURE OUT THIS CAN'T FIGURE OUT THAT ARE THEY ELIGIBLE FOR THIS OR THAT I ALWAYS TELL HIM I GOT A FRIEND UNCLE ROBERT I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU HIS NUMBER AND YOU KNOW WHEN HE HAS TIME HE'LL REACH OUT AND AND CALL YOU AND HE'S VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND AND IT NEVER FAILS EVERY TIME I SEND A NUMBER OVER TO MR. ROBERT CELESTIAL AND THEN I CIRCLE BACK WITH THE PERSON ASKED HIM TO CALL THEY ALWAYS SAID OH MAN CHRIS HE CALLED ME RIGHT AWAY AND SO THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF GUY HE IS THAT NO MATTER WHAT HE'S GOING THROUGH HAS NEVER HESITATED TO TRY AND AND UPLIFT OTHERS AND TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THIS ISSUE AND AND THE AUTHOR OF THIS RESOLUTION HAD SAID IN HIS OPENING THAT HE HOPED THIS RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AND I THINK IT WILL BUT LET'S NOT FORGET THE DAYS WHEN MANY PEOPLE DOUBTED PEOPLE LIKE MR. ROBERT CELESTIAL MANY PEOPLE SAID THEY WERE *KÅDUKU* WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT AGENT ORANGE EVEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DENIED AND LIED ABOUT THE USAGE OF AGENT ORANGE ON OUR ISLAND WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF THE MEDIA I INTERVIEWED THE LATE MASTER SERGEANT AIR FORCE MASTER SERGEANT LEROY FOSTER WHO WAS STATIONED ON GUAM AND WHO HAD PROVIDED A WHOLE LOT OF SWORN TESTIMONY BASICALLY SAYING THAT YES HE DID SPRAY AGENT ORANGE ALL OVER THE ISLAND HE EVEN DUMPED BARRELS OF IT AS HE WAS ORDERED TO DO SO OVER CLIFF LINES DOWNHILLS YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE RUNS DOWNHILL WATER RUNNING RIGHT INTO OUR AQUIFER YET FOR DECADES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LIED DECEIVED COVERED UP THAT THEY WERE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS AND ALL OF THE IMPACTS THAT OUR ISLAND AND OUR PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED SINCE THEN IT WASN'T UNTIL 2022 THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAME OUT AND ACKNOWLEDGED AND ADMITTED FINALLY WHAT MANY SERVICE MEMBERS AND FAMILIES OF VETERANS AND PEOPLE HERE ON GUAM ALREADY KNEW AND AGAIN THAT'S WHY IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO NEVER FORGET THIS LEGACY OF CONTAMINATION AND LIES THAT THE MILITARY HAS LEFT BEHIND BUT *AI ADAI* WHEN WE ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MILITARY THEY LABEL US ANTI-MILITARY OBSTRUCTIONISTS I'M SURE THAT THIS RESOLUTION IS GOING TO PASS UNANIMOUSLY BUT LET'S NOT FORGET THE LESSON OF THE PAST THAT WHISTLEBLOWERS AND PEOPLE COME OUT AND TELL THE TRUTH AND MANY TIMES WE'RE ALL TOO SKEPTICAL ALL TOO QUICK TO BURY THEM TO CALL THEM CRAZY AND SO I HOPE WE LEARN THE LESSONS THAT THAT

PEOPLE LIKE MR. CELESTIAL AND MASTER SERGEANT FOSTER AND ALL THE COUNTLESS VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED BOTH UNDER THAT FLAG AND OUR FLAG AND LET'S MAKE SURE THAT THAT WE DO OUR BEST TO AVOID BEING ON THE RECEIVING END OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S SINS AND SO I I ASK THAT WE PASS THIS RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY AND WE WE TAKE WHAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM THIS AND APPLY IT ON ALL OF THE ISSUES AFFECTING OUR ISLAND MOVING FORWARD TO DO ANYTHING ELSE WOULD BE A DISSERVICE AND AND A DISRESPECT TO THE PEOPLE THAT THIS RESOLUTION SUPPORTS THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE RESOLUTION SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION THAT HAS BEEN LONG OVERDUE WE ACKNOWLEDGE THROUGH THIS RESOLUTION A GRAVE INJUSTICE COMMITTED AGAINST THE INNOCENT CIVILIAN RESIDENTS OF GUAM WHO WERE EXPOSED TO THE TOXIC HERBICIDE AGENT ORANGE BY THE US MILITARY AGENT ORANGE A DIOXIN LADEN DEFOLIANT HAS BEEN IRREFUTABLY LINKED TO A PLETHORA OF SEVERE HEALTH ISSUES RANGING FROM CANCER TO BIRTH DEFECTS AMONG OTHERS OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM MY FATHER INCLUDED WERE DIRECTLY EXPOSED TO THIS CHEMICAL AND HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECOGNIZED AND COMPENSATED FOR THEIR SUFFERINGS YET A GROUP THAT HAS LONG BEEN OVERLOOKED ARE THE RESIDENTS OF GUAM OUR FELLOW CITIZENS WHO LIVED ON THEIR LANDS AND FACED INADVERTENT EXPOSURE WE'RE NOT HERE TO POINT FINGERS OR REOPEN OLD WOUNDS WE ARE HERE TO ADDRESS AN OVERSIGHT TO GIVE VOICE TO THOSE WHO WERE VOICELESS AND TO PROVIDE JUSTICE TO THE UNRECOGNIZED SUFFERERS THIS IS ABOUT JUSTICE AND EMPATHY OUR FELLOW CITIZENS IN GUAM DID NOT VOLUNTEER TO BE EXPOSED TO THIS HARMFUL AGENT THEIR EXPOSURE WAS INADVERTENT A CONSEQUENCE OF OUR MILITARY'S DECISION DURING A TIME THAT WAS VERY DIFFICULT IN OUR HISTORY THEIR SUFFERING IS AS REAL AS ANY SOLDIERS BY PASSING THIS RESOLUTION WE'RE NOT JUST COMPENSATING WE ARE ACKNOWLEDGING A PAIN A TRAUMA THAT HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS WE ARE SENDING A MESSAGE THAT WE SEE THEM WE HEAR THEM AND WE STAND WITH THEM MANY OF THESE VICTIMS HAVE BEEN LIVING IN THE SHADOWS FOR DECADES WAITING FOR RECOGNITION VALIDATION AND SUPPORT BY ADDRESSING THIS OVERSIGHT WE CAN SHINE A LIGHT ON THIS DARK CHAPTER OF OUR HISTORY AND SET A PRECEDENT FOR TRANSPARENCY ACCOUNTABILITY AND KINDNESS IN CONCLUSION THIS RESOLUTION IS NOT JUST ABOUT FINANCIAL COMPENSATION IT'S ABOUT MORAL RESTITUTION IT'S ABOUT ACKNOWLEDGING THE PAST LEARNING FROM IT AND MAKING AMENDS LET'S STAND UNITED IN RECOGNIZING THE NON-MILITARY RESIDENTS OF GUAM WHO ARE EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE AND PROVIDE THEM WITH THE COMPENSATION THEY SO RIGHTFULLY DESERVE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO' LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE RESOLUTION IF IF NO ONE ELSE THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE RESOLUTION.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYBODY GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES I WANT TO THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT LOOKING UNANIMOUS AND I'M SURE EVEN THE ONES THAT ARE EXCUSED FROM FROM SESSION THEY WOULD BE IN SUPPORT AS WELL WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR THE SUPPORT AND LIKewise RECOGNIZE ALL THE FOLKS THAT HAVE HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL THIS IS NOT THE FIRST RESOLUTION AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED BEFORE AND EVEN WHEN I FIRST GOT IN LEGISLATURE BACK IN THE 27TH AND I THINK THAT WAS 2003 EVEN THEN RESOLUTIONS BEFORE THAT WERE INTRODUCED SO WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT ALONE OVER 23 YEARS NOT TO MENTION YEARS BEFORE THAT THAT RESOLUTIONS WERE WERE WERE ADOPTED AND FORWARDED TO THE TO TO CONGRESS THE HALF LOAF THAT SENATOR DUEÑAS IS TALKING ABOUT IS AT LEAST WE FINALLY GOT HALF RECOGNITION IN THE SENSE THAT THE PACT ACT WAS PASSED IN 2000 2022 WHICH RECOGNIZED OF COURSE THE MILITARY FOLKS THAT WERE HERE THAT WERE EXPOSED FINALLY SO WILL THIS BE THE LAST RESOLUTION I'M HOPING AND PRAYING IT WILL BE BUT IT'S GOING TO BE AN UPWARD UH UPHILL BATTLE AS WELL TO BE ABLE TO TO GET THIS FUNDING FOR THE CIVILIAN SIDE OF THE OF THE HOUSE BUT IT'S A FIGHT THAT WE MUST CONTINUE IT IT'S A CAUSE THAT WE MUST CONTINUE AGAIN PRECEDENT HAD BEEN SET IN REGARDS TO IDENTIFYING AND FINALLY RECOGNIZING THAT EXPOSURE HAPPENED HERE ON OUR ISLAND AS WAS MENTIONED IN THE PUBLIC IN PUBLIC HEARING I WON'T MENTION HER NAME I DIDN'T GET PERMISSION TO MENTION HER NAME TONIGHT BUT IT WAS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER REGARDING A

AN AILMAN OF HER SON IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN IT WAS A BLOOD DISEASE AND THEY WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH BECAUSE THEIR THEIR FAMILY HAD THE MEANS TO BE ABLE TO GO OFF ISLAND FOR THE PROPER DIAGNOSIS AND WHAT MADE HER THE MOTHER OF THIS CHILD I THINK THAT IT WAS YOU KNOW IT WAS AGENT ORANGE WAS THE DOCTOR HAD ASKED HER WERE YOU EVER IN VIETNAM WERE YOU EVER IN VIETNAM EXPOSED TO TO ANY OF THE CHEMICALS OVER THERE NO NEVER IN VIETNAM BUT SHE DID WORK ON BASE IN ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE WHERE THIS CHEMICAL WAS USED THEY HAD THE MEANS TO BE ABLE TO GET THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT AND WE'RE GLAD TO SAY THAT THAT BABY IS WELL TODAY BUT AS PREVIOUS SPEAKERS SAID THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH AILMENTS THAT EVEN WITHIN MY FAMILY BOTH MY MY MOM AND DAD DIED OF CANCER AILMENTS THAT OFTEN RELATE *AI SA' SPAM LÁTAN KÁTNE'* BUT NOW WE GET TO LEARN THAT ALL THESE AILMENTS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO A LOT OF WHAT WE HAD TO HAD TO ENDURE NOT AND THEN AGAIN THE CHEMICALS THAT THAT WERE USED I KNOW FOLKS FROM SRF TESTIFIED THAT YOU KNOW THEY WOULD BRING THESE BOATS THAT WENT DOWN TO MEKONG DELTA I THINK IT WAS AND THEY SAID THEY THEY WERE SO STICKY FROM FILM FROM THE SPRAYS AND ALL THEY WERE WEARING WAS JUST I THINK A MASK THAT WAS IT AND QUITE A FEW HAVE OF COURSE SUCCEMDED TO ILLNESSES THAT YOU KNOW UNKNOWN UNKNOWN ORIGIN SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I WANT TO THANK AGAIN MY MY COLLEAGUES FOR FOR SUPPORTING THIS RESOLUTION YEAH RESOLUTION AND THANK MY PREDECESSORS AS WELL FOR THEIR INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION AND THE EFFORT OF COURSE FROM EVERYONE WHO HAD FOUGHT FOR THIS FOR THE DOWNWINDERS NO DIFFERENT FROM FROM THIS MR. ROBERT CELESTIAL WHO WE WE WE PRAY WILL HAVE A SPEEDY RECOVERY FOR THEIR EFFORTS BUT THIS FIGHT DOESN'T END IT'S STILL AN UPHILL BATTLE BUT ARE WE SEEING A LIGHT IN THE END OF THE TUNNEL I THINK SO LIKE I SAID WE GOT TO WE GOT A HALF LOAF SO LET'S WORK FOR THAT OTHER HALF AND MAKE THE FOLKS WHO WERE EXPOSED AS WELL WHO ARE WHO WERE NOT VETERANS BUT WORKED ALONGSIDE THEM AND THE FOLKS AGAIN WHO LIVE BY THESE PLACES WHO UH THAT WERE SPRAYED LET'S MAKE THEM WHOLE AND THAT'S WHAT WE ASK OF CONGRESS AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO TO THE PASSAGE AND SENDING TO CONGRESS AND WORKING CLOSELY OF COURSE WITH WITH OUR CONGRESSMAN JIM MOYLAN TO BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE IT AND AND FIND THE SOURCE OF FUNDING TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH HIS COLLEAGUES HOPEFULLY THEY'LL BE ABLE TO GET A SPEAKER PRETTY SOON AND BE ABLE TO MOVE ON AND GET US A LITTLE CLOSER TO CLOSING THIS CHAPTER AND AND AND ENDING THIS LONG HARDFOUGHT BATTLE WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I WANT TO AGAIN THANK YOU AND MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY.

SENATOR LUJAN: OH YEAH MADAM SPEAKER I I MOVE TO RESOLUTION 29-37 COR TO BOTTOM OF THE THIRD READING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE THE RESOLUTION INTO THE THIRD READING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON RESOLUTION NUMBER 223-37 LS SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER AND AND COLLEAGUES I MOVE TO PLACE EXCUSE ME RESOLUTION 223-37 LS RELATIVE TO STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND CONDEMNING THE HORRENDOUS ATTACK AND WAR CRIMES OF HAMAS THAT OCCURRED IN OCTOBER OF 2023 AND THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER MY FELLOW COLLEAGUES PEOPLE OF GUAM PLEASE LET US DECLARE THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM VIA THE GUAM LEGISLATURE STAND WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ALL OF US KNOW FROM THE HEADLINES JUST LITTLE OVER 10 DAYS AGO HAMAS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION BASED IN GAZA MY CHIEF OF STAFF HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT ALTHOUGH HIS NAME IS VIC GAZA HE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT OKAY WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE MULLAS OF IRAN BRUTALLY ATTACKED THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY OF ISRAEL HAMAS ATTACKED WITH MISSILES AND WITH ORGANIZED TERRORIST MILITIAS INVADING ISRAEL SOVEREIGNTY SOVEREIGN TERRITORY AND MASSACRING CIVILIAN MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN AS HAMAS INVADED THEY TERRORIZED BRUTALIZED MURDERED RAPED WITHOUT REMORSE SPARING NO ONE IN THEIR RELENTLESS CRUELTY THEY RAPED AND TORTURED MANY WOMEN AND KILL THEM DECLARING ISRAELI LIFE AS WORTHLESS THEY HAVE TAKEN INNOCENT ISRAELIS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL CITIZENS AS HOST HOSTAGES THEY ARE TREATING THE LIVES OF INNOCENTS AS PONDS IN A

VIOLENT AND TERRIBLE SUICIDE MISSION WE HAVE TO REMEMBER IN ADDITION TO ISRAELIS HAMAS KILLED PEOPLE FROM 35 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES THERE WAS A FILIPINA CAREGIVER WHO CHOSE TO STAY WITH HER JEWISH PATIENT CAREGIVING FOR HER BEDRIDDEN AT THAT PATIENT SAID FLEE SAVE YOUR LIFE SHE DECIDED TO STAY WITH HER PATIENT THEY BOTH GOT KILLED THE WORLD HAS RARELY SEEN SUCH HORRIFIC ACT OF TERRORISM THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH VIOLENCE FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF ISRAEL OVER 1,200 ISRAELIS WERE MURDERED AND CITIZENS OF OTHER NATIONALITIES WERE ALSO KILLED NOT SINCE THE HOLOCAUST HAVE SO MANY JEWS BEEN MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD HAMAS IS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION THAT REIGN TERROR ON ISRAEL IN AN UNPROVOKED ATTACK NEEDLESS TO SAY THIS RESOLUTION IS AN OPPOSITION OF THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAMAS AND THEIR FOLLOWERS NOT THE INNOCENT CIVILIANS OF THE HAMAS STRIP THIS IS THE SAME THING AS CONDEMNING THE ACTIONS OF AL-QAEDA ISIS ABU SAYYAF HEZBOLLAH AND OTHER EXTREMIST TERRORIST GROUPS THE COORDINATED ATTACK ON OCTOBER 7, 2023 AS BARBARIC AND TARGETED INNOCENT CIVILIANS WHO WERE UNARMED DEFENSELESS AND VULNERABLE THIS CANNOT BE TOLERATED THIS MUST BE STOPPED FROM EVER HAPPENING AGAIN MY COLLEAGUES WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE A US TERRITORY A DEVELOPED WESTERN CIVILIZATION WE ARE NOT EXCLUDED FROM THEIR HATE GOD FORBID WE EVER ENCOUNTER THEM IN THEIR WRATH WE WOULD SUFFER THE SAME FATE AS THE REASON VICTIMS IN ISRAEL WE SHOULD AND MUST DECLARE OUR SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WE SHOULD LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD THE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE SUPPORTS THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE ISRAEL THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND ISRAEL WAS ATTACKED HAMAS IS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAMAS WAS FILLED IS FILLED WITH HATE AND PROUDLY DEMONSTRATED THAT TO THE WORLD THEIR DESIRE TO ELIMINATE THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST KILLING INNOCENT MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO WERE JUST GOING ABOUT THEIR DAY THE FESTIVAL GOERS WHO WERE LOOKING TO HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH THEIR FRIENDS THIS COULD BE ANY OF US IT COULD HAVE BEEN ANY OF US ATTENDING THAT FESTIVAL IN ISRAEL WE SHOULD SEND A MESSAGE LOUD AND CLEAR WE STAND WITH ISRAEL WE STAND FOR PEACE AND WE WILL NOT TOLERATE EXTREMISTS TERRORISTS BRUTALITY AND BARBARIC ACTIONS MY COLLEAGUES I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT PASS RESOLUTION 23-37 LS WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR OR MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I BELIEVE IN THE PRINCIPLES OF TRANSPARENCY PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND DUE DILIGENCE IN THE CONSIDERATION OF ALL RESOLUTIONS PUT FORTH BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE BODY THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING GUAM'S SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AGAINST HAMAS IS A SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT THAT IMPACTS OUR INTERNATIONAL POSTURE AND OUR LOCAL SENTIMENT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT SUCH AN IMPACTFUL RESOLUTION IS NOT ONLY THOROUGHLY EXAMINED BUT ALSO SUBJECTED TO A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC HEARING THIS ENSURES THAT THE VOICE OF OUR COMMUNITY IS HEARD AND THAT THEIR OPINIONS AND CONCERNS ARE GIVEN WEIGHT IN THE FINAL DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IN THE SPIRIT OF OPENNESS AND DEMOCRACY I MOVE FOR THE RETURN OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THIS ACTION WILL GUARANTEE THAT EVERY STAKEHOLDER FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS TO CONCERNED CITIZENS HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS AND INSIGHTS ON THE MATTER ONLY THEN CAN WE BE CONFIDENT THAT OUR STANCE AS A REPRESENTATIVE BODY GENUINELY MIRRORS THE SENTIMENTS OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM I URGE OUR FELLOW MEMBERS TO PRIORITIZE THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE THAT GUIDE OUR REPUBLIC BY SUPPORTING THIS CALL TO RETURN THE RESOLUTION TO COMMITTEE FOR A THOROUGH AND INCLUSIVE PUBLIC HEARING BECAUSE OUR PEOPLE DESERVE TO HAVE A SAY AND OUR PEOPLE DESERVE NO LESS AND WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR I MY TIME AND MOTION TO SEND THIS BACK TO COMMITTEE SO WE COULD HAVE A THOROUGH PUBLIC HEARING AS IT DESERVES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO SEND REFER THE BILL BACK TO THE COMMITTEE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ON THE MOTION TO RETURN TO THE COMMITTEE PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR ALL RIGHT ON THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER OVER LUNCHTIME MY DAUGHTER'S STORM INTO MY OFFICE AND SHE SAYS WHAT ARE YOU DOING WHY ARE YOU SUPPORTING ISRAEL AND MY DAUGHTER KNOWS

WHERE I STAND ON THIS ISSUE BUT SHE WANTED TO MAKE A POINT AFTER MY DEPLOYMENT I ACTIVELY TRIED TO CONVERT TO JUDAISM I BELIEVE MY SOUL WAS JEWISH I HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED ISRAEL I LAUD ISRAEL'S INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY AND I I I LOVE WHAT THEY BROUGHT TO THE WORLD ONE OF MY EARLIER CAMPAIGN SIGNS I ACTUALLY WROTE IN HEBREW ON THE BOTTOM TIKKUN OLAM AND IT MEANS TO REPAIR THE WORLD AND I WAS NOT ON ISLAND WHEN THE EVENTS UNFOLDED IN ISRAEL BUT IT WAS IT WAS HORRIFIC IT WAS VERY VERY HEART HEARTBREAKING WHY BECAUSE MY SOUL BELIEVES THAT THIS THE THAT ISRAEL SHOULD BE A COUNTRY OF ITS OWN BUT ALSO I BELIEVE THAT A TWO-STATE SOLUTION IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO TO WORK ON FOR PEACE FOR TIKKUN OLAM SO WE CAN HELP REPAIR THE WORLD SO I HAD TO EXPLAIN TO MY DAUGHTER AND SHE WE SHE WAS KIND OF BROUGHT TO TEARS THAT AFTER WE EXCHANGED AND WE GOT TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE TO CONDEMN THE WRONG THE RAPES AND THE THE THE MURDER AND THE MASSACRE AND THIS RESOLUTION JUST DOES THAT AND IT ALSO SUPPORTS ISRAEL AND THEIR RIGHT TO EXIST AND AND PALESTINE AS WELL I I I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THERE'S A COMPROMISE IN THERE SOMEWHERE THAT TWO PEOPLE DIFFERENT PEOPLES CAN LIVE TOGETHER I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S THAT I THINK THAT'S WHAT THE WORLD WANTS AND SO WITH THAT I SUPPORT ISRAEL AND LET US SUPPORT THEM TO BRING THOSE WHO HAVE HURT THE INNOCENT LET'S BRING LET'S HELP THEM BRING THOSE PEOPLE PEOPLE TO JUSTICE AND FIND SOME WAY WHERE WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER BOTH SIDES AND REPAIR THE WORLD THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ON THE RESOLUTION SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND I CERTAINLY RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 22337 MADAM SPEAKER THE AUTHOR DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN EXPLAINING EXACTLY WHAT THIS RESOLUTION IS ABOUT THIS RESOLUTION IS ABOUT STANDING WITH A PEOPLE TO WHOM UNSPEAKABLE BARBARISM AND ATROCITIES WERE COMMITTED BY TERRORISTS MADAM SPEAKER EVEN AMONGST THE OPPRESSION OF THE PAST PRESENT AND OPPRESSION THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FUTURE LIKE THE UYGHURS IN CHINA AND ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT UNFATHOMABLE THINGS THAT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A HUMAN BEING CREATED BY GOD CAN CARRY OUT THERE CAN NEVER BE A REASON TO EXCUSE THIS TYPE OF ACTION AND I WILL CONDEMN IT IN ANY AND EVERY FORM REGARDLESS OF WHO IS THE PERPETRATOR MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS NOT JUST A DISPUTE OVER LAND COUNTRIES PHILOSOPHIES RELIGIONS THIS IS NOT A COMPETITION OR A FIGHT BETWEEN TWO WARING NATIONS WHERE WARRIORS WILL BE SUBJECTED AND SUBJECT THEMSELVES TO ALL KINDS OF BRUTAL MANNER OF DEATH THIS IS INNOCENT HUMAN BEINGS BY THE HUNDREDS LIVING A NORMAL DAILY LIFE ELDERLY INFIRMED CHILDREN I'M NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH IT BECAUSE WE'VE ALL SEEN IT AND HEARD IT BUT IT NEEDS TO BE SPOKEN OF NONE OF US WHO HONESTLY ARE GOD-FEARING INDIVIDUALS WHO BELIEVE AND CARE ABOUT LIFE CAN EVER EVER SUPPORT ANY TAKING OF LIFE BUT MOST ESPECIALLY INNOCENT LIFE INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE THE GEOPOLITICAL SITUATION SURROUNDING WHAT'S GOING TO TAKE PLACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE ACTORS EVEN THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE WORLD WILL HANDLE ITSELF ONLY GOD KNOWS WHAT TOMORROW HOLDS BUT TODAY I STAND AND SAY NO TO BARBARISM NO TO MURDERING OF BABIES NO TO THE TAKING OF INNOCENT LIFE THAT IS WHAT THIS RESOLUTION SAYS THIS RESOLUTION DOES NOT WAVE A FLAG AND RUN DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET AND TAKE A SIDE ON WHAT NATION WE BELIEVE IN THE SUPPORT OF ISRAEL IS BE BECAUSE OF THE UNSPEAKABLE BARBARISM THAT TOOK PLACE AND IF ANOTHER RESOLUTION HITS THIS FLOOR THAT CAN BE SUBSTANTIATED FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY THAT DOES SUCH A THING I WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF IT AS WELL I WILL NOT SELECT WHICH COUNTRY I WILL NOT SELECT BASED ON MY FAITH IF ISIS TYPE ACTIVITY THAT HAS ABSOLUTELY NO RESPECT FOR LIFE PROBABLY OF ANY FORM BUT MOST ESPECIALLY FOR HUMAN FORM IS COMMITTED BY ANY OTHER COUNTRY AND AND I OR MYSELF OR ANYONE INTRODUCES A RESOLUTION ON THIS FLOOR DOGGONE IT I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR THAT THAT IS WHAT WHY I SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION GENOCIDE IN ANY FORM FASHION OR MANNER MUST ALWAYS BE OPPOSED BY DECENT HUMAN BEINGS I PRAY FOR THIS RESOLUTION'S PASSAGE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER .

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE ON THE RESOLUTION SENATOR PEREZ ON THE RESOLUTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE SOME DOCUMENTS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO APPEND TO TODAY'S JOURNAL SESSION AS WELL AS APPEND IT TO THE RESOLUTION IT'S IN THE THE FILE THE DRIVE SO FOR THOSE THAT NEED TO TIME TO LOOK AT IT BUT IF I CAN START SPEAKING ON IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PEREZ: AND ACTUALLY I WOULD LIKE TO PROFFER AN AMENDMENT SO I THINK THAT WOULD BE GETTING SENT TO THE CLERKS AT THIS MOMENT I JUST WANT TO REITERATE THE COM SENTIMENTS OF ONE OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS THAT YOU KNOW THIS THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC HEARING AND YOU KNOW CONSIDERING WHAT'S HAPPENING YOU KNOW IT'S A FAST MOVING SITUATION AND IT'S BASICALLY THE THE CONFLICT IS ESCALATING WHERE WE'RE SEEING MORE CIVILIANS BEING KILLED AND THIS IS REALLY CONCERNING WE'RE WE'RE LIVING IN SUCH A DANGEROUS TIME YOU KNOW WE HAVE UKRAINE RUSSIA UKRAINE CONFLICT WHICH HASN'T BEEN RESOLVED AND NOW WE'RE DEALING WITH THIS ISRAELI HAMAS CONFLICT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER AT THIS TIME YOU KNOW SINCE THIS CONFLICT HAS BEEN LONG-STANDING SINCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ISRAELI STATE BUT THERE WAS A POINT IN TIME WHEN THE THE OPPONENTS DID REACH A NOBEL THEY BOTH GOT NOBEL PRIZES NOBEL PEACE PRIZES IN THE 70S NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT THIS CONFLICT WAS THEY WAS THEY WERE ABLE TO REACH A SEMBLANCE OF PEACE IN THE 70S THE AWARD THOSE THAT WERE AWARDED WAS MENACHEM BEGIN PRIME MINISTER MENACHEM BEGIN AND ANWAR SADAT EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT AND SO IN THINKING ABOUT YOU KNOW WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO TURN THIS SITUATION AROUND I THINK YOU KNOW WE DON'T WANT TO SEE MORE CIVILIANS KILLED A LOT OF THEM ARE WOMEN AND CHILDREN THEY ARE NOT THE ONES FIGHTING THIS WAR BUT THEY ARE THE INNOCENT BYSTANDERS ON BOTH SIDES I THINK YOU KNOW IT'S IT'S REALLY JUST IT'S REALLY SAD TO SEE THAT OUR WORLD IS INCREASINGLY BECOMING A DANGEROUS PLACE TO LIVE IN AND MORE SO IN THESE LOCATIONS WE'RE ALSO SEEING YOU YOU WHEN UN PEOPLE CARRYING OUT HUMANITARIAN MISSIONS ARE BEING KILLED IN THIS REGION AND SO PEOPLE THAT ARE TRYING TO BRING PEACE TO THIS AREA ARE AT THEMSELVES AT RISK JOURNALISTS ARE BEING KILLED SO WE DON'T HAVE REALLY A FULL ACCOUNT OF WHAT IS HAPPENING WE'VE ALL WE HEAR STORIES ABOUT HUMAN SHIELDS THAT MILITARY SITUATES THEMSELF IN A AN AREA WHICH IS SURROUNDED BY CIVILIANS AND SO THIS IS REALLY CONCERNING AND IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT THERE HAVE BEEN HUMAN RIGHTS CASES BROUGHT TO THE UNITED UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ON BOTH SIDES AND I AND ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS THAT I WANT TO SHARE WITH THIS BODY IS A JOINT STATEMENT PUT OUT OCTOBER 21ST OF THIS WEEK AND SO I THINK AND THEN WE'RE SEEING MORE EVEN THE THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEADER HAS CALLED FOR A CEASEFIRE BUT IF I CAN READ THIS THIS JOINT STATEMENT PUT OUT BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION IT SAYS A FIRST BUT LIMITED SHIPMENT OF LIFE-SAVING HUMANITARY SUPPLIES FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE EGYPTIAN RED CRESCENT ENTERED GAZA TODAY ON 20 TRUCKS PASSING THROUGH THE RAFAH CROSSING IT WILL PROVIDE URGENTLY NEEDED LIFELINE TO SOME OF THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CIVILIANS MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN CUT OFF FROM WATER FOOD MEDICINE FUEL AND OTHER ESSENTIALS BUT IT IS ONLY A SMALL BEGINNING AND FAR FROM ENOUGH MORE THAN 1.6 MILLION PEOPLE IN GAZA ARE IN CRITICAL NEED OF HUMANITARIAN AID CHILDREN PREGNANT WOMEN AND THE ELDERLY REMAIN IN THE MOST VULNERABLE NEARLY HALF OF GAZA POPULATION OUR CHILDREN WITH SO MUCH CIVILIAN INFRASTRUCTURE IN GAZA DAMAGE ARE DESTROYED IN NEARLY TWO WEEKS OF CONSTANT BOMBINGS INCLUDING SHELTERS HEALTH FACILITIES WATER SANITATION ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS TIME IS RUNNING OUT BEFORE MORTALITY RATES COULD SKYROCKET DUE TO DISEASE OUTBREAKS AND LACK OF HEALTH CARE CAPACITY HOSPITALS ARE OVERWHELMED WITH CASUALTIES CIVILIANS FACE MOUNTING CHALLENGES IN ACCESSING ESSENTIAL FOOD SUPPLIES HEALTH FACILITIES NO LONGER HAVE FUEL AND ARE RUNNING ON SMALL AMOUNTS THEY HAVE SECURED LOCALLY THESE ARE EXPECTED TO RUN OUT IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO WATER PRODUCTION CAPACITY IS AT 5% OF NORMAL LEVELS PRE-POSITIONED HUMANITARY SUPPLIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEPLETED VULNERABLE PEOPLE ARE AT GREATEST RISK AND CHILDREN ARE DYING AT ALARMING RATE AND BEING DENIED THE RIGHT TO PROTECTION FOOD WATER AND HEALTH CARE NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF THE POPULATION OF PALESTINE WAS FOOD AND SECURE BEFORE THIS CONFLICT IN GAZA TODAY STOCKS AND SHOPS ARE NEARLY EXHAUSTED AND BAKERIES ARE CLOSING WITH WHILE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE DISPLACED UNABLE TO COOK OR SAFELY PURCHASE FOOD WE CALL FOR HUMANITARIAN CEASEFIRE ALONG WITH IMMEDIATE UNRESTRICTED HUMANITARIAN ACCESS THROUGHOUT GAZA TO ALLOW HUMANITARIAN ACTORS TO REACH CIVILIANS IN NEED SAVE LIVES PREVENT FUTURE HUMAN SUFFERING FLOWS OF HUMANITARIAN AID MUST BE AT SCALE AND SUSTAINED AND ALLOW ALL GAZANS TO PRESERVE THEIR DIGNITY WE CALL FOR A SAFE SUSTAINED ACCESS TO WATER FOOD HEALTH INCLUDING SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH FUEL WHICH IS NECESSARY TO ENABLE ESSENTIAL SERVICES WE CALL FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL CIVILIANS AND CIVILIAN INFRASTRUCTURE IN GAGA GAZA INCLUDING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES WE CALL FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMANITARIAN WORKERS IN GAZA WHO ARE RISKING THEIR LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS

AND WE CALL FOR THE UTMOST RESPECT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARY LAW BY ALL PARTIES GAZA WAS A DESPERATE HUMANITARY SITUATION BEFORE THE MOST RECENT HOSTILITIES IT IS NOW CATASTROPHIC THE MUST THE WORLD MUST DO MORE THEN I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT ANOTHER DOCUMENT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO APPEND IT'S BASICALLY BY THE PBS NEWSHOUR IT TALKS ABOUT THE RULES OF WAR IT STATES THE RULES OF ARMED CONF CONFLICT ARE GOVERNED BY A SET OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS INCLUDING THE UN CHARTER WHICH PROHIBITS AGGRESSIVE WARS AND ALLOWS COUNTRIES TO RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE IT GOES ON TO SAY THAT SO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE PROBLEMATIC HERE THAT WE'RE SEEING SO IT SAYS THE FOUR CONVENTIONS AGREED UPON IN 1949 SET OUT THAT CIVILIANS THE WOUNDED PRISONERS MUST BE TREATED HUMANELY IN WARTIME THEY BAN MURDER TORTURE HOSTAGE TAKING HUMILIATING AND DEGRADING TREATMENT AND REQUIRE FIGHTERS TO TREAT THE OTHER SIDE SICK AND WOUNDED THE RULES APPLY BOTH TO WARS BETWEEN NATIONS AND CONFLICTS LIKE THAT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HAMAS IN WHICH ONE ONE OF THE PARTIES IS NOT A STATE ANOTHER KEY DOCUMENT IN THE LAW OF WAR IS THAT THE FOUNDING ROME STATUTE OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT WHICH DEFINES AS WAR CRIMES ACTS INCLUDING INTENTIONAL ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS OR HUMANITARY WORKERS DESTROYING PROPERTY WHERE NOT MILIT WHERE NOT MILITARY NECESSARY SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND UNLAWFUL DEPORTATION OTHER AGREEMENTS BAN CERTAIN TYPES OF WEAPONS SUCH AS CHEMICAL OR BIOLOGICAL MUNITIONS MOST BUT NOT ALL COUNTRIES HAVE SIGNED UP TO THESE IT GOES ON TO SAY HAMAS HAS FIRED THOUSANDS OF ROCKET ROCKETS AT ISRAELI TOWNS AND CITIES AND OCTOBER 7 SENT THAT SENT HUNDREDS OF GUNMEN ACROSS THE BORDER FROM GAZA THEY ATTACKED AND KILLED CIVILIANS INCLUDING CHILDREN AND ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES AND NEIGHBORHOODS AND KIDNAPPED SCORES OF OTHERS ISRAEL SAYS AT LEAST 1400 PEOPLE DIED IN 199 OTHERS WERE ABDUCTED IT GOES ON TO SAY HAIM ABRAHAM A LECTURER AT THE LAW UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LONDON SAYS EVIDENCE OF CRIMES IS CLEAR THEY MASSACRED CIVILIANS AT THEIR HOMES THEY KIDNAP CIVILIANS TAKING THEM HOSTAGE ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE CLEAR CLEARLY RIGHT WAR CRIMES AND THAT THESE COULD BE PROSECUTED IN OTHER WAYS AND SO THE QUESTION IS HAS ISRAEL'S ISRAEL'S RESPONSE BEEN LEGAL IT STATES THE ISRAELI MILITARY HAS POUNDED HAMAS RULED GAZA WITH AIR STRIKES BLOCKED DELIVERIES OF FOOD WATER FUEL ELECTRICITY AND TOLD PEOPLE TO LEAVE THEIR NORTHERN HALF OF THE STRIP AHEAD OF A POSSIBLE GROUND INVASION GAZA AUTHORITIES SAID THURSDAY THAT SO THIS IS ALREADY OUTDATED IT'S OCTOBER 19TH SAID THURSDAY THAT 3,785 PALESTINIANS HAVE BEEN KILLED AND NEARLY 12,500 OTHERS ARE WOUNDED DURING THE DAYS OF BOMBARDMENT SO THESE ARE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THE CONFLICT AND ESCALATING CASUALTIES HERE OF CIVILIANS WHICH NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AND SO THE AMENDMENT THAT I HAVE IS BEING PASSED OUT IS IT BEING PASSED OUT YEAH I THINK WHAT'S RE SO MY THE RESOLUTE I WOULD LIKE TO PROFFER THIS AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF CALLING FOR REALLY A MEANINGFUL SOLIDARITY WITH IS ISRAEL AND THE HAMAS AND THE PALESTINIANS SORRY I THINK THERE YOU KNOW IN THE MATTER OF A FEW WEEKS WE WERE SEEING AN ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE OF CIVILIANS AND IN ORDER TO BRING I MEAN AS MY RETIRING SPEAKER HAS SAID YOU KNOW WE REALLY NEED TO BRING PEACE TO THIS AREA WHICH HAS BEEN ELUSIVE FOR A LONG TIME AND BUT WE GOT TO START SOMEWHERE AND THAT FIRST STEP IS REALLY A CEASEFIRE YOU KNOW I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT IS NEEDED TO PREVENT FURTHER DEATHS OF INNOCENT BYSTANDERS AND SO THIS RESOLUTION STATES RELATIVE TO CALLING FOR PEACE AND A CEASEFIRE IN IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL CIVILIANS EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE AND CASUALTIES IN THE ISRAEL HAMAS CONFLICT CONDEMNING ALL ACT OF VIOLENCE IN IN THE ISRAEL HAMAS CONFLICT STARTING OCTOBER 2023 AND I THINK YOU KNOW THIS THE REASON WHY I'M PROFFER THIS OBVIOUSLY FOR THE OBVIOUS REASONS YOU KNOW THIS IS A A RESOLUTION THAT DID NOT GET A PUBLIC HEARING AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO BRING VOICES TO THOSE THAT HAVEN'T THAT VOICES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY THAT HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO EXPRESS EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS AND WHICH I THINK IS VITAL I MEAN WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DEMOCRACY RIGHT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE INCLUDE THE VOICES IN OUR COMMUNITY AND OF COURSE AS ELECTED ELECTED LEADERS WE WILL TRY OUR BEST TO REPRESENT THEM BUT I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE REALLY WE NEED TO TAKE A PAUSE ON THIS AND THINK ABOUT YOU KNOW WHAT IS IT TRULY HOW CAN WE TRULY EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH THIS REGION YOU KNOW WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO EXUDE PEACE AND IT STARTS FROM REALLY THE PROCESSES THAT WE WE PRACTICE HERE TODAY ABOUT ALLOWING FREE SPEECH EXPRESSION NOT CUTTING OFF DEBATE I THINK THIS IS WHAT ENGENDERS PEACE IN OUR WORLD SO I ASKED FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT SINCE IT WAS *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* SENATOR ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO APPENDING THE DOCUMENTS TO THE RECORD IS THERE ANY OBJECTION.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: TO APPENDING THE DOCUMENTS TO THE RECORD.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: TO THE RECORD OF OUR DISCUSSION.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: CORRECT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF APPENDING THE DOCUMENTS IN THE DRIVE AS A TO OUR JOURNAL PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ALL IN FAVOR MOTION FAILS THERE'S ALSO A MOTION TO AS PASSED OUT TO AMEND THE TITLE OF THE RESOLUTION ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: OBJECTION.

SENATOR LUJAN: OBJECTION.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION IF NO ONE WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE ON YOUR MOTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I THINK THIS IS VERY DIFFICULT BECAUSE HERE WE ARE TRYING TO SUPPORT A REGION RIDDLE WITH CONFLICT AND I THINK WHAT'S REALLY NEEDED AT THIS TIME IS DEPOLARIZATION AND WE'RE HEARING TODAY THAT THIS IS THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IN OUR WORLD IS NOT BEING ABLE TO LISTEN TO THE OTHER SIDE NOT BEING ABLE TO DIALOGUE AND TRY TO COME TO A COMPROMISE AND UNDERSTANDING AND I THINK ALSO JUST TO SHUT DOWN DIALOGUE I THINK THIS IS A REAL CONCERN YOU KNOW WE'RE WE'RE WE'RE SEEKING PEACE IN THIS REGION WHEN WE DON'T EVEN EN ENGENDER IT HERE IN THIS BODY ALONE I FIND IT VERY HY HYPOCRITICAL THAT WE'RE TRYING TO PROMOTE YOU KNOW PROTECTION OF A REGION WHEN WE CAN'T EVEN PRACTICE IT OURSELVES HERE IN THIS BODY I THINK JUST THE SIMPLE ADDITION OF INFORMATION YOU KNOW WARS HAVE BEEN STARTED FOR THAT REASON BUT WE MUST TRY HARDER HERE AND I THINK THIS IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE NOT YOU KNOW SEE DON'T SEE THE VALUE AND NUANCES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICING DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES YEAH I'M JUST HIGHLY DISAPPOINTED IN MY COLLEAGUES WHO CHOOSE NOT TO INCLUDE DIALOGUE AND A BALANCED PERSPECTIVE AND FOR NOT REALLY ALLOWING OTHER VOICES IN THE COMMUNITY TO BE HEARD *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE TITLE ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS ON THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE RESOLUTION SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER WELL THIS IS A TOUGH ONE FEEL LIKE WALKING ON EGGHELLS AND I NEVER BEEN CALLED LIGHT FOOTED BUT YOU KNOW IF I UNDERSTOOD THE MOTION CORRECTLY WAS WAS THE MOTION TO UPLOAD DOCUMENTS TO THE SESSION DRIVE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NO IT WAS TO ADD THOSE DOCUMENTS TO OUR JOURNAL AS PART OF OUR DISCUSSION TODAY.

SENATOR BARNETT: OH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THEY ARE READY ON THE SESSION DRIVE FOR OUR REVIEW.

SENATOR BARNETT: YEAH I MEAN I' I'VE SEEN THIS RUSH TO THE QUESTION KILL THE DEBATE KILL THE DISCUSSION TOO MANY TIMES IN THIS TERM AND I THINK THAT SINCE THIS MORNING WE'VE ALL BEEN RECEIPT IN RECEIPT OF THE EMAILS AND THE PHONE CALLS AND THE PETITIONS ABOUT THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS ISSUE AND I I JUST DON'T THINK THAT THIS SUPPORT ISRAEL IS AS BLACK AND WHITE AS SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES MIGHT THINK I ME I GOT TO SAY I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE A LOT OF OTHER ISSUES PRESSING ISSUES FACING OUR PEOPLE IN OUR ISLAND AND I TOOK HEAT I DIDN'T EVEN VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TAIWAN BECAUSE I JUST FEEL LIKE I DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED I'M NO HISTORIAN BUT I'M AWARE OF THE HISTORY

WITH THE UNITED STATES HELPED CREATE HAMAS AND WHEN THEY NO LONGER SERVE OUR INTEREST WE OPPOSE THEM THE SAME THING WITH OSAMA BIN LADEN OSAMA BIN LADEN WAS AN ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE 1980S AND ANYBODY WHO KNOWS ME KNOWS I'M I DIDN'T STAND WITH MANU KEA I DIDN'T STAND WITH THE UKRAINE I NEVER SIGNED A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THIS OR OR THAT BECAUSE I FIND SOMETIMES THAT WE FALL ALL OVER OURSELVES TRYING TO STAND WITH EVERYBODY BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY WHO'S STANDING WITH US WHO'S STANDING WITH US SO YEAH AS LONG AS THERE'S YOU KNOW DOUBT ABOUT WHAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WANT US TO SAY TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS THEN I CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION AND I AND I I THINK IT WOULD BEHOOVE THE SPONSORS TO SEND IT BACK AND AND HAVE THAT PUBLIC HEARING AND LET'S GET ALL THE VOICES OF GUAM IN THERE AND MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER WE'RE SENDING OVER TO THE DELEGATE MOYLAN IS AN ACCURATE AND TRUE REPRESENTATION OF OF WHAT OUR PEOPLE ALL OF OUR PEOPLE BELIEVE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED.

NOTE SENATOR BARNETT PRESIDES

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU I TOO THINK THIS IS A TOUGH ONE BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THEIR OPINION ON US AS A LEGISLATURE TAKING A STANCE ON THIS ISSUE OR IN PARTICULAR THE WORDING OF THIS ISSUE AND I THINK THE WORDING IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE BECAUSE THINGS HAVE REALLY EVOLVED SINCE THIS INCIDENT FIRST BROKE OUT AND THE BEGINNING OF COURSE AROUND THE WORLD THERE WAS SHOCK AND CONDEMNATION OF HAMAS BUT THE RETALIATION OF ISRAEL SINCE THEN OR THEIR SELF-DEFENSE AS THEY CALL IT HAS ALSO BROUGHT CRITICISM FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AUTHORITIES BECAUSE OF THE DEATHS OF CIVILIANS AND THE DEATHS OF CHILDREN AND THE IMPEDIMENTS THAT THE BOMBING HAS BROUGHT TO HOSPITALS TO AID TO WATER ELECTRICITY AND UH ALL OF THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE AND THE FORCED EVACUATION WHEN THERE'S NO PLACE TO GO THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT THIS THIS SITUATION HAS EVOLVED IT IS EVOLVING AND WE'RE KIND OF FAR AWAY WE ARE GETTING OUR SOURCES FROM YOU KNOW SOME MAINSTREAM MEDIA BUT WHILE I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US AS A LEGISLATURE TO CONDEMN THE TERRORIST ACTS I DO NOT WANT BY THIS RESOLUTION TO BE APPROVING OF THE KILLING OF CHILDREN OF THE BOMBING OF HOSPITALS OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS WAR CRIMES AS WELL SO I WOULD CONDEMN ALL WAR CRIMES THAT ARE BEING DONE AND I THINK THE WORLD COMMUNITY IS LOOKING FOR A CEASEFIRE SO THAT THOSE THINGS CAN BE STOPPED THE KILLING OF INNOCENT CHILDREN CAN BE STOPPED AND I WOULD SUPPORT THIS WHOLEHEARTEDLY IF IT CALLED FOR A CEASEFIRE AS MY COLLEAGUE TRIED TO DO BECAUSE THAT THAT CONTINUES TO CONDEMN TERRORISM AND IT CONTINUES AS WELL TO SAY THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE NOT GOING TO SUPPORT WAR CRIMES BY ANYONE AND EVERY DAY I TRY TO KEEP MYSELF INFORMED OF THE SITUATION BUT I DO THINK THAT WE ARE NOT FULLY INFORMED THAT WE ARE SEMI INFORMED AND I READ A LOT OF THE NEWS I FOLLOW THE WHAT THE DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTS HAVE TRIED TO DO AND WHAT THE UNITED NATIONS HAS SAID AS WELL AND I WISH ALL OF THAT COULD BE PUT ON THE RECORD AND I THINK WE NEED TO VOTE WITH ALL THE INFORMATION BEFORE US IF IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE TAKE A POSITION IN FAVOR OF ONE NATION VERSUS ANOTHER NATION WHICH IS WHAT THIS RESOLUTION LOOKS LIKE IT'S DOING AS OPPOSED TO TAKING A POSITION AGAINST TERRORISM I THINK THAT WOULD BE UNANIMOUS THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER ON THE MAIN MOTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION LAST CALL IF THERE'S NO ONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION THE MAIN SPONSOR MAY CLOSE SENATOR LUJAN OKAY.

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SPONSOR MAY CLOSE SENATOR LUJAN.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU COLLEAGUES FOR THE FOR THE DEBATE AGAIN I JUST WANT TO REITERATE THAT THIS RESOLUTION IS A CONDEMNATION OF A TERRORIST ACT IT'S NOT A CONDEMNATION OF A RACE IT IS DEFINITELY A CONDEMNATION OF ACTS OF TERRORISM AS WE EXPERIENCED IN 9/11 YEARS BACK AND SO WITH THAT I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES AND I MOTION TO PLACE AGAIN RESOLUTION 223-37 ON THIRD READING THE BOTTOM OF THIRD READING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF PLACING THE RESOLUTION ON THE THIRD READING FILE PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS ALL RIGHT YEAH YES YOU MAY YES THE NEXT BILL ON OUR AGENDA IS BILL 173 WHICH REQUIRES THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE I HAVE ASKED THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO ASK A FISCAL PANEL TO BE HERE AT 2:00 P.M. IN LIGHT OF THE STATE FUNERAL BUT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO CONVENE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW OCTOBER 26, 2023 AT 11:30 A.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE STATE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE HONORABLE RETIRED UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CHIEF JUSTICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF GUAM JOHNNY SABLAN UNPINGCO AND TO ALLOW THE HONORED GUEST AND TO THE SPEAKER ANTONIO R. UPINGCO LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL AND THAT IT BE CONDUCTED IN ITS FORMAL MANNER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO CONVENE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 11:30 FOR THE STATE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE HONORABLE RETIRED UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CHIEF JUDGE JOHNNY JOHN JOHNNY SABLAN UNPINGCO IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION WE WILL BE RESOLVED INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SO PLEASE THE SERVICES BEGIN AT 11:30 SO PLEASE BE HERE BEFORE THAT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* WE ARE RECESSED UNTIL TOMORROW AT 11:30 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

NOTE RESOLVED INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS CALLED TO ORDER. I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE GOVERNOR LT. GOVERNOR THE CHIEF JUSTICE MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM THE MAYORS COUNCIL FORMER SENATORS FORMER MAYORS MEMBER OF OUR MEMBERS OF THE CONSULATE CORPS AND HONORED GUESTS AND OF COURSE THE FAMILY PLEASE RISE AS WE TOLL THE BELLS IN HIS HONOR AND WELCOME THE LATE HONORABLE JOHNNY SABLAN UNPINGCO RETIRED UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CHIEF JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF GUAM AND HIS FAMILY ESCORTED BY MEMBERS OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY THE GUAM POLI PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS I CALL UPON KRYSAL PACO-SAN AGUSTIN TO LEAD IN THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE SINGING OF THE GUAM HYMN FOR THE RECITATION OF *INIFRESI* SENATOR PARKINSON WILL KINDLY LEAD US.

KRYSAL PACO-SAN AGUSTIN: OH SAY CAN YOU SEE YOU BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT WHAT'S SO PROUD PROUDLY WE HAILED AT THE TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS THROUGH THE PERILOUS FIGHT O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCHED WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING AND THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE OH SAY DOES THAT STAR SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.

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

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I CALL UPON *PÅLE* ERIC FORBES TO KINDLY LEAD US IN THE INVOCATION.

***PÅLE* ERIC FORBES:** LET US PRAY HEAVENLY FATHER YOU ARE THE GOD OF JUSTICE AND TRUTH ALL YOUR WAYS ARE RIGHTEOUS AND YOU ABHOR EVIL YOU ARE THE DEFENDER OF WIDOWS AND THE PROTECTOR OF ORPHANS YOUR SON TAUGHT US THAT LOVE OF YOU MUST BE FOLLOWED BY LOVE OF NEIGHBOR YOU CALLED YOUR SERVANT JOHN SABLAN UNPINGCO TO BE A MINISTER OF JUSTICE IN THIS WORLD YOU GAVE HIM MANY GRACES AND GIFTS IN HIS EARTHLY LIFE THE GOOD EXAMPLE OF HIS PARENTS AND SENIORS THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCED EDUCATION HE ENJOYED THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE OF AN OFFICER IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE YOU BLESSED HIS LEGAL CAREER WITH MUCH SUCCESS TO THE SATISFACTION OF HIS COLLEAGUES AND CLIENTS BOTH IN THE MILITARY AND PRIVATE SECTORS AND THEN YOU BLESSED HIM WITH THE DISTINCTION OF BEING NAMED CHIEF JUDGE OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM EVEN AFTER MANY YEARS IN THAT SERVICE AFTER RETIRING FROM THE BENCH YOUR SERVANT JOHN WAS RESOLVED TO MAKE VETERANS ISSUES HIS CONCERN AS WELL AS OTHER NEEDS OF OUR ISLAND COMMUNITY AS YOU WERE SO GRACIOUS AND GENEROUS TO HIM IN LIFE RECEIVE HIM NOW IN YOUR MERCY AT HIS DEATH LET HIS GOOD DEEDS AND HIS FAITH IN YOU BE A CONSOLATION TO HIS WIFE CHILDREN FAMILY AND FRIENDS LET THEM REMEMBER THE WORDS OF OUR SAVIOR TO THOSE WHO SERVED HIM IN THIS LIFE WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT ENTER NOW INTO THE JOY OF YOUR MASTER WE BESEECH YOU LORD TO RECEIVE THE SOUL OF YOUR SERVANT JOHN INTO YOUR KINGDOM OF EVERLASTING PEACE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ONE GOD FOREVER AND EVER AMEN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: KINDLY BE SEATED SENATOR BARNETT ACTING LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO READ RESOLUTION NUMBER 229-37 LS.

SENATOR BARNETT: RESOLUTION NUMBER 229-37 LS INTRODUCED BY SENATORS CHRIS BARNETT WILLIAM A. PARKINSON VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS SENATOR FRANK BLAS, JR. SENATOR AMANDA L. SHELTON SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ SENATOR TELO M. T. TAITAGUE SENATOR JOANNE BROWN SENATOR ROY A. B. QUINATA JESSE LUJAN AND SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE RELATIVE TO POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZING THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY SABLAN UNPINGCO, FORMER CHIEF JUDGE OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE ISLAND AND PEOPLE OF GUAM, AND COMMEMORATING HIS LEGACY OF SERVICE; AND EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY ON HIS PASSING, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM. BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*: WHEREAS, THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO IS THE SON OF †JUAN MARTINEZ UNPINGCO AND †FIDELA GUERRERO SABLAN, AND IS ONE OF THEIR EIGHT (8) CHILDREN; AND THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO WILL LIVE FOREVER IN THE MEMORIES AND HEARTS OF HIS WIFE, ANNIE FLORES BORJA UNPINGCO, THEIR THREE (3) CHILDREN, SIX (6) GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE (3) GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN; AND IN HIS PASSING, HE ALSO LEAVES BEHIND NUMEROUS FAMILY MEMBERS AND LOVED ONES; AND THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO IS A PHI BETA KAPPA MAGNA CUM LAUDE GRADUATE OF ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI; HE ATTENDED NEW YORK UNIVERSITY WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND HIS JURIS DOCTORATE; AND HE EARNED A MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE SPECIALIZING IN INTERNATIONAL LAW FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.; AND THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO SPECIALIZED IN PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND THE GUAM BAR ASSOCIATIONS; AND AFTER HIS GRADUATION FROM LAW SCHOOL IN 1976, THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO WORKED AN ASSOCIATE WITH FERENZ, BRAMHALL, WILLIAMS AND GRUSKIN, A LAW FIRM IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA; AND THE FIRM LATER MERGED WITH THE LAW FIRM OF CARLSMITH, WICHMAN, CASE AND MUKAI, AND THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO BEGAN PRACTICING CORPORATE LAW WITH THE GUAM OFFICE; AND THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO HAD PROSECUTED VARIOUS CASES WHEN HE WAS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY WHILE SERVING AS A JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE; AND THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO ALSO PRACTICED INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE UNITED KINGDOM DOING WORK ON BRITISH LABOR LAWS, TAXATION AND CUSTOMS; AND ALSO SERVED IN JAPAN WHERE HE WORKED WITH JAPANESE TELECOMMUNICATION LAWS; AND THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO'S HAD BEEN A RECIPIENT OF MANY MILITARY DECORATIONS, INCLUDING: THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL WITH TWO OAK LEAF CLUSTERS; THE COMMENDATION MEDAL; THE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL; AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION; AND WHILE SERVING AS THE FORMER COMMAND COUNSEL FOR THE CHINA LAKE SITE OF THE NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER FROM 1987 TO 1992, THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO REBUILT A FOUR (4)-ATTORNEY, THREE (3)-SECRETARY LEGAL OFFICE INTO A TWELVE (12)-ATTORNEY, SIXTEEN (16)-PERSON STAFF OFFICE WITH A LITIGATION SUCCESS RATE OF NINETY-NINE PERCENT (99%) VERSUS A NUMBER OF THE MAJOR PATENT AND GOVERNMENT CONTRACT LAW FIRMS IN THE NATION; AND THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO WAS FORMALLY NOMINATED TO THE POSITION OF UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FOR THE TERRITORY OF GUAM ON JULY 12, 1992; AND HIS CONFIRMATION HEARING BEFORE THE U.S. STATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, AND HIS U.S. SENATE CONFIRMATION WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 8 OF THE SAME YEAR; AND ON OCTOBER 9, 1992, PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH SIGNED THE COMMISSION FORMALLY APPOINTING THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO TO SERVE AS A FEDERAL JUDGE; AND CHIEF JUDGE UNPINGCO ASSUMED HIS POSITION WITH THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM ON DECEMBER 22, 1992; AND THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO'S CASELOAD THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER AS CHIEF JUDGE OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM INCLUDED BANKRUPTCY, ADMIRALTY, INSURANCE, TORTS AND CRIMINAL CASES, WITH A CRIMINAL CASELOAD THAT WAS AMONGST THE THIRD LARGEST OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGES ON A PER JUDGE BASIS; AND AFTER A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER PRACTICING LAW, †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO RETIRED FROM OFFICE IN APRIL OF 2004; AND UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE JUDICIARY, THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO THE ISLAND'S COMMUNITY SERVING AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, WHERE HE FOUGHT TO IMPROVE THE VETERANS CEMETERY GROUNDS, IMPROVING AND EXPANDING THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE VETERANS CLINIC, AND HELPING TO DEVELOP A MORE ACCURATE COUNT OF VETERANS ON GUAM; AND THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO LIVED A LIFE OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO HIS ISLAND AND COUNTRY AS AN EXPRESSION OF HIS DEDICATION TO GUAM AND HIS LOVE FOR OUR ISLAND'S PEOPLE; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* DOES HEREBY, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM, POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZE THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY SABLAN UNPINGCO, FORMER CHIEF JUDGE OF THE U.S. DISTRICT

COURT OF GUAM, FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE ISLAND AND PEOPLE OF GUAM, AND COMMEMORATE HIS LEGACY OF SERVICE; AND FURTHER EXPRESS CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY ON HIS PASSING, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM; AND BE IT FURTHER THAT THE SPEAKER CERTIFY, AND THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY ATTEST TO, THE ADOPTION HEREOF, AND THAT COPIES OF THE SAME BE THEREAFTER TRANSMITTED TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE HONORABLE †JOHNNY S. UNPINGCO; AND TO THE HONORABLE LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN*. DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA I LIHESLATURAN GUĀHAN* ON THE 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ĀSE'* I WOULD INVITE THE ACTING LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY CHRIS SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT AND OUR MINORITY LEADER SENATOR FRANK BLAS, JR. TO JOIN ME IN PRESENTING RESOLUTION NUMBER 229-37 LS TO THE FAMILY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I NOW CALL UPON *I MAGA'HĀGA* LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO AND *SIGUNDO MAGA'LĀHI* JOSHUA F. TENORIO TO PRESENT THE GOVERNOR'S CERTIFICATE OF CONDOLENCES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I NOW INVITE *I MAGA'HĀGA* AND THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO JOIN ME IN PRESENTING THE OFFICIAL WREATH OF GUAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I NOW CALL UPON MARK UNPINGCO TO DELIVER THE EULOGY.

MARK UNPINGCO: *BUENAS YAN HĀFA ADAI* GOVERNOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SPEAKER AND SENATORS JUDGES AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON THE BEHALF OF MY MOTHER SIBLINGS AUNTS AND UNCLES GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TO HONOR THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MY FATHER JOHNNY SABLAN UNPINGCO IF MY FATHER WERE HERE TODAY I KNOW HE'D FEEL PRIVILEGED AND HONORED THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE GATHERED TO RECOGNIZE HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND TO WISH HIM YOUR FINAL FAREWELLS I ALSO KNOW MY FATHER WOULD FEEL SOMEWHAT BASHFUL ABOUT THE CEREMONY SINCE HE WAS A VERY HUMBLE MAN HE DIDN'T CARE TO BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT HE DIDN'T CARE TO PUBLICIZE HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR SEEK PUBLIC RECOGNITION EVEN IN INSTANCES WHERE HE CLEARLY DESERVED IT INSTEAD OF ATTENTION AND RECOGNITION MY FATHER FOUND SATISFACTION IN KNOWING THAT HE HAD STAYED FAITHFUL TO WHAT HE CALLED HIS GPS OR HIS GENERAL PRINCIPLES HIS GENERAL PRINCIPLES WERE BEING TOUGH BUT FAIR DOING THE RIGHT THING AT ALL TIMES EVEN IF IT WAS UNPOPULAR DESPITE MY FATHER'S MODESTY AND WISHES I THINK IT'S STILL BE FITTING THAT WE PAY HIM SOME HOMAGE TODAY GIVEN THAT HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO PUBLIC SERVICE MY FATHER DEVOTED EIGHT YEARS OF HIS LIFE AS A U.S. AIR FORCE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL 12 YEARS OF HIS LIFE AS A NINTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FOUR YEARS OF HIS LIFE AS THE DIRECTOR OF GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS ALL BEFORE OPENING UP HIS LAW OWN LAW FIRM AND MEDIATION PRACTICE HERE IN HIS HOMETOWN WHEN HE COULD HAVE EASILY GONE OFF ISLAND OR ELSEWHERE TO MAKE MORE MONEY OR TO LIVE A MORE STRESS-FREE LIFE WHILE FULFILLING ALL THESE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS MY FATHER DID NOT REMAIN IDLE AND HE DID NOT JUST WARM AN EMPTY SEAT OR HE DID NOT JUST LINGER AROUND TO COLLECT AN EASY PAYCHECK IN INSTEAD HE WAS VISIONARY IN SETTING GOALS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED AND ESTABLISHING HIGHER STANDARDS OF SERVICE AND PROFESSIONALISM HE WAS PROACTIVE ABOUT IDENTIFYING ISSUES AND PROCURING RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES SHOULD THEY BECOME PROBLEMS HE WAS A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR EQUALITY FOR EVERYONE UNDER THE LAW MORE IMPORTANTLY HE WAS ABLE TO RECOGNIZE WHEN THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW COULD NOT AFFORD TO BE INDIFFERENT BUT NEEDED TO CONSIDER THE HUMAN CONDITION TO BETTER SERVE THOSE WHO WAS MEANT TO HELP AND TO PROTECT JOHNNY SABLAN UNPINGCO SET THE PRESIDENT FOR LIVING A BEAUTIFUL LIFE OF SERVICE NOW I KNOW IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACTLY ACCOUNT FOR ALL OF MY FATHER'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COUNTRY TO OUR ISLAND AND TO OUR PEOPLE IF I TRIED I FEEL I WOULD FALL SHORT SINCE MY FATHER MEANT SO MANY THINGS TO ALL OF US ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU CAN STILL WITNESS FOR YOURSELVES THE LASTING IMPACT OF HIS LEGACY IN THE COURTHOUSE BUILDING HE BUILT OR HELPED CONSTRUCT ON MARINE CORPS DRIVE THE VETERAN SERVICES AND VETERAN CEMETERY IN *PITI* THAT HE HELPED IMPROVE AND ALL THE LIVES HE TOUCHED VIA HIS PRO BONA WORK AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH MANY OF YOU HERE TODAY VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE LAW COMMUNITY THE MILITARY THE VETERANS COMMUNITY AND EVEN THE CHURCH COMMUNITY HOWEVER THERE'S ONE MEMORY I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL SINCE I BELIEVE IT BEST SUMMARIZES MY FATHER'S CHARACTER AND WHAT HE MEANT TO MANY OF US REGARDLESS OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO HIM OR WHETHER YOU KNEW HIM OR NOT I WANT TO SHARE THIS MEMORY WITH YOU BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT BEARS ONE LAST LESSON THAT MY FATHER CAN TEACH US AND WOULD LIKE FOR US ALL TO REMEMBER HIM BY A FEW MONTHS AGO I WAS SPEAKING TO MY FATHER OVER THE PHONE AND WAS LAMENTING TO HIM ABOUT ALL THE STRESS AND FRUSTRATIONS I HAD WITH MANY OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROJECTS AND NATIONAL SECURITY INITIATIVES I WAS WORKING ON IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WHERE I WAS CONSTANTLY BEING UNDERMINED BY OFFICE DRAMA CONFLICTING PERSONALITIES LEADERS WITH ULTERIOR YOUR MOTIVES YOU KNOW THE THE TYPICAL HOUSE

OF CARDS TYPE OF STUFF YOU KNOW WITHOUT ALL THE MURDERS ON THE SHOW ON NETFLIX ANYWAYS LESS THAN TWO MINUTES INTO OUR CONVERSATION MY FATHER INTERRUPTED ME AND HE SAID MARKY JUST LISTEN YOU CAN'T CONTROL EXCUSE ME YOU CAN'T CONTROL THE ACTIONS OR MOTIVATIONS OF THOSE THAT DISAGREE WITH YOU OR THOSE THAT OFFEND YOU YOU DO NOT LOWER YOURSELF TO THEIR LEVEL OR TO THEIR TACTICS ONLY DO WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL AND WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL IS YOUR EMOTIONS AND HOW YOU CHOOSE TO RESPOND TO THEIR ACTIONS MEANING THAT ONLY YOU CAN DECIDE WHETHER YOU WANT TO TEACH THEM TO SEE AND DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY OR WHETHER YOU WANT TO TOLERATE THE CHALLENGES THAT THEY'L THROW YOUR WAY REGARDLESS OF WHAT COURSE OF ACTION YOU CHOOSE TO DO IN RESPONSE JUST MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER YOU DO YOU DO IT TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITIES WITH BOTH HUMILITY AND GRACE DO YOUR BEST BY DOING WHAT YOU CAN WHEN YOU CAN AND FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN THEN TOMORROW JUST TRY TO DO A LITTLE MORE AND SO ON THE NEXT DAY AFTER THAT EVENTUALLY THE PEOPLE THAT CHALLENGE YOU WILL KNOW YOU BY THE TRUE NATURE OF YOUR CHARACTER AND WILL COME TO RESPECT YOU FOR IT THOSE WORDS OF WISDOM HAVE SINCE BECOME MY OWN GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THEY HELP YOU IN SOME FORM OR FASHION REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOUR CAREER FIELD IS OR WHAT CHALLENGES YOU ENCOUNTER IN LIFE I THINK WE CAN ALL HONOR MY FATHER'S MEMORY HONOR HIS MEMORY BY BEING TOUGH BUT FAIR DOING THE RIGHT THING EVEN WHEN IT IS UNPOPULAR AND STRIVING ALWAYS TO DO OUR BEST AND EVERYTHING WE DO BY FOCUSING ON ONLY THE THINGS THAT WE CAN CONTROL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* FOR THIS LOVELY CEREMONY I CAN'T THANK YOU ALL ENOUGH FOR HOW MUCH IT MEANS WOULD HAVE MEANT TO MY FATHER HOW MUCH IT MEANS TO MY FAMILY *TATÁ-HU HU GUAIIYA HAO* WE ALL LOVE YOU DAD AND WE'LL MISS YOU DEARLY THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. UNPINGCO I INVITE NOW *I MAGA'HÁGA* THE CHIEF JUSTICE MEMBERS OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* AND OUR HONORED GUESTS TO BID FAREWELL TO THE LATE HONORABLE RETIRED UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CHIEF JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF GUAM JOHNNY SABLAN UNPINGCO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I CALL UPON *PÁLE* ERIC FORBES TO DELIVER THE BENEDICTION PLEASE RISE.

***PÁLE* ERIC FORBES:** THE LORD BE WITH YOU AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD IN PEACE BE OF GOOD COURAGE HOLD FAST TO THAT WHICH IS GOOD RENDER TO NO ONE EVIL FOR EVIL STRENGTHEN THE FAINT HEARTED SUPPORT THE WEAK HELP THE AFFLICTED HONOR ALL PEOPLE LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD REJOICING IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE BLESSING OF GOD ALMIGHTY THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCEND UPON YOU AND REMAIN WITH YOU ALWAYS AMEN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE BE SEATED ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND TO RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: A MOTION MADE TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE INTO RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M. ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES AND WE WILL STAND IN RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU SINCERELY FOR YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES WE ARE BACK IN SECOND READING AFTER RESOLVING INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE STATE FUNERAL WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 173-37 COR THIS AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL SO WE WILL AUTOMATICALLY ACCORDING TO OUR RULES CONVENE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF APPROPRIATIONS RECESS TO CONVENE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED TO ORDER MY COLLEAGUES MATERIALS FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ARE IN THE SHARED SESSION GOOGLE DRIVE FOLDER LABEL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BILL 173-37 COR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE CLERKS VIA EMAIL SESSIONDRIVE@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG AMENDMENTS NOT IN WRITING WILL BE CALLED OUT OF ORDER RULES OF ENGAGEMENT MY COLLEAGUES THREE ROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION WE WILL HAVE TWO ROUNDS OF QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL WITH EACH SENATOR ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES FOR QUESTIONS NOT INCLUDING RESPONSES TIME TO SPEAK MAY NOT BE YIELDED FROM MORE THAN ONE MEMBER TO ANOTHER A MEMBER WHO YIELDS THAT MEMBER'S TIME ON A QUESTION USE ALL THE THAT MEMBER'S TIME ON THAT QUESTION MAY NOT LATER SPEAK EVEN IF ALL THE TIME YOU WAS NOT USED SECTION 1.02 D3 REMINDER COLLEAGUES IF YOU START TO SPEAK YOU CANNOT GIVE THE REMAINING OF YOUR TIME TO SOMEONE ELSE EITHER YOU GIVE IT ALL OR YOU DON'T GIVE AT ALL AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE TWO ROUNDS OF QUESTIONS PANELISTS WILL BE EXCUSED THIRD ROUND IS FOR AMENDMENTS OR COMMENTS SPEAKING ON THE BILL QUESTION SHALL BE CONFINED TO THE SUBSTANCE OR NATURE OF THE BILL OF BILL 173 PERSONAL INFERENCE INFERENCE AS TO THE CHARACTER OR THE MOTIVE OF ANY SENATOR OR ANY INDIVIDUAL SATISFYING IS NOT PERMITTED ANYBODY THE GENERAL RULE OF CONDUCT WILL BE CALLED OUT OF ORDER AND MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE HALL PROPER FORM AND DECORUM SHALL BE PRACTICED BY ALL PRESENT INDIVIDUALS WHO FAIL TO MAINTAIN PROPER FORM AND DECORUM WILL RESTRICTED FROM PARTICIPATING AND WILL BE ESCORTED FROM THE ROOM AFTER THE COMPLETE DISCUSS OF THE BILL I WILL ALLOW THE SPONSOR TO CLOSE I 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 REPORT OUT THE BILL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITH THAT I ASK I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE PANEL AND HAVE THEM SWORE IN FIRST AND THEN I'M GOING TO ASK THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL TO GIVE HER OPENING STATEMENT ON THE BILL SERGEANT AT ARMS.

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

NOTE PANEL SWORN IN

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU COLLEAGUES BILL 173-37 COR INTRODUCED BY SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE IS AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE 15,820 \$28,000 FROM FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL FUND AND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-17 AS AMENDED TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF THE *PRUGRÅMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA* ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM RELATIVE PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH \$300 CREDIT TOWARD THEIR ACCOUNT MADAM SPEAKER I ASK YOU TO PLEASE GIVE YOUR OPENING ON THE BILL THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MR. CHAIR AND TO THE PANEL WHO ARE HERE TODAY THANK YOU FOR READING THE TITLE OF THE BILL IN SHORT THE BILL WOULD WOULD EXTEND THE \$100 PER MONTH CREDIT FOR EVERY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER OF THE GUAN POWER AUTHORITY FOR THREE MORE MONTHS AT THE TIME THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED THIS WAS ON SEPTEMBER 22ND FUNDS EXISTED THERE WAS NO HEARING HELD IN SEPTEMBER AND FRANKLY I MISSED THIS DURING THE BUDGET LOST TRACK THAT IT WAS EXPIRING IN THE NEXT MONTH OCTOBER WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED SINCE THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED AND THAT WAS THAT THERE WHEN WE CAME IN FOR ANOTHER SESSION FOR 30 MILLION FOR THE HOSPITAL ALTHOUGH THAT BILL DID NOT ORIGINALLY CITE THIS FUNDING SOURCE THAT'S WHAT THE FUNDING SOURCE THAT WAS USED IN THE

END AT THAT TIME WE DISCUSSED THE OPTIONS OF THE GOVERNOR TO USE ARP MONEY INSTEAD FOR THE HOSPITAL AND I BELIEVE THAT THOSE CONDITIONS STILL EXIST AND THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO USE OUR LOCAL FUNDS TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO THE CUSTOMERS AND THIS IS AN EXTENSION OF THE CREDIT THAT BEGAN IN JULY 2022 IN JULY THERE WAS A CALL FOR EMERGENCY SESSION FROM THE SPONSOR OF THE ORIGINAL ENERGY CREDIT BILL AND THAT WAS YOU MR. CHAIR AND AT THAT TIME THE PLEA WAS THAT CONTINUE CONDITIONS CONTINUE AND THEY REQUIRE US TO WORK TOGETHER TO ALLEVIATE THE INCREASE OF PRICES OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND WE ALL UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO THAT IN JULY OF 2022 THAT WAS AFTER THE PANDEMIC BUT WE REALIZED PEOPLE WERE STILL SUFFERING THERE WAS A NATION AND A WORLDWIDE RISE IN INFLATION THAT WAS FORCING PEOPLE ON GUAM TO CHOOSE BETWEEN POWER AND FOOD AND THAT IS REAL THAT WAS BEFORE AND WITHOUT ANTICIPATING AT ALL A TYPHOON THEN CAME TYPHOON MAWAR IN FACT WE EXTENDED BEFORE THE TYPHOON I'M SORRY WE EXTENDED THE ENERGY CREDIT AGAIN IN DECEMBER SO WE DID IT IN JULY WE EXTENDED IT AGAIN IN DECEMBER FOR ANOTHER FIVE MONTHS AND THEN IT THAT TOOK US TO MAY COINCIDENTALLY WHEN THE TYPHOON STRUCK AND WE HAD NOT EVEN ANTICIPATED A TYPHOON WHEN WE THOUGHT THE PEOPLE WERE IN NEED BACK THEN BUT WE ALL KNOW AND EVERYONE ACTED VERY EXPEDITIOUSLY TO RESTORE THIS CREDIT IN MAY THE TYPHOON DEVASTATED GUAM IN MANY HOMES THE ROOFS THERE ARE STILL FAMILIES I BELIEVE EVEN SOME OF OUR EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE NOT FULLY RECOVERED FROM THAT TYPHOON NOT EVERYONE BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR EVEN FEMA OR EVEN ROOF REPAIR AND NOT EVERYONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO RESTORE THEIR HOMES MOVE BACK TO THE SAME PLACE AND THERE WERE MANY OTHER EXPENSES THAT WERE INCURRED BECAUSE OF THE TYPHOON AND AS WE ALL KNOW ALTHOUGH WE ARE RECOVERING WE MEET PEOPLE EVERY DAY WHO HAVE NOT FULLY RECOVERED THEY'RE NOT RECOVERED AND ON TOP OF ALL OF THIS SINCE THE TYPHOON WE'VE HAD ANOTHER TYPHOON OR ANOTHER STORM BUT SINCE THAT FIRST TYPHOON WE HAVE HAD ROLLING POWER OUTAGES AND FLUCTUATIONS WREAKING HAVOC ON OUR EXISTING IF YOU DIDN'T LOSE YOUR APPLIANCES IN THE STORM MANY PEOPLE HAVE CALLED OUR OFFICES COMPLAINING ABOUT DAMAGE TO THEIR APPLIANCES BECAUSE OF THESE ROLLING POWER OUTAGES AS YOU KNOW IN THE BEGINNING MANY OF THEM WERE NOT EVEN PREDICTABLE AND NOW THEY'RE TRYING TO PUT US ON A SCHEDULE BUT THEY STILL WE STILL ARE EXPERIENCING THAT THAT WAVING POWER THE ONE THAT THAT REALLY INJURES OUR APPLIANCES AND REALLY MAKES IT UNRELIABLE FOR US TO STORE FOOD THAT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS THE REASON WHY I REALLY WANT TO EXTEND THIS CREDIT IS BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE ARE IN NEED AND THIS WE HAVE FOUND TO BE ONE OF THE FASTEST NO ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA NECESSARY EQUAL ACROSS THE BOARD WAYS TO GIVE RELIEF TO THE PEOPLE AND BECAUSE OF THAT I'M ASKING MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE HELP ME TO FIND A WAY TO REPLACE A FUNDING SOURCE IN THIS BILL SO THAT WE CAN GIVE THIS CREDIT TO THE PEOPLE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER COLLEAGUES WE WILL BEGIN THE FIRST ROUND SPEAKER WOULD YOU LIKE TO BEGIN THE FIRST ROUND OR ELSE I WOULD MOVE TO SENATOR BLAS WE'LL BEGIN WITH YOU THEN IF YOU WANT OKAY SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR IS MR. BIRN GOING TO BE ATTENDING NO ALL RIGHT SO MY FIRST QUESTION WOULD BE THAT GDO GDOE HAS SAID RECENTLY THAT THEY WANT THE \$20 MILLION BACK THAT WAS TAKEN FROM THEM FOR TYPHOON RELIEF BECAUSE IT WASN'T USED ON DOE AND IN AUGUST IN THE BUDGET BILL WE REPLACED THE GENERAL FUND FUNDING SOURCE FOR TYPHOON RECOVERY TO THE RAINY DAY FUND BUT IT LOOKS LIKE LIKE FROM THE SEPTEMBER TYPHOON REPORT UM WHAT USED TO BE A 20 OR 21 MILLION ALLOCATION FOR TYPHOON BECAME \$50 MILLION OR CLOSE TO THAT SO THERE WAS AN ADDITIONAL \$30 MILLION ADDED SO I WANTED TO ASK BBMR IF THEY COULD TELL US WE KNOW THE 20 MILLION CAME FROM GDOE YOU TOLD US THERE WAS A MAYBE 5 MILLION FROM FEMA REIMBURSEMENT AND SOMETHING ELSE FROM ANOTHER SOURCE BUT THE 30 MILLION THAT WAS ADDED TO TYPHOON IN SEPTEMBER WHERE DID THAT COME FROM.

LESTER CARLSON – DIRECTOR BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH (BBMR): THANK YOU SPEAKER YOU WERE CORRECT WITH THE FIRST COUPLE FUND SOURCES HAVING COME FROM FUNDS ALLOCATED TO DOE ANOTHER 5 MILLION WAS FROM A FEMA REIMBURSEMENT AND I THINK SOME SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF ABOUT 16 OR 17 MILLION WAS FROM A MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT SO THAT'S THAT'S HOW WE GOT WHAT WE HAVE CUMULATIVELY FOR MAWAR AS IT STANDS TODAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SIX DID YOU SAY 6 60 TO 7 THE MEDICAID MEDIC MEDICARE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: MEDICAID.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MEDICAID REIMBURSE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: 16.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: 16 OKAY SORRY ALL RIGHT WAS THAT 16 MILLION MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT DOES THAT IS THAT REFLECTED ON THE CRER OR NO.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: ON PAGE NINE OF THE CRER WE GIVE YOU THE AMOUNT THAT WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER BASICALLY IT'S TOTAL \$43 MILLION LESS WELL IN ADDITION TO THE LEGISLATIVE REQUIRED \$100,000 THAT WENT TO EACH MAYOR SO 45 MILLION THAT WE'VE PUT TOGETHER AND WE STILL HAVE A BALANCE OF ABOUT \$29 MILLION MOST OF THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING THE THE MOLD REMEDIATION CONTRACT SQUARED AWAY FOR DOE SCHOOLS THAT'S FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND THAT'S THE THE BIGGEST COST THAT WE STILL HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO BEAR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT BUT THE 16 MILLION WHEN YOU RECEIVED IT FROM MEDICAID DOES IS THAT REFLECT IN THE CRER.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NO IT WAS A REIMBURSEMENT IT'S NOT REVENUE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY IS THERE ANY OTHER MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT THAT THAT YOU RECEIVED IN ADDITION TO THE 16 MILLION.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THERE IS A SIMILAR AMOUNT THAT IS BEING WORKED ON BUT IT HASN'T BEEN RECEIVED YET AND I THINK MR. BIRN MENTIONED THAT THE LAST TIME WE WERE HERE SO WE WERE ABLE TO GET THE IT IT'S IF I RECALL CORRECTLY IT'S A SIMILAR AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET REIMBURSED BUT WE HAVEN'T GOT REIMBURSED YET.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHEN DO YOU EXPECT THAT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I HE'S THE ONE WORKING ON IT NOT ME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SO I I COULDN'T GIVE YOU AN UPDATE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MAYBE IF YOUR STAFF COULD ASK HIM MR. CHAIR SINCE HE'S NOT HERE WHEN WE EXPECT THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE 16 MILLION MEDICAID SO IT'S FAIR TO SAY THEN THAT THE 20 THERE'S STILL 29.89 7 UNSPENT IN THE TYPHOON FUND FROM THE MONEY THAT YOU PUT THERE THE 46 MILLION THAT YOU PUT THERE AND THAT NONE OF THE RAINY DAY FUND WAS TAPPED FOR THE TYPHOON FOR THIS TYPHOON EXPENDITURE IS THAT CORRECT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DON'T REMEMBER TAPPING ANY RAINY DAY FUND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THAT'S WHAT OUR BUDGET LAW SAID BUT YEAH IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE NONE WAS TAPPED ALL RIGHT SO ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS THAT YOU'VE RECEIVED SINCE JULY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF OTHER THAN THE \$17 MILLION THAT WE ALREADY SPOKE ABOUT 16.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: FEMA.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: OH FEMA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: FEMA.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WELL FEMA SORRY I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS AS A MATTER OF FACT WE'RE TRYING REAL HARD TO GET A HANDLE ON WHERE WE ARE WITH AGENCIES WHO PUT IN FOR A PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT WERE INITIALLY APPROVED AND THEY'RE AWAITING SOME KIND OF FAVORABLE DECISION FROM FEMA AND THE MONEY BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT IS THAT ALARMING TO YOU.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NOT REALLY I MEAN WE JUST FINISHED CLOSING OUT TYPHOON DOLPHIN SEE THAT'S SO FAR AGO YOU DON'T REMEMBER DOLPHIN SO I'M NOT I'M NOT SURPRISED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT MR. BIRN SENT ME A LETTER YESTERDAY WHERE HE HE SAYS HE ATTACHED A FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FY 2022 THE AUDIT IS NOT YET DONE YET AND THE AUDITOR WAS IN THE NEWSPAPER TODAY TALKING ABOUT THAT AGAIN AND HOW IT'S STILL NOT DONE UP UNTIL NOW IT WAS TWO MONTHS AGO BY STATUTE BUT IN HERE IN HIS LETTER MR. BIRN SAYS THIS LINE HE TALKS ABOUT THE FUND BALANCE AND THIS LEAVES AN OVER APPROPRIATION OF 23.8 MILLION AS THE ASSIGNED BALANCE AFTER ADJUSTMENT BY BBMR DE-OBLIGATED FOR EXPENDITURES THE ASSIGNED BALANCE PARENTHESES DEFICIT IS REDUCED TO 4 .8 MILLION CAN YOU JUST EXPLAIN WHAT IT MEANS BY AFTER ADJUSTMENT BY BBMR DE-OBLIGATED FOR EXPENDITURES DE-OBLIGATED.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WHEN WE WERE HERE THE LAST TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I WAS HERE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THERE WAS 17 PAGES OF MATERIAL THAT I PROVIDED ON PAGES 15 AND 16 THERE WERE SORRY 13 AND 14 RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS THAT WE PROPOSE TO BE ABLE TO BALANCE 22 AND MAKE 23 FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE HOSPITAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RIGHT AND AT THAT TIME SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT'S WHAT YOU DID.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THAT'S WHAT I REMEMBER IT WAS A BILL WITH NO NUMBER NO FUNDING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT DID NOT PASS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THE THE BILL PASSED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RIGHT BUT NOT THE BILL THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT WITH NO NUMBER OR I DON'T KNOW WHAT IN OTHER WORDS I'M ASKING.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU PROPOSED TO US AT THAT TIME THAT YOU NEEDED TO DE-APPROPRIATE OR DE-OBLIGATE AND THAT YOU NEEDED THAT TO BE DONE BY THE LEGISLATURE AND SO I'M ASKING YOU DID YOU DO THAT ON YOUR OWN BECAUSE HE SAYS AFTER ADJUSTMENT BY BBMR DE-OBLIGATED FOR EXPENDITURES.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: AS I SAID TO THE BODY AND I PRESENTED TO THE BODY A PLAN BECAUSE THERE WAS NO PLAN IN THE BILL FOR THE GMH RELIEF SO WE TOOK IT UPON OURSELVES TO TO TO COME BEFORE YOU TO HELP AND FIND A WAY AND THAT WAY INCLUDED SOME OF THE ACTIONS AND THAT WERE CONTAINED IN THE MATERIAL THAT WE GAVE YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THOSE WERE PROPOSALS RIGHT THOSE WERE YOUR PROPOSALS BUT MY MY QUESTION TO YOU DID YOU DO THAT WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY CAUSE YOU TOLD US AT THAT TIME THAT YOU COULD NOT DE-APPROPRIATE WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION THAT'S WHY YOU WERE PROPOSING THAT TO US THERE'S NOTHING IN THE BILL THAT TALKS ABOUT DE-APPROPRIATING FROM ANY OTHER APPROPRIATION OR CATEGORY AND SO ARE YOU TESTIFYING TODAY THAT YOU DID THAT YOU DE-APPROPRIATED FROM THOSE APPROPRIATIONS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I PUT THOSE SUMS THAT WE TALKING ABOUT IN RESERVE I DID NOT DE-APPROPRIATE BUT I DID PUT THEM IN RESERVE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHAT DOES THAT MEAN.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT MEANS THAT THEY'RE UNAVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN YOU READ THE LIST OF EXPENDITURES.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: OH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT YOU HAVE MADE UNAVAILABLE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: REALLY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: REALLY BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM HAVE NO NOTICE WE WERE NOT ABLE TO DISCUSS THOSE PROPOSALS THAT YOU YOU HAD GIVEN TO US IN PAPER BECAUSE THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CUT OFF AND NOWHERE IN THE BILL WAS THAT PROPOSAL APPROVED SO IF YOU DE-APPROPRIATED OR MOVE THEM OVER TO SOME RESERVE FUND I I JUST WANT TO KNOW BY WHAT AUTHORITY AND PLEASE READ THE LIST.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SENATOR SINCE YOU WANT ME TO DO THIS OR SPEAKER RATHER I'M GOING TO STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT WE WENT OVER THIS MATERIAL AT LENGTH WITH EVERYBODY HERE HERE WE WERE EXCUSED YOU GUYS WENT AHEAD AFTER HEARING WHAT IT IS WE PROPOSED AND YES THERE WAS NO DE-APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE BUT THE PATH ON HOW TO GET \$30 MILLION AVAILABLE TO THE HOSPITAL WAS PRESENTED AND PAGES 13 AND 14 LISTS THE AREAS IN WHICH WE SAID WE WOULD NEED TO ADJUST MAKE UNAVAILABLE IN ORDER TO GET TO THE \$30 MILLION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT I REMEMBER THAT THIS THOSE DISCUSSIONS VERY CLEARLY MR. CHAIR THE LIST WAS NEVER READ I'M ASKING HIM TO READ THE LIST ALSO IN THE BILL THAT WAS PASSED FOR THE HOSPITAL IT SAYS UNAPPROPRIATED UNAPPROPRIATED AND HE'S SAYING NOW HE DE-APPROPRIATED SO WE COULD JUST READ THE LIST IT'S NEVER BEEN MADE PUBLIC.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WHEN IT COMES HERE ISN'T IT MADE PUBLIC WHEN I GIVE IT TO YOU ISN'T IT MADE PUBLIC.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE DISCUSS IT BUT WE DIDN'T GET TO.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NO BUT BUT ISN'T THIS MATERIAL ON YOUR WEBSITE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DON'T PLEASE MR. CHAIR I DON'T WANT TO ARGUE I JUST WANT THE LIST READ.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT'S IT'S SOMETHING I THINK THE PUBLIC SHOULD HEAR.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: AND I THINK THEY SHOULD HEAR THAT IT IT IS AVAILABLE IT SHOULD BE ON YOUR WEBSITE SO YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER LIKE THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE CAME DOWN HERE TO HELP NOW YOU'RE ASKING ME TO TO DO THINGS AND ASKING ME IF I DID THINGS THAT WAS UNAUTHORIZED IT'S IT'S NOT FUN COMING DOWN HERE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT'S NOT FUN BEING ON THIS SIDE EITHER IF THAT'S RELEVANT BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO FIND MONEY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WE'RE BEING TOLD AT THE LAST MINUTE THAT WHEN WE SAID UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS WOULD BE USED YOU USED APPROPRIATED FUNDS WE'RE BEING TOLD THAT WHEN YOU TAKE 20 MILLION FROM DOE IT DOESN'T GET TO DOE WE'RE TO BEING TOLD A LOT OF THINGS AND SO PLEASE YEAH.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I WE'VE NEVER HAD THE PUBLIC HEAR WHAT YOUR PROPOSAL AND NOW YOUR ACTION WAS TO DE-APPROPRIATE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: ALL RIGHT AND JUST TO BE CLEAR SPEAKER WON PAT WHEN SHE WAS ACTING SUPERINTENDENT AGREED TO HAVE HOMELAND BE THE SOURCE OF PROCUREMENT NOT DOE SO UNDER HER TENURE THAT \$20 MILLION WAS AUTHORIZED TO BE OVERSEEN BY HOMELAND TO BE ABLE TO GET THE REPAIRS THE FIRST ITEM BEAR WITH ME BECAUSE THIS IS TWO PAGES \$95,360 FROM THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE 342,774 FROM DETOXIFICATION AND REHABILITATION SERVICES \$201,157 TO INPATIENT DETOXIFICATION PROGRAM AKA NEW BEGINNINGS 104,000 FROM INTERNMENT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: VETERANS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: VETERANS AFFAIRS 1.8 MILLION \$1,826,399 FROM D DPW THAT WAS ALLOCATED FOR VILLAGE STREET AND ROAD RESURFACING \$413,589 FROM EPA'S REGULATORY CAPACITY APPROPRIATION 569,000 STRAIGHT FROM CNQ OPERATIONS 26,100 FROM.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MR. CARSON MADAM SPEAKER I'M GOING TO HAVE THEM PAUSE AND HAVE THEM PUT THAT ON THE SCREEN SO THE PUBLIC CAN SEE THIS I'M GOING TO HAVE WE'RE GOING TO SHORT RECESS SO THEY CAN TAKE THIS THIS PAGE OF THE REPORT THAT WAS PRESENTED AND PUT IT ON THE SCREEN AND AND AS HE'S READING IT EVERYBODY CAN SEE IT THEN WE CAN ESCAPE THAT THAT IT IS VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC A SHORT RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER NOW LET'S SEE WHAT'S ON THE SCREEN NO IT'S PAGE 13 OF 16 IS IS THAT IT IS THAT IT OKAY ALL RIGHT OKAY THERE HERE YOU GO MR. CARLSON OR MADAM SPEAKER YOU CAN CONTINUE READING BUT AT LEAST IT'S NOW IN DISPLAY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: OKAY I THINK I STOPPED AT CNQ SO 100 I MEAN 26,100 FROM THE OPERATIONS OF THE CLTC \$10,854 FROM GUAM ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION AND THE BIG ONE WAS THE \$15 MILLION FOR THE GMH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND THEN ON PAGE 14 THE LAST ONE IS 563,000 FOR FOR THE CHARTER SCHOOL ALL OF THESE ADJUSTMENTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE \$15 MILLION FOR THE GMH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND WHERE APPROPRIATIONS THAT DIDN'T HAVE A CONTINUING CLAUSE TO THEM SO THESE WERE FUNDS THAT WERE UNEXPENDED SO IT'S NOT LIKE WE WERE TAKING MONEY AWAY FROM OPERATIONS IT WAS FUNDS THAT ARE AVAILABLE AGAIN THE AUDIT WAS SUPPOSED TO CONFIRM THE \$15 MILLION BUT AS THE GOVERNOR PROMISED THE LEGISLATURE PASSED THE GMH RELIEF BILL FOR 30 MILLION FOR VENDOR PAYMENTS SHE MADE AVAILABLE \$20 MILLION FROM ARP FOR CIPS SO THAT WAS HOW WE PROPOSED TO ADDRESS THE GMH ISSUE TO THE BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU TO BE HONEST MR. CHAIR I'M I'M SHOCKED THE LANGUAGE OF THE BILL WAS VERY CLEAR UNAPPROPRIATED WHEN WE WERE GOING THROUGH BUDGET NOT A WORD WAS SAID.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I KNOW SENATOR BARNETT WANTED TO YIELD HIS TIME TO YOU SO I'M GOING TO HAVE HIM YOU FIRST YIELD IT THEN YOU CAN CONTINUE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK THANK YOU MR CHAIR YES I APPRECIATE AND RESPECT THIS LINE OF QUESTIONING AND I YIELD MY TIME TO THE SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER GO AHEAD AND CONTINUE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH SO AS YOU KNOW NOT A WORD WAS SAID DURING OUR BUDGETS THAT MONEY FOR DETOXIFICATION WAS GOING TO EXPIRE THAT THE 15 MILLION GMHA LABOR AND DELIVERY WARD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS WAS GOING TO EXPIRE NOTHING NOTHING WAS SENT DOWN FROM THE GOVERNOR IN HER PROPOSAL FOR A BUDGET NOTHING WAS SAID IN THE WEEKS THAT WE SPENT IN HERE AND AND IN FACT WHEN WE HAD THE OVERSIGHT OF THE HOSPITAL THEY TALKED ABOUT USING THAT MONEY AND HOW THEY WERE MAKING RENOVATIONS ON THEIR LABOR AND DELIVERY AREAS AND OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUT I JUST FIND IT YEAH I'M SPEECHLESS THAT'S THE FIRST BUT IT'S REALLY SHOCKING BECAUSE WE WERE SO CLEAR UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS AND HE DID GIVE US THIS LIST BUT WHEN WE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT IT I THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE TO ASSUME AND LO AND BEHOLD I THOUGHT WE WERE NOT USING IT THAT THAT WAS NOT THE PROPOSAL THAT WAS ADOPTED BECAUSE THAT WAS NOT THE PROPOSAL THAT WAS LAID OUT IN DETAIL IN FRONT OF US AND I FIND IT SO SAD THAT THEY'RE GOING TO TELL US HONESTLY DETOX INTERNMENT SERVICES FOR THE VETERANS 15 MILLION FOR THE HOSPITAL HOW HOW RIDIC RIDICULOUS IS THAT WE WE TAKE 15 MILLION AWAY AND THEN WE BRAG THAT WE GAVE 30 MILLION TO THE HOSPITAL AND I WOULD THINK THAT A FISCAL TEAM OF THE GOVERNOR THIS IS HER PLATFORM NOT JUST OURS DETOX THE HOSPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT EVEN A \$1.8 MILLION FROM FROM VILLAGE STREETS WHEN WE WENT THROUGH OUR BUDGET SESSIONS AND OUR BUDGET HEARINGS WE TALKED ABOUT THIS MONEY WE ASKED THEM DID YOU SPEND IT ARE YOU SPENDING IT AND THEY TOLD US ABOUT THEIR PLANS EPA REGULATORY CAPACITY EVEN THE EVEN CUSTOMS HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE COME IN HERE ABOUT CUSTOMS AND THEY WERE SO DESPERATE LIKE

EMBARRASSING WE TALKED WE SCOLDED THEM WE TALKED TO THE AIRPORT WE BUT WE REALLY CAME DOWN HARD ON CUSTOMS AND WHAT DID WE DO WE TOOK HALF A MILLION DOLLARS AWAY FROM CUSTOMS CUSTOMS THERE'S JUST SO MUCH IT'S IT'S ANYWAYS EVERYBODY HEARD THE LIST EVEN THOUGH I SAID WE WERE ACTING IN THE DARK IN THE LAST EMERGENCY SESSION FOR THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BY APPROVING FUNDING SOURCE AND CUTTING OFF THE DISCUSSION NOT APPROVING THIS LIST OF DE-APPROPRIATIONS I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE THAT DARK THAT'S LIKE IT SEEMS LIKE DECEIT I MEAN WHO WOULD HAVE AGREED THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE 15 MILLION OUT OF LABOR AND DELIVERY WARD APPROPRIATION SO THAT WE CAN MAKE UP 30 MILLION FOR THE HOSPITAL THE CRERS AT THAT TIME WERE SHOWING THERE WAS EXCESS FY 23 MONEY AT LEAST 15 MILLION ENOUGH TO COVER THIS POWER CREDIT AT THAT TIME ON THAT DAY DO YOU KNOW WHAT SO TODAY IS OCTOBER WHAT IS IT 26 IT'S ALMOST THE END OF OCTOBER DO YOU HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF WHAT THE CRER MIGHT SHOW AFTER OCTOBER IF THERE IS THERE ANY EXCESS REVENUE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NO MA'AM I DON'T HAVE ANY PREVIEW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE LAST CRER SHOWED ALL THE EXPENDITURES THAT WERE LAID OUT AND I'M I'M REALLY SURPRISED THERE'S YOU KNOW OF ALL THE EXPENDITURES TO DE-APPROPRIATE FROM SOME THAT WERE LEFT IN PLACE I FEEL WERE LESS IMPORTANT OKAY IS THAT MY TIME AGAIN MR. CHAIR OH THAT WAS FAST THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU AGAIN TO SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR DUEÑAS DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING WE SKIP YOU SENATOR BARNETT BECAUSE YOU PASSED YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. CHAIRMAN LESTER IN THE RECENT MEDIA REPORTS OF THE FUND BALANCE IN EXCESS REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 IT SEEMS TO IDENTIFY 30 MILLION FOR GMH IS THAT CORRECT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WE MADE \$30 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR VENDOR PAYMENTS AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL YES.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OKAY I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE LIST THAT YOU GAVE US THOSE APPROPRIATIONS WERE ADOPTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2022 EXCESS REVENUE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THE IT VARIES SIR IN ONE CASE THE THE VERY FIRST ONE IT SAID THAT IT'S THE FUND SOURCE IS FROM THE 2% GENERAL FUND RESERVE SO NOT NOT EVERYTHING WAS FROM EXCESS REVENUES.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OKAY IS ANY ITEM ON THE LIST AN ITEM THAT WAS ADOPTED AS THE RESULT OF THE 2023 BUDGET.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: 2023.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YES.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THIS WERE IN THE 2023 BUDGET WITH THE HEADING ON PAGE 13 SAYS RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS TO FY22 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS THAT WERE CONTAINED IN THE 23 BUDGET.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: SO WE WERE WE BECAUSE I'M LET ME GO OVER TO LLEWEYN REAL QUICK SO THAT WE KIND OF GET A A BALANCED PERSPECTIVE HERE JUST TO MAKE SURE BECAUSE I YOU KNOW BOTH OF SO FAR LOOKS LIKE BOTH ENTITIES HAVE EXPRESSED THAT THERE'S NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS BILL SO ARE I'M SEEMING TO REMEMBER THAT WHAT WE DID WAS IN FISCAL YEAR 2023 MOST OF WHAT'S ON THAT LIST LIST WE WERE APPROPRIATING FROM UNAUDITED EXCESS OF 2022 IS THAT CORRECT.

LLEWELYN TERLAJE – OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET (OFB) CHIEF FISCAL ANALYST: YES THAT'S CORRECT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: SO IF IN FISCAL YEAR 2023 WE'RE REALIZING 103 TOTAL MILLION APPROXIMATE EXCESS REVENUE WITH APPROXIMATELY MAYBE 40 50 60 THAT WAS ACTUALLY APPROPRIATED WITHIN THE FISCAL YEAR.

OFB – TERLAJE: IN FOR 2023.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH BECAUSE LET ME BE CLEAR OF WHY I'M GOING DOWN THIS LINE OF QUESTIONING WHAT WE DID WHEN WE BASICALLY DECIDED TO GO AHEAD AND FIND THE 30 MILLION BECAUSE WHEN BBMR MADE THE THE THE RECOGNITION THAT THERE WAS AN OVER APPROPRIATION IN 2022 WE BASICALLY JUST SAID WITH OR WITHOUT THE LIST I THINK THERE WAS AN ASSUMPTION THAT 2023 UNAUDITED WOULD COVER IT SO WE JUST SAID 2023 BACK SCRUB THE BOOKS COME UP WITH THE CASH GET HER DONE SO WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS IS THAT IF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 UNAUDITED REVENUES ARE WHAT IDENTIFIED THE LIST THAT SHOULD MEAN THAT FISCAL YEAR 2023 EXCESS REVENUE THAT WAS NOT ADOPTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION WOULD YOU CONCUR OR AT LEAST AVAILABLE IF WE SAID IT'S UNAUDITED.

OFB – TERLAJE: FOR FOR WHAT THE 30 MILLION WE WE ESTABLISHED THAT WAS WHAT BASED ON THE NUMBERS WAS AVAILABLE FOR 2023 AND WHAT I RECALL IS IN 2022 YES BBMR AND OFB HAD THE SAME CONCLUSION THAT THERE'S 19.1 MILLION OVER EXPENDED IN 2022 AND SO BUT TO COVER THAT BBMR PROPOSED THAT ITEMS NEED TO BE THE APPROPRIATED BECAUSE WE IN 2024 WE DID MAKE APPROPRIATIONS ABOUT 19.1 MILLION AGAINST THE 2022 REVENUES SO FROM THIS POINT ALL I CAN SAY IS THE 30 MILLION THAT WE DID IDENTIFY FOR 2023 IS UTILIZED FOR THE GMH THAT WE JUST PASSED THE GMH.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OKAY SO IN ORDER TO NOT CONTINUE A NUMBER SALAD I'M JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN SWORN AND I'M JUST GOING TO ASK YOU BOTH A DIRECT QUESTION ON THE RECORD CAUSE I'M I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO MY ORIGINAL DECLARATION OF WHY I BE BELIEVED WE'RE BEATING A DEAD HORSE LAST TIME IS YOU CAN ASK SAME QUESTION 500 DIFFERENT WAYS BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO GET THE SAME ANSWER FROM YOU GUYS I'LL ASK IT ONCE IS IT YOUR DETERMINATION THAT BASED ON THE BILL THAT WE PASSED FOR THE 30 MILLION OF GMH THERE IS CURRENTLY NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO FUND THIS BILL AS PROPOSED.

OFB – TERLAJE: CORRECT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MR. CARLSON IS THAT YOUR DECLARATION CAN I GET IT ON THE RECORD.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THAT'S CORRECT SIR.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OKAY SO I'M JUST GOING TO USE THE REST OF MY TIME MR. CHAIRMAN AS PROBABLY TRYING TO VERBALIZE WHAT'S IN MY HEAD THAT'S A LITTLE DANGEROUS SOMETIMES BUT I AT LEAST THE WAY YOU SEE IT WHEN WE OVER APPROPRIATED IN 2022 THAT CARRIED FORWARD TO 2023 IT WAS ASSUMED BASICALLY AS A DEFICIT THAT WOULD BE COVERED AND THEN WHEN THE RECOGNITION OF THOSE APPROPRIATIONS FROM 2022 IT WAS IT WAS NEEDED TO BE RECOGNIZED COMING FORWARD TO 2023 BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE THOSE APPROPRIATIONS WHOLE AS A PRIOR FUNDING A PRIOR APPROPRIATION IN ORDER FOR IT TO STILL BE VALID IT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO CONTINUE TO CARRY FORWARD THE CURRENT YEAR UNAUDITED EXCESSES TO COVER THOSE EXPENDITURES I'M SEEING A NOD I THINK THAT'S PRETTY CLOSE TOO I.

OFB – TERLAJE: YES.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: I'LL LISTEN TO MY COLLEAGUES AND SEE IF THEY CAN FIND THE MONEY UNDER THE CUSHIONS BUT I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME THANKS MR. CHAIRMAN.

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

SENATOR BLAS: NO I JUST MAYBE JUST ONE THANK YOU MR. CHAIR AND THANK YOU MR. CARLSON THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE YOU KNOW WHILE THE BILL BASICALLY PRESENTS A FUNDING SOURCE OBVIOUSLY THIS DISCUSSION CAN BE AN EMPHASIS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AN AMENDMENT IF NECESSARY TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY A FUNDING SOURCE IS THERE A PATHWAY TO BE ABLE TO FOR FUNDING FOR THIS FOR THIS PROGRAM IN ANYTHING THAT YOU SEE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: UNFORTUNATELY NO.

SENATOR BLAS: WHETHER IT BE FROM PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR OR OR I MEAN LAST FISCAL YEAR OR PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WE PUT THE SAME KIND OF EFFORT INTO THIS BILL AS WE DID FOR THE HOSPITAL BILL WE TRIED TO COME AND LOOK FOR SOMETHING UNFORTUNATELY THE CRER THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT I MADE FOR THE HOSPITAL BILL IT IT WE TOOK ALL THE RESOURCES TO FUND THE \$30 MILLION FOR THE HOSPITAL SO THERE REALLY ISN'T ANYTHING SIR.

SENATOR BLAS: YOU KNOW I I YOU KNOW AND I HATE TO PUT YOU IN A SPOT MR. CARLSON BUT YOU KNOW THERE WAS A A RECENT ARTICLE IN THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS AND THE THE TITLE OF THE ARTICLE BASICALLY SAYS CRUZ TALKING TO THIS IS AN INTERVIEW WITH WITH THE WITH THE PUBLIC AUDITOR BJ CRUZ IT SAYS FLAG FEDERAL SPENDING FURTHER DELAYS GOVGUAM'S FISCAL 2022 AUDIT WHAT WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IN AS FAR AS WHAT OUR FINANCES WERE ONCE THIS AUDIT IS COMPLETE DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: COULD YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION.

SENATOR BLAS: WHAT CAN WE EXPECT YOU KNOW I MEAN I I THINK THAT AGAIN WE'RE TRYING TO FIND DIFFERENT SOURCES BUT I FEEL WHEN YOU I READ AN ARTICLE ARTICLES SUCH AS THIS AND AND LISTENING TO THE CONVERSATIONS THAT THERE MAY BE SOME UNANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR OR OR OR THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF BASICALLY THERE'S A REFERENCE IN THE STORY ABOUT QUESTION QUESTION FUNDING QUESTION EXPENDITURES HOW DOES THAT FACTOR OR HOW DO THEN DO WE IF WE CAN'T FIND THE MONEY HERE FOR THIS PROGRAM PROJECT AND BASED ON THIS ARTICLE HERE WE'RE LOOKING UPWARDS OF \$42 MILLION IN QUESTION COSTS HOW DO WE RESOLVE A LOT OF THIS STUFF.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THANK YOU FOR THAT SENATOR BLAS I READ THE ARTICLE AS WELL I THINK WHAT HAPPENED WAS THE INITIAL REVIEW HAD IDENTIFIED SOME QUESTION COSTS THOSE WERE BROUGHT BACK TO THE AUDITOR DOA AND THE AGENCY AND THE THE SAME ARTICLE THAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO BASICALLY GOES ON TO STATE THAT ALL THE AGENCIES THAT HAD QUESTION COST HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO CLEAR UP THE QUESTION AND I BELIEVE THAT MOST OF WHAT IT IS THAT WAS INITIALLY DEEMED QUESTIONABLE HAS BEEN RESOLVED AND THAT WILL COME OUT IN THE AUDIT I DON'T BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AS A AS A RESULT OF THE 22 AUDIT SOME KIND OF MANDATE THAT WE ERRONEOUSLY OR WE MISSPENT FEDERAL MONEY AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO COME BEFORE YOU AND ASK YOU FOR X AMOUNT OF DOLLARS TO PAY BACK UNCLE SAM I DON'T FORESEE THAT.

SENATOR BLAS: AGAIN YOU KNOW I I I I USE THE PRELUDE OF I DON'T WANT TO PUT YOU IN A POSITION BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY IT'S ALL CONJECTURE AT THIS POINT THERE'S NOTHING FINAL YEAH OKAY I JUST WANTED TO YOUR TAKE ON WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES ARE AND WHAT WE NEED TO AGAIN YOU KNOW I'M JUST TRYING TO FIND ANY CLEAR WAY OH BY THE WAY THE GOVERNOR'S ON ISLAND ISN'T SHE YEAH I THINK IN THE LAST DISCUSSION WE HAD WAS THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLY USING ARP MONIES FOR THIS YOU THINK THAT I CAN ASK YOU REQUEST YOU TO ASK HER FOR.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I KNOW YOU ASKED ME TO ASK HER BUT QUITE HONESTLY SIR SHE WAS TRAVELING.

SENATOR BLAS: YEAH.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SO I NEVER I NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO.

SENATOR BLAS: BUT NOW SHE'S BACK.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH.

SENATOR BLAS: CAUSE I I SAW HER THIS MORNING.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I SAW HER TOO.

SENATOR BLAS: I'LL ASK YOU TO AGAIN ASK HER OKAY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: ALL RIGHT.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. CHAIR THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS MA'AM.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR SO CAN YOU CONFIRM IF THERE'S ANYTHING IN THE RAINY DAY FUND CURRENTLY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: RAINY DAY RAINY DAY FUND WAS THAT THE RAINY DAY FUND YOU ASKED I I COULD BARELY HEAR YOU.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH THE RAINY DAY FUND.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YES BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE BALANCE IS.

SENATOR PEREZ: DOES OFB HAVE A A ANSWER FOR THAT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SAY THAT.

OFB – TERLAJE: I DON'T HAVE THE RUNNING BALANCE EITHER BUT THERE SHOULD BE THERE'S MONEY IN THERE.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH WAS USED OR ANY KIND OF ESTIMATE OR WHEN WE LAST MET WHAT WAS IN THE ACCOUNT THEN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IT'S PLUS 14 MILLION NOW.

OFB – TERLAJE: YEAH IT'S I I RECALL SOMETHING AROUND 20 SOME MILLION.

SENATOR PEREZ: 20 SOME MILLION.

OFB – TERLAJE: DURING THE BUDGET SESSION THAT'S WHAT WAS MENTIONED.

SENATOR PEREZ: WAS THERE AN APPROPRIATIONS AFTER THAT.

OFB – TERLAJE: YEAH THE 2024 BUDGET ACT SET SETS ASIDE THE RAINY DAY FUND.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO WAS THERE ANYTHING.

SENATOR PEREZ: SORRY WAS THERE ANYTHING TAKEN OUT.

OFB – TERLAJE: OH APPROPRIATION SORRY.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH SO NO NO NO NO APPROPRIATIONS.

OFB – TERLAJE: NO.

SENATOR PEREZ: JUST 20 SOME MILLION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO REMEMBER AT ONE POINT WE WERE CONSIDERING THAT AND THEN WE AND THEN THAT WAS WITHDRAWN ON USING ANY MONEY FOR THE TYPHOON SO AS I I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT BUT NO THE RAINY DAY FUND IS STILL INTACT.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WHATEVER MONEY IS THERE IS STILL THERE AS A MATTER OF FACT SEVERAL OF US HAD RECONSIDERED TOUCHING IT BUT THEN AGAIN IT'S AVAILABLE SO IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO USE IT THIS MAY BE A GOOD RAINY DAY FUND TO TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND POWER

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY THANK YOU AND THEN FOR THE FEMA REIMBURSEMENT SO WE'RE GETTING A 90% % REIMBURSEMENT OBVIOUSLY IT'S GOING TO GO BACK TO THE AGENCIES IS THAT CORRECT OR HOW IS THAT GOING TO BE HANDLED.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT DEPENDS ON THE SOURCE IF WE USE GENERAL FUND MONEY FOR FEMA REPAIRS FEMA ASSOCIATED OVERTIME THEN THAT MONEY GOES BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND DOESN'T GO BACK TO THE AGENCY.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY AND HOW MUCH WAS SPENT I MEAN DO WE HAVE A FINALIZED AMOUNT THAT WAS EXPENDED OR WE STILL THAT TAB IS STILL OPEN.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: FOR MAWAR.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THE ONLY INFORMATION THAT I HAVE FOR YOU IS WHAT'S IN THE CRER WHICH BASICALLY TELLS YOU HOW MUCH WE PULLED TOGETHER HOW MUCH WE EXPENDED ENCUMBERED AND WHAT THE BALANCE IS.

SENATOR PEREZ: ISN'T THERE A TIMELINE WHERE WE HAVE TO END THE EXPEND EXPENDITURES I MEAN IS THAT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE WAS A DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ALL ALL THE EXPENDITURES IS THAT CORRECT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THERE WAS A FEMA HAD A DEADLINE FOR PEOPLE WHO LIKE AGENCIES WHO WANTED TO SUBMIT A PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT SO THERE WAS A FEMA DEADLINE SO THAT YOU KNOW THEY COULD UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS GOING ON AND COORDINATE.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY AND THEN IS THERE A AN TOTAL AMOUNT DO YOU KNOW THE TOTAL AMOUNT THAT THESE AGENCIES SUBMITTED.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NO I DON'T.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY CAN WE PRO CAN IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET THAT INFORMATION OR HOW WOULD WE GET THAT INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE HOMELAND BECAUSE THEY'RE CHARGED WITH THE OVERALL RECOVERY AND COORDINATING ANY FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY MR. CHAIR SORRY IF WE CAN GET THAT INFORMATION MR. CHAIR I'D LIKE TO REQUEST IF WE CAN GET THAT INFORMATION FROM HOMELAND BECAUSE THE DEADLINE PASS IN REGARDS TO THE AGENCY SUBMITTING WHAT THEY SPENDED RELATED TO MAWAR IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET THAT INFORMATION WHILE WE'RE STILL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IT'S IT'S POSSIBLE THAT WE CAN GET IT BUT I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET IT THAT SOON FOR.

SENATOR PEREZ: OR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WHAT WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY.

SENATOR PEREZ: OR JUST CALL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: REMEMBER OKAY WHEN WHENEVER WE TALK ABOUT FEMA NOTHING HAPPENS WITHIN A YEAR JUST FOLLOW THE HISTORY EVERYTHING WITH FEMA THREE OR FOUR YEARS OUT.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH BUT THERE WAS A DEADLINE ACCORDING TO MR. CARLSON THAT THERE WAS A DEADLINE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY BUT.

SENATOR PEREZ: PASSED AND ALL THE AGENCIES HAD TO SUBMIT THEIR EXPENDITURES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I I WE CAN REQUEST WE CAN REQUEST FOR THE INFORMATION WE CAN REQUEST FOR THAT YES.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES I DO I HAVE STILL HAVE TIME SIR MADAM MR. CHAIR THE OTHER QUESTION I HAVE IS THE RECONCILIATION OF THE WAR CLAIMS FOR MR. CARLSON DO WE HAVE ANY UPDATES ON THAT AS FAR AS RECONCILIATION BECAUSE THE ADJUDICATION THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY ENDED LAST YEAR AND SO THERE WAS A PERIOD OF TIME I REMEMBER ONE OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE THE WHOLES THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE I GUESS THE MONEY WAS GOING TO BE BROUGHT BACK BACK TO GUAM FOR THE THE MONEY THAT WASN'T USED IS HAS THERE BEEN ANY PROGRESS OR UPDATES RELATED TO THAT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I THINK IT WAS MR. BIRN WHO SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THERE MAY BE AS MUCH AS \$7 MILLION THAT WE PROVIDED FOR WAR CLAIMS THAT THEY'RE DONE AND WE SHOULD HAVE HAVE SOME KIND OF ACCESS TO THAT AT SOME POINT IN TIME.

SENATOR PEREZ: SO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THE U.S. TREASURY THAT'S A DIFFERENT METHOD.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I THINK IT WAS A LOCAL APPROPRIATION THAT WE DID.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH.

SENATOR PEREZ: BUT FOR MANY YEARS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH.

SENATOR PEREZ: THEY'VE BEEN THEY'VE BEEN HOLDING ON TO SOME OF THE THE I GUESS THE TAXES THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN COMING TO GUAM THROUGH SECTION 30 TO PAY OFF THE WAR CLAIMS IS THAT CORRECT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WE DON'T HAVE ANY WAR CLAIMS SO WE WE WEREN'T PENALIZED ON SECTION 30 THE LAST YEAR THEY TOOK MONEY SUFFICIENT AND WE BELIEVE THAT THEY PROBABLY HAVE MONEY IN EXCESS OF WHAT WAS NECESSARY.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES YEAH THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH.

SENATOR PEREZ: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF RECONCILIATION ON THAT ONE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DON'T KNOW THE STATUS OF THAT I JUST REMEMBER MR. BIRN SAYING THAT THE FOREIGN WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION THAT BASICALLY WAS HANDLING THIS IS IS DONE SO.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES CORRECT AND SO THE MONEY THAT'S LEFT IN EXCESS THERE IS DUE BACK TO COME.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: LESS LESS.

SENATOR PEREZ: LESS ENCUMBRANCE OR POINTS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: LESS 10% OR 5% BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE CHARGE FOR THEIR SERVICES.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY SO THEN HE MENTIONED THAT 35 MILLION WAS PAID OUT SO I DON'T KNOW IF THAT INCLUDES THE ADMINISTRATION COSTS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DON'T KNOW EITHER.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY SO.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WE WE WE DON'T HAVE THAT MONEY ON ISLAND AS WE SPEAK.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH OKAY SO YEAH JUST TO A REMIND AS A REMINDER WE DID INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL THAT THE THE THAT MONEY NEEDS TO BE APPROPRIATED THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE AND YEAH OKAY AND THEN IN REGARDS TO THE SO THE DOCUMENTS THAT WAS SHOWN EARLIER THAT SHOWED THE DE-APPROPRIATION OF THOSE FUNDS THAT ARE GOING TO GO TOWARDS THE HOSPITAL YEAH THERE ARE OTHER FUNDS CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHAT WAS THE RATIONALE FOR CHOOSING THOSE VERSUS OTHERS BECAUSE THERE'S A WHOLE LIST OF OTHER FUNDS THAT WERE NOT TOUCHED.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: MOST OF IT WAS BASED UPON THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO CONTINUING AUTHORIZATION FOR THESE FUNDS AND THIS WAS ADJUSTMENTS TO FY22 AND WHAT WE WHAT I RECALL SAYING WAS THAT WE FELT COMFORTABLE BECAUSE THESE AUTHORIZATIONS EXPIRED BUT THEY'RE STILL ON THE BOOKS AND THE PUBLIC AUDITOR WAS HERE TOO AND HE SAID YOU KNOW THAT'S A PROBLEM AND YOU KNOW IF YOU CAN TAKE THE TIME TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES IT MAKES LIFE A LOT EASIER BUT WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT WHAT WE TOOK WAS HAD THE AUTHORITY TO BE USED PAST THE DEADLINE FOR THE \$4 MILLION BECAUSE WHEN YOU TAKE THE \$15 MILLION FOR THE GMH AND WE MADE A \$19 MILLION ADJUSTMENT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT \$4 MILLION SO NONE OF THESE FUNDS IF I RECALL CORRECTLY HAD CONTINUING APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZATION ATTACHED TO THEM IF THEY DID THEN WE WOULD NOT HAVE BROUGHT THEM TO YOU FOR CONSIDERATION.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH THERE'S SOME THAT DON'T HAVE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THAT'S THAT THAT THAT WAS THE REASON WHY THEY WERE FAIR GAME.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH BUT I MEAN THERE'S SOME HERE THAT ARE STILL ON THE BOOKS THAT WEREN'T APPROPRIATED.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THAT'S THE THAT WAS THE PROBLEM.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS EITHER.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: CORRECT YEAH.

SENATOR PEREZ: SO WHAT WAS THE RATIONALE OF CHOOSING WHICH ONES BETWEEN THOSE THAT DIDN'T HAVE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT IT JUST MADE SENSE TO TO TAKE THE ONES THAT THAT THE AUTHORIZATION BASICALLY WAS NO LONGER VALID.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH BUT THERE THERE WERE SOME THAT HAD DID I'M SORRY THE ONE SO WE JUST KIND OF WHITTLE DOWN THE ONES THAT DIDN'T HAVE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS THERE ARE SOME THAT WERE SELECTED AND SOME THAT WEREN'T SO WHAT WAS THE DECISION POINT IN CHOOSING THOSE THAT DIDN'T HAVE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS WHAT WAS THE DECIDING FACTOR.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WELL WE NEEDED TO GET TO 19.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH BUT I MEAN THERE'S OTHERS I MEAN WHY DIDN'T YOU CHOOSE THOSE OVER THE OTHER ONES SO LIKE DETOX WHY DID THAT GET ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WHY DID IT.

SENATOR PEREZ: WHY DID YEAH BECAUSE THERE'S OTHER FUNDS THAT WERE NOT DE-OBLIGATED THAT DID NOT HAVE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS IN THEM WHAT WAS THE RATIONALE BEHIND THAT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I'M NOT SURE THAT THERE WERE MANY OTHER OTHER SIMILARLY SIMILAR AUTHORIZATIONS THAT WE PICKED AND CHOSE FROM.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH IT'S ON PAGE NINE OF 16.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: OKAY.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I SEE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH SO THE WHAT WAS THE REASON FOR THOSE NOT BEING TOUCHED AND THE OTHER ONES.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WE OKAY THE ON PAGE NINE THE VERY FIRST ONE THAT WE DID NOT TOUCH.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WAS A 26 \$28,000 BALANCE FOR THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION THE NEXT ONE THAT WE DECIDED NOT TO TOUCH CUMULATIVELY WAS A MILLION DOLLARS FOR AGRICULTURE ONE OF THEM WAS 400,000 FOR ENHANCED MONITORING OF CANNABIS AND THE OTHER ONE WAS 600,000 FOR A VERY MUCH NEEDED SLAUGHTERHOUSE SO WE DECIDED TO KEEP THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE FUNDING INTACT BECAUSE OF THE NEED FOR THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE SO THAT THAT PAGE RIGHT THERE THERE WAS THREE THAT WERE NOT PUT ON THE QUOTE UNQUOTE CHOPPING BLOCK AND THE RATIONALE MOST OF IT IS BECAUSE OF THE THE NEED FOR THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND HOPEFULLY THE EXPANSION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY THROUGH CANNABIS.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY THAT THAT ANSWERS MY QUESTION I THINK THAT'S MY QUESTIONS FOR THIS ROUND THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

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

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. CHAIRMAN I DID WANT TO ASK BECAUSE THE LEGISLATURE HAD APPROPRIATED ANOTHER ROUND FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITH LEAP PROGRAM HAS THE ADMINISTRATION MOVED FORWARD IN IMPLEMENTING THAT I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT IT PUBLICLY TO ASSIST THE PRIVATE SECTOR FURTHER FROM DIRECT LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I SAW SOMETHING FROM GEDA TO THE GOVERNOR RECENTLY I I THINK THE THEY WERE TAKING APPLICATIONS AND THEY'RE LOOKING TO THE GOVERNOR FOR THE GREEN LIGHT SO THE ANSWER IS YES.

SENATOR BROWN: SO HAS HAS THAT FUND TANGIBLE I MEAN I KNOW WE CAN APPROPRIATE TO THE MOON BUT YOU KNOW THE CASH IS KING SO DO WE KNOW THAT THE FUNDS ARE ACTUALLY THERE FOR DISTRIBUTION IT'S JUST TIMES GOING BY I MEAN WE'RE ALREADY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THE.

SENATOR BROWN: I MEAN THAT APPROPRIATION WAS MADE QUITE SOME TIME AGO AND WE'RE ALREADY NOW YOU KNOW AND WE'RE JUST NEXT WEEK IS NOVEMBER WE'RE ALMOST TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR IT'S JUST.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH IF IF I RECALL CORRECTLY THE THERE'S AN AMOUNT OF MONEY I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S \$15 MILLION ON THE THE CRER I CAN'T REMEMBER WHETHER OR NOT THAT IS WHAT IT IS THAT'S GOING TO BE THE FUND SOURCE I I SEEM TO RECALL IT'S ANOTHER FUND SOURCE.

SENATOR BROWN: WELL I UNDERSTAND.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: BUT THERE IS ANOTHER ROUND THAT'S COMING UP.

SENATOR BROWN: YEAH JUST DO YOU KNOW WHEN THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED JUST LIKE I SAID THE YEAR THAT WAS THAT WAS EARLIER THIS YEAR AND THE YEAR'S ALMOST OVER SO DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA MAYBE THAT KNOW IT'S TANGIBLE BECAUSE IT'S YOU KNOW TIME IS I MEAN THAT THOSE FUNDS WERE APPROPRIATED WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY TO GET IT OUT THERE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH.

SENATOR BROWN: I I.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I'D HAVE TO GET A HOLD OF GEDA TO FIND OUT.

SENATOR BROWN: IT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO KNOW AND ESSENTIALLY I MEAN FROM THE LAST TIME WE WERE HERE NOT THAT LONG AGO THE WEEK BEFORE LAST TO ADDRESS THE FUNDING FOR GMH I MEAN YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD PROPOSED AS WAS DISCUSSED HERE THIS AFTERNOON DE-APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS TO GOVERNMENT PROJECTS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE WE AT THAT POINT AS THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE ANY ALTERNATE OR ARE YOU STILL LOOKING AT ADDITIONAL FUNDS COMING IN ABOVE AND BEYOND OR OR WHERE ARE WE BECAUSE IF WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING INTO TO CUT INTO EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS THAT YOU KNOW IS THE MONEY STILL FLOWING OR IS

THAT WHAT'S GOING TO BE NECESSARY IF WE HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL THINGS TO APPROPRIATE IF WE GET ANOTHER STORM OR WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: RIGHT NOW WE DON'T SEE ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE GPA CREDIT.

SENATOR BROWN: IS THAT AND IS WOULD THAT BE THE CASE ALSO IS IT JUST SPECIFICALLY THE GPA CREDIT OR ARE WE JUST PRETTY MUCH THERE FOR ANY OTHER MAJOR APPROPRIATION OR MAJOR NEED LIKE I SAID LET'S SAY YOU HOPE I HOPE NOT KNOCKING ON WOOD.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH.

SENATOR BROWN: THIS TABLE'S OLD ENOUGH TO BE REAL WOOD IF WE HAD ANOTHER CIRCUMSTANCE ANOTHER STORM THAT MAY HAVE REQUIRED US TO APPROPRIATE TO RECOVER INITIALLY WOULD WE HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE OR ARE WE ACTUALLY GOING TO HAVE TO CUT INTO EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS TO DO THAT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IF IT IT WAS A STORM THEN YOU COULD USE THE RAINY DAY FUND BUT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION WE'RE SHOWING A \$300,000 SHORTFALL PRELIMINARILY AT THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR FOR THE GENERAL FUND I'M PRETTY CONFIDENT VERY CONFIDENT THAT WE'RE STILL COLLECTING PAYMENTS WE'RE STILL CLOSING OUT FISCAL 23 THAT THIS \$300,000 SHORTFALL WILL BE ELIMINATED AND WE'LL END UP FISCAL 23 IN THE BLACK NOT IN THE RED BUT THERE ISN'T ANY MONEY IN 23 AND IN THE FIRST 26 DAYS OF FY 24 TO FUND ANYTHING THAT ISN'T ALREADY CONTAINED IN THE BUDGET WE DON'T IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMETHING THAT REQUIRED AND WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE OF THE RAINY DAY IF GOD FORBID SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED.

SENATOR BROWN: HOW ABOUT THE SHORTFALLS THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING IN OUR SPECIAL FUNDS IS THAT ANYTHING WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE UP.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WE.

SENATOR BROWN: TO OFFSET YOU KNOW BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THE NUMBER OF THOSE PARTICULAR REVENUE SOURCES ARE FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND OBVIOUSLY IF THE CASH IS NOT THERE TO FUND THEM THEN THERE'S PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT ARE NOT GOING TO BE FUNDED DOES THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE ANY POSITION WITH REGARDS TO THAT OR HOW TO MAKE UP THAT DIFFERENCE FOR THE SHORTFALLS IN THE SPECIAL FUNDS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: ON PAGE THREE OF THE CRER WE ALSO NOTED THE \$13 MILLION SHORTFALL FOR THE GUAM EDUCATION FACILITIES FUND GUAM HIGHWAY FUND AND THE HEALTHY FUTURE FUND THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF BY THE GENERAL FUND SO THAT IS ANOTHER OBLIGATION THAT WHEN YOU GO DOWN THE BOTTOM RIGHT SIDE OF PAGE THREE YOU'LL SEE HOW WE GOT OVERALL SURPLUS OF \$79 MILLION AND THEN ALL THE DIFFERENT APPROPRIATIONS AGAINST EXCESS 23 REVENUES AND THEN WE ALSO ADDED IN THE SPECIAL FUND SHORTFALL AND THE \$30 MILLION FOR GMH AND WE ARE CURRENTLY SITTING AT A SHORTFALL OF \$308,000.

SENATOR BROWN: OF COURSE WE'LL SEE WHEN THOSE FUNDS ARE AUDITED WHAT WHAT WE HAVE LEFT I MEAN SO THE POSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATION THEN IS THE FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: UNFORTUNATELY THEY'RE NOT AVAILABLE.

SENATOR BROWN: AND I JUST WANT TO ASK BECAUSE I MEAN IF YOU RECALL THAT'S HOW THIS WHOLE PROCESS STARTED THE GOVERNOR STATE OF THE ISLAND LAST YEAR BEFORE THE ELECTION ACTUALLY PROPOSED OFFSETTING THE POWER BILL WITH THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION SO MUST NOT BE AN ELECTION YEAR BUT ANYWAY I APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE TO MY QUESTIONS ON THIS ROUND THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU YOU KNOW BEFORE I GO ON TO SENATOR LUJAN I JUST WANT TO MAKE HAVE OFB BE ABLE TO RESPOND IN REFERENCE TO THE RAINY DAY FUND BECAUSE I KNOW FOR A FACT IT WAS

BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION ABOUT THE BUDGET WE IDENTIFIED 50 MILLION AND I'LL HAVE LLEWYN EXPLAIN THAT WHY I BELIEVE THE RAIN DAY FUND IS STILL INTACT LLEWYN.

OFB – TERLAJE: YES THANK YOU SPEAKER FOR BRINGING THAT UP THERE WAS A SECTION IN PUBLIC LAW 3742 SECTION 50 THAT AUTHORIZED TO USE OF 50 MILLION FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND FOR TYPHOON MAWAR BUT IF YOU SEE IN THE CRER THERE'S ALREADY FUNDING IDENTIFIED WHICH INCLUDED THE 20 MILLION FROM DOE THE MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENTS CARES ACT SO AS FAR AS WE KNOW THE RAINY DAY FUND DIDN'T HASN'T BEEN TOUCHED TO FUND THE TYPHOON MAWAR PERHAPS BBMR COULD CLARIFY OR VERIFY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I CONCUR WITH MS. LLEWYN WE DID NOT USE THE RAINY DAY FUND WHEN WE PUT THE MAWAR RECOVERY FUNDING TOGETHER.

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

SENATOR LUJAN: YES I DO THANK YOU MR. CHAIR THANK YOU GOOD AFTERNOON LES MR. CARLSON HOW YOU DOING ACTUALLY I THINK I KNOW THE ANSWERS TO A COUPLE OF THE QUESTIONS WE GOING TO ASK BUT I'LL ASK IT ANYWAYS THE 30 MILLION THAT WAS THAT WE PASSED THE BILL THAT WE PASSED 164 I THINK IT WAS I FORGET THE PUBLIC LAW NUMBER NOW THAT OR THAT BECAME PUBLIC LAW 30 MILLION THAT WAS APPROPRIATE TO THE HOSPITAL AND I UNDERSTAND THAT MONIES HAVE BEEN UPLOADED ALREADY TO TO DOA RIGHT AND THOSE I GUESS BILLS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO TO DO DOA FOR FOR FOR PAYOUTS RIGHT SO AFTER AFTER THAT THERE MONIES THAT WAS FOUND TO THAT AND I KNOW SENATOR CHRIS HAD ASKED THIS QUESTION THAT BASED ON THAT THAT WE NO LONGER HAVE ANY FUNDS AVAILABLE THERE WILL BE INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THAT'S CORRECT SIR.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY AND I WASN'T HERE FOR PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS BUT DOES THAT GO TO PREVIOUS SAY EXCESS FUNDS FROM PREVIOUS APPROPRIATION PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THERE ISN'T ANYTHING AVAILABLE FROM ANY PRIOR FISCAL YEARS THAT WAS THE WHOLE GENESIS OF MR. BIRN'S LETTER TO THE SPEAKER.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY OKAY NOW THE OTHER THING I MEAN THE THERE WAS A TOTAL I GUESS OF 50 MILLION THAT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE HOSPITAL 20 FROM THE ARP FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENT RIGHT OR REPAIRS THINGS OF THAT NATURE AS OF SEPTEMBER THERE WAS \$212, 696,773 THE ARP FUNDS SO MINUS 12 OR 20 MILLION IF THAT IT IF THAT WASN'T MINUSED YET THAT BRINGS US ABOUT 193 MILLION UH ARP FUNDS LEFT SO I GUESS THE ONLY AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCE AT THIS POINT IF WE WERE TO REQUEST BECAUSE WE WE CAN'T DICTATE WHAT TO DO WITH THE ARP FUNDS THE ONLY SOURCE OF FUNDING AT THIS POINT IS WE'LL BE REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO BE ABLE TO USE 15 MILLION FROM THE ARP FUNDS IS THAT CORRECT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I THINK THAT WAS WHAT SENATOR BLAS WAS ASKING.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY OKAY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH.

SENATOR LUJAN: SO THAT BEING SAID I I MEAN YOU KNOW BECAUSE WE STARTED OUT ACTUALLY IN OUR REQUEST FOR THE 30 MILLION IN IN THE HOSPITAL WE STARTED OUT WITH THE RESOLUTION SO WOULD A RESOLUTION HELP AGAIN IN REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE ARP FUNDS FOR 15 \$15 MILLION FOR THE EXTENSION OF OF THE THE POWER SUBSIDY FUNDS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS WELL YOU KNOW IF THERE'S IF THERE IF THE 20 MILLION HAS BEEN SUBTRACTED FROM THE 212 MILLION ALREADY THAT'LL BE 193 MILLION MINUS ANOTHER 15 THAT WOULD GIVE US ROUGHLY ABOUT 170 78 MILLION AGAIN NOT ROUGHLY LESS THAN THAT IF IF THE 15 MILLION WERE TO BE GIVEN FROM THE FROM THE ARP FUNDS IF THE REQUEST WAS MADE AND THE GOVERNOR WERE ABLE TO DO THAT WOULD IT WOULD IT WOULD A RESOLUTION HELP IN TO TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU KNOW SIR LET ME UH KINDLY REMIND YOU THAT SHE HAS A REQUEST BEFORE THIS BODY FOR TO PURCHASE SOME PROPERTY FOR THE NEW HOSPITAL SITE SHE'S BEGINNING A INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGN SO SO THE SHE'S STILL VERY MUCH FOCUSED ON TRYING TO GET A HOSPITAL.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY WHAT DOES THAT PURCHASE NUMBER LOOK LIKE AT THIS POINT WHAT DOES THAT PURCHASE I MEAN MINUS MINUS THE THE BUILDING WHAT DOES THE PURCHASE NUMBER LOOK LIKE AT THIS POINT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DON'T KNOW I HEARD SOMETHING IN THE MEDIA ABOUT A WEEK AGO BASED UPON APPRAISALS AND SALES ON ADJACENT PROPERTIES AND THERE WAS SOME ESTIMATE ABOUT WHAT THE SQUARE METER COST WAS AND WHAT THE SIZE OF THE PROPERTY WAS AND THERE WAS COME OUT TO SOME NUMBER BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY OKAY WELL AGAIN AGAIN IF THAT THAT'S I MEAN I UNDERSTAND UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE'S THAT MONEY I MEAN I MEAN THAT'S THE ONLY THING AVAILABLE AT THIS POINT I MEAN YOU WOULD YOU AGREE WITH THAT THEN THAT'S THE ONLY THING BASED ON EVEN NOT HAVING ANY MONEY LEFT ON ON EXCESS FUNDING SO OTHER THAN ARP FUNDING AT THIS POINT NOTHING ELSE IS AVAILABLE RIGHT IS THAT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THERE IS NO GENERAL FUND MONEY AVAILABLE.

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

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

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YES I DO THANK YOU MR. CHAIR AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY I DO HAVE A QUESTION WITH SECTION 30 FUND THAT WE APPROPRIATED \$75,449,000 INTO THE OUR REVENUES FOR FY 24 SECTION 30 MONEY COMES IN IN SEPTEMBER HAVE YOU RECEIVED THAT SECTION 30 MONEY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YES WE DID.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: HOW MUCH DID YOU RECEIVE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I THINK IT WAS SHORT RIGHT I THINK I THINK WE INFORMED SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN THAT WHAT WE WHAT WAS CONTAINED IN THE BUDGET AND WHAT WE RECEIVED AFTERWARDS I BELIEVE WAS SHORT ABOUT A \$1,000,000.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO WE RECEIVED 74 MILLION LLEWYN CAN YOU ANSWER THAT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SHE DOESN'T HAVE THE BUDGET WITH HER RIGHT NOW TO GIVE YOU A TRUE NUMBER SO SHE SHE'LL CALL IT UP AND THEN GIVE YOU A RESPONSE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY THANK YOU MR. CHAIR THE SECOND ONE IS IN THIS BILL IT YOU WHEN WE'RE TALKING ACTUALLY LET'S LET'S GO BACK TO THE DISCUSSION EVERYONE ALWAYS TALKS ABOUT THE \$20 MILLION FOR DOE AND ALMOST TREATING IT LIKE YOU KNOW IT'S 20 MILLION IS COMING FROM EXCESS REVENUE WHEN ACTUALLY THE 20 MILLION FOR DOE WAS COMING FROM REVENUES FROM THE BUDGET IT WAS NOT EXCESS REVENUE THAT WAS USED FOR DOE'S \$20 MILLION AND YET IT SEEMS THIS 20 MILLION SEEMS TO BE PLAYING A SHELL GAME WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT IT WAS WE RAISED THE REVENUES TO MEET THAT \$20 MILLION SO THERE'S NOTHING IN HERE THAT SAYS IT COMES OUT OF EXCESS FY 23 OR IT'S BEING UTILIZED FROM FY22 MONEY AT ALL SO I'M I'M KIND OF CONFUSED ON THAT WHY ARE THEY KEEP SAYING THAT THIS 20 MILLION IS YOU KNOW FROM EXCESS WHEN THAT'S NOT WHAT WE PASSED.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DON'T THINK THE 20 MILLION IN JEOPARDY SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN USING WITH IT BECAUSE IT'S DEFINITELY AN APPROPRIATION TO DOE BUT YOU USED IT FOR SOMETHING ELSE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NO AGAIN JUST TO BE YOU KNOW YES IT WAS AN APPROPRIATION TO DOE SPEAKER WON PAT AT THE TIME.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SHE'S NOT A SENATOR AT THE TIME WE THIS BODY MAKES THAT DECISION NOT SPEAKER WON PAT WORKING FOR DOE SO SO HOW DID YOU GUYS DO THAT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SHE ASKED FOR OUR ASSISTANCE BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T BE FEEL THAT THE PROCUREMENT UM SERVICES AT DOE WERE ADEQUATE TO ADDRESS IT WAS HER REQUEST.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WELL THAT'S NOT WHAT THE LAW SAYS YOU FOLLOW SOMEBODY ELSE OFF THE STREET AND TELLS YOU WHAT TO DO LESTER THEN LISTEN TO WHAT THIS BODY PASSES IS A LAW THAT'S NOT TRUE TO FORM FY21 IN THIS SPREADSHEET THAT YOU BROUGHT OUT TO US FY21 YOU HAVE HERE THAT THERE IS A BALANCE OF 30 MILLION OR THERE WAS A EXCESS REVENUE IN 21 30,351,140 WHAT WAS THIS MONEY USED FOR.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: PLEASE REFER TO MR. BIRN'S LETTER TO THE SPEAKER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHAT WAS THIS MONEY USED FOR LESTER DO I NEED TO BE LOUDER.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: COULD YOU PLEASE NOT RAISE YOUR VOICE AT ME.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: LET'S LET'S LET'S KEEP IT IN CALM.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I I JUST I I DON'T KNOW IF HE CAN HEAR ME I JUST ASKED WHAT DID HE USE THE EXCESS REVENUE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: HE CAN HEAR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ON THE 30 MILLION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: LET'S KEEP IT CALM.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU'RE STILL RAISING YOUR VOICE AT ME.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DON'T APPRECIATE THAT SENATOR YOU DO IT ALL THE TIME.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WELL I DON'T APPRECIATE YOU NOT ANSWERING OUR QUESTIONS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DID ANSWER HE MR. BIRN ANSWERED THE QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION LESTER WHAT WAS THIS MONEY USED FOR THE 30 MILLION.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT'S THE BEGINNING BALANCE OF FY22 SO IT WAS BASICALLY USED FOR FY22 EXPENSES THAT'S WHAT HIS LETTER SAYS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHAT WERE THOSE EXPENSES.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I HAVE NO IDEA.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE IT WENT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NO.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THIS IS EXCESS ISN'T EXCESS MONEY SUPPOSED TO BE APPROPRIATED BY THIS BODY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT WAS THE BEGINNING BALANCE OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IT'S EXCESS REVENUE THAT HAS TO BE BY LAW APPROPRIATED FROM THIS BODY SO WHERE DID THAT MONEY GO YOU CAN'T ANSWER THAT LESTER BECAUSE YOU GUYS PROBABLY JUST TOOK THAT MONEY AND SPENT IT WHEREVER YOU WANT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THAT'S NOT THE CASE SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THEN TELL US WHERE BECAUSE THE LAW OKAY ANSWER THIS ISN'T IT TRUE THAT BY LAW ANY EXCESS REVENUE THAT'S GENERATED AT THE END OF A PHYSICAL YEAR MUST BE APPROPRIATED BY THIS BODY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THEN WHERE DID IT GO.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT PROBABLY WENT TO GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS THAT WERE CONTAINED IN THE BUDGET.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THAT WAS NOT BUDGETED.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU KNOW SENATOR YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT TRANSPIRED A COUPLE YEARS AGO MY WHOLE GIST IS TRYING TO GET YOU TO REALIZE THAT THERE ISN'T ANYTHING FROM 21 THAT'S AVAILABLE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: REALIZE *AI ADAI*.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: REGARDLESS OF WHERE IT WAS SPENT HOW IT WAS SPENT IT'S NOT AVAILABLE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THAT IS VERY FISCALLY UNRESPONSIBLE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: OH IT'S ACTUALLY FISCALLY FISCALLY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: UNACCOUNTABLE AND THE TRANSPARENCY THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS SHOWN TO THIS BODY AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IS VERY SHORT THEY YOU'VE LOST THE PEOPLE'S TRUST ESPECIALLY WITH THEIR FUNDING LESTER WHAT ABOUT WHY IS THE GOVERNOR NOT USING ANY OF THE RAINY DAY FUND I REMEMBER PUTTING ASIDE MONEY FOR THE RAINY DAY FUND AND SEVERAL BUDGET COUPLE BUDGET BILLS BACK THERE'S AT LEAST \$30 MILLION IN THE RAINY DAY FUND SO TELL ME WHY IS THE GOVERNOR NOT GOING SINCE YOU'RE COMING TO US AND THE THE SKY FALLING WHY ISN'T THE GOVERNOR TAPPED INTO THE RAINY DAY FUND AND WE GAVE HER AUTHORITY TO DO SO BY THE WAY BY LAW.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IN THIS BUDGET.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: FY 24.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: MY RECOLLECTION MA'AM IS THAT IT TAKES 10 VOTES FROM THIS BODY TO TO MOVE ANY MONEY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: NO NO NO NO I SAID IN THE FY 24 BUDGET WE GAVE THE GOVERNOR AUTHORITY TO USE THE RAINY DAY FUND FOR ANY OF TYPHOON MARWAR SO SHE REFUSES TO GO INTO THE RAINY DAY FUND SO WHY IS SHE NOT TOUCHING THE RAINY DAY FUND IF THE SKY IS FALLING DOWN AND PLEASE GIVE ME AN EXTRA 10 SECONDS ON THAT EXPLAINING IT TO HIM AGAIN.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: LIQUIDITY IS A VERY HARD THING TO COME BY AND WHEN YOU HAVE IT YOU SHOULD HOLD ON TO IT FOR DEAR LIFE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IS THAT A FREUD COMMENT OR SOMETHING I I DON'T GET IT OKAY THAT'S A FREUDIAN COMMENT IT'S NOT YOU'RE NOT ANSWERING IT AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL ME WHY SHE'S NOT TAPPING INTO THAT MEDICAID 17 MILLION WILL GO BACK INTO THE GENERAL FUND IS THAT WHAT'S ANTICIPATED ABOUT 17 MILLION ACCORDING TO THE CRER REPORT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WOULD THAT BE GOING BACK TO THE CR THE GENERAL FUND ONCE IT'S REIMBURSED.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IT WILL BE INTO THE GENERAL FUND ANTICIPATED WE DON'T KNOW TALKED ABOUT THE SHORTFALLS IN FY 23 IT CAME UP TO 18 MILLION 18.5 MILLION TO BE EXACT BUT YET IN THE CRER REPORT YOU'RE ONLY CLAIMING 13,326,793 WHERE'S THE 5.173 MILLION GOING TO COME FROM TO COVER THE THE REMAINING.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SENATOR YOU HAVE THREE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS THE GUAM EDUCATION FACILITIES FUND THE GUAM HIGHWAY FUND AND THE HEALTHY FUTURE FUND THAT HAVE SHORTFALLS UM AND THAT'S CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER THE CU THE THAT ADDS UP TO \$13 MILLION AND IT'S HERE ON THE CRER ON PAGE THREE THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL IS 13,326,793 SO YOUR QUESTION IS HOW ARE WE GOING TO ADDRESS THE SHORTFALL IN SPECIAL FUNDS IT'S COMING FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THOSE ARE THE ONLY THREE THAT ARE SHORT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SO HOLD ON THOUGHT IT'S GOING TO COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND LET'S JUST REMEMBER THAT PART LESTER I RECEIVED A CRER REPORT FOR THE SPECIAL FUNDS AND I'M TOTALING 18.5 MILLION WHY ARE YOU SAYING IT'S ONLY 30 LET ME LET ME SHOW YOU HEALTHY FUTURES FUND SHOWING 12,37918 6,052,546 FOR THE HIGHWAY AND THEN FROM GUAM EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FUND IS 101,000 110,888 MAYBE MY MATH IS WRONG BUT TO ME THAT CAME OUT TO 18.5 MILLION.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO WHY IS IT 13 ONLY IN THE CRER REPORT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: ARE YOU LOOKING AT THE SEPTEMBER REPORT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YES I AM.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: OH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I'M LOOKING AT THE CRER DATED OCTOBER 20TH 2023 SENT TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER TERLAJE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: ALL RIGHT SENATOR SO IF YOU GO DOWN IT SAYS REVISED OVER OVER OVERAGE OR SHORTAGE SO THE FIRST COLUMN IS CUSTOMS THEY BASICALLY HAD A SURPLUS OF 3.4 MILLION BECAUSE OF A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION THEN THE NEXT ONE IS GUAM EDUCATION FACILITIES FUND WE'RE SHOWING AND WE AGREE BECAUSE YOUR \$110,000 IS THE SAME NUMBER MOVING TO THE RIGHT GUAM HIGHWAY FUND AT A SHORTFALL OF \$836,000 AND THE NEXT ONE OVER IS A HEALTHY FUTURE FUND THAT HAD A SHORTFALL OF 12,379 WHEN YOU ADD ALL THREE OF THOSE TOGETHER IT COMES UP TO THE NUMBER ON THE CRER OF 13,326,793.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO THE \$5.2 MILLION AUTHORIZED DEPOSIT FROM DEPOSITED FROM GENERAL FUND PUBLIC LAW 36124 THE TAX RELIEF ACT WHERE DID THE FUNDS COME FROM THERE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU GUYS CUT THE TAX SO WE COLLECTED THE MONEY AND YOU GUYS SAID NO PART OF WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING IS GOING TO BE USED FOR THE GAS TAX RELIEF SO.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHERE DID THE 5 MILLION COME FROM.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU CUT THE AUTOMOTIVE AND DIESEL SURCHARGE YOU CUT THE REVENUE SOURCE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: RIGHT BUT THEN YOU'RE ADD MILLION.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: AND YOU APPROPRIATED AND YOU APPROPRIATED IT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: RIGHT BUT YOU'RE ADDING 5 MILLION.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NO I'M JUST WE'RE JUST SHOWING IT IT TO YOU WHERE THAT YOU DON'T ADD IT IT'S FYI.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THAT'S WHERE YOU GET 836.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WELL MAYBE THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BECAUSE IF YOU TAKE THAT OUT THEN WE'RE OUR NUMBERS ARE THE SAME WE'RE AT 13.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY I'M ALMOST DONE WITH MY MY LAST QUESTION TO GET HIT MY 5 SECONDS THANK YOU TO THE TIME CLOCK INDIVIDUAL WHO'S DILIGENTLY PRESSING THAT BUTTON AND PAUSE BUTTON AT THE SAME TIME IF THIS BILL SHOULD PASS AND THE LANGUAGE IS CHANGED TO TO SAY THAT THE FUNDING SHALL COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND PERIOD SIMILAR WHAT WE'VE DONE TO OTHER LEGISLATION WHERE WE JUST PUT GENERAL FUND IF WE DO THAT THEN THE GOVERNOR WILL HAVE TO TRY AND FIND THE MONEY HERSELF THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU I DON'T THINK THAT WAS A QUESTION BUT THAT WAS A STATEMENT RIGHT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH IT WAS A STATEMENT.

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

SENATOR FISHER: YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. CHAIR MR. CARLSON SITTING HERE FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF IT SEEMS LIKE THE ANSWER WE'RE HEARING IS THOUGH WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE ENERGY CREDIT THAT THERE IS NO MONEY TO DO SO IS THAT CORRECT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YES SIR.

SENATOR FISHER: SO THERE THERE'S JUST NO THE CABINET IS BARE THERE'S NO MONEY TO DO THIS NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE WANT TO DO IT IS THAT CORRECT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THERE ISN'T ANYTHING THAT I AM AWARE OF THAT THE.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: GENERAL FUND CAN BE TAPPED FOR THE AMOUNT THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY SO AS I UNDERSTAND IT WE JUST WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY I'LL SAY THAT FOR THE THIRD TIME NOW WE'RE GETTING READY TO GO INTO A SECOND ROUND OF QUESTIONING TO ASK YOU MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS DO YOU ANTICIPATE IN THE SECOND ROUND REVERSING YOUR POSITION AND SAYING WE DO HAVE MONEY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NO.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

NOTE SENATOR TAITAGUE PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I'M SORRY ARE ARE YOU COMPLETE MR. SENATOR FISHER OKAY NEXT IS SENATOR QUINATA YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR QUINATA: SO I MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WHOLE AND WE'RE JUST.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHAT.

SENATOR QUINATA: THERE'S NOTHING FURTHER TO ASK RIGHT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS SENATOR QUINATA.

SENATOR QUINATA: THAT'S MY QUESTION OH OKAY NEVER MIND SOMEONE ELSE GOT SOMETHING ELSE TO SAY I WAS ON THE SAME MESSAGE WITH SENATOR FISHER I THINK IF THERE'S NO MONEY THERE'S NO MONEY BUT OKAY SOMEONE ELSE HAS SOMETHING TO ASK TO SAY SO I GUESS NO.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: NO QUESTIONS OKAY.

SENATOR QUINATA: YEAH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR SIMPLE QUESTION FROM THE PREVIOUS EMERGENCY SESSION WE IDENTIFIED THAT FUNDS THAT WAS IN 21 WAS MOVED OVER TO 22 TO COVER AS AS A STARTUP BUDGET AND THEN 22 GOES INTO 23 AM I CORRECT I MEAN MONEY ROLLS IT DOESN'T STAY AND SIT AND WAIT FOR A RAINY DAY DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY OKAY THAT'S NUMBER ONE NUMBER TWO IT WAS IDENTIFIED EARLIER THAT THERE IN IN THE BUDGET AND OFB DID CLARIFY THAT YES WE AUTHORIZED TO TO TAKE FROM THE RAINY FUND BUT NOTHING WAS EVER TAKEN BECAUSE MONEY CAME IN AND COVERED THAT AM I CORRECT BASED ON WHAT OFB REPORTED BECAUSE IT'LL BE DOA THAT WOULD SAY IT BUT OFB SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER FOR BOTH.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WE USE OTHER SOURCES FOR THE MAWAR RECOVERY YES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY IT BEING THAT THE AUDIT OF 22 HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED IN THE EVENT YOU KNOW I'M ALWAYS HOPING FOR THE BEST HUH THAT THE OPA COMES OUT AND SAYS WE DO HAVE SOME MONEY MAY NOT BE 15 HOPEFULLY IT'S MORE THAN 15 I DON'T BELIEVE THERE WILL BE AN OBJECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION THAT WE APPROPRIATE THAT MONEY OR EVEN PUT IN THIS BILL THAT ANY ANY FUNDS IDENTIFIED IT'LL BE AUTOMATICALLY EARMARKED AND IT KIND OF COMMITS US TO NOT APPROPRIATING ANYTHING UNTIL WE FULFILL THIS ENERGY PROGRAM AM I CORRECT WOULD YOU BE KIND OF RELUCTANT I KNOW BECAUSE WHATEVER MONEY WE'RE BASICALLY GOING TO TIE IT ALL UP.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THE SAME ARTICLE THAT SENATOR BLAS WAS REFERRING TO THE PUBLIC AUDITOR I I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S REALLY HANGING HIS HAT ON THIS BUT HE SAYS HE WANTS TO RELEASE THE AUDIT BY NOVEMBER 1ST SO WE'LL KNOW HOPEFULLY BY NOVEMBER 1ST WHERE WE STAND AND WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ANYTHING THAT CAN BE APPROPRIATED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: BUT OKAY BUT CAN CAN YOU LEAST VERIFY THAT YOU REMEMBER THAT YOU HAD MENTIONED IT THAT WE HAD OVERS SPENT NO OVER APPROPRIATED IN 22 RIGHT THE SO CALLED UNAUDITED BUT TECHNICALLY YOU IT KIND OF BROKE EVEN RIGHT NOW BECAUSE WHY THE AUDIT IS NOT OUT BUT THOSE THOSE APPROPRIATIONS ARE COVERED AM I CORRECT KIND OF LIKE COVERED BECAUSE OF THE ROLLING FUNDS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS THAT YOU'RE SAYING SIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY WE APPROPRIATED IN THE BUDGET UP TO \$19 MILLION FROM FY22.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IS THAT COVERED BASED ON WHATEVER MONEY IS AVAILABLE BECAUSE IT WAS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY THAT THERE IS MONEY EVEN THOUGH THE AUDIT DIDN'T COME OUT THERE IS MONEY IS THAT 1 MILLION APPROPRIATION COVERED.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT CAN'T BE COVERED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IT CAN'T.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THE THE REVENUES DON'T SUPPORT THE 19 MILLION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SO EVEN MISS LLEWYN SAID YOU KNOW SAID THE SAME THING THE REVENUES BASICALLY WERE INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT THE APPROPRIATIONS SO THE \$19 MILLION IS NEEDS TO GET ADDRESSED CAUSE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: BUT IF THE OPA COMES OUT AND SAYS THERE'S 19 MILLION THAT WILL AUTOMATICALLY COVER IT AM I CORRECT IF IT COMES OUT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH BUT I THINK THE LETTER TO THE SPEAKER KIND OF GIVES YOU A A GLIMPSE THAT YOU KNOW THAT'S PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE THE CASE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY AND THE LETTER TO THE SPEAKER BASICALLY SAYS WHAT THERE'S NO MONEY AT ALL OR THERE'S LESS THAN 19.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: BASICALLY IT SAYS AFTER ADJUSTMENTS THE ASSIGNED BALANCE DEFICIT IS REDUCED TO 4.8 MILLION SO BASICALLY YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A HE'S SAYING THAT THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING EXCESS IT WILL BE A SLIGHT DEFICIT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THERE WOULD BE A SLIGHT DEFICIT CORRECT 4.8 SO IN OTHER WORDS WE JUST NEED TO IDENTIFY WHICH WHICH WHAT WHAT WE APPROPRIATE NEEDS TO BE A DE-APPROPRIATED CORRECT ONCE THE BUDGE THE OPA AUDIT COMES OUT OFFICIALLY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DON'T THINK WE DE-APPROPRIATE SIR I THINK WE WE JUST LIKE THERE'S AN APPROPRIATION ON THE BOOKS THAT THERE WASN'T LIKE IN YEARS'S PAST WHEN WE WERE RUNNING DEFICITS ALL THE TIME THERE WERE JUST CERTAIN THINGS THAT COULDN'T GET FUNDED IT WAS A MATTER OF HOW

MUCH YOU HAD WHAT THE LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZED AND WHAT WHAT YOU COULD AND WHEN PRIORITIZING EXPENSES WHAT YOU ACTUALLY COULD PAY SO IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THE CASH TO PAY FOR AN APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE THEN THAT NEVER GOT ADDRESS SO WE DON'T WE DIDN'T DE-APPROPRIATE IT WE JUST DIDN'T ACT ON THE APPROPRIATION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY COULD YOU GOSH IF IF IF THE OPA HE PUTS HIS NECK OUT ON HIS HEAD ON THE LINE SAYING THAT WE COULD BE IN A DEFICIT BUT HE'S NOT OFFICIALLY SAYING IT BECAUSE HE'S NOT HE'S NOT RELEASING THE AUDIT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH THAT'S

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IT'S KIND OF LIKE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: MR. BIRN THAT MR. BIRN'S THAT'S MR. BIRN'S.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT'S MR. BIRN WELL I THINK I'LL WAIT FOR MR. AUDITOR CRUZ TO KICK OUT THE OFFICIAL REPORT BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY HE'S GOING TO SAY EXACTLY IF WE HAVE IF WE'RE IN A DEFICIT OR NOT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YES SIR I AGREE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: BUT YOU KNOW THAT THE DEFICIT IS CREATED ONLY IF IF THE ADMINISTRATION CHOOSE TO AUTHORIZE AN EXPENDITURES THERE NOT THERE'S NO MONEY THAT'S HOW DEFICITS ARE CREATED RIGHT IT JUST DOESN'T YEAH WE'RE SHORT WE OVER APPROPRIATED BUT AS LONG AS THERE'S NO MONEY YOU DON'T YOU DON'T ACT ON SOMETHING THERE'S NO MONEY IN THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION THEY JUST DID EVERYTHING AND THAT'S WHY THERE WAS NO MONEY AT ALL FOR ANYTHING AM I CORRECT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YES THERE WAS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ACTION DONE THAT SHOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH IN SOME CASES YES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR. THANK YOU SENATOR OF SAN AUGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: OH THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR IT IT PAYS TO BE THE LAST ONE BECAUSE ALL THE GREAT QUESTIONS WERE ALREADY ASKED I MY DAD USED TO SAY NO MEANS NO AND I HEARD A LOT OF NOS I WAS IT'S TRUE THEN AND IT'S TRUE NOW SIR WOULD IT BE COULD WE WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE IS WE'RE TRYING TO FIND MONEY TO GIVE CREDIT FOR GPA RIGHT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE AND YOU SAID TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT THERE'S NO MONEY IS IT POSSIBLE TO APPROPRIATE FROM FISCAL YEAR 2026 OR IS IT KIND OF TOO EARLY.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH I THINK THAT'S A A LITTLE TOO FARFETCHED SIR.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: OKAY SO AGAIN WE THERE'S THERE'S JUST NO MONEY FOR THIS PROGRAM.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: AT AT THIS POINT IN TIME I THINK THE SPEAKER HAD A A A VALID QUESTION WE I'M CONFIDENT THAT WE'RE GOING TO WHEN WE CLOSE THE BOOKS ADDRESS THIS \$300,000 GENERAL FUND SHORTFALL THAT WE'RE SHOWING IN THE CRER I'M ALSO VERY UPBEAT AND OPTIMISTIC THAT OUR REVENUE COLLECTIONS ARE STILL GOING TO BE VERY STRONG AND I KNOW THE TIMING IS WRONG AND THERE ISN'T MONEY THERE BUT THERE MIGHT BE MONEY IN A MONTH OR TWO.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: OKAY THANK YOU SIR YOU KNOW I JUST YOU KNOW CHRISTMAS IS FASTLY APPROACHING AND WE ALL WANT TO PLAY SANTA SO YOU KNOW IF IF IN THAT I GUESS THAT THAT NEW REPORT MAYBE WE CAN GO AHEAD AND REVISIT THIS RIGHT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YES AND AGAIN THERE THERE MAY BE A LAG BUT IF IT'S THE WILL OF THE BODY AND THE FUNDS ARE THERE YOU'RE YOU KNOW YOU YOU'LL GET YOU'LL GET THE SUPPORT.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES SIR ALL RIGHT THANK YOU SIR THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR YOU KNOW I'M I'M PRETTY SURE IF THERE WAS MONEY THERE I I DON'T THINK WE WOULD ALL HESITATE HERE TO TO TRY TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE PRESSURES OF THE COST OF LIVING AND PARTICULARLY THE COST OF POWER THANK YOU SIR FOR BEING HERE AND I SURE I REALLY APPRECIATE IT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR SAN NICOLAS OKAY WE'RE GOING TO GO TO THE SECOND ROUND I'LL START WITH THE SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU I WISH I SHARED THAT SENTIMENT THAT IF THERE WAS MONEY THERE WE WOULD BE HEARING ABOUT IT I THINK IT'S THE OPPOSITE WE KNEW.

SENATOR PARKINSON: EXCUSE ME MADAM CHAIR I'D LIKE TO YIELD MY TIME TO THE SPEAKER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: PLEASE PUT 10 MINUTES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE WE'RE HEARING ALL KINDS OF THINGS THAT CHANGE DAY TO DAY APPARENTLY THERE WERE NO FUNDS TO PUT 30 MILLION TO THE HOSPITAL UNLESS SOMETHING WAS DE-APPROPRIATED BUT NOTHING WAS DE-APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE IT SEEMS THIS ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THEY CAN DE-APPROPRIATE AND THEY CAN PICK AND CHOOSE WHICH APPROPRIATIONS CARRY OVER WHICH ONES DON'T THEY CAN GET RID OF METH REHAB BY THEIR CHOICE IT'S LIKE THE POLICY DECISIONS THAT WE ARE MAKING HERE COUNT FOR NOTHING WE CAN KEEP A A SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND NOT NOT REPAIR OUR ROADS THE WHOLE LIST BUT ANYWAYS WHAT I WANT TO RE GET TO IS IT'S IT'S I WANT TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT DATE BECAUSE IT WASN'T DONE IN AUGUST IT WAS DONE IN SEPTEMBER THAT THE \$18 MILLION OR 16 MILLION IN MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT CAME IN AND WHEN WAS IT ALLOCATED FOR THE TYPHOON.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT HAD TO BE SOMETIME AFTER THE \$50 MILLION AUTHORIZATION WAS PASSED MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH THAT WAS PASSED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TYPHOON IN MAY PLEASE YOU KNOW THIS IS WHY WE GET IMPATIENT BECAUSE THAT'S LIKE A SMART ALECK ANSWER AS OPPOSED TO JUST A STRAIGHT OUT ANSWER.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE ASKING THE DATE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DON'T KNOW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT LET ME EXPLAIN.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DON'T KNOW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WE I WANT TO KNOW MADAM CHAIR BECAUSE WE PASSED A LAW THAT WAS THE BUDGET FOR FY 24 IT BECAME EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 11 VERY EARLY IN THE MONTH AND IN THAT BUDGET WE SAID NO MORE TAKING FROM THE GENERAL FUND BECAUSE OF THIS KIND OF STUFF BECAUSE THEY TAKE WHATEVER THEY WANT THEY TAKE FROM DOE AND WE SAID NO MORE AND WE SAID WE ARE REPLACING THAT AUTHORITY WITH THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND ONLY AS YOU POINTED OUT WE EXPECTED THE 20 MILLION TO DOE TO BE GIVEN BACK WE EXPECTED ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL SUMS THAT ARE GOING TO BE USED FOR TYPHOON WOULD BE TAKEN FROM THIS RAINY DAY FUND AS THE LAW STATES NOT BY SOME OTHER RANDOM AUTHORITY OR NON AUTHORITY IT IT REALLY SHOULD FOLLOW THE LAW SHOULD IS WE DON'T WE WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO USE THAT WORD THAT'S WHAT THE LAW SAYS THAT'S WHAT SHOULD BE DONE AND I'M ASKING THE DATES BECAUSE REALLY THE ONLY THING IS IF THEY COULD PROVE THAT THEY DID THIS PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 11 THEN THE BUDGET WAS ALREADY PASSED BY THE GUAM LEGISLATURE SO THEY ALREADY KNEW WHAT WE WANTED THEM TO DO AND THEY PURPOSELY TOOK THAT MONEY OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND AT THAT TIME SO THAT WE COULD NOT CONTROL THAT MONEY AND THEY PURPOSELY HAVE NOT USED THE RAINY DAY FUND ALTHOUGH WE'VE MANDATED THEM TO DO THAT AND TO LEAVE THE RAINY

DAY THE TO LEAVE THE GENERAL FUNDS ALONE THAT 16 MILLION IN MEDICAID I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE ANY AUTHORITY TO USE SET FOR TYPHOON THAT SHOULD GO BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH TO COVER THE 15 MILLION FOR THREE MERE MONTHS OF ENERGY CREDIT PAYMENTS AND I'M HOPING THAT MY COLLEAGUES CAN HEAR THAT BECAUSE I I HAVE HEARD THAT THEY CAN HEAR THE THERE'S NO MONEY THERE'S NO MONEY WELL THAT'S NOT THE TRUTH THE TRUTH IS THERE'S MONEY THEY CHOOSE NOT TO USE IT FOR THIS BECAUSE THEY WANT TO USE IT FOR THAT THERE'S MONEY SITTING IN THE RAINY DAY FUND THAT WE AUTHORIZED TO BE USED FOR THE TYPHOON THAT THEY HAVE NOT TOUCHED BECAUSE THEY WOULD RATHER TOUCH OUR GENERAL FUNDS AND COME BACK DOWN HERE AND SAY WE HAD TO TAKE ALL THE MONEY AND NOW THERE'S NO MONEY FOR ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT TO DO AND BY THE WAY WE TOOK THE FY21 EXCESS AS WELL AND WE USED IT FOR WHATEVER WE WANTED TO DO AND WE ARE GOING TO PICK AND CHOOSE APPROPRIATIONS CONTINUE AND DO NOT SO THE TRUTH IS THAT THEY ARE USING THEIR DISCRETION AND I'M ASKING THAT WE USE OUR AUTHORITY AND WE WE DID IN THE BUDGET AND I INTEND TO BRING THIS UP WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HONESTLY HOW CAN YOU CONTINUE TO TAKE MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND BUT EVEN WITHOUT DOING THAT I DON'T HAVE TO ACCUSE ANYONE OF BAD INTENTION IF IT WAS JUST AN ERROR IF IT WAS JUST DONE WITH BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THE BBMR DIRECTOR DOES NOT KNOW THAT WE APPROPRIATED THE FUNDS OUT OF THE RAINY DAY FUND HE'S TESTIFYING THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT EVEN OFB DIDN'T KNOW THAT UNTIL I POINTED IT OUT TO THEM SO THAT'S AN ERROR BUT NOW WE ALL SHOULD BE ON THE SAME PAGE THE MONEY THAT THAT STILL SITS IN THE TYPHOON MAWAR ALLOCATION THE BALANCE IS 29 MILLION 29 MILLION IF THAT'S RESTORED TO THE GENERAL FUND AND REPLACED WITH RAINY DAY FUNDS JUST THAT BALANCE NOT EVEN THE WHOLE 45 46 MILLION BUT JUST THE BALANCE IF YOU CORRECT THAT TODAY WE COULD GIVE THIS CREDIT OUT TODAY I INTEND TO DO THAT I INTEND TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES THAT THAT'S WHAT WE DO WE JUST MAKE THEM FOLLOW THE LAW USE RAINY DAY FUNDS FOR THE TYPHOON THEY'VE ONLY SPENT 29 MILLION NONE OF IT APPARENTLY ON DOE ACCORDING TO DOE BUT 29 MILLION NO I'M SORRY THEY'VE ONLY SPENT I'M SORRY THEY HAVE ONLY SPENT EIGHT SEVEN MILLION AND THEY'VE ENCUMBERED EIGHT MORE MILLION THE BALANCE THAT REMAINS SET ASIDE IN THE GENERAL FUND IS \$29 MILLION IT'S SITTING THERE FOR TYPHOON MAWAR AFTER WE SAID USE RAINY DAY FUNDS FOR TYPHOON MAWAR SO I'M HOPING THAT THAT IS LOUD AND CLEAR AND THAT THE PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO BE FOOLED THAT IF THERE'S A WILL THERE'S CLEARLY A WAY THERE ARE OTHER WAYS AS WELL BUT THAT'S AN EASY ONE AND WE ARE ALSO EXPECTING 16 MILLION MEDICAID IF THE RAINY DAY FUND FALLS SHORT FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TYPHOON THAT YOU NEED I MEAN WE'RE STILL GOING TO GET ANOTHER 18 MILLION IN MEDICAID SO I SAY THE LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO CLEARLY FLEX ITS AUTHORITY AND SAY WE ARE GOING TO USE THE GENERAL FUND MONEY YOU GOVERNOR HAVE CONTROL OVER ARP IT CAN BE USED FOR THE LEAP AND WE CAN TAKE THAT \$15 MILLION AND GIVE IT OUT AN ENERGY REPAIR TODAY ALL OF A SUDDEN NOW WE'RE GOING TO FUND THE LEAP AFTER NOT FUNDING IT FOR MONTHS AFTER ALL OF A SUDDEN NOW PAYING THESE BUSINESSES IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN GIVING \$100 TO FAMILIES BUT WE DON'T EVEN HAVE TO DO THAT BECAUSE THE CASH IS THERE WE JUST NEED TO GET THESE GUYS TO DO THEIR JOB DOA DIDN'T SHOW UP WE WE CAN'T QUESTION THEM BUT REALLY THE LAW IS CLEAR USE THE RAINY DAY FUND THAT LEAVES US WITH A BALANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND OF 29 MILLION WE CAN USE 15 MILLION FOR THIS ENERGY CREDIT RIGHT AWAY I I APPRECIATE THE QUESTIONS OF MY COLLEAGUES I THINK THEY WERE VERY GOOD I'D LIKE TO KNOW MR. CARLSON WHEN YOU SAID YOU PUT YOU DE-APPROPRIATED FROM THAT WHOLE LIST OF FY22 APPROPRIATIONS BUT YOU DIDN'T DE-APPROPRIATE FROM SOME OF THE OTHER FY22 APPROPRIATIONS YOU CHOSE THEM OR THE GOVERNOR CHOSE THEM AND THAT I ASKED YOU SO YOU YOU DE-APPROPRIATED AND YOU SPENT THE MONEY AND YOU SAID NO I PUT IT INTO A RESERVE FUND AND I WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS THAT RESERVE FUND.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT'S NOT A RESERVE FUND FUND IT'S THE THE MONEY IS STILL IN THE ACCOUNT THAT IT WAS LOADED INTO BUT THE AMOUNTS ARE PUT IN RESERVE SO THEY CANNOT BE ACCESSED THEY'RE NOT DE-APPROPRIATED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY SEE NOW WE'RE JUST GOING TO WASTE ALL MY TIME WE WENT THROUGH THIS ON ROUND ONE IT WAS VERY CLEAR ON THE RECORD HE SAID HE DE-APPROPRIATED THE MONEY HE GOT TO CHOOSE THAT NOW HE'S SAYING HE DIDN'T IT'S VERY CONFUSING.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH WELL NUMBER ONE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I REALLY PRAY THAT MY COLLEAGUES CAN SEE ABOVE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I I'M NOT COMMITTING A CRIME BY DOING SOMETHING THAT I'M NOT ALLOWED TO DO ALL RIGHT THE THE SHEET THAT WAS HERE WAS RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS ON STARTING ON PAGE 13 THAT'S WHAT WE PROVIDED TO YOU GUYS NOBODY SAID ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT WE WERE LOOKING AT DOING SO WHEN YOU PASS THE BILL WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WHAT'S THE GOVERNOR SUPPOSED TO DO IT'S LIKE OKAY THIS IS WHAT WE CAME DOWN HERE WITH THIS IS IT GOT PASSED I WE ASSUMED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S NOT WHAT GOT PASSED THAT'S NOT THAT'S NOT YOUR BILL THAT GOT PASSED THAT WAS SENATOR LUJAN'S BILL AND IT DIDN'T MENTION THE LIST OF DE-APPROPRIATIONS THAT YOU MADE AND IT DIDN'T MENTION.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: BUT IN THE COURSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ANYTHING EXCEPT FOR.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IN THE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: UNAPPROPRIATED EXCESS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IN THE COURSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: REVENUES.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION WE PROVIDED THIS TO YOU AND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I KNOW BUT WE DIDN'T EVEN GET TO THAT DISCUSSION YOU REMEMBER IT WAS CUT SHORT SO THAT WAS NOT MENTIONED ON THE RECORD.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND THE FY IF THE IN THE SEPTEMBER CRER AND THEN I ASKED YOU THERE'S OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING THE THE ADDITIONAL MEDICAID MONEY THAT'S COMING IN.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YES BUT I DON'T KNOW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE 20.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DON'T KNOW WHEN THAT'S GOING TO COME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S CORRECT YOU'RE SAYING YOU DON'T KNOW JUST LIKE WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE AUDIT IT'S KIND OF LIKE EVERYTHING'S HELD UNTIL YOU CAN SPEND IT AND WE CAN'T CONTROL IT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I DON'T DON'T DO THE AUDIT THING ON ME YOU KNOW I DON'T HAVE ANY CONTROL ON THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M NOT BLAMING IT ON YOU.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YOU JUST DID.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BUT IT IS A TEAM RIGHT AND WE NEED TO GET THIS DONE AS A GOVERNMENT AND IT'S US WHO'S BEING TOLD AFTER THE BUDGET BILL IS ALREADY PASSED AND I I'M STUNNED AS WELL OFB DID NOT RING AN ALARM THAT BBMR IS GOING TO DE-APPROPRIATE THOSE THINGS IF WE DID NOT CONTINUE THOSE APPROPRIATIONS EVERYBODY IN THE HEARINGS WAS COUNTING THAT THAT 15 MILLION WAS ALSO GOING TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: I MADE THAT CLEAR WE THAT THE HOSPITAL WASN'T GETTING 35 SENATOR TAITAGUE ASKED ME AND I SAID NO WE'RE GOING TO DE OBLIGATE THE 15 AND WE'RE GOING TO REPLACE IT WITH 20 SO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU ALSO TESTIFIED TO ME THAT YOU COULD NOT DE-APPROPRIATE WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND I I THINK THAT'S STILL THE LAW.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: ALL RIGHT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE THESE THESE OTHER THINGS THAT YOU PUT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NOT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE APPROPRIATIONS FROM FY 23 GENERAL FUND REVENUES IN PUBLIC LAW 3742 ARE THESE ALL GOING TO BE FUNDED THE ONES ON THE LIST ON THE CRER SEPTEMBER.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: WHAT PAGE ARE YOU ON.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THREE.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: LEAP THE ROUND ONE OF GPA CREDIT PUBLIC HEALTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DOE THOSE ARE ALL GOING TO BE FUNDED YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY AND THEN YOU PUT 30 MILLION FROM FY 23 EXCESS BUT YET YOU'RE DE-APPROPRIATING FROM FY22 AND AND AGAIN MY COL.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THE SHEET THAT I GAVE YOU SAYS FROM ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 22 BUT THESE WERE CONTAINED IN PRIMARILY THE 23 BUDGET.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THEY WERE CONTAINED BUT THEIR FY22 APPROPRIATIONS YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT THIS IS AN FY 23 YOU'RE TAKING OUT AT FY 23 EXCESS THOSE WERE ALL APPROPRIATIONS OUT OF FY22 EXCESS IT'S APPLES AND DIMES BUT JUST THE LAST QUESTION IS IF THAT WE WERE OVER APPROPRIATED IN FY22 BY 19 MILLION WE STILL HAD THE FY21 EXCESS THAT HAD BEEN BANKED PUT INTO THE BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND IT COULD HAVE COVERED THAT THERE WERE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN EXCESS SO TO SAY THERE'S NOTHING THERE WAS NOTHING IS VERY WRONG.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOUR YOUR TIME IS UP THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR OH MAN YOU'RE GIVING ME GRAY HAIRS LESTER IT'S JUST SO CONFUSING I MEAN JUST LOOKING AT THIS LIST OF THESE DE-APPROPRIATIONS VERY CRITICAL SERVICES DETOX REHABILITATION TAKING MONEY FROM NEW BEGINNINGS WHEN WE ARE LOSING A CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE EPIDEMIC TAKING MONEY AWAY FROM VETERANS BURIALS OF ALL THINGS TAKING MONEY AWAY FROM VILLAGE STREET REPAIR TAKING MONEY AWAY FROM PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT TAKING MONEY AWAY FROM CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE WHICH WE NEED CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE TO REMAIN WHOLE TO HELP US FIGHT THIS CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE EPIDEMIC TAKING MONEY FROM THE *CHAMORRO* LAND TRUST THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IT JUST KIND OF LOOKS LIKE THE WAY THIS LIST WAS PUT TOGETHER IT'S YOU KNOW LET'S LET'S TAKE MONEY FROM THE AGENCIES THAT ARE OVERSEEN BY ADELUP'S MOST HATED SENATORS AND THEN WE HEAR THIS RHETORIC ABOUT THE JUSTIFICATION FOR TAKING \$20 MILLION FROM GDOE BECAUSE THE FORMER SUPERINTENDENT AGREED TO IT BUT I DON'T THINK THAT YOU CAN PRODUCE A SINGLE SHRED OF PAPER THAT PROVES THAT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: OH YOU THINK SO.

SENATOR BARNETT: I DON'T KNOW.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THERE I HAVE AN EMAIL I MEMORIALIZED IT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: INTO THE MICROPHONE.

SENATOR BARNETT: I THINK THE THE POINT IS NO MATTER WHAT THE PREVIOUS SUPERINTENDENT MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE INDICATED TO MR. CARLSON THE CURRENT SUPERINTENDENT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THE CURRENT SUPERINTENDENT WHEN HE FIRST MET WITH THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: CURRENT SUPERINTENDENT EXCUSE ME SIR.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: HE AGREED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THE CURRENT SUPERINTENDENT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: HE AGREED.

SENATOR BARNETT: IS ASKING FOR THE MONEY BACK.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: ONLY NOW.

SENATOR BARNETT: YEAH ONLY NOW AFTER MARIA GUTIERREZ.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: AFTER YOU GUYS PUT HIM THROUGH THE RINGER.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NOT ME.

SENATOR BARNETT: WITH YOUR LITTLE POLITICAL MEETING UP THERE AT *ADELUP*.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NOT ME.

SENATOR BARNETT: AND IT'S VERY FRUSTRATING YOU KNOW *NIHI TA FANAYUDA I TAOTAO-TA PUT FĀBÒT* ALL WE HEAR IS NO BUT THAT'S THAT'S EVERY TIME WE GET LESTER AND WHEN MR. BIRN BOTHERS TO SHOW UP THAT'S ALL WE HEAR.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH I.

SENATOR BARNETT: UNTIL SPEAKER SHINES THE LIGHT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NO SENATOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: AND SHE'S SHOWN IN HER PREVIOUS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: THAT'S NOT.

SENATOR BARNETT: COMMENTS NOT NOT ONLY IS THERE MONEY TO HELP OUR PEOPLE SHE'S SHOWING US HOW TO GET TO IT AND SO I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES ALL THEY'RE HEARING IS *MUNGA' TI SIÑA* BUT I HOPE THEY HEAR WHAT THE SPEAKER SAID ABOUT THAT FUNDING AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN WE CAN COME TOGETHER AND PASS THIS MUCH NEEDED CREDIT FOR OUR PEOPLE BECAUSE THE THE NEED IS VERY REAL I MEAN SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES IN HERE MIGHT NOT FEEL THAT NEED BUT LET ME TELL YOU THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE DEFINITELY IN NEED THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR BARNETT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NOT ALWAYS KNOWN.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SENATOR LUJAN.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: STRETCHING THE TRUTH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS NONE SENATOR BROWN ANY QUESTIONS.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: SOUND BITES.

SENATOR BROWN: I'LL DEFER MY TIME TO YOU IF YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN SENATOR SABINA PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH I HAVE NO QUESTIONS THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MR. CARLSON WE'RE ON ROUND TWO DID YOU CHANGE YOUR ANSWER.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: NOPE.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WE'RE GOING TO THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A SHORT RECESS SO THAT I CAN SIT ON THE FLOOR WE'LL TAKE A SHORT RECESS.

RECESS

NOTE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THIS PROBABLY BE THE SHORTEST TIME I'VE HAD SO I'M JUST GOING TO ASK MR. CHAIR THAT WE GET THAT INFORMATION ABOUT TYPHOON MARWA AND WHEN THE DEADLINE WAS THAT SENATOR PEREZ HAD BROUGHT UP EARLIER I TRIED TO MAKE A CALL TO YOU KNOW CHARLES ESTEVES BUT I COULDN'T BUT I'D LIKE TO GET THAT INFORMATION THE SECOND ONE IS ON A REQUEST FROM THE ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AND WITHIN THE NEXT YOU KNOW THREE DAYS IF WE CAN OR AT LEAST ONE WEEK TO FIND OUT WHERE THAT EXCESS FY21 \$30 MILLION WENT TO AND WHAT IT WAS EXPENDED ON I APPRECIATE THAT OTHER THAN THAT MR. CHAIR I THINK THE THE WE HAVE MONEY IN THE RAINY DAY FUND THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN UTILIZED INSTEAD OF YOU USING THE GENERAL FUND THE OPPORTUNITY THAT'S THERE WE WE HAVE A MEDICAID THAT'S A REIMBURSEMENT COMING ANTICIPATING OF 17 MILLION DOLLAR COMING OUR WAY AND WE KNOW THAT SECTION 30 I THINK IT WAS JUST SHY BY 1 MILLION AND THERE STILL IS IT'S STILL VERY QU OKAY LESTER YOU HAVE A COMMENT.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH SORRY WE ACTUALLY GOT A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN WHAT WAS APPROPRIATED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: BY SECTION 30.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH I MISSPOKE I'M SORRY IT'S LIKE THE BUDGET IS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: 75 MILLION.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: YEAH HANG ON ONE SECOND WE GOT 76,195,730 AND WHAT WAS APPROPRIATED WAS 75,449,486 SO ROUGHLY 600,000.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ADDITIONAL.

BBMR DIRECTOR – CARLSON: ADDITIONAL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OH THAT'S GOOD NEWS THEN AT LEAST WE'RE NOT NEGATIVE SO THAT BEING SAID I'D REALLY LIKE TO KNOW WHERE THAT EXCESS TO FY21 \$30 MILLION WENT TO THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU THAT BEING SAID MY COLLEAGUES WE COMPLETED THE SECOND ROUND WE NOW DISMISS AND THANK THE PANEL FOR BEING HERE TODAY THANK YOU MR. CARSON THANK YOU LLEWYN AND WE'LL HAVE A SHORT RECESS SO THEY WILL LEAVE AND THEN WE WILL GO INTO THIRD ROUND PLEASE MY COLLEAGUES WHILE WE'RE ON A RECESS BEFORE I CALL IN THE THIRD ROUND GET YOUR AMENDMENTS IN OR ELSE I'M GOING TO CALL IT OUT OF ORDER OKAY SO WE'RE RECESS AT THIS POINT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER MY COLLEAGUES WE ARE ON THE THIRD ROUND AND ALL WE GOT IS ONE AMENDMENT AND THEN WE PROCEED WITH COMMENTS SO WHY DON'T WE MAKE THIS QUICK THE CLOCK IS TICKING FOLKS THE AMENDMENT HAS BEEN PROFFERED BY SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL MADAM SPEAKER IF YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND READ YOUR AMENDMENT AND WE'LL PROCEED ON FROM THERE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR PATIENCE THROUGH THIS PROCESS SO MY AMENDMENT IS TO STRIKE THE WORDS FISCAL YEAR 2023 REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-107 AS AMENDED TO STRIKE THAT AND JUST LEAVE THE WORDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND SO IN OTHER WORDS THIS WILL BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO GPA FOR THE THREE-MONTH EXTENSION THE RATIONALE BEHIND IT IS THAT WE HAD ALREADY IN OUR BUDGET REPLACED THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE TYPHOON MAWAR EXPENDITURES TO BE THE RAINY DAY FUND AND WE AUTHORIZED UP TO 50 MILLION FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND THEY HAVEN'T TAKEN A DIME OUT OF THERE SO THOSE MONIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE THERE WAS A \$16

MILLION MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND SO I BELIEVE THAT THAT IS AVAILABLE TO US TO APPROPRIATE FOR THIS PURPOSE WHILE AND IT HAS NOT BEEN SPENT EITHER FOR THE TYPHOON THANK YOU MR. CHAIR SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER DOES ANYONE LIKE TO COMMENT ON ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT OH YES SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR MR. CHAIR I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT IT'S OBVIOUS DURING THE OUR DISCUSSIONS EARLIER WITH BBMR ARE YOU KNOW CLAIMING THAT THE SKY IS FALLING WHEN WE'VE ACTUALLY IDENTIFIED AT SEVERAL AREAS IN WHICH THERE IS FUNDING FROM MEDICAID WE'VE GOT ADDITIONAL MIL MILLION FROM SECTION 30 THAT WAS 17 MILLION AND THEN THERE'S THE RAINY DAY FUND WHICH THE GOVERNOR HAS THE AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE FOR TYPHOON MARWA INSTEAD OF TAPPING INTO THE GENERAL FUND SO FOR ANYONE TO SAY THAT THERE'S NO FUNDING THAT'S THAT'S NOT TRUE WE HAVEN'T EVEN TOUCHED THE FY22 AND THAT'S WHY THEY'RE PUTTING A NEGATIVE THAT'S THEY KEEP SAYING THAT THERE'S A NEGATIVE WE'VE OVERSPENT THERE'S A NEGATIVE 19 MILLION THAT'S BECAUSE THE AUDIT HASN'T COME OUT IF THE AUDIT COMES OUT THEN THAT 19 WOULD ACTUALLY GO INTO THE THE BLACK INSTEAD OF THE RED SO THIS THIS IS A WAY FOR THE GOVERNOR WHO SEEMS TO BE PLAYING A SHELL GAME WITH THE PEOPLE'S TAX MONEY THE FUNDS THAT YOU KNOW IF SHE'S DOING THAT THEN LET'S CALL HER OUT WE'LL GIVE HER THE AUTHORITY TO YOU KNOW AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE FOR THIS SO I I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE DOES ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO COMMENT IF NOT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THIS AMENDMENT SENATOR BROWN.

SENATOR BROWN: I DON'T KNOW IF I WAS HERE THIS AFTERNOON WITH ALL THIS BACK AND FORTH HERE BUT YOU KNOW I I ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE MAKING FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE YOU KNOW DECISIONS EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT SURE SOMETIMES WHAT'S COMING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION IS FACTUAL BUT I DO HAVE CONCERNS IF WE'RE JUST GOING TO SAY GENERAL FUND WE'RE BACK TO WHERE WE USED TO BE AND IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER MONEY'S THERE OR NOT WE'RE JUST GOING TO PASS LEGISLATION TO SAY WELL JUST TAKE IT OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND DUMP IT ON THE GOVERNOR I MEAN I'M NO GREAT FAN OF THE GOVERNOR OR HOW SHE'S RUN A LOT OF THEIR ADMINISTRATION BUT AT THE OTHER END I DON'T KNOW THAT WE'RE BEING RESPONSIBLE I MEAN DO WE HAVE THE MONEY AVAILABLE TO ACTUALLY CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM WHICH GRANTED YOU KNOW I THINK EVERYONE VALUES A BENEFIT I MEAN WE ALL WE ALL HAVE GOTTEN THIS BENEFIT ON OUR POWER BILL AND I CERTAINLY CAN APPRECIATE RECEIVING IT AND WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS GOING TO BE WHEN IT'S NOT THERE BUT I THINK WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS I MEAN IT IT I'M NOT GOING TO SAY ON MOST OF THE APPROPRIATIONS WHEN I'VE SEEN THIS IN THE BUDGET I'VE OBJECTED TO THESE THESE TYPE OF APPROPRIATIONS ESPECIALLY IF WE HAVEN'T DEFINED WHERE THE FUNDING SOURCE IS I'VE OBJECTED TO THE EXCESS FUNDS IF WE HAVEN'T VERIFIED THAT THE FUNDS ARE THERE SO I I HAVE RESERVATION I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE INTENT OF WHAT IS DESIRED BY THIS BILL TO EXTEND ANOTHER THREE MONTHS BUT AT THE SAME TIME I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE FUNDS ARE THERE AND I THINK IF WE'RE JUST GOING TO PLAY BACK AND FORTH WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND LEAD THE PEOPLE DOWN A ROAD WHERE THERE'S NO THERE'S NO SURETY IN WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE GOING TO RECEIVE THIS FUNDING I I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE GAIN ULTIMATELY IS GOING TO BE THERE FOR THE PEOPLE SO WITH THAT RESERVATION MR. CHAIRMAN I I HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT SUPPORTING THIS FUNDING SOURCE THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SO SO THAT WOULD BE AN OBJECTION THEN THANK YOU WE WILL NOW MOVE TO VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT THERE IS ONE OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN *LECHE* MOTION FAILS YOU NEED EIGHT MY COLLEAGUES WE'LL NOW MOVE TO THE COMMENTS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I MOVE TO RECONSIDER MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: RECONSIDER THERE'S A MOTION TO RECONSIDER ANY OBJECTION TO THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER THERE BEING NONE WE'LL NOW ASK FOR ANOTHER VOTE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH IF I.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THERE IS ONE IF YES MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I COULD JUST ADD MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH WE PASSED OUT THE TYPHOON REPORT EARLIER AND I JUST WANT TO SHOW MY COLLEAGUES THAT THERE'S A BALANCE ON THERE OF 29 MILLION THAT'S UNSPENT THAT BALANCE THERE'S NO SPECIAL FUND FOR TYPHOON MAWAR THIS IS JUST MONEY THAT'S SET ASIDE AND AS AS BBMR TESTIFIED 16 MILLION OF THE 29 UNSPENT SET ASIDE WAS WAS FROM MEDICAID SO I'M I'M JUST ASKING MY COLLEAGUE TO PLEASE RECONSIDER THAT THAT THAT MEDICAID MONEY IS AVAILABLE IT'S CONCRETE IT'S THERE AND IT'S UNSPENT AND IF IF THEY AND THEY ALSO HAVE THE RAINY DAY FUND COMPLETELY AVAILABLE TO THEM SO THE AND THE MONEY IS JUST SITTING THERE SO AGAIN THE CASH IS AVAILABLE SO I I REALLY BEG MY COLLEAGUES TO RECONSIDER THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER COLLEAGUES THERE IS AN OBJECTION CURRENTLY ALL IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX STILL SEVEN MOTION FAILS MADAM SPEAKER DO YOU HAVE A MOTION TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OR DO YOU WANT TO SUSPEND DISCUSSION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH I MOVE TO SUSPEND DISCUSSION UNTIL TOMORROW AND WE RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 10.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT WE WE ARE NOW GOING TO STAND AT RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 10:00 OBJECTION WE'LL STAND IN RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 10:00 MY COLLEAGUES SEE YOU ALL TOMORROW AT 10:00.

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SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER MY COLLEAGUES WE'RE STILL ON THE THIRD ROUND WE'RE ON AMENDMENTS AND UNFORTUNATELY WE DON'T HAVE ANY AMENDMENTS ON THE ON THE WEBSITE TO PRESENT CAN YOU CAN YOU HEAR ME GOOD CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW OKAY WE ARE ON THE THIRD ROUND WE ALREADY ENTERTAIN AN AMENDMENT YESTERDAY THERE ARE NO OTHER AMENDMENTS OKAY UNDERSTAND THAT IN ORDER FOR US TO ENTERTAIN AN AMENDMENT IT HAS TO BE PROFFERED BEFORE WE START THE THIRD ROUND THAT BEING SAID I KNOW THE AUTHOR OF I THINK THE AUTHOR TO ANYONE WANT TO COMMENT NOW THEN ON THE BILL BECAUSE WE HAVE NO OTHER AMENDMENTS TO ENTERTAIN AT THIS POINT SENATOR DUEÑAS WE'RE IN COMMENT SECTION NOW OF THIRD ROUND.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: SURE THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN MR. CHAIRMAN I JUST WANTED TO BE CLEAR WHAT I THOUGHT WE LEFT OFF ON WAS THE AMENDMENT FOR ADOPTING THE GENERAL FUND AS A REVENUE SOURCE DID NOT PASS CORRECT OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT'S CORRECT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OKAY MR. CHAIRMAN I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT YOU KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT DISCUSSION AND AND IT'S DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT YOU KNOW WE CERTAINLY I THINK EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US IN THIS BODY WANT TO DO SOMETHING THAT EXTENDS A PROGRAM THAT CERTAINLY HAS BEEN COMPLETELY BENEFICIAL TO OUR PEOPLE AND I DO AGREE WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL THAT THIS IS ABSOLUTELY ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO REBATE TO THE PEOPLE BASICALLY TAX DOLLARS THAT HAVE BEEN OVERSPENT WITHIN OUR COFFERS TO EVENLY DISTRIBUTE IT TO TO EVERY SINGLE HOUSEHOLD THAT AFFECTS EVERY SINGLE PERSON NON-DISCRIMINATORY AND AND AND IT IS AND THAT'S WHY I VOTED FOR EVERY SINGLE BILL THAT'S COME ACROSS OUR DESK THAT HAS CONTEMPLATED THIS MY ISSUE AND I'M AND I'M AND I'M YOU KNOW I WOULD NOT HAVE VOTED FOR THAT AMENDMENT THE WAY IT WAS MY ISSUE IS THAT WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH HERE IN AND THIS BODY THAT OFB AS WELL AS BBMR HAS CLEARLY PUT IT ON THE RECORD THAT THERE IS NO FUNDS FOR THIS THAT THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THIS NOW WE HAD SOME GREAT DEBATE AND DIALOGUE YESTERDAY MR. CHAIRMAN THAT THERE IS SPECULATION IN TERMS OF HOW DOCUMENTS AND INFORM INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO US ON VARIOUS FISCAL YEARS CARRYING FORWARD ON CLOSING OUT THOSE FISCAL YEARS WITH EXCESSES ADOPTING THOSE REVENUES IN THE SUBSEQUENT YEARS AND AS WELL AS OUTSTANDING REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS TO OUR GOVERNMENT THROUGH VARIOUS SOURCES NOT KNOWING EXACTLY WHERE ALL OF THE SECTION 30 MONEY IS AND THAT RECONCILIATION NOT KNOWING YOU KNOW THE TIMELINE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT ON THE MEDICAID NOT KNOWING SEVERAL OTHER ISSUES IN TERMS OF HOW CARRY FORWARDS FROM FISCAL YEAR TO FISCAL YEAR HAVE LEVELIZED WHATEVER DEFICITS BUT WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THIS WE COME INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITH THE BILL BECAUSE THE PURPOSE OF THIS IS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT THE FUNDING SOURCE IS AVAILABLE AND CAN BE PUT INTO AS FAR AS I BELIEVE THE RULES OF OFB AND THE WAY THIS AUGUST BODY IS SUPPOSED TO WORK YOU NEED TO IDENTIFY A FUNDING SOURCE AND IT'S JUST VERY DANGEROUS FOR US EVEN THOUGH WE HAD DIALOGUE BACK AND FORTH AND THERE ARE SOME COMMENTS TO THE TO THE TO THE LEVEL OF THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FUNDING BEING THERE WE HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE FUNDING AND I JUST THINK THAT IN ORDER TO NOT PUT FORWARD EMPTY PROMISES IN ORDER TO NOT HAVE THIS CONTINUED DISHARMONIOUS YOU KNOW WHETHER WE ARE GOING TO AGREE OR DISAGREE ON WHO'S TAKING WHAT POSITION FOR WHAT REASON BETWEEN THE LEGISLATURE AND THE ADMINISTRATION THE ONE THING THAT WAS HARMONIOUS DURING THIS ENTIRE PROCESS IS OFB AND BBMR HAVE COME FORWARD MEANING THE LEGISLATURE'S ACCOUNTING AND BBMR'S ACCOUNTING HAS COME FORWARD AND

SAID THE MONEY IS NOT THERE NOW I CERTAINLY HOPE IF THE I I WOULD PROBABLY RECOMMEND TO THE AUTHOR TO PUT THE BILL BACK IN COMMITTEE AND THE MINUTE THE FUNDING SOURCE IS CLEARLY AVAILABLE AND THERE'S AN AGREEMENT BASED ON THE RECONCILIATION THAT THE FUNDING SOURCE AND EXCESS REVENUES ARE AVAILABLE THAT'S THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS THAT WE TAKE UP CAUSE I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IN THIS BODY WOULD DISAGREE THAT THAT IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO DO GOING FORWARD IN CLOSING MR. CHAIRMAN EVEN YESTERDAY I MEAN I I DON'T KNOW HOW WHEN WE TOOK 2003 AND BASICALLY WENT ALL THE WAY BACK AND SAID OPEN SEASON ON FUNDING SOURCES TO GET TO THE 30 MILLION IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARRIVED AT THE FACT THAT THE FUNDING SOURCES THAT WERE BROUGHT TO US ON THE WORKSHEET HAVE BASICALLY BEEN FROZEN AND THAT'S THE CASH AVAILABLE THAT'S CARRYING FORWARD EVEN WITH THAT MR. CHAIRMAN THAT EVEN MAKES THE POSITION WORSE IN MY OPINION BECAUSE THAT MEANS THAT THOSE FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED AS STANDALONE FUNDS THAT MANY OF US I THINK THOUGHT 30 MILLION EXCESS IN 2023 WAS GOING TO COVER BASED ON THE 70 SOME MILLION THAT'S BEING REPORTED IN EXCESS REVENUE IN 23 KNOWING ALL OF THAT MR. CHAIR AND I'M CLOSING KNOWING ALL OF THAT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE I JUST THINK THIS BILL SHOULD GO BACK BACK TO COMMITTEE AND AWAIT A PROPER FUNDING SOURCE THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. CHAIRMAN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MR. SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: A POINT OF A POINT OF INQUIRY SIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: A POINT OF INQUIRY.

SENATOR FISHER: ARE ARE WE NOW SPEAKING ABOUT THE RECONSIDERATION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO WE'RE WE'RE ONLY COMMENTS WE'RE ONLY GOING TO COMMENTS.

SENATOR BARNETT: MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR FISHER: COMMENTS ON THE MAIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IT'S ONLY ON COMMENTS NOW AND SENATOR BLAS WILL BE NEXT AND THEN WE GO AROUND.

SENATOR FISHER: OH GOT IT THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY SENATOR BLAS YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS NONE OKAY SAID IT ALL I'LL GO TO THE NEXT SENATOR MADAM VICE SPEAKER THIS YOU YOU WANT A POINT OF ORDER SOMETHING OR CAUSE WE'RE GOING TO GO AROUND FOR THE COMMENTS THEY WE IN COMMENT MODE IF YOU WANT TO POST FOR RECON THEN WHEN IT COMES BACK TO YOU NA/ WE'LL CONSIDER IT WE'RE GOING AROUND FOR COMMENTS OKAY ON THE BILL ON THE BILL AS WRITTEN BECAUSE THERE'S NO AMENDMENTS TO IT NO AMENDMENT PASSES MADAM VICE SPEAKER DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS NONE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I WAS GOING TO SAY IF YOU CAN JUST AFFORD ME A MINUTE SO I JUST CAN CATCH UP JUST ONE SECOND BECAUSE I DO WANT TO TALK TO THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL BEFORE WE CONSIDER ANY MOTION OR ANYTHING SO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: IF YOU CAN JUST AFFORD ME ONE MINUTE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE ONE MINUTE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WE WE I'LL GO AHEAD AND I'LL GO TO SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON AND THEN I'LL COME BACK TO YOU OKAY AND SHE HAS NOTHING SENATOR PEREZ DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS YOU WANT TO MAKE ON THE BILL AND I'LL COME BACK TO YOU MADAM VICE SENATOR PEREZ DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING COMMENTS ON THE BILL.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH THANK YOU MR. CHAIR I THINK YOU KNOW IF YOU KNOW I THINK IT WAS SHOWN THAT THERE WAS MONEY AND THERE SEEMS TO BE DIFFERING VIEWS ABOUT THIS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

WHETHER THERE WAS MONEY OR NOT AND I MEAN IT WAS CLEAR TO ME THAT THERE IS MONEY IN THE RAINY DAY FUND AND SOME OF THE MONEY THAT WAS NOT LIKE MEDICARE SO THERE WAS THERE WAS FUNDING JUST THE WORDING OF THE BILL ITSELF NEEDS TO BE CHANGED SO TO ENSURE THAT IT IS ALIGNED WITH WHERE THE FUNDING SOURCE IS IS AVAILABLE SO I I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR BODY TO THINK ABOUT OUR PEOPLE IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES YOU KNOW THESE SUBSIDIES AND OUR POWER BILLS HAVE MEANT A LOT TO OUR PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHEN IT COMES TO HAVING TO PAY FOR YOU KNOW FOOD VERSUS YOUR POWER BILL RIGHT SO WHEN WE CAN POTENTIALLY PROVIDE THIS SUBSIDY TO ENSURE THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO MAKE THOSE DIFFICULT DECISIONS YOU KNOW AGAIN POWER IS IS NOT JUST ABOUT YOU KNOW KEEPING OUR HOMES COOL BUT A A LOT OF OUR PEOPLE WHO CANNOT GET AROUND LIKE RELY ON THE POWER FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SO WHEN WE'RE THINKING ABOUT THIS BILL WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT OUR MOST NEEDY AND HOW WE CAN HELP THEM I THINK TOO THAT YOU KNOW WITH THAT THIS IS YOU KNOW WE OBVIOUSLY KNOW THIS IS A A SHORT-TERM SOLUTION AND YOU KNOW MANY PEOPLE IN THIS BODY HAVE ALSO WRITTEN LEGISLATION PAST LEGISLATION TO LOWER THE THE THE POWER COS POWER BILLS IN THE LONG TERM SO SOME OF THE BILLS THAT WE'VE CREATED HAVE TO DO WITH ENERGY CONSERVATION AS WELL AS MORE INFILTRATION OF THE SOLAR POWER AND OR RENEWABLE ENERGY SO I THINK THAT WE NEED TO WORK IN BOTH BOTH ARMS WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE SHORT TERM HOW TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY IN THE SHORT TERM AS WELL AS CONTINUE THE WORK TO MAKE SUSTAINABLE CHANGES IN OW BECAUSE THE THE LEAC PRICES I DON'T FORESEE IT EVER COMING DOWN I MEAN HOPEFULLY IT DOES BUT WITH WITH THE SITUATION OF THE WORLD TODAY YOU KNOW INFLATION HAS DRAMATICALLY INCREASED MAKING THE PRICE OF GOODS THE PRICE OF SERVICES VERY DIFFICULT TO BE TO LIVE ON THIS ISLAND AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I I SERIOUSLY YOU KNOW WORKING TO ADDRESS AND AS A BODY I THINK WE NEED TO UNITE AROUND THIS YOU KNOW HIGH COST OF LIVING ON GUAM YOU KNOW GUAM IS SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE AND YOU KNOW I THINK THERE ARE MANY CHALLENGES LIVING HERE AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ADDRESS THOSE CHALLENGES NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT IT IS BECAUSE OUR PEOPLE ARE RELYING ON IT AND SO I REALLY ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO REALLY RETHINK THIS TO THINK ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT WE ARE SERVING UM AND COME OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONES SO THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR SENATOR SAN NICOLAS I I'LL COME BACK TO YOU MADAM VICE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:*TODU MANA'KONFUSED YU'.*

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: HUH.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YOU KNOW SO ON ONE SIDE THEY'RE SAYING THERE'S MONEY THERE'S MONEY THERE AND THEN ON THE OTHER SIDE WE GOT TO BE CAUTIOUS AND YOU KNOW NOTHING I I I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO YOU KNOW DELIVER TO THE PEOPLE THIS WONDERFUL THING TO GIVE EXTEND THE CREDIT BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO YOU KNOW LIKE THE COLLEAGUES ON THE OTHER SIDE SAY LET'S BE A LITTLE BIT MORE CAUTIOUS AND AND ALL THAT STUFF SO BUT IF I HAVE EVERY ANY REASON TO MOVE THIS FORWARD AND AND AND WORK TOGETHER SO WE CAN COME TO A COMPROMISE SO WE CAN ADD THIS IN THERE AND GIVE THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW THE THE CREDIT THAT THEY NEED FOR THEIR POWER I I'M ALL FOR IT BUT I'M PRETTY SURE SOMEWHERE IN HERE THERE'S A COMPROMISE THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR FISHER DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS TO MAKE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR FISHER: JUST A FEW SIR THANK YOU VERY MUCH I DON'T YOU KNOW WE WERE TOLD VERY VERY CLEARLY YESTERDAY THAT THERE IS NO MONEY AND NO MATTER WHAT THE AMOUNT OF WISHING AND HOPING AND MAGICAL THINKING THAT WE ENGAGE IN IT'S NOT GOING TO PRODUCE THE MONEY THAT'S NECESSARY FOR THIS WE CANNOT SPEND WHAT WE DON'T HAVE AND WE'RE DOESN'T DO ANYONE ANY GOOD TO TRY AND FOOL PEOPLE INTO THINKING WE CAN AFFORD THIS WHEN WE SIMPLY CANNOT THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR FISHERS SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES AND THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE HEARING YESTERDAY AND DURING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO FIND OUT YOU KNOW HEARING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION WHERE THEY ALL OF A SUDDEN CONVENIENTLY SAYS THAT THERE'S NO MONEY BUT WHEN THEY HAVE A PROJECT COMING IN FRONT OF US LO AND BEHOLD THERE'S MONEY LET ME GIVE YOU

AN EXAMPLE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WE JUST RECENTLY PASSED A BILL THAT GAVE \$30 MILLION TO GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL USING EXCESS REVENUE AND WHEN THEY BROUGHT A A A SPREADSHEET IN FRONT OF US THEY SAID IN FY21 THERE WAS EXCESS OF \$30 MILLION BUT YET IT DIDN'T SHOW ANYWHERE ON THAT WHERE THAT \$30 MILLION WENT TO NONE OF US WE KEPT ASKING THAT QUESTION OVER AND OVER WELL WHAT HAPPENED TO THE 30 MILLION IN EXCESS REVENUE IN FY21 HOW MANY TIMES DID I ASKED LESTER HE WOULDN'T GIVE AN ANSWER HE WOULD NOT GIVE AN ANSWER BUT THE ONE ANSWER HE DID GIVE WAS WHEN I ASKED THEM THE QUESTION ISN'T IT BY LAW THAT ANY EXCESS REVENUE EXPENDED MUST BE APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE HIS ANSWER WAS YES SO SHOW ME THEN WHERE WE APPROPRIATED THAT \$30 MILLION ISN'T IT SO CONVENIENT FOR THIS ADMINISTRATION TO COME IN FRONT OF US AND LO AND BEHOLD THERE IS A BAG FULL OF MONEY WHEN THEY NEED SOMETHING DONE BUT THIS BODY WHO IS HERE TO PROTECT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE AND PROVIDE THEM THE ASSISTANCE AND NEED IN A TIME THAT WE'VE BEEN HIT WITH COVID WE'VE BEEN HIT WITH A TYPHOON WE'VE BEEN HIT LEFT AND RIGHT THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO HELP THEM THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOT USING THEIR ARP FUNDING TO HELP THE PEOPLE SO FAR THERE'S \$212 MILLION IN THERE THEY CAN EASILY HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM LET ME GIVE YOU ANOTHER EXAMPLE WE JUST PASSED A BILL FOR MARWA \$50 MILLION WHAT WAS THE FUNDING SOURCE THE GENERAL FUND THE GENERAL FUND AND CONVENIENTLY THEY FOUND THEY FOUND THE MONEY OH YES THERE'S MONEY THEY SHOWED US 30 MILLION FROM FY21 THEY ALSO MENTIONED MY COLLEAGUES 17 MILLION IT SAYS 16 BUT ACCORDING TO THE CRER REPORT THERE IS GOING TO BE 17 MILLION REIMBURSED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FOR MEDICAID WHAT DO YOU MEAN THERE'S NO MONEY YOU ALL HEARD THAT WE'VE GOT AN ADDITIONAL \$1 MILLION THAT WE PROJECTED WAS ONLY GOING TO BE 75 MILLION OR 600,000 FROM SECTION 30 FUNDS THE GOVERNOR HAS TRANSFERRED AUTHORITY TOO AS WELL 15% TRANSFER AUTHORITY THAT THIS BODY APPROVED 15% TRANSFER AUTHORITY DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT COMES UP TO MORE THAN \$15 MILLION THAT WE NEED WHAT DO YOU MEAN THERE'S NO MONEY THERE IS MONEY IT JUST DEPENDS WHO YOU ASK SO THEN IT BRINGS A QUESTION TO EVERYONE SITTING IN HERE IS THERE MONEY IT DEPENDS ON WHO YOU ASK IS THERE MONEY IT DEPENDS ON WHO YOU ASK IN THIS BODY AND WE'VE BEEN TOLD OF ALL THE EXCESS REVENUE AND AND THEY PUT IN THE RED FY22 THE AUDIT HASN'T BEEN OUT SO OH ALL OF A SUDDEN WE ARE OVER EXPENDED THAT'S BECAUSE THE AUDIT HASN'T COME OUT FOR FY22 YET SO THEY PUT IT US IN THE RED CONVENIENTLY PUT US IN THE RED BUT WHEN WE CAME HERE FOR THE HOSPITAL FOR 15 MILLION THEY CONVENIENTLY SHOWED US THAT THERE WAS 30 MILLION EXCESS IN FY21 I KNOW I'M REPEATING MYSELF BUT THAT'S BECAUSE PEOPLE HERE ARE NOT LISTENING THEY'RE SELECTIVE HEARING THERE IS MONEY THE GOVERNOR WILL FIND IT JUST LIKE SHE DOES FOR HER PET PROJECTS WELL THIS IS NOT A PET PROJECT THIS IS TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM OUR PEOPLE WHO ARE HURTING THEY'VE BEEN HIT FOR TWO THREE YEARS IN A ROW HIT NOW WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT AND LET THE GOVERNOR FIND THAT MONEY THAT'S ALL THIS BILL DOES IT GIVES HER THE AUTHORITY TO GO INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND FIND THAT MONEY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WHO NEED IT THE MOST.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE MADAM VICE WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE COMMENTS NOW CAUSE AFTER YOU IT'LL BE SENATOR BARNETT AND THEN THE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: CAUSE YOU SHE'LL END UP CLOSING ON THE BILL ANYWAY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER I WAS JUST GOING TO YIELD MY TIME BASED ON THE INFORMATION THAT I RECEIVED BUT I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THAT I'LL GO AHEAD AND YIELD MY TIME BACK TO YOU TO SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOU'RE YIELDING YOUR FIVE MINUTES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NEXT 10 MINUTES.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU I'M NOT GOING TO USE IT ALL I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE DEBATE AND DISCUSSION AND I AGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER I DON'T KNOW IF WE NEED TO GET THE CLERKS TO BRING Q-TIPS IN HERE SO WE CAN SOME OF US CAN CLEAN OUR EARS CAUSE I THINK WE'RE HEARING TWO DIFFERENT THINGS AND I DON'T THINK IT'S A MATTER OF YOU KNOW IF THERE'S MONEY IT'S NOT NECESSARILY A MATTER OF WHO YOU ASK IT'S ALMOST A MATTER OF WHO YOU BELIEVE ON THAT NOTE MR. CHAIR I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO RECONSIDER THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS PROFFERED EARLIER.

SENATOR FISHER: POINT OF ORDER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU THERE THERE'S A MOTION TO RECONSIDER AND THERE'S SENATOR FISHER YOU RAISING A POINT OF ORDER STATE YOUR POINT OF ORDER PLEASE.

SENATOR FISHER: YES SIR THANK YOU THE MOTION TO RECON.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COME CLOSER TO THE MIC PLEASE THANK YOU.

SENATOR FISHER: IS THAT BETTER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES.

SENATOR FISHER: YEAH SIR THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER IS OUT OF ORDER IT'S IMPROPER AT THIS TIME AND I'M REFERRING TO OUR RULE 501 WHICH TELLS US TO GO LOOK AT MASONS AND LOOKING AT MASONS IF WE LOOK AT RULE 457 SUB2 IT PROVIDES THAT TO PREVENT ABUSE OF THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE SAME PROPOSAL CANNOT BE RECONSIDERED A SECOND TIME THAT EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDES THIS MOTION TO RECONSIDER ALSO ADDITIONALLY RULE 4641 STATES THAT IT IS COMMON PRACTICE TO PROVIDE BY RULE THAT A MOTION TO RECONSIDER CAN BE MADE ONLY.

SENATOR BARNETT: MR. CHAIR THAT'S WHY I SAID NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR FISHER: ONLY ONLY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: STANDBY SENATOR BARNETT LET HIM HE RAISED A POINT OF ORDER WE'RE GOING TO ENTERTAIN IT LIKE I'LL ENTERTAIN ANYBODY ELSE'S THANK YOU.

SENATOR FISHER: IT IS IT IS A COMMON PRACTICE THANK YOU SIR TO PROVIDE BY RULE THAT A MOTION TO RECONSIDER CAN BE MADE ONLY BY A MEMBER WHO VOTED ON THE PREVAILING SIDE OF THE QUESTION UH THE SENATOR PROPOSING THE RECONSIDERATION WAS NOT ON THE PREVAILING SIDE SO HE HAS NO STANDING TO MAKE THIS MOTION AND THE MOTION ITSELF IS IMPROPER I SUBMIT THIS POINT OF ORDER TO THE CHAIR FOR DETERMINATION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU AND I DID HEAR THAT NOTWITHSTANDING BUT I'M GOING TO ASK FOR RECESS AND SPEAK WITH LEGAL ALL RIGHT THANK YOU WE'RE AT RECESS AT THIS TIME.

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SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH LEGAL AND I UNDERSTAND THE THE POINT OF ORDER THAT WAS BROUGHT UP ON THE ROBERT RULES AND THE STANDING RULES.

SENATOR FISHER: MASON'S.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: BUT AT THE SAME TOKEN THE THE THE THE MOTION WAS NOTWITHSTANDING AND WITH THAT I'LL ALLOW THAT AND WE'LL MOVE TO RECONSIDER.

SENATOR FISHER: CHALLENGE.

SENATOR BARNETT THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR FISHER: CHALLENGE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THERE'S A CHALLENGE ALL IN FAVOR OF RECONSIDERING CAUSE IT'S BEEN CHALLENGED PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND TO RECONSIDER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: TO RECONSIDER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: TO RECONSIDER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE NOTWITHSTANDING MOTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE NOTWITHSTANDING I NEED EVERYBODY TO RAISE YOUR HAND SO I CAN SEE THE HANDS MOTION PASSES SENATOR BARNETT GO AHEAD AND STATE YOUR YOUR RECONSIDER.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WHAT I I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO RECONSIDER.

SENATOR BARNETT: MR. CHAIR THE AMENDMENT IS WAS PROFFERED EARLIER BY SPEAKER TERLAJE AND IT AMENDS THE BILL TO READ HEREBY APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GUAN POWER AUTHORITY FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE *PRUGRĀMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA* ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY PUBLIC LAW 36106 MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: DOES EVERYONE HAVE A COPY OF THAT THAT AMENDMENT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY'S GOT A COPY COLLEAGUES DOES EVERYBODY HAVE A COPY OF THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SHELTON YOU HAVE A COPY OF THE AMENDMENT YOU'RE GOOD YEAH I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY'S A COPY SO THAT WE GO TO VOTE NOBODY SAYS I DIDN'T REALLY READ IT NO THERE'S THERE'S NO MOVEMENT FOR COMMENTS IT'S JUST A RECONSIDERATION WE GO TO THE WE JUST GO TO THE VOTE OKAY THE MOTION CALL THE VOTE ROLL CALL CLERK WE WILL NOW MOVE TO VOTE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: IS THERE THREE ROLL CALL WHO ARE THE THREE MR. CHAIR JUST WANT TO NOTE FOR THE RECORD.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THERE'S ONLY ONE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WHO ARE THE THREE ROLL CALLS WHO ARE THE THREE CAN YOU PLEASE NOTE MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: PLEASE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE NAMES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THERE'S SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR BROWN AND SENATOR BLAS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OKAY I JUST WANTED I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE.

SENATOR BROWN CARVE IT IN STONE MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU.

SENATOR BROWN: FOR ME TOO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY THERE'S THREE CLERK.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I I THINK WE ACKNOWLEDGED IT DO YOU WANT IT IN BLOOD LET US KNOW.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: LET'S DO A ROLL CALL ON THE VOTE.

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE).

SENATOR BARNETT: *HUNGGAN*.

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BLAS (NAY) SENATOR BROWN (NAY) SENATOR DUEÑAS (NAY) SENATOR FISHER (NAY) SENATOR LUJAN (NAY).

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HUNGGAN.*

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE).

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MOTION TO EXCUSE MR. CHAIR MEMBERS NOT PRESENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ARE THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE BEING NONE MEM MEMBERS NOT PRESENT ARE EXCUSED.

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR PARKINSON (EXCUSED).

SENATOR PEREZ: *HUNGGAN.*

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (EXCUSED).

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: AYE.

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE).

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: AYE.

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE).

SENATOR TAITAGUE: FOR THE PEOPLE *HUNGGAN.*

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *HUNGGAN.*

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MY COLLEAGUES THERE IS EIGHT AYES FIVE NAYS AND TWO EXCUSED THAT BEING SAID THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE AMENDMENT IS NOW.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER IS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IS NOW GRANTED OKAY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NOW ON THE VOTE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NOW WE'LL MOVE TO THE VOTE WE NEED TO VOTE ON IT WE ONLY ASKED TO RECONSIDER NOW WE GOT TO COME BACK AND VOTE ON IT OKAY FOLKS FOLKS COLLEAGUES COLLEAGUES STOP NOW RAISE YOUR HAND WAS BECAUSE OF THE ROLL CALL THAT WAS CALLED IS TO RECONSIDER NOW THAT WE RECONSIDERED IT NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO TO LET ME QUICK RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: BACK TO ORDER FIRST THERE WAS WHEN WE FIRST DISCUSSED THE POINT OF ORDER WAS MADE AND THEY WAS OVERRULED IT PASSED THE MOTION WAS TO CONSIDER NOT WITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES TO RECONSIDER THAT AMENDMENT THAT WAS THE ROLL CALL AND IT PASSED SO THE AMENDMENT IS NOW THE BILL 173- 37 IS NOW AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE THE OKAY IT'S IN ORDER NOW CAN WE FINISH THE COMMENTS SENATOR BLAS YOU WANTED TO SPEAK NOW WELL.

SENATOR BLAS: THE MOTION WAS TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY THE BODY SAYS THAT WE WANT TO RECONSIDER IT SO NOW CONSIDER IT THAT IS NOW THE SUPPOSED TO BE THE MOTION CONSIDER IT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YEAH OKAY QUICK RECESS SO WE CAN TALK.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER LET ME EXPLAIN FIRST WHAT HAPPENED SO I WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE EVEN LEGALS IS AGREEING WITH ME FIRST OF ALL WHEN HE ASKED TO RECONSIDER NOTWITHSTANDING THERE WAS A POINT OF ORDER AND IT WAS A CHALLENGE TO THAT AFTER I RULED THAT WE GO TO VOTE FOR THAT THE HANDS WERE RAISED IT WAS DONE IT WAS TO RECONSIDER NOTWITHSTANDING THEN WHEN WE THEN WHEN WE MOVE THE MOTION TO VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT THERE WAS A CALL FOR ROLL CALL OKAY THE ROLL CALL WAS DONE NO NO IT WAS IT WAS READY TO THE VOTE CAUSE THE HANDS ALREADY RAISED ALREADY PASSED OKAY ANYWAY I'M I'M IF IF IF WE NEED TO.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON A POINT OF ORDER MR. CHAIR IF I MAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES MADAM VICE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AGAIN IF THEY WANT TO OVERRULE THE PRESIDING OFFICER YOU CAN SAY THAT AND DO AND ASK FOR IT SIR IF.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES DOES ANYONE WANT TO OVERRULE WHAT I ALREADY DECLARED IS LEGIT THE AMENDMENT IS DONE IF NOT MOTION CARRIES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MOTION CARRIES OKAY SENATOR THERESE I THINK ALL THE COMMENTS ARE DONE ON THE BILL IF YOU CAN COMMENT AND CLOSE PLEASE I KNOW SENATOR BARNETT SAID HE'S NOT GOING TO SPEAK NO MORE HE'S DONE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. CHAIR AND *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENT AND HOPEFULLY PASSING THIS THIS BILL AS WE SAID EARLIER I BELIEVE IT'S GREATLY NEEDED AND I ALSO WANT TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF CONFUSION ON THE FLOOR WHEN WE HAVE BM BBMR COMING IN HERE AND SAYING THERE'S THERE'S NO FUNDS BUT WE ASKED THEM SOME OF THE FACTS AND THE FACTS ARE THAT WE ENSURED THAT NO MORE GENERAL FUNDS WOULD BE TAKEN FOR TYPHOON MAWAR EXPENDITURES AFTER SEPTEMBER AND WE MADE AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET BILL TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN NO MORE TAKING FROM GDOE OR ANY OTHER SOURCE AND WE'VE PUT RAINY DAY FUND THE ENTIRE RAINY DAY FUND AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNOR FOR TYPHOON MAWAR INSTEAD OF THE RAINY DAY FUND BBMR TESTIFIED THAT THEY TOOK A \$60 MILLION REIMBURSEMENT FROM MEDICAID THAT WE WERE NOT EXPECTING AND USE AND AND SET THAT ASIDE FOR TYPHOON MAWAR SO IF YOU LOOK AT THEIR EXPENDITURE REPORTS FOR THE TYPHOON THEY HAVE NOT SPENT THAT 16 MILLION YET THIS IS THE SOURCE OF FUNDING THAT WE ARE USING IT'S MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT IT'S AVAILABLE IT'S CASH IT'S IN THE GENERAL FUND THAT'S WHERE IT IS AND THAT'S WHY OUR BILL NOW SAYS GENERAL FUND IS THE SOURCE AND WE ARE ALSO EXPECTING ACCORDING TO BBMR TESTIMONY ANOTHER \$18 MILLION IN MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT AND SO AS WE DISCUSSED YESTERDAY I I REALLY BELIEVE MY COLLEAGUES YOU CAN FEEL COMFORTABLE THAT WE HAVE SET IN PLACE BY POLICY YOU KNOW THE MANDATES OF THIS THIS BODY HAS TO USE THE RAINY DAY FUND FOR THE TYPHOON AS IS DICTATED BY LAW MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS GO INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND THOSE ARE AVAILABLE FOR US TO APPROPRIATE AND SO THAT IS THAT IS 16 MILLION IT'S IT'S ENOUGH TO MEET THAT 15 MILLION THAT IS NEEDED AGAIN FOR JUST A 3MONTH EXTENSION ON THIS ENERGY CREDIT AND I AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUES AS TO WE NEED A PERMANENT FOR GPA TO REALLY MAKE THIS COST OF POWER SUSTAINABLE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND WE NEED TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS IN THAT REGARD BUT AGAIN *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO RECOGNIZE THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM CONTINUE TO SUFFER NOT EVERYONE I ADMIT NOT EVERYONE BUT A LOT OF THEM AND THEY CONTINUE TO FACE THESE CHOICES OF I CAN'T AFFORD POWER DO I GET DELINQUENT ON THE POWER AND THEY DISCONNECT ME OR OR CAN BUY MORE FOOD FOR MY FAMILY CAN I GET THAT NEW REFRIGERATOR THAT I NEED BECAUSE MY OTHER ONE'S OUT CAN I REPLACE MY ROOF THE THINGS THAT THEY ARE STILL SUFFERING ESPECIALLY FROM THE TYPHOON I THINK IT JUST TAKES A DRIVE AROUND THIS ISLAND OR TO GO OUT AND TALK TO PEOPLE AND YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR THAT SO AGAIN I'M VERY GRATEFUL AND MR. CHAIR I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE DISCUSSION ON THIS BILL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER DO I DO WE HAVE HAVE A MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OH YES CAN I PLEASE ADD A CO-SPONSOR I MAKE A MOTION TO ADD A CO-SPONSORS TO THE BILL MR. CHAIR I'D LIKE TO ADD SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT YOU MR. CHAIR SENATOR SABINA PEREZ SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS AND MY COLLEAGUES SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR I MEAN VICE SPEAKER AND YES AND AND EVERYONE ELSE MR. CHAIR I I STILL WANT TO INCLUDE THEM ON THE BILL DESPITE THEY'RE NOT BELIEVING THE FUNDING SOURCE BUT I'M TELLING YOU IF WE DON'T PUSH THE ADMINISTRATION IN THIS REGARD AS TO FOLLOW THE LAW THEN THEY WILL NOT BUT SO I'M HOPING THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ARE THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT AMENDMENT TO ADD CO-SPONSORS THERE BEING NONE DO I HAVE A MOTION TO RISE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES I MOVE I MOVE TO RISE AND WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO TWO PASS THE BILL TO THIRD READING AS AMENDED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON THE MOTION THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO PLACE BILL 173-37 COR AS AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE THIRD READING FILE ARE THERE ANY OBJECTION HEARING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE ARE NOW IN RECESS AT THIS TIME.

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RECESS

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WISH THE REPORT BACK TO THE BODY AFTER DELIBERATION OF BILL 173-37 COR AS AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO PLACE ON THE THIRD READING FILE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ON THAT MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO PLACE THE BILL ON THE THIRD READING FILE AS AMENDED IS THERE ANY OBJECTION PARDON IS THERE ANY OBJECTION YEAH WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS I'M REFERRING TO RULE 1.02 D7 C9 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE A MOTION TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MUST BE CARRIED BY A VOTE OF EIGHT MEMBERS MUST CONTAIN A RECOMMENDATION TO *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* SAID RECOMMENDATION NEED NOT BE APPROVED OR REJECT THE BILL OR RESOLUTION OR OTHER MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE UPON REPORTING BACK TO *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ARE NOT DEBATABLE AND THEN IT GOES ON SO THE MOTION THE REQUEST FOR DEBATE IS OUT OF ORDER SO WE'RE VOTING ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL AS AMENDED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO PLACE THE BILL AS AMENDED ON THE THIRD READING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S A POINT OF ORDER PLEASE YOUR POINT OF ORDER.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER THE BILL IS STILL IN THE SECOND READING FILE IT IS OKAY THE MOTION IS TO GET IT OUT THERE SO IT IS STILL THE THE PRODUCT OF THE BODY AND THE BODY IS STILL IN CONSIDERATION OF THAT MOTION HAS THE ABILITY TO TO BE ABLE TO DEBATE ITS MERITS OR TO TALK ON ITS MERITS IT'S STILL IN THE SECOND READING THAT'S WHAT IT'S THERE FOR AND IT CAME OUT WITH A RECOMMENDATION THE BODY HAS TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION SO THERE'S SO THERE'S THERE THERE THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME DISCUSSION ON THAT RECOMMENDATION THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR FOR YOUR POINT OF ORDER I JUST READ THE RULE THAT I THINK CONTRADICTS THAT AND SAYS IT'S NOT DEBATABLE SO ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE HOLD TO PLACE IT ON THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION IS THERE AN OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* COLLEAGUES WE'RE GOING TO RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS AGAIN WE'RE BACK ON THE SECOND READING FILE AND AND WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED WITH BILL NUMBER 97-37 COR SEN SENATOR LUJAN YOU HAVE YOUR HAND UP.

SENATOR LUJAN: GOOD AFTERNOON MADAM SPEAKER AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER I MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER THE ACTION OF THE BODY ON RESOLUTION 237-37 LS FOR PLACEMENT ON THIRD READING FILE THIRD READING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES SENATOR.

SENATOR LUJAN: YES MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO GOING BACK TO MOTIONS THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF GOING BACK TO MOTIONS PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SENATOR LUJAN: ROLL CALL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A CALL FOR ROLL CALL CLERK PLEASE TAKE ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS.

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (NAY) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR QUINATA MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO EXCUSE SENATORS NOT PRESENT FOR THIS VOTE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS THE VOTE IS 11 AYES THREE NAYS SO WE ARE BACK IN MOTIONS UNDER MOTION SENATOR LUJAN YOU RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I MOTION TO PLACE RESOLUTION 223-37 LS IN THE THIRD READING VOTING FILE FOR VOTING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER TWO I MEAN SORRY RESOLUTION NUMBER 223-37 LS I'M GOING TO RULE THAT MOTION OUT OF ORDER ACCORDING TO 2CA 2103B WHICH STATES THAT NO THIS IS THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED WHICH STATES THAT NO SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTION THAT IS TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS OR A HEAD OF A FOREIGN STATE MAY BE PASSED BY *I LIHESLATURA* UNLESS IT HAS RECEIVED A PUBLIC HEARING SAID PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY THE PRIMARY AUTHOR OF THE RESOLUTION THE RESOLUTION MAY THEN BE PLACED ON *I LIHESLATURA*'S AGENDA UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE PRIMARY AUTHOR TO THE SPEAKER WITHOUT FURTHER COMMITTEE ACTION AND WITHOUT A COMMITTEE REPORT THIS IS NOT A RULE THAT WE'RE WAVING DESPITE THE MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES THIS IS THIS IS A 2GCA SO THAT'S MY RULING IF IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION.

SENATOR LUJAN: MOTION TO OVERRULE THE CHAIR MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO OVERRULE THE CHAIR RULING THAT THIS PUTTING THIS RESOLUTION ON OUR AGENDA WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING IS OUT OF ORDER ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF OVERRULING THE CHAIR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS WE ARE NOW UNDER MOTIONS MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED SORRY OH SORRY IS THAT I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WERE RAISING VICE SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS A NOTWITHSTANDING MOTION BUT ON THE MOTION TO ADD TO THE AGENDA THE APPOINTMENTS I HAVE THREE TO THE VOTING FILE I HAVE THREE APPOINTMENTS MADAM SPEAKER AND THE FIRST ONE WOULD BE ON BEHALF OF THE VICE SPEAKER I MEAN ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES *HAGÁTÑA* REVITALIZATION REGIONAL AFFAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARIES TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MONIQUE R.C. STORIE PHD TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NICOLE B. NELSON TO SERVE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'LL TAKE IT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE'LL TAKE IT ONE BY ONE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ONE AT A TIME YES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AND I WILL NOTE FOR THE RECORD MA'AM MADAM SPEAKER THAT THESE APPOINTMENTS HAD NO OPPOSITION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING AS A MATTER OF FACT EVERYBODY WHO CAME TO THE PUBLIC HEARING SUPPORTED THE EFFORTS AND I WILL DO IT FOR THE OTHER TWO BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THAT IT DID RECEIVE CONSENT FROM THE COMMITTEE AND WAS TURNED INTO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES SO EVERYTHING SHOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN UPLOADED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THE MOTION TO PLACE ON THE LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE OF OUR SESSION AGENDA THE NOMINATION OF MONIQUE STORIE TO THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SENATOR LUJAN: WHERE'S DWAYNE YEAH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SORRY PLEASE HOLD YOUR HANDS UP ALL IN FAVOR OF PUTTING THE NOMINATION OF MONIQUE STORIE FOR THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ONTO LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE ON OUR AGENDA PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND NINE MOTION CARRIES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM MADAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON ON THE REAPPOINTMENT I'M SORRY MADAM SPEAKER I'LL DO THIS AGAIN FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES *HAGÁTÑA* REVITALIZATION REGIONAL AFFAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARIES TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY FEDERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS MADAM SPEAKER THIS WOULD BE FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NICOLE B. NELSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER WHICH IS THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER WILL NOTE FOR THE RECORD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING SHE RECEIVED A UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FROM ALL THE MEMBERS THAT WERE PRESENT THAT DAY AND A POSITIVE TESTIMONY SO ON THE MOTION MADAM SPEAKER I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES WILL SUPPORT THE EFFORT TO PUT IT ON THE AGENDA AGAIN EVERYTHING IS UPLOADED AND IT'S BEEN UPLOADED FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS MADAM SPEAKER SO ON THE MOTION.

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

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S AN OBJECTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ALL THOSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL IN FAVOR.

SENATOR BROWN: I OBJECT MADAM SPEAKER AND I OBJECT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE HEARD THERE IS AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR.

SENATOR BROWN: WE CONTINUE TO PUBLISH THIS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SENATOR BROWN: IN THE PAPER MADAM SPEAKER TO TELL THE PEOPLE THAT THIS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SENATOR BROWN: IS WHAT WE'RE DOING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ORDER.

SENATOR BROWN: AND THEN WE GET ON THE FLOOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BROWN.

SENATOR BROWN: WE ADD THINGS ON NOT PUBLISHED TO THE PUBLIC.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE OBJECTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND EIGHT MOTION CARRIES VICE SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I DO HAVE ONE MORE APPOINTMENT MADAM SPEAKER OF I MAY FROM THE COMMITTEE FROM MY COMMITTEE AGAIN ON HUMAN RESOURCES *HAGÁTÑA* REVITALIZATION REGIONAL AFFAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARIES TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE APPOINTMENT OF NOLAN G.T. FLORES TO SERVE AS A MEMBER WHICH WOULD BE THE GENERAL PUBLIC'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GUAM PUBLIC GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGAIN I WILL REPEAT THIS NOMINATION DID HAVE ITS PUBLIC HEARING AND RECEIVED FULL SUPPORT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING AND IT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES AND GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS AND IS NOW UPLOADED THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VICE SPEAKER ON THE MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF NOLAN B. FLORES FOR THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ONTO THE LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE.

SENATOR BROWN: I HAVE AN OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON OUR AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION.

SENATOR BROWN: I'M OBJECTING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND EIGHT MOTION CARRIES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU ON WE'RE STILL ON MOTIONS SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED MAJORITY LEADER.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO ADD THE APPOINTMENT OF DOROTHY P. HARRIS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF DOROTHY P. PEREZ ONTO OUR.

SENATOR SHELTON: HARRIS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: LEGISLATIVE.

SENATOR SHELTON: HARRIS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: HARRIS SORRY HARRIS ONTO OUR SESSION AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND EIGHT MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* I MOVE TO ADD THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ FOR THE PORT BOARDS THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND EIGHT MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANCISCO G. SANTOS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THAT FRANCISCO P SANTOS.

SENATOR SHELTON: FRANCISCO G. SANTOS MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: G SANTOS ON THE NOMINATION TO I MEAN ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF FRANCISCO G. SANTOS ONTO OUR LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND THREE FOUR FIVE SIX MOTION FAILS.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE THE APPOINTMENT OF LUIS R. BAZA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE SESSION AGENDA.

SENATOR BROWN: OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF LUIS R. BAZA ONTO THE LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE ON OUR AGENDA THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND SIX MOTION FAILS.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DID YOU COUNT SIX ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS MOTIONS SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: DON'T WORRY MADAM SPEAKER IT'S NOTHING CRAZY JUST A MOTION I WANT TO MAKE A MOTION TO SET ASIDE MY BILL 57 OH WAIT NO CAN I AT THIS TIME MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT'S IT'S ON THE SECOND READING BUT WHAT'S YOUR MOTION WHAT IS YOUR MOTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: I JUST WANTED TO MOTION TO SET ASIDE BILL NUMBER 57-37 MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SET IT ASIDE IN THE SECOND READING.

SENATOR BARNETT: SET IT ASIDE LIKE ASIDE ASIDE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: TAKE IT OFF THE AGENDA.

SENATOR BARNETT: YES MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MOTION TO REMOVE BILL NUMBER WHAT'S THE NUMBER SORRY SENATOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: IT'S BILL 57-37 AND IT'S THE EXPEDITED PROCUREMENT FOR ALL PURCHASES MADE WITH ARP FUNDS FOR THE ENTIRETY OF GOVGUAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MOTION TO REMOVE BILL NUMBER 57-37 FROM THE AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL UNDER MOTIONS ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS IF NOT THEN WE ARE UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE OKAY UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE THESE ARE THE NOMINATIONS YES.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF DOROTHY HARRIS TO SERVE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM IN THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND 10 MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR SHELTON: AND MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE MOVE TO PLACE INTO THE VOTING FILE THE NOMINATION OF JUDITH GUTHERTZ AS BOARD MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND 10 MOTION CARRIES VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON THE MOTION TO PLACE ONTO THE VOTING FILE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MONIQUE R DR. MONIQUE R.C. STORIE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM PUBLIC GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND NINE MOTION CARRIES VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NICOLE B. NELSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GUAM PUBLIC LIFE LIBRARY SYSTEMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MADAM SPEAKER I MAKE THIS MOTION TO PUT IN THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION IN THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND 10 MOTION CARRIES 11 MOTION CARRIES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER ON IF I MAY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN THE APPOINTMENT OF NOLAN G.T. FLORES TO SERVE AS A MEMBER FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS I MAKE THE MOTION TO THE THIRD READING VOTING FILE PLEASE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF NOLAN B. FLORES TO BE PLACED ON THE VOTING FILE THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THAT MOTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND 11 MOTION CARRIES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* WE'VE EXHAUSTED OUR LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE WE WE'RE BACK ON SECOND READING WE WILL WE RETURN TO SECOND READING SO WE'RE NOW ON SECOND READING WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED WITH BILL NUMBER 97-37 COR WHERE WE LEFT OFF SENATOR QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO 97-37 ON PAGE 17 PAGE TWO I MEAN LINE 17 PAGE TWO TO AMEND THE BILL TO READ AS THE SITUATION EARLIER WITH SENATOR BLAS WITH COMPRISING TO COMPROMISING AGAIN LINE LINE SEVEN PAGE TWO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON ON THAT MOTION DOES TO CHANGE THE WORD COMPRISING TO COMPROMISING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR QUINATA.

SENATOR QUINATA: MADAM SPEAKER I MAKE A I LIKE TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT AGAIN TO LINES 21 THROUGH 26 AND 1-7 PAGES 2 THROUGH 3 TO AMEND SECTION TWO OF THE BILL TO READ DESIGN I MEAN TO STRIKE OUT DESIGNATED USE AND TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AND THEN TO READ AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS AUTHORIZED AND SHALL ENTER IN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR JUD JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY WITH THE *INALÁHAN* MAYOR AND IN *INALÁHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL RELATIVE TO LOT NUMBER 1061 1 BLOCK 12 IN *INALÁHAN* GUAM ESTATE NUMBER 8678 URBAN CON CONTAINING AN AREA OF 869.29 SQUARE METERS AS SHOWN IN THE DRAWING 14-82T242 L.M NUMBER 098 FY 85 PREPARED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND SURVEY DATED 04 1985 AND RECORDED UNDER INSTRUMENT NUMBER 367991 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF *INALÁHAN* AND STRIKEOUT IN HERE IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED TO THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST GPT FOR THE PURPOSE OH AND A STRIKE STOPS THERE FOR THE PURPOSE AND THE STABILIZATION AND RESTORATION OF THE *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH AND THEN UNDERLINE AGAIN AND IN PLACE PROVIDED THE PROPERTY SHALL BE MANAGED AND MAINTAINED AND ENSURED IN THE TRUST OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AS AN A HISTORIC SITE ACCORDING TO THE RULES AND SET BY THE GUAM PRESERVATION SITE AND AND WITH THAT UNDERLINE AND THEN ALSO *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* HEREBY AUTHORIZES *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN* TO TRANSFER JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY WITH A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF LOT 106-1 MUNICIPAL *INALÁHAN* TO *INALÁHAN* MAYOR AND *INALÁHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL AND THE IN *INALÁHAN* MAYOR AND *INALÁHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL SHALL ENTER IN AN MOU MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST TO UNDERLINED THAT WHOLE PARAGRAPH SO I GUESS THE PLACING GOOD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S STILL SOME MORE.

SENATOR QUINATA: OH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RELATING TO YOU ENDED ON TRUST AND IT SHOULD ADD RELATING TO LOT.

SENATOR QUINATA: OH SORRY AGAIN YEAH CONTINUATION MY BAD LOT NUMBER 106-1 FORMERLY KNOWN AS *INALÁHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH MUNICIPALITY OF IN *INALÁHAN* GUAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF STABILIZING AND RESTORING ITS HISTORICAL STRUCTURE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT.

SENATOR QUINATA: THAT'S IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND THE REMAINDER WILL BE STRIKE.

SENATOR QUINATA: AND THEN THE STRIKE YEAH NO YEAH THE REMAINDER OF THE BILL IS I MEAN THE REMAINDER OF THE SECTION IS TO BE STRIKED OUT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO THIS IS AN AMENDMENT.

SENATOR QUINATA: RIGHT YEAH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: TO SECTION TWO OF THE BILL IT'S BEEN PASSED OUT SINCE THIS MORNING IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION ON THIS AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR QUINATA: OKAY I AM PLEASE TO STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY TO ADVOCATE FOR THIS LEGISLATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WAIT SORRY.

SENATOR QUINATA: OH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR QUINATA: OH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE YOU CLOSE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION ON THE AMENDMENT SEEING NO OBJECTION THE AMENDMENT PASSES.

SENATOR QUINATA: IT'S GOOD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND FUR CLOSE ON THE BILL SENATOR QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: NO THAT'S GOOD IT'S OKAY CARRY ON BUT OH MOTION TO MOVE INTO THE VOTING FILE THE THIRD READING FOR FOR THE VOTING FILE OH OH YEAH WHO WANTS TO BE A SPONSOR I THINK TELO TAITAGUE WANTS TO BE FIR FIRST JESSE CHRIS JOE AUGUSTIN AMANDA TINA JOANNE EVERYONE IT'S CHRISTMAS YEAH OKAY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SENATOR QUINATA COULD YOU PLEASE RESTATE YOUR MOTION.

SENATOR QUINATA: OKAY SENATOR TAITAGUE JESSE LUJAN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AMANDA SHELTON JESSE J JESSE S SENATOR JOE SAN AUGUSTIN WILL PARKINSON DWAYNE TOM FISHER SABINA PARIS CHRIS BARNETT FRANK BLAS SPEAKER AND ANYBODY ELSE YES ALREADY SABINA ALRIGHT GOOD OKAY I THINK EVERYONE'S COVERED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CLERKS DO YOU HAVE THE MOTION ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION TO ADD SPONSORS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES FINAL MOTION ON THE BILL SENATOR QUINATA MOTION TO PLACE.

SENATOR QUINATA: MOTION TO MOTION TO PLACE IT ON THIRD READING FILE THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THIRD READING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION TO PLACE A BILL AS AMENDED SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS BILL IS AS SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR FROM THE WE'RE DISCUSSING THE THE RIGHT BILL THIS IS BILL NUMBER 9-37 AS INTRODUCED OR AS SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY MYSELF.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: TAKE SORRY ONE MINUTE DOES EVERYBODY HAVE THAT COPY THE ONE THAT SAYS AS SUBSTITUTED I DON'T THINK SO SO WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS I'M SORRY SENATOR TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S THE COPY THAT EVERYONE HAS IT'S ON THE DRIVE ACCORDING TO THE CLERKS WHO NEEDS A HARD COPY PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AND WE'LL GET YOU A HARD COPY THANK YOU OKAY ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *ESTA* WE'RE GOOD WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS THE COPIES OF THE SUBSTITUTED VERSION OF BILL NUMBER 9- 37 COR HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED SENATOR SAN NICOLAS IS THE MAIN SPONSOR YOU MAY OPEN ON THE BILL INTRODUCE THE BILL.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MA'AM I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS AND PUT IT FOR OPEN IT UP NOW FOR DISCUSSION IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING FOR ME THIS BILL I REMEMBER BACK WHEN I WAS A CHILD ONE OF MY FAVORITE TIMES IS WHEN I ASKED MY DAD TO STROLL OVER AND GO TO ACME STORE AND YOU KNOW HE'D SAY JUST GET WHATEVER YOU WANT I PICK SOME SMOKE BOMBS SOME STINK BOMBS AND SOME BOTTLE ROCKETS WAS A REAL GOOD TIME OF MY LIFE YOU KNOW SOMETHING I SHARED WITH MY DAD AND ABOUT ABOUT WHEN I WAS ABOUT 12 THEY THEY JUST BLANKETED ALL FIREWORKS AND MADE IT ILLEGAL AND SLOWLY THE LITTLE POCK PACKS AND THE LITTLE PARTY POPPERS AND ALL THOSE THINGS JUST STARTED TO DISAPPEAR FROM SHELVES AND I BLAME THAT DRACONIAN LAW AND WHEN I WAS STUDYING TO BE A COUNSELOR YOU KNOW WE TOOK A TEST AND THEY RATED ME UP THERE REAL HIGH UP IN THE ALTRUISM YOU KNOW TO DO THINGS FOR OTHERS WITHOUT ANY REGARD TO SELF AND SOMETIMES I JUST ASK WISH THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOME OF US JUST DO THINGS JUST BECAUSE WE LOVE OTHER PEOPLE AND WE WANT THEM TO BE HAPPY WE WANT THEM TO CELEBRATE WHEN I WAS A CUSTOMS OFFICER RECRUIT CAPTAIN CABINA WAS MY INSTRUCTOR FOR FOR REPORT WRITING AND HE YOU KNOW I I COULDN'T WRITE REALLY WELL WHEN I WAS MUCH YOUNGER AND SO TOLD US TO TAKE OUT OUR NOTEBOOKS AND GO OUT INTO THE PARKING LOT TO OBSERVE HIS CAR AND IT WAS A LITTLE BIT RIGHT AFTER NEW YEAR'S AND HE WE GATHERED AROUND HIS CAR AND ON THE HOOD OF HIS CAR WAS A 45 SLUG THAT FELL FROM THE SKY DURING NEW YEAR'S EVE AND WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DRAW IT EXAMINE IT TRY TO FIND THE PERPETRATOR MAKE OUT MAKE OUT A POLICE REPORT JUST LOOKING AT THAT SLUG ON HIS HOOD BUT I WENT HOME THAT EVENING AND I THOUGHT TO MYSELF HOW DANGEROUS IT WOULD BE TO BE UNDER THE OPEN SKY DURING NEW YEAR'S EVE AND SO AS A YOUNG FATHER EVERY TIME NEW YEAR'S CAME AROUND YOU KNOW I WOULD GATHER UP MY KIDS AND RIGHT BEFORE MIDNIGHT I'D BRING THEM IN UNDER COVER UNDER CONCRETE COVER BECAUSE I I FEARED FOR FOR THEIR SAFETY BUT MORE THAN THAT I HAD AN UNCLE WHO I LOVE SO MUCH VERY PATIENT GUY AND JUST A REALLY REALLY NICE GUY WHAT I WATCHED AS HE WOULD DURING NEW YEAR'S EVE GO TO THE BACK AND SHOOT UP HIS HIS WEAPON AND I WAS JUST A A KID BACK THEN SO WHAT AM WHO AM I TO SAY ANYTHING TO OUR ELDERS RIGHT BUT HE ALL HE WANTED TO DO HE WAS A WONDERFUL GENTLEMAN LAW-ABIDING GUY JUST A REALLY REALLY WONDERFUL PERSON BUT HE WAS DRAWN TO CELEBRATE AND HE CELEBRATED THE WRONG WAY IMAGINE IF WE HAD FIREWORKS BACK THEN CONSUMER GRADE FIREWORKS MY UNCLE WHO SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN DRIVEN TO CELEBRATE WRONGLY SO ALL OF THIS STUFF CULMINATES YOU KNOW AND IT'S GOES BACK TO WHEN I WAS A CHILD I'VE I'VE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS MAYBE TWO DECADES I'VE TRIED TO ASK SENATORS I'D EMAIL THEM TRY TO TALK TO THEM SOME OF THEM SAID THEY WOULD GET BACK TO ME BUT TO NO AVAIL AND SO I CONTINUED THE THE NOTION AND THE DREAM TO KEEP IT ALIVE SO THAT ONE DAY I I YOU KNOW WE CAN BE HERE AND I I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ME I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ME TO TO FOLLOW THE DREAM AND AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE BUT I I INTRODUCED THIS BILL AND IT TOOK A IT TOOK A WHILE AND EVERYBODY HAD PUT THEIR INPUT WE GIVEN ENOUGH ENOUGH TIME FOR EVERYBODY AND THIS BILL THAT WAS SUBSTITUTED HAS ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FROM FIRE AND WE PUT IT ALL IN HERE AND SO WHAT THIS BILL DOES AS OPPOSED TO THE LAW TODAY IS THIS BILL DEFINES WHAT SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS IS AND IT DISTINGUISHES IT FROM COMMERCIAL GRADE FIREWORKS WHICH IS WHAT YOU SEE BEING DISPLAYED DURING NEW YEAR'S EVE AND 4TH OF JULY AND SO IT DEFINES THAT IT IT IF IT IT IT GOES IN DEPTH AS TO STORAGE IT ALSO GOES INTO THE THE FINES AND THE WHAT WHAT ARE THE THE AREAS IN WHERE IN WHICH YOU CAN DISPLAY YOUR FIREWORKS AND THIS MAKES IT SAFE BUT I'M ALSO WELCOME AND OPEN TO MORE AMENDMENTS TO HELP ME OUT SO THAT WAY WE CAN WE CAN GET THIS FIREWORKS CONSUMER GRADE FIREWORKS SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS FOR THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE MADAM SPEAKER SO I JUST I JUST WANT TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY THAT'S ALL I'VE EVER WANTED TO DO ALL MY LIFE SO I'M ASKING MY MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT TO HELP

MAKE ME HELP HELP MAKE THIS BILL BETTER AND I WELCOME ALL AMENDMENTS AND I ASK ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND COLLEAGUES THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TITLE 10 SUBSECTION 58109 FIREWORKS CHAPTER 58 APPLY NAMED FIRE PREVENTION SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT NO FIREWORKS SHALL BE PERMITTED IN GUAM UNLESS CONSIGNED TO THE TERRITORIAL OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN WHICH CASE THEY SHALL NOT BE DISCHARGED EXCEPT UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE AUTHORITIES OF ONE OF SAID GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE NOW WHY IS THIS LAW CURRENTLY IN EFFECT WELL GIVEN MY OPPOSITION TO LEGISL LEGISLATING MORE PROBLEMS FOR GUAM I DID MY RESEARCH TO FIND OUT WHY WE HAVE THE LAW IN THE FIRST PLACE AND IN SPEAKING TO A LICENSED AUTHORIZED EDUCATION AND AN EXPERIEN EXPERIENCED INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SAFELY BEEN PRESENTING OUR COMMUNITY WITH BEAUTIFUL AND SAFE FIREWORKS TO DISPLAY FOR YEARS THE CURRENT LAW PROHIBITING THE SELL OF FIREWORKS TO THE PUBLIC WAS BORN AFTER AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO TOOK SMALLER FIREWORKS AND TURNED THEM INTO LARGER LARGER EXPLOSIVES THANKS TO OUR LAWMAKERS BACK THEN THEY HAD THE SENSE VISION AND FORTIT FORTITUDE TO TAKE ACTION AND WITH THAT THEY PASSED A SAFE PASSED SAFELY LAW TO PREVENT ANY MORE OF OUR PEOPLE FROM GETTING NEED NEEDLESSLY HURT BY ENACTING A BAN ON FIREWORKS NOW I HAVE TO ASK WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY TO REVISE THIS LAW THAT HAS PROTECTED OUR CHILDREN OUR HOME OUR ENVIRONMENT FROM UNNECESSARY FIRES AND FIREWORK RELATED ACCIDENTS ARE WE HERE TO FULFILL AN ENTERTAINMENT PRIORITY BY LE LEGALIZING POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARDS THE LOSS OF LIMBS AND NEEDLESS TRAGEDY DISGUISED AS SPARKLING ENTERTAINMENT WE ARE IN THE 21ST CENTURY DRONES HAVE DONE ITS JOB TO HELP US GO IN A DIRECTION ARE WE HERE TO PROTECT THE INTEREST ARE WE REALLY HERE TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF OUR PEOPLE NOW THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT STATED IN BILL 937 SPEAKS TO FIREWORKS BEING SAFE AND SANE THE PEOPLE RECALLING FOND MEMORIES OF FAMILIAR BONDING EXPERIENCES FROM BACK IN THE DAYS NOSTALGIA BUT I CAUTION MY COLLEAGUES BACK IN THE DAY PREGNANT WOMEN SMOKED CIGARETTES CHILDREN IN CAR WERE NO LONGER NEEDED IN CAR WELL CHILD CARE CAR SEATS WERE NON-EXISTENT AND METHAMPHETAMINES WERE PRESCRIBED IN PILLS FOR WEIGHT LOSS JUST BECAUSE SOMETHING DOES WAS DONE IN THE OLD DAYS WITH A SMILE AND A COKE COMMERCIAL DOESN'T MEAN WE SHOULD BRING IT BACK TODAY IN TRUE FASHION OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE WE ONCE AGAIN VIOLATED OUR OWN STANDING RULES AND HALFHAZARDLY THREW THIS DANGEROUS LEGISLATION INTO THE AGENDA TO LEGALIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF DANGER INJURY AND ACCIDENTAL FIRES MY COLLEAGUES WERE YOU NOT LISTENING TO THE FIRE OFFICIALS WHO CAME TO THE PUBLIC HEARING TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE LEGISLATION I SPOKE TO GFD CHIEF JOEY SY NICHOLAS WHO IMploRED ME TO CONSIDER THESE SIMPLE FACTS ONE DURING GUAM'S DRY SEASON FROM JANUARY TO JULY OUR FIREFIGHTERS ARE RISKING THEIR LIVES TO EXTINGUISH ONE TO THREE GRASS FIRES A DAY DURING THIS SEASON WHICH IS EXACTLY WHEN WHEN CELA ACTUALLY THIS IS NEW DURING NEW NEW YEAR'S AND LIBERATION OUR FIREFIGHTERS ARE RISKING THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS OUR HOMES TO PUT OUT ONE TO THREE STRUCTURAL FIRES A WEEK A WEEK AND I'M SURE THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR WILL TELL YOU THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FIREFIGHTERS WE'RE LOSING THEM TO RETIREMENT AND NOW WE'RE ADDING NO PUN INTENDENT FUEL TO THE FIRE THESE NUMBERS ALONE SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO STOP US DEAD IN OUR TRACKS IN ENTERTAINING BILL NUMBER 9-37 A MEASURE THAT PROPOSES MORE DANGER AND RISK TO ALREADY HAZARDS JOBS HAZARDOUS JOBS MEN AND WOMEN IN GFD I ASK MY COLLEAGUES HERE TODAY ARE YOU READY TO OPEN THE DOOR FOR GUAM TO EXPERIENCE A CATASTROPHIC FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE HISTORICAL TOWN OF LAHAINA IN MAUI THIS YEAR ISN'T THAT AN EYEOPENER ISN'T THAT TELLING YOU SOMETHING I THINK GOD CAME DOWN AND SAID OKAY THIS HAPPENED THIS FIREWORKS IS COMING UP LET ME REMIND YOU HOW MANY PEOPLE DIED IT WAS AN ACCIDENT THAT THAT TOOK 97 LIVES AND COST BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE WE IN THIS BODY DID NOT EVEN NEED TO PROVOKE AN ACCIDENT LIKE THIS WITH OPEN SALE OF FIREWORKS TO RETAIL STORES OUR COMMUNITY HAS FAR TOO MANY ACCIDENTS THAT TAKE OUR LIVES WITHOUT THE LEGISLATURE ADDING FUEL AGAIN TO THE FIRE BILL 9-37 MAKES IT EASY FOR US TO PUT IT ALL ON THE LINE SO THAT WE CAN ALL SELL ALL SELL HAZARDOUS FIREWORKS FOR FUN ENTERTAINMENT AND PROFIT ARE WE READY TO IGNITE OUR STRUGGLING HOSPITAL WHICH DOES NOT HAVE A BURN UNIT WITH FIREWORK INJURIES IS THIS THE MESSAGE THIS BODY IS SENDING TO OUR PEEPER PEOPLE FIRE IS FUN FIREWORKS ARE HARMLESS GO AHEAD AND BUY THEM AT THE STORE NEAR YOU WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A BURN UNIT AT THE HOSPITAL TO COVER ANY ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES AND DON'T

TELL ME IF ANYONE STANDS UP HERE SAID OH NO YOU CAN'T GET BURNED FROM FIREWORKS YOU'RE LIVING IN A DIFFERENT WORLD IN DOING MY DUE DILIGENCE AND SPEAKING WITH THE LICENSE FIRE BUSINESS OWNER I'VE LEARNED THAT CLEAN CLEAN UP AFTER AFTER FIREWORKS IS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT THAN THE SETUP AND LAUNCH IMAGINE THAT MORE WORK FOR OUR REGULATORY ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES NONE OF WHICH ARE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED IN THIS LEGISLATION NONE OF THEM ARE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED WHERE IS THE FUNDING WHO WILL REGULATE WHICH ONE OF OUR SHORT STAFFED PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES WILL BE TAPPED TO ENSURE THAT ONLY THE PROPER MILLIGRAMS OF EXPLOSIVES EXPLOSIVES ARE IN JOE CRUZ'S PYROTECHNIC COMPO COMPOSITION WHEN HE SETS OFF FIREWORKS FROM FOR FUN IN MALESSO' ON NEW YEAR'S EVE I KNOW ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES IN SUPPORT OF LEGALIZING FIRE SAID THAT THEY NEED DATA MORE STATISTICS TO QUALIFY THE DANGERS OF FIREWORKS MY QUESTION TO THIS BODY IS WHY DO WE NEED A FIREWORK ACCIDENT TO HAPPEN WHY DO WE NEED A CHILD IN OUR COMMUNITY TO DIE OR LOSE AN ARM BEFORE WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT FIREWORKS ARE DANGEROUS DO WE NEED FIREWORK DEATHS TO COUNT TO FORCE A FUTURE BODY TO COME BACK AND REPEAL THE LAW SHOULD IT PASS TODAY WE CAN BE PROACTIVE RIGHT NOW AND LEAVE THIS FIREWORK PROHIBITION LAW INTACT INSTEAD OF RACING TO REACT THE REPEAL TOMOR AND REPEAL TOMORROW BECAUSE PEOPLE DIE IN FIREWORK ACCIDENTS THEY DIE YOU WANT THE BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS BECAUSE BY VOTING FOR THIS BILL YOU ARE PUTTING BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS FOR WHAT ENTERTAINMENT I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT FOR THE RECORD OF THIS SESSION THAT OUR HIGHEST LEVEL FIRE OFFICIALS CAME TO THE PUBLIC HEARING ON BILL 9 TO WARN US OF THE DANGERS OF THIS LEGISLATION AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES ARE YOU GOING TO GO AGAINST THE ADVICE OF THE VERY MEN AND WOMEN WHO FIRSHTHAND DEAL WITH DANGERS OF FIRE I'D ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT ONE OF OUR LAW MAKERS INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO INCREASE FUNDING TO GFD TO GET MORE FIREFIGHTERS BECAUSE CLEARLY WE ARE SHORT IN MANPOWER WITH THIS SHORTEST SHORTAGE AND RETIREMENT ON THE HORIZON FOR MANY OF THEM AGAIN GFD PERSONNEL IT'S NOT NOW NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO INCREASE OUR FIRE RISKS SOME OF YOU SAY OH SENATOR TELO IS JUST BEING STICK IN THE MUD A WET BLANKET YOU MIGHT SAY THIS MEASURE WAS BUILT IN RESTRICTIONS AND FINES WELL GUESS WHAT THERE ARE LAWS AGAINST UNDERAGE SMOKING VAPING AND ALCOHOL USE NONE OF THOSE ARE STOPPING VAPING PROBLEMS IN OUR SCHOOL THE LAW AGAINST ILLEGAL DRUGS THAT HAVE YET TO CURB OUR METH PROBLEM AND THE VIOLENT CRIMES THAT STEM FROM OUR DRUG EPIDEMIC MY QUESTION TO YOU ALL TODAY IS WHY ARE WE LEGISLATING MORE PROBLEMS FOR GUAM CAN YOU IMAGINE THE NOISE THIS BILL IS AN OPEN BOOK ON BLOWING UP FIREWORKS PUTTING FIRECRACKERS TO TOGETHER TO MAKE IT EVEN LOUDER 6:00 A.M. TO 6 P. I MEAN ALL THE WAY THROUGH 24 HOURS ANYONE CAN FIRE FIREWORKS YOU'RE SLEEPING AT HOME AND SOMEONE'S BLOWING UP SOME FIREWORKS OH IT'S BECAUSE IT'S LEGAL CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW MUCH ISSUES OUR MAYORS ARE GOING TO HAVE THOSE WHO ARE AT THE FRONT LINE OUR MAYORS WHO SENT US A LETTER JUST TODAY ASKING US TO HOLD OFF ON THIS BILL OUR MAYORS PRESIDENT JESSE ALIG ASKED US TO HOLD OFF ON THIS BILL BECAUSE THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS WHEN TAN MARIA CALLS THEM UP AND SAYING THERE'S SOME BOYS LAI THAT ARE BLOWING UP FIRECRACKERS IT'S 11:00 AT NIGHT 12 MIDNIGHT BUT GUESS WHAT THE MAYOR IS GOING TO SAY AI SORRY LAI THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO IT'S LEGAL IT'S LEGAL YOU KNOW I WANT TO I WANT TO LEAVE YOU ALL WITH THE WORDS OF A MOTHER WHO LOST HER CHILD WHOSE WORDS WERE PUBLISHED BY INTERNATIONAL NEWS OUTLET IN JULY OF 2022 I WON'T REPEAT THE OBSCENE WORDS FOR OBVIOUS REASONS BUT SHE SAID I HELD MY SON'S BROKEN SKULL AND BRAINS IN MY HANDS LAST NIGHT THAT'S THE REALITY DON'T EVEN BLANK BUY THOSE DAMN THINGS I'VE NEVER I'LL NEVER SEE MY SON AGAIN OVER BLANK FIREWORKS DON'T EVER THINK IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOURS FIREWORKS ARE NO JOKE AND WHEN YOU THINK IT WON'T BE YOUR IN A BLINK OF AN EYE IT IS COLLEAGUES DON'T LET A GUAM MOTHER REPEAT THOSE WORDS DON'T LET THE NEWS STORIES READ A CHILD HAS DIED FROM FIREWORK ACCIDENT AFTER A LONG INTRODUCED EIGHT LAWMAKERS LEGALIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF FIREWORKS FOR OUR COMMUNITY LET'S STOP LEGISLATING NEW PROBLEMS FOR GUAM I KNOW THAT THIS BILL MIGHT PASS BECAUSE OF THOSE WHO SPONSORED THE BILL AND I JUST CAN'T SEE THAT HAPPENING WITHOUT ME DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE I'M ONLY ONE THERE MIGHT BE A FEW OTHER HERE WHO BELIEVE THE SAME THING I DO BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THIS BILL THE NAMES ON THIS BILL THERE'S EIGHT THERE'S EIGHT I HAVE AMENDMENTS THAT I HAVE PROFFERED TO DO WHAT I CAN JUST IN CASE THIS BILL PASSES BUT BEFORE I START MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU KNOW WHAT I I'LL WAIT I'LL WAIT BECAUSE ONE OF THOSE AMENDMENTS IS GOING TO BE A TELLTALE OF WHY THIS BILL WAS INTRODUCED AND IT DEALS WITH SELF-SERVING SO I'LL JUST WAIT UNTIL THAT AMENDMENT COMES UP SO THE AMENDMENT SHOULD BE WITH THE CLERK AND I'LL START WITH MY FIRST ONE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I HAVE SEVERAL MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ARE HAVE THEY BEEN PASSED OUT CLERKS ALL RIGHT THE COPIES ARE NOT YET DISTRIBUTED THE CLERKS ARE GETTING THEM DISTRIBUTED SO WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS WHILE THE AMENDMENTS GET DISTRIBUTED.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS I BELIEVE YOUR AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT NOW SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER LINE ONE PAGE 11 TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO THE BILL TO READ 5839 AND THIS IS TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL IN CONS CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCY DEVELOP RULES AND REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION LAW AND CON AND CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAFF AND CHAPTER TO GOVERN THE SALE STORAGE AND USE OF FIREWORKS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THE AMENDMENTS BEEN PASSED OUT LINE ONE PAGE 11 A NEW SECTION 5839 IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN SENATOR YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND AND MAYBE THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT CAN BRING CLARITY ON PAGE SEVEN LINE SIX THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF FIREWORKS ON PUBLIC SAFETY AFTER THREE YEARS OF ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT THE STUDY MAY BE USED TO DETERMINE IF AMENDMENTS ARE TO THIS ACT ARE WARRANTED WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT WHEN WE HAD THE HEARING MANY OF THIS AND THAT'S WHY IT WAS SUBSTITUTED WAS BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WHEN THEY TESTIFIED THEY DIDN'T TESTIFY FOR OR AGAINST SO I'M ONLY CONCERNED THAT YOU WANT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO IN SHALL IN CONSULTATION APPROPRIATE AGENCY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE AMENDMENT THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW IS THE NEW SECTION 5839.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES AND AND THAT'S WHAT I I I'M SPEAKING ABOUT BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT THAT AND IT'S 309 BUT IN PAGE SEVEN THERE'S A SECTION THERE THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OH I'M SORRY YOU'RE RIGHT THERE'S TWO AMENDMENTS WITH 5839 SORRY SENATOR I'M LOOKING AT ANOTHER ONE THERE ARE TWO AMENDMENTS WITH THE NUMBER 5839.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT'S CORRECT BUT I'M LOOKING AT THE ONE THAT SHE JUST MENTIONED THE PROMULGATION OF RULES AND REGULATION BECAUSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THAT THE ONE THAT THAT'S NOT THE ONE SHE READ OUT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES SHE DID THE RULES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT IS OH OKAY THEN I'M WRONG MY MY APOLOGIES SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE RULES AND REGULATIONS NO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO PROBLEM I'M ONLY QUESTIONING WHEN WE HAVE IT ON PAGE SEVEN AND THAT'S UNDER 58303 IF I'M CORRECT YEAH 58 PERMISSIBLE USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS IS VERY SPECIFIC THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY SAME AS THE AAA OKAY MAYBE IT'S NOT BECAUSE NOT WE SAYING BUT LET ME FINISH NOW OKAY I DIDN'T ASK FOR ANY COMMENTS OR YOU QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR I'M JUST QUESTIONING IS THAT BECAUSE THEY HAVE THAT ON PAGE SEVEN ALREADY THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT YOUR STUDY WHEN THEY DO STUDY IT'S NOT DONE THE SAME DAY IT'S THROUGHOUT THE THREE YEARS IF THE EFFECTS AND IF IF THIS IF THIS ACTION CONTINUE IF THE FIRE

DEPARTMENT COME BACK THREE I'M SURE EVERYBODY'S GOING TO SAY WHY ARE WE GOING TO WAIT THREE YEARS I'VE BEEN IN THE ARMY FOR 26 YEARS WHY DID I WAIT 26 YEARS BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN I RETIRED THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M NOT IN IN FAVOR OF THIS BECAUSE OF PAGE SEVEN THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: POINT OF INFORMATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE TAKE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THE THE SECTION THAT THE THE LAST SPEAKER WAS SPEAKING ON GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT CONDUCT A STUDY THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS NOTHING AT ALL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT WAS ANY OTHER SENATOR WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PEREZ: SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I THINK IT'S REALLY CRITICAL BECAUSE IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE BILL THERE'S SHE'S BASICALLY THE AUTHOR OF THIS AMENDMENT IS ENSURING THAT THERE'S A A A LOOPHOLE THAT'S CORRECTED AND LOOK AND LOOKING AT THE BILL NOWHERE DOES IT SAY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGS AND WITHOUT THAT WITHOUT THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WE ARE BASICALLY IF THIS BILL SHOULD PASS AND THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE IT CAN BECAUSE THERE THERE'S ANOTHER A NUMBER A GOOD THE THE AMOUNT OF THE NEEDED TO PASS THE BILL IS THE NUMBER OF SPONSORS NEEDED TO PASS THE BILL WILL ANYWAY HE HE WAS ABLE TO GET THE NUMBER OF SPONSORS TO TO PASS THE BILL BUT I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT WITHOUT RULES AND REGULATIONS THERE IS NO REGULATION FOR THIS LEGALIZATION OF FIREWORKS AND I THINK YOU KNOW THIS IS THE AUTHOR IS REALLY TRYING TO CLOSE A LOOPHOLE AND IT I JUST WANT TO REITERATE THAT IT HAS IT'S VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT'S IN SECTION 58303 BECAUSE THAT'S A STUDY THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN THREE YEARS AFTER THE FACT YOU KNOW I THINK PREVENTION IS THE BEST THING WHEN IT COMES TO SAFETY FOR OUR COMMUNITY THERE'S THERE'S A LOT OF REGULATIONS OUT THERE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ALL A LOT OF REGULATIONS OUT THERE REGULATING EXPLOSIVES FIREWORKS ARE EXPLOSIVES AND THEY THEY RIGHTFULLY SHOULD HAVE REGULATIONS AND SO WHAT THE AUTHOR IS DOING IS REALLY ENSURING THAT THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY IS HELD FOREMOST I WOULD LIKE TO THOUGH ADD AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT I WOULD I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING WRITTEN DOWN BUT WHAT IT SAYS HERE IS THAT THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP RULES AND REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDICATION LAW CONSISTENT WITH THIS CHAPTER AND FEDERAL LAW AND REGULATION SO I WANT TO ADD AFTER THIS CHAPTER AND FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND IF I NEED TO CREATE A WRITTEN AMENDMENT I WILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO CONSIDERING THAT WITHOUT IN WRITING IT'S TO ADD THE WORDS AND FEDERAL LAW AND REGULATIONS THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION TO IT PROCEEDING IN WITHOUT BEING IN WRITING SO IF YOU COULD PLEASE GET THAT IN WRITING.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY I WILL I CAN GET IT IN WRITING THANK YOU.

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

SENATOR PEREZ: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER YES SO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR RECESS TO PUT THIS A VERY IMPORTANT AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN IN WRITING AND GENERALLY IT IT ADDS THE WORDS AND FEDERAL LAWS AND FEDERAL REG REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT WHATEVER RULES THAT THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT DEVELOPS ALSO TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THESE RULES THAT HAVE BEEN VETTED NATIONWIDE AND JUST TO SHARE WITH YOU YOU KNOW WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT NOT ONLY THE CONSUMERS ARE SAFE BUT ALSO THE CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE EMPLOYEES ANYBODY THAT IS HANDLING THIS COMING BRINGING THIS IN YOU KNOW ARE NOT THEIR SAFETY IS NOT COMPROMISED ESPECIALLY IF YOU KNOW WE YOU KNOW THESE INDIVIDUALS MAY OR MAY NOT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT ANYTHING THAT THAT'S HAZARDOUS ANYTHING THAT IS EXPLOSIVE NEEDS TO BE PROPERLY LABELED TO TO BASICALLY ACT

AS A WARNING FOR THOSE THAT ARE HANDLING THIS MATERIAL TO TAKE EXTRA CAUTION AND YOU KNOW THESE REGULATIONS ARE THERE FOR OUR SAFETY SO THEREFORE I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZE SENATOR FISHER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SPEAKER I WOULD I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTION OF THE OFFER OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT THAT QUESTION BEING WHICH FEDERAL LAWS AND WHICH FEDERAL REGULATIONS ARE YOU SPEAKING OF.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: I THINK THAT'S THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION AND IT REALLY HEARKENS TO THE NEED FOR THIS BECAUSE WHEN YOU ARE DEVELOPING RULES AND RS YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE EVERYTHING IN FRONT OF YOU AND SO I DON'T CLAIM TO BE AN EXPERT BUT AT LEAST WHAT I SEE BEFORE ME IS 49 CFR PARTS 171 TO 180 IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG AND I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE OBVIOUSLY YOU KNOW THIS BODY HAS IN FACT SPONSORED THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION WITHOUT EVEN THINKING ABOUT THIS YOU KNOW IT'S I THINK IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WHOEVER IS A BODY THAT'S SUPPOSED TO REGULATE IT HAS ALL THIS INFORMATION IN FRONT OF THEM BECAUSE AS BILL LACKS THIS.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD JUST MAKE THE OBSERVATION THAT JUST AS WE SHOULD HAVE ALL THAT INFORMATION IN FRONT OF US I SUPPOSE AS WE CONSIDER GOING FORWARD AS A LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIVE BODY WE SHOULD ALSO HAVE THE FEDERAL LAWS AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS IN FRONT OF US WHICH SHE WHICH THE OFFER OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT SPEAKS ABOUT OTHERWISE WE ARE JUST PASSING LEGISLATION WITHOUT HAVING ANY REAL IDEA OF WHAT IT IS WE ARE DOING SO YEAH I CANNOT SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT THANK YOU VERY MUCH SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENTS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER BEING PRIOR SERVICE RETIRED FROM THE MILITARY AND EVEN BEING IN THIS BODY WE ALL NEED TO REMIND OURSELF THAT FEDERAL LAW TRUMPS WHATEVER LAW WE PASS AND EVERYTHING THAT'S BROUGHT INTO GUAM REQUIRES A FEDERAL STAMP OF ALLOWANCE TO BE BROUGHT IN THAT'S NUMBER TWO NUMBER THREE AND IF YOU DEAL WITH EXPLOSIVES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHO GETS INVOLVED WILL MAKE SURE THAT IT'S PROPERLY LABELED AND I KNOW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANYTIME THEY WANT TO TOUCH ANYTHING THE FIRST THING THEY DO IS LOOK AT FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS SO JUST TO PUT IT ON IT'S LIKE YOU KNOW JUST IN CASE YOU DON'T NEED A JUST IN CASE WHEN FEDERAL LAW ALREADY TRUMPS EVERYTHING WE DO SO IF THERE'S A FEDERAL LAW THAT SAYS WE CAN'T DO FIREWORKS THEN WE CAN'T DO FIREWORKS UNLESS SOMEONE CAN FIND ME A LAW OR A RULE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYING WE CAN'T DO IT I'M GOING TO OBJECT TO THIS THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT INCORPORATE FEDERAL LAWS AND FEDERAL GUIDELINES ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS LIKE THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND OTHER AGENCIES COMING TOGETHER TO INCORPORATE THESE FEDERAL LAWS OR IF THEY DON'T AND IT IS LIKE PREVIOUS SPEAKER SAID THAT WE FOLLOW FEDERAL LAW IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TELL THOSE WHO ARE PROMULGATING RULES AND REGS TO ALSO LOOK AT THE FEDERAL SIDE IT IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYS THEY CAN HAVE FIREWORKS OR THEY CANNOT HAVE FIREWORKS NO IT'S ABOUT SAFETY THAT'S WHAT THIS THIS AMENDMENT IS ABOUT IT'S ABOUT SAFETY SO BY PUTTING IN THIS SECTION AGAIN IT TELLS THOSE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THAT LOOK AT THE FEDERAL GUIDELINES LOOK AT THEIR REGULATIONS AND IF YOU NEED TO INCORPORATE IT IN IN INTO GUAM LAW BECAUSE NOT EVERYBODY HAS ACCESS TO THE FEDERAL GUIDELINES OR THE FEDERAL LAWS OR FEDERAL REGULATIONS NOT EVERYBODY HAS I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE IN HERE EXCEPT MAYBE JUST A HANDFUL THAT KNOWS HOW TO LOOK UP FEDERAL LAW AND REGULATIONS BUT THEY DO KNOW HOW TO LOOK AT THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND THEY DO KNOW HOW TO LOOK AT GARR WE'RE NOT HERE TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO LOOK UP THESE LAWS ESPECIALLY OURSELVES THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW HOW TO LOOK UP FEDERAL LAW I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS

MEASURE AND AGAIN HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHETHER FIREWORKS ARE LEGAL OR NOT IT'S ABOUT A SAFE IT'S ABOUT SAFETY FINDING GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY PROMULGATING RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY LOOK AT THAT'S ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN FEDERAL LAW TO ENSURE THAT OUR GUAM LAW HAS THE SAME THING LET'S NOT HINDER THE OPPORTUNITY TO FIND SOMETHING THAT IS SAFE FOR THIS BILL LET'S NOT PUT A ROADBLOCK ON IT OUR PEOPLE DESERVE BETTER THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THERE'S A SAYING I THINK WE ALL KNOW IT SAFETY FIRST SO IF YOU WANT OUR CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH CLASS 1.4G EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNICS THEN SAFETY FIRST STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT AND EVEN THE AMENDMENT AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE HESITATION TO JUST RAM THIS THIS MEASURE THROUGH I MEAN YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE SENATOR PEREZ'S WORD FOR IT LET'S TAKE THE WORD OF OUR ACTING FIRE CHIEF AND HIS TESTIMONY ON THIS BILL WE MUST BE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESEARCH AND MAYBE IMPLEMENT NEW FEES AND FINES AS PART OF OUR OVERALL FEES AND FINANCE UPDATE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO REGULATE THE SALE AND USE OF CONSUMER GRADE FIREWORKS WE MUST ALSO PLAN FOR THE INEVITABLE INJURIES AND POSSIBLE FIRES BOTH WILDLAND AND STRUCTURAL CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENT USE OF THE IMPROPER DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS SO I WOULD JUST BEHOOVE MY COLLEAGUES TO HEED THE THE WORDS OF THE ASSISTANT THE ACTING FIRE CHIEF AND AND JUST REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST.

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

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE RESISTANCE TO THESE SAFETY MEASURES IT ALMOST SEEMS THAT THE THOSE AT OPPOSING IT REALLY WANT TO GET OUR COMMUNITY COMMUNITY AND AT RISK IS THIS WHAT THIS IS ABOUT THEY REALLY WANT TO RELEASE HARM INTO OUR COMMUNITY NOT REGULATE SOMETHING AS IMPORTANT AS EXPLOSIVES IT WASN'T TOO LONG AGO THAT THEY WERE SO QUICK TO STOP EXPLOSIVE ACTIVITY AND NOW THEY'RE THEY'RE TAKING 180 TURNAROUND I MEAN WHAT'S WHAT'S THE REASON BEHIND THIS IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME I DID QUOTE 49 CFR PARTS 171 TO 180 IT STATES CONSUMER FIREWORKS ARE CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ISN'T THAT ENOUGH ARE THEY WILLING TO PUT PUT AT RISK THE LIVES OF OUR CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE EMPLOYEES THAT'S WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE TO ME AND TO ASSUME THAT FEDERAL LAWS TRUMP LOCAL LAWS YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT ASSUME WE CAN'T ASSUME THAT WE ARE PASSING LAWS IN THIS BODY LATER IN TIME PASSAGE PERHAPS 49 CFR PARTS 172 JUST ASK FOR EMERGENCY CONTACT AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS WHAT'S THE HARM IN THAT APPARENTLY THEY DON'T WANT SAFETY MEASURES THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR OUR PEOPLE OUR PEOPLE DON'T MEAN THAT MUCH TO THEM TO SUPPORT SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS ALIGNING OUR SAFETY REGULATIONS ALIGNING THE REGULATIONS OF THE REGULATIONS OF FIREWORKS TO WHAT'S BEEN VETTED TIME AND TIME AGAIN AND WHAT HAS THIS BODY COME TO NO MATTER HOW MUCH INFORMATION THAT CAN BE PUT FORWARD THEY CHOOSE NOT TO USE THAT INFORMATION EVEN IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR PUBLIC BY NOT INCLUDING THIS WE'RE LEAVING A BIG DOOR OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO GET HURT WE'VE HEARD STORIES IN SAIPAN THEY PASSED THEY LEGALIZED FIREWORKS AND THEY SAW THE CONSEQUENCE INCREASE IN EMERGENCY EMERGENCIES OF OF CHILDREN GETTING THEIR CHILL GETTING THEIR THEIR THEIR FINGERS BLOWN OFF WHY DO WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR AN ACCIDENT TO HAPPEN WHEN WE KNOW COMMON SENSE TELLS US THAT IF WE DON'T PUT THE PROPER SAFEGUARDS IN PLACE WE'RE ALLOWING THESE ACCIDENTS TO OCCUR I THINK THIS IS GENERAL DISREGARD FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE IF WE DO NOT ACCEPT THIS THESE CHANGES AND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES RECONSIDERATION OF THEIR OPPOSITION BUT I ACT ALSO ASK MORE IMPORTANTLY ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT ALL IN FAVOR IS THERE AN ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT FIVE AMENDMENT FAILS WE'RE BACK ON THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED OR SENATOR PEREZ WHERE YOU WHERE HAD YOU CONCLUDED ON THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT I DON'T KNOW.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I THINK THIS AT ALL PROMULGATING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT THIS WILL GO A LONG WAY TO ENSURING THE SAFETY FOR OUR COMMUNITY THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR OR SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION IS THERE AN OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND SIX MOTION FAILS SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER LINE ONE PAGE 11 IS MY NEXT AMENDMENT IT ADDS A NEW SECTION TO THE BILL TO READ 5839 TAX LEVIED ON CONSUMER FIREWORKS AN EXCESS TAX SHALL BE LEVIED ON THE FINAL RETAIL SALE OF CONSUMER FIREWORK PRODUCTS AS DEFINED IN THIS ACT THE RATE OF 50% OF THE RETAIL PRICE PER PRODUCT EXERCISE TAX IMPOSE MUST BE VISIBLE AS THE LINE ITEM AT THE POINT OF SALE ON THE PRODUCT OF SALE RECEIPT TAXES LEVIES SHALL BE PAID BY THE 20TH DAY OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH THEN SECTION 58310 IS TAX PROCEEDS ALL MONIES COLLECTED FROM THE TAX LEVIED IN THIS CHAPTER ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED AND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO TO THE FOLLOWING 50% OF THE MONIES COLLECTED UNDER THE TAX LEVIED BY THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE DEPOSIT TO THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND AND B 50% OF THE MONIES COLLECTED UNDER THIS TAX LEVITY BY THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE DEPOSITED TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY GMHA REVOLVING FUND TO BE USED TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF A BURN UNIT THAT'S MY AMENDMENT AND I THINK I SPOKE ON IT EARLIER WE KNOW WE'RE SHORT THERE'S A SHORTAGE AT GUAM FIRE THIS WOULD HELP THEM TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH ACCIDENTS THAT COULD HAPPEN FROM FIREWORKS THAT ARE MOST LIKELY GOING TO HAPPEN AND OF COURSE THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THERE IS NO BURN UNIT ON THIS ISLAND THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST LIKE THE THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT PLEASE EXPLAIN 50 AN EXCESS TAX EXCISE TAX LEVIED IN THE FINAL RETAIL SALE OF CONSUMER FIREWORK AS DEFINED THE ACT 50% CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THAT MORE LIKE GIVE ME A DOLLAR LIKE IF IT'S IF IT'S \$100 THEN YOU'RE GOING TO ADD 50% OF THAT PRICE AS A TAX OR 50% OF THE VALUE OF \$100 I MEAN I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND BECAUSE I I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE BOTTOM PART WHERE IT SAYS GO TO FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 911 THE GUAM MEMORIAL FOR THE BURN UNIT I SUPPORT THAT BUT THE 50% WHAT ARE WE SAYING IF YOU SELL THE PRODUCT WHAT WHAT WHAT ARE WE SAYING ON THAT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S CLEAR THE THE PERCENTAGES DOESN'T MAKE TOO MUCH SENSE BUT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I WILL TRY TO ANSWER IT MADAM SPEAKER IT SAYS CLEARLY IF YOU FINISH THE SENTENCE IT SAYS AT THE RATE OF 50% OF THE RETAIL PRICE PER PRODUCT SO IT IS PER PRODUCT SO IF A FIRECRACKER COSTS \$10 THEN IT WILL BE 50% OF THAT \$10 WILL BE ADDED TO AS A SALES TAX OR EXCESS TAX.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SO SO THAT MEANS IF THE PRODUCT'S \$10 50% SO THAT MEANS THE PRODUCT IS ACTUALLY BEING SOLD FOR \$15.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: RIGHT RIGHT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY I DON'T KNOW THAT'S PRICEY BUT BUT YOU KNOW I'M NOT GOING TO I'M NOT GOING TO DEBATE THAT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN WE DO A LEVY LIKE THIS THAT'S ACROSS THE BOARD IF THIS BILL WAS THE PASS WITH THIS EVERYONE'S BUYING FIREWORKS OR SELLING FIREWORKS THE CONSUMER MUST PAY 50% MORE FOR THAT PRODUCT SO ALL THE FIREWOR THAT EXIST TODAY THE PRICE IS JUST GOING UP OKAY SO THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION SENATOR ACTUALLY MADAM SPEAKER I THINK WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO WITH THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THE CHILDREN YOU KNOW I MEAN

YOU MAKE IT EX NOT EXPENSIVE THEN KIDS ARE GOING TO GO AND BUY THIS YOU KNOW I MEAN IF IT'S THE PRICE IS TOO HIGH I MEAN THAT'S THE WHOLE INTENT TECHNICALLY BUT I THINK THE MAJORITY OF IT MADAM SPEAKER IS THE REASON WHERE THIS FUNDING IS GOING TO THE IMPORTANCE OF WHERE THIS FUNDING IS GOING TO THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S VERY CLEAR AND I'LL FIND IT SOMEWHERE IN THE BILL THERE'S A RESTRICTION WHO CAN BUY IT THERE'S NO CHILDREN THERE THEY'RE ALL ADULTS NONE OF MY GRANDCHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO BUY CAUSE OH SOME OF THEM WILL CUZ THEY'RE ALL OVER 21 FOUR OF THEM ARE BUT THE YOUNGER ONES WON'T BE ABLE TO BUY IT BECAUSE WHY THERE THERE'S AN AGE LIMIT ON WHEN WHAT YOU CAN BUY NO DIFFERENT CIGARETTE OR ALCOHOL OR WHATEVER THERE'S AN AGE LIMIT BUT LIKE I SAID NO PROBLEM IF YOU WANT TO GIVE YOU WANT TO CHARGE SOMEBODY 50% MORE THAT'S BUSINESS AND BEING THE APPROPRIATION I CAN ENJOY THAT REVENUE COMING IN BUT I I DON'T KNOW THE CONSUMERS WILL BE WILLING TO PAY FOR IT BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO SKYROCKET ALL THE PRICES AND THE CURRENT FOLKS THAT RUN FIREWORKS WILL FILL IT INSTANTLY CAUSE THEY'RE BUYING IT NOW THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* CAN I RISE TO SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT THAT WAS JUST EXPRESSED BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER YOU KNOW SOME LAWMAKERS GET ACCUSED OF SEEING ATTACKS THAT THEY JUST CANNOT RESIST BUT NORMALLY THIS DISCUSSION IS DONE IN THE WAY OF THE BPT YOU KNOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE STATED AND THIS HAS BEEN A BACK AND FORTH WITH THE BPT THAT'S RAISED WHETHER OR NOT A 1% OR A 2% IS AN INCREASE OF 50% OR 1% OR 2% WELL IF YOU DOUBLE IT IT'S 100 HERE YOU'RE 50 NOW I UNDERSTAND ABSOLUTELY THE DISCUSSION ON YOU KNOW THE BURN UNIT 911 BUT I GUESS MAYBE I'LL ASK THE AUTHOR TO YIELD SO DOES THIS MEAN NOW THEN THAT WHEN GVB BRINGS IN THE FIREWORKS FOR NEW YEAR'S IT'S USUALLY AN AVERAGE BETWEEN 40 AND \$50,000 IN ORDER TO BRING IN THOSE ARE CONSUMER GRADE SO NOW A 40 \$50,000 FIREWORK SHOW WILL NOW GO UP TO \$75,000 COULD WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD ON THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AS I MENTIONED EARLIER MADAM SPEAKER THEY'RE MOVING TOWARD DRONES NOW WHICH IS GREATER ENTERTAINMENT I MEAN YOU CAN WRITE YOUR NAME ACROSS THE SKY AND THEY'RE LOOKING AT OTHER ALTERNATIVES BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH FIREWORKS ARE EXPENSIVE AND PRICELY THE ALTERNATIVE IS YOU KNOW A SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR THE THE AUDIENCE AND WHETHER IT COST THAT MUCH I THINK IT SHOULD BE THAT MUCH MONEY ESPECIALLY WITH ALL THE REPERCUSSIONS THAT WILL HAPPEN IF ANY ACCIDENT SHOULD HAPPEN LET ALONE THE ENVIRONMENT SO YES IT WILL COST MORE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH SO WITH REGARD TO THAT I I JUST THINK THIS IS ABSOLUTELY EXCESS TAXATION AND JUST BEING THE CONSERVATIVE THAT I AM I'M SORRY I CANNOT SAY SUPPORT THIS YOU MAYBE IF THERE WAS AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE BPT AS IT STANDS WITH REGARD TO YOU KNOW FIREWORKS I COULD MAYBE JUMP ON BOARD WITH THAT MAKING IT 6% OR THE LIKE BUT YOU KNOW IT'S OBVIOUS WHAT THIS IS TRYING TO DO JUST PRICE EVERYTHING OUT OF IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE REGULATIONS IN FACT THE ATF I'LL DO THAT IN MY DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION IN TERMS OF WHAT SAFETY IS BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT HERE AT THIS POINT BUT I OBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT SUPER EX EXCESSIVE TAXATION SOMETHING I CANNOT SUPPORT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: POINT POINT OF INFORMATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IT'S OKAY MADAM SPEAKER I'LL I'LL I'LL HOLD.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I LOOKING OVER THIS I FIRST I WANT TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH REMARKS OF SENATOR DUEÑAS AS WELL AS SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN SECTION A SAYS AN EXCISE TAX SHALL BE LEVIED AT THE RATE OF 50% OF THE RETAIL PRICE PRODUCT MOST I THINK BODIES DELIBERATIVE BODIES OF COURSE WHEN THEY ARE THINKING ABOUT IMPOSING A TAX LIKE TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE DOING IT FOR A RATIONAL REASON THAT BEING THE CASE AS WE TRY AND SUS OUT THE RATIONALE BEHIND 50% I MADAM SPEAKER I WONDER WONDER IF THE PROPONENT OF THIS AMENDMENT WOULD YIELD TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION WHY 50% AS OPPOSED TO SAY 75 OR 35 OR OR 62 OR WHATEVER THIS JUST SEEMS TO BE SO ARBITRARY AS TO BE IRRATIONAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ABSOLUTELY MADAM SPEAKER LIKE I MENTIONED EARLIER GUAM DOES NOT HAVE A BURN UNIT TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE REPERCUSSIONS OF FIREWORKS AND THE DANGERS THAT IT CAUSES GUAM ALSO IS LACKING MANPOWER AT GFD AS WELL SO HERE WE ARE PASSING LEGISLATION WITHOUT ANY FUNDING WHATSOEVER WHATSOEVER TO COVER THESE COSTS I HAVEN'T EVEN GOT INTO EPA I HAVEN'T EVEN GONE TO AGRICULTURE AND THE COST IT'S GOING TO ENTAIL THEM THE BURDEN THAT'S GOING TO BE PUT ON THEM SO THIS THIS AMOUNT WHETHER IF YOU FEEL IT'S EXCESSIVE THEN YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO TO LOWER THE AMOUNT FROM 50% AND DIVIDE UP THE PROCEEDS TO THESE AREAS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TO TO ADDRESS ANY ACCIDENTS THAT COME FROM FIREWORKS SO THEY CAN BY ALL MEANS ANY ONE OF THESE GUYS WHO SPOKE UP EARLIER CAN COME UP AND AND MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE BPT THEY CAN DO SOMETHING BUT NO IT'S OBVIOUS YOU KNOW WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO DO HERE JUST RAMROD THIS BILL DOWN OUR THROATS WITH NO PROTECTION AND NO FUNDING WHATSOEVER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU SPEAKER THE RESPONSE FROM THE GENTLE LADY WAS NONRESPONSIVE THE QUESTION WAS WHY 50% AS OPPOSED TO A NUMBER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SHE SHE DID RESPOND SENATOR.

SENATOR FISHER: YES YES BUT SHE DIDN'T RESPOND TO THAT QUESTION MA'AM..

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SHE GAVE THE RATIONAL YOU ASKED FOR THE RATIONAL BASIS SHE DID.

SENATOR FISHER: WELL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I'LL BE HAPPY TO TO REPEAT WHAT I SAID.

SENATOR FISHER: I I'M.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: JUST A MINUTE JUST SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER IN SPITE OF THE CHAIR'S ASSESSMENT OF WHAT WAS JUST HEARD ON THE FLOOR I WOULD DIFFER OF COURSE THERE WAS NO EXPLANATION AS TO WHY WE CHOSE 50% AS OPPOSED TO 55% OTHER THAN WELL WE NEED A BURN UNIT NOBODY'S GOING TO DISPUTE THAT BUT WHY DOES 50% GET US THERE WHEREAS 75 % WON'T OR 25% WON'T THE PURPOSE OF THIS TAX OF COURSE IS TO ENTIRELY UNDERMINE MY FRIEND'S BILL AND ESSENTIALLY DESTROY IT IT IS A PHRASE FREQUENTLY HEARD IN LEGISLATIVE BODIES A POISON PILL AND IT IS ENTIRELY DESIGNED TO DESTROY THIS BILL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE MADAM SPEAKER POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: FIRST OFF A POISON PILL REALLY MY INTENTION IS TO FIND A BILL IF THIS BILL PASSES IS TO PROVIDE AMENDMENTS THAT WILL PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY THAT WOULD FUND THE AREAS THAT WE HAVE NO MANPOWER IN OR A HOSPITAL WITH A BURN UNIT THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING IF THIS IS A POISON PILL JUST TO PROVIDE THAT KIND OF SAFETY THEN HE'S TOTALLY OFF.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO THAT'S MY POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE HERE IN THE HALL THAT THAT MY EARLIER STATEMENTS WERE NOT AIMED AT AN INDIVIDUAL AND SO A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE IS OUT OF ORDER BUT NEVERTHELESS MA'AM I WOULD LIKE TO I WOULD LIKE TO JUST YOU KNOW MAKE THE MAKE THE ADDITIONAL OBSERVATION THAT THE BODY IS CONSIDERING WHETHER OR NOT TO LEGALIZE SOMETHING ON GUAM WHICH WAS FORMERLY LEGAL AND THEN WE WANT TO TAX IT AT AN UNCONSCIONABLE RATE THAT MAKES IT ABSOLUTELY WELL AGAIN I JUST I WON'T REITERATE IT THE INTENT OF THE BILL THE INTENT OF THE AMENDMENT RATHER MA'AM IS TO DESTROY THE BILL AND I CANNOT SUPPORT IT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZE ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MEAN I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT YOU KNOW WE JUST PASSED A BILL HELPING THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO GET OUT OF ITS FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND NOW WE'RE ADDING THIS BILL THAT CAN CREATE MORE DEMAND FOR THEIR SERVICES AND I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW SHOULD A BILL PASS SHOULD THIS BILL PASS THAT IT IS NOT AN UNFUNDED MANDATE WE KNOW FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF SAIPAN THAT THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASES IN EMERGENCY VISITS FROM FIREWORKS YOU KNOW WE DON'T WANT TO LET LOOSE BASICALLY I THINK WHAT THE THE AUTHOR IS TRYING TO DO IS TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE ADEQUATE SERVICES WHICH ARE ALREADY TAXED WITHOUT THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S MONEY AVAILABLE TO TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE AND OUR ISLAND AND SHOULD A BUSINESS WANT TO TO PARTAKE IN THIS YOU KNOW THIS IS THEY WOULD HAVE TO YOU KNOW THINK ABOUT YOU KNOW INCLUDING THIS COST INTO THE SALE OF THIS VERY DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE I MEAN THE WAY THE THE BILL IS WRITTEN IT'S IT'S CREATED FOR MAXIM MAXIMUM PROFIT AND EXTERNALIZE EXTERNALIZING THE HARM AND WHAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES IT IT IT TRIES TO ADDRESS THAT TO ENSURE THAT THE COST IS IS COVERED BECAUSE THE SOCIAL COST ENVIRONMENTAL COST THE HEALTH COST IS NOT INCLUDED INTO THE CONTEMPLATION OF THIS BILL SO I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

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

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I THINK WHAT'S UNCONSCIONABLE IS THEY DON'T WANT RULES AND REGULATIONS THEY DON'T WANT TO TAX IT THEY JUST WANT TO PUSH THE BILL THROUGH AND I'M JUST A LITTLE CONFUSED BECAUSE HALF OF THE MONIES COLLECTED WOULD GO TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND I KNOW THAT MY COLLEAGUES TO THE RIGHT OF ME JUST SUPPORTED A MEASURE TO GIVE GMH MONEY SO I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE INCONSISTENCY SO I JUST ASK THAT WE LET'S GET GET OUR HEADS BACK ON ALL RIGHT LET'S TURN OUT A BILL THAT THAT IS GOING TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM LET'S DO THE RIGHT THING COLLEAGUES THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT SORRY SENATOR BLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND TRYING TO FIND I'VE ASKED LEGAL COUNSEL TO DO SOME RESEARCH ON THE ABILITY OF THIS BODY TO BE ABLE TO IMPOSE TAXES AND EVERYTHING WITHOUT PUBLIC REFERENDUM I DO RECALL THERE WAS CONVERSATION IN PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES AND I DON'T KNOW SO SHE'S DOING THE RESEARCH ON WHETHER OR NOT STATUTE EXIST THIS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN TAKE ON THAT TAKE TAKE TAKE THAT ON AND AT AT WHAT PARAM WHAT WERE THE PARAMETERS TO THIS SO YOU KNOW IN IN TO BE ABLE TO TO TO BEFORE WE CONTINUE TO GO DOWN THIS ROAD AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE GOING TO PASS THIS WE'RE GOING TO LOWER IT OR WHATNOT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER IF WE CAN JUST GIVE LEGAL COUNSEL JUST A FEW A COUPLE MINUTES TO BE ABLE TO CHECK I DON'T KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHAT THAT LANGUAGE IS I DO BUT I DO RECALL THERE WAS THE CONVERSATION AND WE JUST NEED JUST TO MAKE SURE I'M JUST ASKING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BLAS WOULD YOU OBJECT IF WE COME BACK THEN TO YOU WE'LL SAVE YOUR TIME.

SENATOR BLAS: SURE SURE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND WE'LL CONTINUE.

SENATOR BLAS: SURE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WITH.

SENATOR BLAS: THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT.

SENATOR BLAS: THAT'LL BE FINE THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHILE YOU CONSULT SENATOR LUJAN ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I'M I'M NOT WANT TO RISE FOR ANY TAX INCREASES AS A MATTER OF FACT I GOT I GOT BILLS THAT WOULD THAT WOULD SUSPEND TAXES ON FOOD AND MEDICINE AND AND LOWERING THE BPT NOW I UNDERSTAND AGAIN A BURN CENTER AND ABSOLUTELY WE WE WE NEED A BURN CENTER BUT RATHER THAN 50% WHY DON'T WE JUST DESIGNATE THAT THE THE THE TAX THE 5% TAX GO TO THE BURN CENTER DESIGNATE THAT TO GO TOWARDS TO TOWARDS THAT ENTITY AMMUNITION IS SOLD AND TAXED AT THAT SAME RATE AT 5% YOU KNOW RE RECENTLY MARIJUANA WAS LEGAL HERE ON OUR ISLAND I DON'T THINK THE TAX RATE AND THAT'S CONTRARY TO FEDERAL LAW AND I DON'T DON'T THINK THAT EVEN THE TAXATION ON MARIJUANA IS AT A 50% RATE AND THAT'S AGAIN TA AGAINST FEDERAL LAW SO AGAIN I WOULD ALWAYS STAND UP AND OPPOSE ANY INCREASES IN TAXES SO I'M IN OPPOSITION OF 50% LIKE I SAID WE CAN DESIGNATE THE TAX REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS AT THE CURRENT RATE THAT PEOPLE ARE TAXED ON CONSUMERS ARE CONS ARE TAXED ON CONSUMER ITEMS AND THAT BE DESIGNATED TO GO TO THE TO THE BURN CENTER SO THAT'S ALL I HAVE AND AGAIN SO ANYBODY INTRODUCING A A SALES TAX HIGHER THAN WHAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW I WOULD BE IN OPPOSITION OF SUCH THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS THIS IS TAXES LEVIED ON CONSUMER FIREWORKS NOT COMMERCIAL SO EARLIER IT WAS SPOKEN THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE AN UNBELIEVABLE AMOUNT ON THE THE AMOUNT WHEN GVB SETS OUT FIREWORKS OR NO THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH COMMERCIAL FIREWORKS THIS IS ONLY CONSUMER FIREWORKS THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO' LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZE ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AGAIN THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO PASS LEGISLATION YOU KNOW ONE OF MY BIGGEST STICKLERS IS WHERE'S THE FUNDING WHERE'S THE FUNDING EVEN A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE SENATOR BARNETT YOU KNOW I THE GUY IS GREAT HE HAS SOME GREAT IDEAS AND IF THERE WAS EVEN HIM I ASK HIM WHERE'S THE FUNDING AND HE LOOKS FOR IT HE TRIES TO FIND THE FUNDING FOR HIS BILLS I THINK EVERYBODY SHOULD DO THAT WE DON'T WANT TO PUT OUT LEGISLATION UNFUNDED MANDATE LEGISLATION WE ALWAYS DOG ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR PUTTING YOU KNOW UNFUNDED MANDATES FOR GUAM AND THAT WE HAVE TO COVER THE COST HERE WE FOUND A WAY TO COVER THE COST AND AGAIN YOU KNOW ONE OF THE SENATORS SAYING IT'S GOING TO COST NOW FROM \$40,000 TO 75 WELL NO NO IT'S NOT BECAUSE THAT ONLY DEALS WITH CONSUMER FIREWORKS NOT COMMERCIAL SO GVB IS STILL GOING TO BE ABLE TO WELL PRICES INCREASE EVERY YEAR BUT GET A DECENT COST ON THEIR FIREWORKS SO LET'S LET LET'S MAKE THAT CLEAR BUT WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO FUND THIS NOT ENOUGH FIREMEN NOT ENOUGH FIREMEN OUT THERE NOT EVEN A BURN UNIT AT OUR HOSPITAL LET ME HAVE YOUR ADDRESSES AND I'LL SEND ANYBODY WHO HAS WHO HURT THEMSELF THAT YOU TAKE CARE OF

THEIR BURNS GIVE ME YOUR HOME ADDRESS I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES WE NEED TO FUND THESE AREAS AND I'M SORRY 4% OR 5% IS NOT GOING TO DO IT ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE RAMMING A BILL DOWN OUR THROATS LIKE THIS WITHOUT THE PROPER RULES AND REGULATIONS AND WITHOUT THE PROPER FUNDING PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THE FUNDING MECHANISM FOR THIS BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THIS AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AMEND AMENDMENT FAILS FOUR SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER MY NEXT AMENDMENT IS ON LINE 10 PAGE 7 TO ADD A NEW ITEM TO BILL TO THE BILL TO READ FURTHER FIREWORKS MAY ONLY BE USED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 P.M. AND 10:00 P.M. ON JULY 21ST AND BETWEEN 6:00 P.M. ON DECEMBER 31ST AND 1:00 A.M. ON JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR IF WE DON'T PUT A TIME FRAME IN WHICH THESE FIREWORKS GO OFF IT'S OPEN SEASON MY FRIENDS TAN MARIA IS GOING TO BE CALLING THEIR MAYOR'S OFFICE TELLING THAT PEOPLE ARE SHOOTING OFF FIREWORKS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT ON OCTOBER 21ST NOT JULY 21ST BUT OCTOBER 21ST MAY 21ST JANUARY 21ST THERE'S NO LIMIT THESE FIREWORKS CAN KEEP GOING OFF ALL DAY LONG AND OUR MAYORS OUR MAYORS THE FRONTLINERS WHO SENT AGAIN A LETTER TO THIS BODY ASKING US TO HOLD OFF BECAUSE THEY'RE THE FRONTLINERS THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES DO YOU REALLY WANT FIREWORKS TO BE SHOOTING OFF AT ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT 365 DAYS OUT OF THE YEAR 24 HOURS REALLY ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT TO OUR *MANÁMKO'* WHO'S TRYING TO SLEEP ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT TO OUR THE MOTHERS OF BABIES THE BABIES WHO ARE TRYING TO GET THEIR SLEEP YOU KNOW TO PASS A BILL WITH JUST AN OPEN AIR OPEN SKIES IT'S RIDICULOUS SO IF WE'RE LOOKING AT NOSTALGIA CELEBRATING ON THESE PARTICULAR DAYS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO PEOPLE THEN WE'LL LIMIT IT WHY DID I COME UP WITH 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. BECAUSE I THINK IT'S JUST THE TIME PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN HOME THEY'RE IN THE SAFETY OF THEIR HOME AND 10:00 P.M. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SLEEP AROUND THAT TIME SOME OF THEM DON'T CELEBRATE LIBERATION SOME OF THEM DON'T CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE THEY'RE IN BED BY 10:00 A.M. SO LET'S LET'S NOT MAKE THIS AN OPEN FIELD DAY ON BLOWING UP THINGS 24/7 365 DAYS OUT OF THE YEAR SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE FIRST 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 ON THE FIRST 13 WORDS NO OBJECTION THE REMAINING I GOT A PROBLEM 6 TO 10 NO PROBLEM BUT THEN AGAIN AT THE SAME TOKEN IT DOESN'T RECOGNIZE JULY4 THEY DON'T RECOGNIZE JULY 25 THE FIESTAS ALL PLEASE *PUT FÁBÒT PARA HAO PÁGO OKAY PO'LU YA GUÁHU BEI KUENTOS, ANGEN MÁLAGU HAO KUMUENTOS, KUENTOS AN TIEMPO-MU, PO'LU YA GUÁHU FINE'NA* I DON'T RECOGNIZE JULY 4TH IT DOESN'T JULY 21ST 6 6 TO 10 HMM REALLY DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE JANU THE TIME 6 TO 10 IF IT WAS EVERY DAY UNDERSTOOD I LIKE TO SLEEP AND NOT WORRY ABOUT EXPLOSIVE GOING ON OUT OUT THERE IN *YIGO* BUT YOU KNOW I HEAR IT ALL THE TIME ANYWAY BECAUSE THERE'S WEAPONS FIRED AND EVERYONE ELSE I KNOW KNOWS THAT BUT WITH THAT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR FISHER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I ACTUALLY RISE TO ASK A QUESTION OF THE PROPONENT OF THE AMENDMENT IS IT THE INTENTION OF THIS AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY AS A DAY UPON WHICH FIREWORKS MAY BE USED THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WAS IT INTENDED TO LEAVE OUT 4TH OF JULY ACTUALLY ABSOLUTELY NOT AND I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION AND SAID YOU KNOW JULY 4TH IS NOT ON HERE IF YOU WANT TO PUT IT ON JUST MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE IT I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH I JUST ALSO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE FACT WHAT IF THERE'S A FIRE DANGER SO THAT'S THAT ALSO NEEDS TO BE ADDED AS FAR AS YOU KNOW SHOULD THERE BE A TIME OF THAT SHOULD TRUMP EVERYTHING RIGHT WHEN THERE'S A FIRE THE HAZARDS FOR FIRE TO EXIST ESPECIALLY WITH CLIMATE CHANGE NOW YOU KNOW JULY THESE ARE THE THE DRY MONTHS POSSIBLY EVEN DECEMBER SO I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR QUINATA YOU'RE RECOGNIZE OH ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENTS SENATOR QUINATA.

SENATOR QUINATA: WELL I JUST JUST BASED ON A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THE DRY SEASON LASTS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE WHILE THE RAINY MONTHS ARE JULY TO DECEMBER SO JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT ON THE RECORD AND THAT'S FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.GOV USGS SURVEY AND I THINK THAT'S *FANA'ICHAN* ACCORDING TO DR. UNDERWOOD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT SENATOR QUINATA YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR ARE YOU ARE YOU RAISING YOUR HAND NO ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YEAH I'M JUST GOING TO NOTE THAT IT'S IT'S KIND OF WILD TO ME THAT WE'RE PUSHING THIS BILL THROUGH AND WE DIDN'T EVEN REGULATE WHAT DAYS YOU CAN SET OFF FIREWORKS IT GOES TO SHOW THE LACK OF PLANNING AND FORETHOUGHT AND REALLY I'LL JUST TELL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IT'S IT'S ALMOST LIKE A BULLYING ATMOSPHERE IN HERE TRYING TO MAKE THIS BILL SAFER FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SO YEAH I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT AND I AGREE AND I THINK WE HAVE HAD A HIGH FIRE DANGER RATING IN THE MONTHS THAT UNCLE SAM SAYS ARE WET BUT I DID WANT TO COMMEND SENATOR PEREZ FOR HER REMARKS AND AND IF I MAY MADAM SPEAKER I WAS IN RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THAT THE THE FORESTRY DIVISION HEAD MISS CHRISTINE FEJERAN HAD SHE HAD ORIGINALLY PROVIDED THIS TESTIMONY IN IN MAY BUT AS THIS BILL WAS PUT ON THE AGENDA I KNOW THAT SHE BEGAN RECIRCULATING THIS TESTIMONY ALONG WITH THE MESSAGE ONE LAST PUSH AND SO I JUST WANT TO READ THIS INTO THE RECORD THE BILL 9-37 IS OPPOSITIONAL TO GUAM'S FOREST ACTION PLAN WHICH IS THE FEDERALLY APPROVED STATE ACTION PLAN THE GFAP DESCRIBES WILDFIRES AS A TOP THREAT TO OUR FOREST AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROXIMATELY 4 AND HALF% OF TOTAL LAND AREA HAS BURNED ANNUALLY ON GUAM FROM 2015 TO 2022 THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WILL NOT ONLY DO NOTHING TO SUPPORT REDUCING OUR WILDFIRE RISK BUT INSTEAD INCREASE THE POTENTIAL FOR DANGER AT A TIME WHEN PUBLIC SAFETY LACKS THE NECESSARY PERSONNEL TO STAFF AT FULL CAPACITY TO MEET OUR CURRENT NEEDS WITH REGARD TO WILDFIRES OUR CURRENT LAW AS IS HAS BEEN APPLAUDED BY FIRE PARTNERS ACROSS NATIONAL AND EVEN INTERNATIONAL BORDERS WITH RESPECT WE UNDERSTAND THE DRAW OF THE EMOTION TIED TO MEMORIES OF FIREWORKS AND CELEBRATION BUT WE CAN CONTINUE TO HAVE THOSE MEMORIES UNDER THE EXISTING CONTROLLED AND REGULATED CELEBRATION WE CURRENTLY RELY UPON PEOPLE OF GUAM PLEASE CALL YOUR SENATORS LET'S GET SOME SAFETY INTO THIS MEASURE LET'S GET SOME RESPONSIBILITY INTO THIS MEASURE MISS FEJERAN CONTINUES WE UNDERSTAND THAT FOR MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS IS TIED TO SIMPLE CLEAN FUN BUT WHEN CERTAIN TYPES OF FUN ALSO POSE TRUE AND SUBSTANTIAL RISKS TO OUR ISLANDS DELICATE JUNGLE HABITAT AND OUR COMMUNITY'S ACCESS TO CLEAN REEFS AND HEALTHY FISH ECOSYSTEMS THEN WE MUST LEAVE THAT FUN BEHIND THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR FISHER: MA'AM I MY RISE TO MAKE A MOTION A MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU DON'T HAVE THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW SENATOR SORRY.

SENATOR FISHER: MA'AM I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO CALL THE QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU DO NOT HAVE THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW SENATOR SENATOR BARNETT YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: I JUST WANTED TO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHAT IS YOUR YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: TO TO MAKE A POINT OF ANNOYANCE THAT THIS THIS IS THE THIRD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER.

SENATOR BARNETT: TIME THEY TRIED TO CALL THE QUESTION AND KILL DEBATE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER SENATOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: AND I THINK THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SHOULD KNOW THAT WE HAVE SENATORS IN HERE WHO DON'T EVEN WANT TO DEBATE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: AND DISCUSS THESE CRITICAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER.

SENATOR BARNETT: AND CRUCIAL MEASURES AND SENATOR FISHER IS ONE OF THEM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE WILL PROCEED.

SENATOR BARNETT: SORRY MADAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE ARE NOW ASKING FOR ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE THE FLOOR AND I MOVE AT THIS TIME TO CALL THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO CALL FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION WHICH WILL END DEBATE THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU CAN CLOSE ON YOUR AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER IT'S SO SHAMEFUL EVERYONE WHO'S WATCHING RIGHT NOW EVERYBODY WHO'S WATCHING IT'S ALREADY ON ON I'M GETTING TEXTS FROM PARENTS SAYING THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE FOR STANDING UP HERE AND FIGHTING FOR THIS EVEN KANDIT NEWS IS REPORTING THINGS OUT WATCHING EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU WHO'VE OBJECT OBJECTED TO THE SAFETY TO PUTTING SAFETY MECHANISMS IN THIS BILL SAFETY NOW THIS AMENDMENT THAT I JUST TRIED TO PROFFER WOULD NOT ALLOW A FREE-FOR-ALL FREE-FOR-ALL FOR EVERYBODY TO START SHOOTING FIREWORKS IS THIS A MEANS FOR A STORE TO SELL MORE FIREWORKS IF WE LIMIT IT ONLY TO TWO DAYS OUT OF THE YEAR DOES THIS MEAN THAT OH I CAN'T MAKE A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY AND I'D LIKE TO ASK MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO ASK THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION DOES HE PLAN ON SELLING FIREWORKS IN HIS STORES I WOULD LIKE TO ASK AND NOT JUST AND NOT JUST MADAM SPEAKER NOT JUST THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION BUT EVERY SITTING SENATOR HERE EVERY SITTING SENATOR HERE DO THEY PLAN ON SELLING FIREWORKS.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: MA'AM.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I'D LIKE TO ASK THE QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I'D LIKE TO ASK A QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SAN NICOLAS PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: MA'AM I'M I'M INSULTED BY THAT THAT QUESTION I ALL ALL I'VE EVER WANTED WAS TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY THAT'S IT JUST SO THEY CAN ENJOY FIREWORKS SAFE AND SANE AND I YOU KNOW I NEVER I.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: I I DIDN'T PLAN ON SELLING THE FIREWORKS I DIDN'T EVEN ACTUALLY THINK I WAS GOING TO RUN BUT THEY TOLD ME THEY SAID YOU KNOW SENATOR OR SIR THAT WAS THE BEST WAY TO GET IT THROUGH RATHER THAN COLLECTING SIGNATURES IT'S BEST IF YOU PASS IT ON THE FLOOR YOURSELF AND SO I LISTEN TO THE THE THE NICE FOLKS AT GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION IT'S NOT THAT I WANTED TO TO SELL I'M A SANTA CLAUS JUST WANT TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY AND I BEFORE I CHECK OUT OF THIS THIS WORLD I WANTED TO YOU KNOW GIVE THIS TO THE PEOPLE I'VE NEVER BEEN MALIGNED IN MY LIFE AS AS MUCH AS I'VE I'VE BEEN IN THIS THIS BODY JUST NOW AND JUST WANT PEOPLE TO BE HAPPY THAT'S ALL AND BY THE GRACE OF GOD I MADE IT HERE THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THE QUESTION IS NOT JUST FOR THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION BUT IF THERE'S ANYBODY ELSE SENATOR FISHER YOU WANT TO MAKE IT A LITTLE BIT LOUDER PLEASE SO I THEY CAN'T HEAR ME YEAH YEAH YEAH MAKE IT A LITTLE BIT LOUDER SO PEOPLE REALIZE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THAT IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU KNOW IT'S A NOSTALGIA IT'S LIKE I SAID EARLIER ONCE UPON A TIME WE DIDN'T HAVE CAR SEATS FOR CHILDREN OR SMOKING ON AIRLINES THOSE WERE CHANGED NO THE SENATOR FROM *SANTA RITA* IF IF IT MEANS TO PUT SOMETHING THROUGH CAUSE HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO DO REGARDLESS IF IT'S GOING TO HURT OUR COMMUNITY OR KILL SOMEBODY OR HAVE BLOOD ON HIS HANDS AND THAT THAT'S HIS THING BUT HE NEVER EVEN SAID STILL THAT HE HE WASN'T GOING TO SELL BUT IT WASN'T JUST HIM I ASKED ANYBODY IN THIS BODY THAT HAS BEEN OBJECTING ARE THEY PLANNING.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: MA'AM POINT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ON SELLING FIREWORKS BECAUSE I IF I MAY SENATOR SAN NICOLAS.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IF I MAY BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN ASKED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE MA'AM.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY CONSTITUENTS.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: CAN SHE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: TO ASK THE QUESTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR TAITAGUE PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: SHE SHE CONTINUES TO MALIGN ME AND YOU KNOW IF THERE'S ANYBODY HERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN IT'S ME I I I I WOULD NEVER PLACE ANYBODY IN HARM THIS IS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS THIS IS THIS IS LEGAL IN MOST JURISDICTIONS IN THE STATES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: IN IN SAIPAN IT'S LEGAL AND AND THE FIR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MADAM SPEAKER I I LIKE I SAID I WOULD LIKE IF IF THERE'S ANY SENATOR IN HERE THAT PLANS ON SELLING FIREWORKS I'D LIKE TO KNOW I'D ASK THEM TO PLEASE RAISE THEIR HAND IF NOBODY HAS ANY PLANS TO SELL ANY FIREWORKS THEN I DIDN'T SEE ANYBODY HANDS BEING RAISED BUT I HAVE TO ASK BECAUSE I'VE BEEN ASKED BY MY CONSTITUENTS PEOPLE WILL COME UP TO ME SAYING THAT THIS BILL SEEMS TO BE SELF-SERVING WHY WOULD WE WANT TO PUT PEOPLE IN DANGER WHY WOULD WE WANT TO PUT OUR FIREMEN IN DANGER WHY WOULD WE PUT A BILL THROUGH WITHOUT A BURNUN BURN UNIT WHY WOULD WE HAVE FIREWORKS GOING OFF 365 DAYS OUT OF THE YEAR ALL DAY ALL NIGHT TO PUSH THIS THROUGH YOU GOT TO ASK AND ANYONE WHO'S WATCHING LOOK AT ALL THOSE WHO OBJECTED LOOK AT ALL THOSE WHO DIDN'T RAISE THEIR HAND WHO RAISED THEIR HAND IN OBJECTION OF THESE AMENDMENTS YOU NEED TO CALL THEM AND ASK THEM I HAVE MY PREMONITION WHY BUT THAT'S MY PREMONITION THAT IT'S AND IT IT HURTS ME IT HURTS ME TO KNOW THAT I SIT IN THIS BODY AMONGST PEOPLE WHO ARE VINDICTIVE AND EGOTISTICAL AND DOESN'T WANT TO CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM I IT IT'S SO HURTFUL TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE IN HERE LIKE THAT IT'S NOT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THIS ISLAND WHY YOU DO ME A FAVOR I'LL VOTE FOR YOUR BILL IF YOU VOTE FOR MY BILL THAT'S WHAT GOES ON PEOPLE THAT'S WHAT GOES ON IN THIS BODY IT'S NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF YOU THIS AMENDMENT WAS SO SIMPLE AT LEAST AT LEAST THIS AMENDMENT YOU DON'T WANT TO PUT ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS IN HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S SAFE ON THIS ISLAND YOU DIDN'T WANT TO DO THAT THEN AT LEAST LET'S LIMIT IT LIMIT IT AND IF EVERYONE IN HERE WHO WANTS TO HATE ME BECAUSE I'M STANDING UP HERE FIGHTING FOR WHAT I THINK IS RIGHT THEN HATE ME OH MY GOSH JOIN THE CROWD JOIN THE CROWD BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO LET THIS GO I'M GOING TO STAND OUT AND FIGHT FOR THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR PEOPLE OF GUAM BECAUSE I WAS ELECTED TO DO THAT I WASN'T ELECTED TO MAKE DEALS ON THE FLOOR IF YOU VOTE FOR MY BILL I'LL VOTE FOR YOURS OR OR GET MAD BECAUSE I DIDN'T VOTE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: MA'AM POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE MA'AM.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THERE IS NOTHING I'M.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND IT BETTER BE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: SHE'S ACCUSING ME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU HAVE THE FLOOR PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: SHE'S ACCUSING ME OF MAKING DEALS I DON'T MAKE DEALS I NEVER GO AROUND ASKING PEOPLE FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MADAM CHAIR PLEASE CORRECT THE THE SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: I'M GOING TO DO THAT OR DO THIS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR QUINATA: SENATOR TELO GIVE HIM SOME TIME.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: I MA'AM I.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD ALL RIGHT.

SENATOR QUINATA: THAT'S ENOUGH.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: I'VE NEVER DONE THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ORDER PLEASE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS HAS THE FLOOR SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS HAS THE FLOOR.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'VE ASKED HIM TO STATE HIS POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE PLEASE STATE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHAT DID I DO.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YOU KNOW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: SHE SHE'S ACCUSING ME OF MAKING DEALS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: NO I'M NOT.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: AND I DON'T DO THAT I I DON'T DO THAT I I I'VE LEFT EVERYTHING UP TO THE BODY AND TO THEM IF THEY WANTED TO SUPPORT IT I NEVER I'VE NEVER LOBBIED FOR THIS I'VE NEVER GONE TO THE SENATORS HERE TO LOBBY FOR ANYBODY I'VE NEVER MADE BACK ROOM DEALS YOU'RE YOU'RE YOU'RE ACCUSING THE WRONG PERSON OF DOING THAT NEVER DONE THAT AND I WILL NEVER DO THAT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MADAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M GOING TO READ THE RULE ON QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE THIS IS THIS IS I'M JUST TRYING TO GET THE CITATION JUST GIVE ME ONE SECOND.

SENATOR QUINATA: MADAM SPEAKER JUST A POINT OF INFORMATION I THINK WE ARE STILL TRYING TO CLOSE ON THAT AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RIGHT I'M YES BUT THERE'S BEEN A POINT OF PERSONAL SEVERAL POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE RAISED DURING THIS DEBATE AND I WANT TO READ THE RULE QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE THIS IS FROM OUR STANDING RULES SAYS QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE SHALL BE RAISED AT ANY TIME SENATOR I THINK I NEED TO READ THE RULE ON THE PREVIOUS QUESTION AS WELL YEAH IT THE ON THE PREVIOUS QUESTION IT SHALL REQUIRE A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE SENATORS PRESENT WHICH IT RECEIVED AND ITS EFFECT SHALL BE TO PUT AN END TO ALL DEBATE EXCEPT THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL OR THE AMENDMENT OR THE AMENDMENT SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO CLOSE AND THE QUESTION UNDER THE DISCUSSION SHALL THEREUPON BE IMMEDIATELY PUT TO VOTE AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT IS CLOSING ON HER AMENDMENT QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE HAS BEEN RAISED QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE SHALL BE RAISED AT ANY TIME THEY SHALL BE FIRST THOSE AFFECTING THE RIGHTS OF *LIHESLATURAN GUĀHAN* COLLECTIVELY ITS SAFETY DIGNITY AND INTEGRITY OF ITS PROCEEDINGS AND SECOND THE RIGHTS REPUTATIONS AND CONDUCT OF MEMBERS IN THEIR REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITIES ONLY QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE OF MEMBERS MUST RELATE TO A PERSON'S PUBLIC ALLEGATIONS OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST A MEMBER OR RELATE TO CHARGES AGAINST THEIR CHARACTER THAT WOULD IF TRUE INCAPACITATE THEM FOR MEMBERSHIP NONE OF THAT HAS BEEN RAISED MEMBERS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO THE FLOOR ON A QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE UNLESS THE SUBJECT THAT THEY PROPOSE TO PRESENT RELATES TO THEM IN THEIR REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY MERELY CRITICIZING A MEMBER'S ACT IN *LIHESLATURAN* DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE ACCUSING A PERSON OF DISREPUTABLE CONDUCT BEFORE THAT PERSON BECAME A MEMBER OR SIMILAR CRITICISM OF A MEMBER PERSONALLY AND NOT IN THAT PERSON'S CAPACITY AS A MEMBER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAVE 5 MINUTES 13 SECONDS REMAINING.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON YOUR CLOSING OF THE BILL OF THE OF THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I I DO UNDERSTAND THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION WHO IT'S FIRST TIME HERE AND TO UNDERSTAND WHEN IT IS DIRECTED STRAIGHT AT YOU PERSONALLY AND NOT MAKING IT AS A WHOLE I HOPE THAT CLARIFIED BY READING THE LAW BUT YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER EVEN WHEN EVEN YOU KNOW IT'S IT'S JUST EARLIER TODAY I HAD A MEETING WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION AND ANOTHER SENATOR AND IT WAS AGREED THEN THAT THIS BILL WOULD BE BE SET ASIDE TO ALLOW AGENCIES AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS TO COME AND MAKE THIS BILL A SAFE BILL A SAFE BILL AND HE AGREED NEXT THING YOU KNOW I COME IN HERE IN THE INFLUENCE OF SEVERAL PEOPLE HE CHANGED

HIS MIND IT'S ALMOST LIKE DID YOU CHANGE OR YOU JUST LIED TO ME AND SAID YOU WERE GOING TO DO IT AND THEN NOW YOU DIDN'T DO IT SO IT JUST IT'S IT'S CONFUSING AND IT BEGS TO DIFFER ON HIS CHARACTER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I I GOT A POINT OF ORDER MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I RETRACT THAT I RETRACT THAT MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I JUST GOT A POINT OF ORDER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I PLEASE SAY YOUR POINT OF ORDER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: POINT OF ORDER YOU'VE ASKED THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT TO CLOSE HER AMENDMENT THE AMENDMENT EVERYTHING SHE SAID HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT THE AMENDMENT WAS I NEED THAT AMENDMENT CLOSE AND MOVE ON THAT'S ALL THAT POINT OF ORDER THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO THE AMENDMENT BACK TO THE AMENDMENT I THINK THE AMENDMENT HAS TO DO WITH EVERYTHING I SAID EVERYTHING FROM SAFETY FROM FUNDING EVERYTHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH THIS AMENDMENT THERE WERE OTHER AMENDMENTS EVEN BEFORE THIS THAT WOULD HAVE BACKED THIS UP TO ONLY ALLOW SEVEN DAYS TO PURCHASE FIREWORKS BEFORE THESE DATES JULY 21ST AND NEW YEAR'S EVE TO EVEN CONTROL THE SALE OF IT BUT OF COURSE THIS BODY DECIDES TO JUST BEG FOR THE QUESTION AND RAMROD THIS BILL THROUGH WHY I IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AND THAT'S THE TEXTS I'M GETTING WHY ARE THESE SENATORS NOT WANTING TO PUT SAFETY MECHANISMS IN THIS BILL IT'S GOING TO GO ALL OVER SOCIAL MEDIA IT'S GOING TO GO ALL OVER THE PAPER SENATORS WANTED TO ASK ASKED FOR THE QUESTION TO VOTE ON IT AND RAMROD THIS THROUGH WITHOUT ANY SAFETY MECHANISMS PUT IN PLACE TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN YOU GUYS REALLY WANT TO GO DOWN THERE FREE FOR ALL ARE YOU GOING TO BE ABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT OH I'M JUST GOING TO DO IT WELL MAYBE MAYBE EVERYONE IS JUST SO SCARRED OR CALLOUS IT DOESN'T BOTHER THEM BUT IT BOTHERS ME IT BOTHERS ME TO A POINT WHERE OKAY FINE YOU KNOW I WAS GOOD FRIENDS WITH THE AUTHOR IF HE WANTS TO HATE ME AFTER THIS IT'S OKAY BECAUSE I'M NOT HERE TO MAKE FRIENDS I'M HERE TO DO A JOB I WAS ELECTED TO DO AND THAT IS TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF OUR COMMUNITY TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT OUR PEOPLE YOU KNOW HOW MUCH DEBRIS IS GOING TO BE SPREAD AROUND WHEN THOSE FIREWORKS GO OFF YOU THINK THAT THEY'RE GOING TO STAND AND PICK UP EVERY SINGLE PAPER THAT OR ANY OTHER EXPLOSIVE THAT MIGHT NOT HAVE WENT OFF YOU LIGHT A FIREWORK A FIRECRACKER AND YOU THROW IT IT DOESN'T GO OFF NOBODY'S GOING TO GO AND PICK THAT UP AND THROW IT IN THE TRASH THEY'RE JUST GOING TO LEAVE IT I HAVE A FRIEND OF MINE WHO GOES FOUR-WHEELING UP IN THE MOUNTAINS AND TELLS ME THAT HE SEES RUBBISH FROM FIREWORKS PEOPLE LIGHTING THEM UP UP IN THE MOUNTAIN BUT THEY DIDN'T PICK UP THEIR TRASH AND LIKE A GOOD PERSON HE PICKS IT UP NOW CAN YOU IMAGINE ONCE THIS IS LEGAL 364 DAYS OUT OF THE YEAR HOW MUCH TRASH IS GOING TO BE ON THE HOW MUCH OF THE ENVIRONMENT THAT'S GOING TO BE INFECTED WITH ALL THIS TRASH SOME OF THIS DEBRIS GOES STRAIGHT INTO OUR OCEAN SO THERE'S NO WAY TO PICK UP THE TRASH THERE ONCE IT FLIES INTO THE OCEAN IF THEY'RE GOING TO BLOW IT UP NEAR THE NEAR THE BEACH FIREMEN FIREMEN WE'RE PUTTING THEM IN HARM'S WAY THEY DEAL WITH FIRES TWO TO THREE FIRES A DAY BRUSH FIRES DURING DRY SEASON TWO TO THREE A DAY PEOPLE AND TWO TO THREE A WEEK ON STRUCTURAL FIRES A DAY STRUCTURAL TWO TO THREE A WEEK ON STRUCTURAL AND THAT CAME FROM THE FIRE CHIEF I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT THERE'S IS THERE AN OBJECTION THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ON THE AMENDMENT FOUR MOTION FAILS WE RECESS UNTIL 9:00 A.M. ON MONDAY.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE BACK ON SECOND READING WE LEFT OFF ON BILL NUMBER 9-37 (COR) SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER AND TO MY COLLEAGUES I HOPE YOU HAD A RESTFUL WEEKEND ACTUALLY I KNOW I DIDN'T I WAS FIELDING A BUNCH OF CALLS LEFT AND RIGHT AND COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE ON SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT THIS BILL SO MADAM SPEAKER I'M I STAND NOW WITH ANOTHER AMENDMENT YOU KNOW HOPEFULLY THIS ONE WILL GET THROUGH.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND THE ADD WOULD BE.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: WE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: POINT OF INFORMATION.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH WE CALLED THE QUESTION ON THE LEGISLATION AND YOU RULED THAT THAT THE PREVAILING AMENDMENT THE AUTHOR COULD CLOSE AND THAT'S IT WE CALLED THE QUESTION THIS SHOULD BE CLOSING BY THE SENATOR TO CLOSE ON HIS BILL WE CALLED THE QUESTION AND THAT PASSED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOUR MOTION.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: WE'RE DONE WITH DEBATE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOUR MOTION WAS A CALL FOR THE QUESTION ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR AND WE DID THAT WE WENT STRAIGHT TO CLOSING AND THEN WE VOTED ON THAT AND THE SENATOR STILL HAS THE FLOOR.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THE SENATOR CLOSED ON THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS SHE WAS DISCUSSING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CORRECT THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THERE CAN CAN BE NO AMENDMENT SHE'S TRYING TO PROFFER ANOTHER AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S CORRECT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: AND SHE USED ALL OF HER TIME THAT'S OUT OF ORDER MADAM CHAIR I REQUEST FOR A RULING FROM THE PARLIAMENTARIAN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I STILL SEE TIME.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: NO THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE STARTING AGAIN A NEW CLOCK RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR ARE YOU MAKING A POINT OF INFORMATION OR A POINT OF ORDER WHAT IS YOUR POINT OF ORDER.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: I AM MAKING A POINT OF INFORMATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY INFORMATION.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: AND I'M ASKING FOR A RECESS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARIAN TO RULE ON CALLING THE QUESTION AND STOPPING DEBATE THAT'S WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I ALREADY EXPLAINED WHAT HAPPENED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: NO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE WAS A MOTION TO CALL FOR THE QUESTION THAT ENDED THE DEBATE IT ALLOWS THE SPONSOR OF THE AMENDMENT TO CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT AND THEN WE VOTED ON THE AMENDMENT SO THAT'S DONE.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THAT'S RIGHT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE STARTING AGAIN THE SPON.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THERE'S NO OTHER AMENDMENTS AVAILABLE BECAUSE WE WE CALLED THE QUESTION THAT SHOULD HAVE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NO THAT'S INCORRECT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: CALL FOR A RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU CAN TALK TO COUNSEL.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: WE CALL FOR A RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU CAN TALK TO COUNSEL.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: WE CALL FOR RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AS I MENTIONED EARLIER THE CALLS THAT I WAS FIELDING THE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER ON A POINT OF INQUIRY PLEASE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INQUIRY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I THINK I THINK BASED ON ON THE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: INQUERY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: BASED ON THE DELIBERATIONS LAST WEEK.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE AN INQUIRY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I'D I'D HUMBLLY ASK IF WE CAN GET THE CLERKS MINUTES AND NOTES AND THAT WE THOROUGHLY GO THROUGH THAT AND WORK WITH LEGAL COUNSEL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU CAN DO THAT SENATOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SO I'M ASKING THAT WE MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU CAN DO THAT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MOTION TO RECESS AND AND IF YOU'RE GOING TO CALL ME OUT OF ORDER THEN MOTION TO OVERRULE THE PRESIDER FOR THE MOTION TO RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: IT'S THAT IMPORTANT MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT'S OUT OF ORDER YOU DON'T HAVE THE FLOOR ON A MOTION FOR RECESS SO SENATOR TAITAGUE HAS THE FLOOR IF YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THERE'S A QUESTION IN LINE MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU CAN GO CHECK TALK TO PLEASE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THERE'S A QUESTION IN LINE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE A QUESTION PLEASE TALK TO COUNSEL OR THE CLERK.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: RIGHT AND IN THAT QUESTION IT HAS TO DO WITH THE TECHNICALITY HOW WE MOVE THROUGH ON THE BASE OF THE BILL BASED ON THE STANDING SO I WILL CALL THE QUESTION TO THE STANDING RULES AND THE VIOLATION OF THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OUT OF ORDER YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER SENATOR VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER PLEASE TALK TO THE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I WANT TO OVERRULE THE CHAIR THEN MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S NO SUCH MOTION IN ORDER SENATOR TAITAGUE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU CAN'T DO THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COLLEAGUES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU CAN'T DO THAT MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU CAN ONLY TAKE ONE ONE PERSON AT A TIME IF IT'S NOT YOUR TURN YOU CANNOT MAKE MOTIONS SHE'S MAKING A MOTION SHE HAS THE FLOOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SHE HAS THE FLOOR YOU CAN TALK TO COUNSEL AS TO WHAT TRANSPIRED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER WITH ALL DUE RESPECT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OR THE CLERKS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER I'M QUESTIONING THE PRESIDERS BASED ON.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: CURRENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE YOU WANTED TO CHECK.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE EVENTS THAT HAPPENED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: VICE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SO THERE'S A TECHNICALITY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU CAN CHECK THE CLERKS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE INQUIRY FOR VIOLATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU CAN.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OF PROCESS MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE TALK TO THE CLERK.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SO WITH ALL DUE RESPECT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND PLEASE TALK TO COUNSEL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I'M ONLY ASKING MADAM SPEAKER FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS SO THAT WE CAN RECONCILE THE DEBATE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE JUST CAME FROM A WEEKEND'S RECESS WE HAVE JUST BEGIN SESSION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM MADAM SPEAKER WITH ALL DUE RESPECT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: IT IT LITERALLY IT IS REALLY IN ALL FAIRNESS TO THE PROCESS OF THAT I'M NOT QUESTIONING WHAT'S GOING ON I AM QUESTIONING WHAT WE LEFT OFF LAST WEEK FRIDAY AND HOW WE CAME TO PLAY AND IF WE CAN RECONCILE THE THE MINUTES OF THE CLERK AND LEGAL AND EVEN IF WE HAVE TO REDO THE TAPE I AM ASKING FOR THAT MADAM SPEAKER IT'S A PROCEDURAL MOTION AND I MAKE THAT MOTION AND I CAN ASK THAT AS A POINT OF INQUIRY BASED ON THE PROCESS NOT BEING FOLLOWED THROUGH AND IF YOU WANT ME TO CITE THE SECTION I WILL I WILL ASK MY GOOD COLLEAGUE EVEN FROM THE OPPOSING SIDE TO GIVE ME THE QUESTION THE SECTION THAT WAS CITED PLEASE MADAM SPEAKER WITH ALL DUE RESPECT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHICH SECTION SENATOR ARE YOU REFERRING TO.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I'M ASKING FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHAT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SO THAT WE CAN FIND OUT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER TO MAKE THAT MOTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I AM I AM NOT OUT OF ORDER MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU DO NOT HAVE THE FLOOR TO MAKE THAT MOTION EVERYONE KNOWS THAT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIS IS PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU CAN TALK TO COUNSEL WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WITH ALL DUE RESPECT I HAVE TO MADAM SPEAKER WITH ALL DUE RESPECT I'M ASKING YOU FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS SO WE CAN RECONCILE WITH THE CLERK AND WITH LEGAL IN REFERENCE TO THE PROCESS OF HOW WE ENDED FRIDAY MADAM SPEAKER THAT IS A MOTION IN ORDER AND IT CAN BE ASKED BASED ON A POINT OF INFORMATION AND A POINT OF INQUIRY THAT CAN HAPPEN GIVE ME THE RULES GUYS IT'S THERE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IF YOU HAVE AN INQUIRY THEY CAN BE ANSWERED BY COUNSEL PLEASE PLEASE SPEAK TO COUNSEL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS NOT A FAIR RULING MADAM SPEAKER I IF WE WE HAVE TO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE IS NO RULING SENATOR YOU DO NOT HAVE THE FLOOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MOTION TO OVERRIDE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU CANNOT MAKE ANY MOTIONS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE MAKING AN ORDER A RULING FROM THE FLOOR MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I AM RECOGNIZING ONE PERSON AT A TIME.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WITHOUT YOU ARE MAKING A RULING FROM THE FLOOR I AM OUT OF ORDER AND I KNOW I'M NOT BECAUSE I HAVE A POINT OF INQUIRY AS IT RELATES TO THE STATUS OF WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK FRIDAY SO THAT WE CAN RECAP ON WHAT MOTIONS WERE IN PLACE THERE WAS A CALL OF THE QUESTION AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE TO ALLOW THAT MOMENT'S RECESS MADAM SPEAKER I'M ONLY ASKING WITH ALL DUE RESPECT I AM ASKING MADAM SPEAKER GRANT US THAT OPPORTUNITY AND LOOK AT THE MINUTES OF WHAT THE CLERK HAS INITIATED THERE IS A TIME SCHEDULE MADAM SPEAKER ON A

PROCEDURAL MOTION I AM RESPECTFULLY ASKING FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS ON THIS MATTER PLEASE MADAM SPEAKER PLEASE THIS IS THIS IS ONLY FAIR FOR BOTH SIDES FOR AND AGAINST.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT IS NOT FAIR TO INTERRUPT SOMEONE WHO IS SPEAKING FOR A POINT OF INQUIRY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER THERE IS A MOTION FOR INQUIRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU CAN GO TALK TO LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THERE IS AN INQUIRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT IS NOT IN THE RULES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER THERE IS A POINT OF INQUIRY BASED ON THIS A POINT OF ORDER BASED ON THE TIMELINE BASED ON WHAT WAS CAPTURED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHAT IS YOUR POINT OF ORDER SENA VICE SPEAKER WHAT IS YOUR POINT OF ORDER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE POINT OF ORDER IS TO KNOW THAT A VIOLATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHAT VIOLATION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AN INQUIRY WAS DONE BECAUSE OF THE MOTION THAT WAS PLACED BY THE THE SENATOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHAT MOTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: FROM *AGAÑA* WHICH WAS THE CALL OF THE QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT WAS A CALL OF THE QUESTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THERE WAS A TIMELINE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND THEN WE WERE ON AN AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SEN VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE ASKING ME YOU ASKED FOR AN INQUIRY ASKED FOR A MOTION AND I AM TELLING YOU WHEN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR YOU CAN MAKE ALL THOSE POINTS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BUT RIGHT NOW.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WITH ALL DUE RESPECT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHERE WE ARE IN THE AGENDA.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: A A MOTION FOR INQUIRY AND A MOTION FOR A POINT OF ORDER CAN ALWAYS BE DONE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AT ANY TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND YOUR POINT OF ORDER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AND THE MOMENT AND THE MOMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: QUESTION IS WAS ALREADY RESPONDED TO SAME.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: TO LITERALLY ACCOUNT MADAM SPEAKER TO ACCOUNT FOR THE HISTORY AND THAT WE ARE FAIR THAT PARITY IS GIVEN TO BOTH THE PROS AND CONS TO THIS DEBATE AND THIS ISSUE I'M ASKING FOR A MOMENT'S TIME SO WE CAN LOOK AT THE MINUTES OF THE CLERK AND CHECK WITH LEGAL THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING BECAUSE I THINK IT'S THE RIGHT THING AND THE PROPER THING TO DO IN ALL FAIRNESS TO THIS AUGUST BODY WE'VE DONE IT BEFORE THIS IS THE WAY WE'VE WORKED IT IT'S IN OUR STANDING RULES AND AT ANY TIME ON A POINT OF INQUIRY AND A POINT OF QUESTION WE CAN ASK FOR A MOMENT'S DEBATE TO CONFER WITH THE CLERK TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR RULING IS CORRECT ON WHERE WE LEFT OFF MADAM SPEAKER I AM GOING TO ASK FOR THAT AND I'M GOING TO STAND FIRM ON THAT MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT TO DO FOR BOTH SIDES PLEASE MADAM SPEAKER IT IS THE RIGHT TO DO ON A POINT OF INQUIRY ON A POINT OF ORDER ON THIS MATTER PLEASE PLEASE MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS NOT FAIR THIS IS NOT RIGHT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VICE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER I AM ASKING FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS THERE'S A MOTION ON THE FLOOR IT'S NOT DEBATABLE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE IS NO MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I AM MAKING IT ON A POINT OF INQUIRY BASED ON A TIMELINE THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT SO THAT THERE'S THERE'S.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: VICE SPEAKER WHAT IS YOUR MOTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS SO THAT WE CAN DO A CLARIFICATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU DO NOT HAVE THE FLOOR TO MAKE THAT MOTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I I'M SERIOUS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON A POINT OF INQUIRY THEN THEN I OVER ASK FOR A MOTION TO OVERRULE THE PRESIDER AND ASK FOR A CALL OF THE VOTE THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: A CALL OF WHAT VOTE THERE IS NO MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THERE MADAM SPEAKER YOU CANNOT DO THIS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DO.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: VICE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU KNOW THAT WE TAKE TURNS IN HERE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO NO NO I'M GOING TO ASK WITH ALL DUE RESPECT THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO SAY THAT I'M ASKING FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS SO WE CAN LOOK AT THE CLERK'S RECORDS OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND REVIEW THE TAPES TO SEE WHERE WE LAST LEFT OFF BEFORE YOU START BECAUSE THERE IS A POINT OF ORDER THAT THE PROCESS THAT THE TIMELINE OF DEBATE FOR OUR COLLEAGUES IS NOT IN ORDER AND I'M ASKING YOU THAT MADAM SPEAKER AND IF YOU WANT TO CITE ME THE SECTION GIVE ME A MOMENT'S RECESS SO I CAN CITE THAT SECTION RIGHT NOW BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE IT MEMORIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AND I CAN ADMIT THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER I'M ASKING FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BARNETT DO YOU ALSO HAVE A POINT OF ORDER CAN I ASK THE CLERKS TO CONFIRM.

SENATOR BARNETT: MA'AM I'M RISING TO A POINT OF INQUIRY I WOULD LIKE TO INQUIRE WHY THEY DON'T WANT US TO DEBATE AND DISCUSS THIS BILL THE MAIN AUTHOR IN HIS OPENING SAID HE WELCOMED ALL AMENDMENTS YET THEY PROCEEDED TO KILL ALL AMENDMENTS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THAT IS NOT.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'M JUST INQUIRING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER THAT IS NOT A POINT OF INQUIRY.

SENATOR BARNETT: WHY ARE YOU SCARED *OMBRE*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THAT IS AN ASSUMPTION ON ASKING HOW THE PROCESS IS DONE MADAM SPEAKER THERE IS A PROCESS ON DEBATE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE CONFER WITH COUNSEL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THANK YOU.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS BUT WE ARE STILL WITHOUT A QUORUM SO I'M GOING TO RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M. SO WE ARE ON OFFICIAL RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS HOWEVER IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT AGAIN FOR A QUORUM SO WE WILL REMAIN LIVE HOWEVER WE ARE GOING TO BE IN RECESS WAITING FOR A QUORUM.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A QUORUM TO BEGIN SESSION THERE IS STILL NOT A QUORUM ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SO WE'RE GOING TO RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 9:00 A.M. RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TREN BUENAS YAN MANANA SI YU'OS I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION BACK FROM RECESS YESTERDAY WE CURRENTLY HAVE TWO THREE FOUR ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN SEVEN MEMBERS WE NEED ONE MORE TO MAKE A QUORUM CURRENTLY IN THE SESSION HALL SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR SHELTON AND VICE SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE A HERE'S SENATOR PARKINSON SO I BELIEVE WE HAVE A QUORUM ONE TWO THREE CLERK CAN YOU PLEASE CONFIRM IF WE HAVE A A QUORUM.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* CLERKS WE'LL NOW PROCEED WHERE WE LEFT OFF SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR AND THE TIME HAS BEEN CORRECTED TO READ TWO MINUTES AND 19 SECONDS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM CHAIR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED VICE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I RISE IN I RISE IN SUPPORT OF ASKING THE YOU AS THE PRESIDER MADAM SPEAKER ON A PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE THAT WAS ASKED OFF YESTERDAY AND I ASK THAT YOU MAKE A RULING ON THAT MADAM SPEAKER AS IT RELATES TO THE CALL OF THE QUESTION YESTERDAY AS I WAS TALKING TO LEGAL WE WE SPOKE ABOUT THE PROVISIONS BASED ON MANUALS AND WHAT WE HAVE AND I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT WHAT IS BEFORE US AS IT RELATES TO PARLIAMENTARIAN PROCEDURES I ASKED THAT MADAM SPEAKER BASED ON THE CALL OF THE QUESTION AND ASK FOR PARLIAMENTARY ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES I WE TOOK A RECESS FOR AN ENTIRE DAY FOR THAT VICE SPEAKER SO I BELIEVE COUNSEL HAS BEEN ABLE TO.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CONSULT WITH ANYONE WHO WANTS TO CONSULT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I DON'T THINK WE HAVE MADAM SPEAKER ON THAT ISSUE AND AGAIN I WILL BE MORE DELIBERATE AND DELINEATE WHY I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT I WOULD LIKE TO INQUIRE ON THE PARLIAMENTARY EFFECTS OF THE MOTION TO CALL FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION THAT WAS PROFFERED AND PASSED ON FRIDAY BECAUSE OUR STANDING RULES DOES NOT DEFINE THE MOTION I REFER MY COLLEAGUES TO MASON'S MANUALS WHICH WE UTILIZE FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE ACCORDING TO THE MANUAL A MOTION TO CALL FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION QUOTE APPLIES TO THE IMMEDIATELY PENDING MAIN MOTION AND ADHERING MOTIONS THEY ARE ALSO OTHER INDICATORS THAT CLEARLY SHOW THAT THE MOTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AMENDMENTS BUT INSTEAD TO THE MAIN AND ANY AMENDMENTS TO IT ACCORDING TO SECTION 349 OF THE MANUAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MOTION TO CALL FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION IS TO PREVENT FURTHER DEBATE AND AMENDMENT AND TO BRING THE MATTER IMMEDIATELY TO THE VOTE YESTERDAY MADAM SPEAKER YOU MADE STATEMENTS CONTRARY TO THIS AND ARGUED THAT THE MOTION ONLY APPLIED TO AN AMENDMENT UNDER DISCUSSION I WANT TO NOTE MADAM SPEAKER WITH ALL DUE RESPECT THAT MASON'S MANUAL CLARIFIES AND I'LL QUOTE THE EFFECT OF ORDERING THE PREVIOUS QUESTION ON THE MAIN MOTION IS TO CLOSE DEBATE IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT THE MOVING OF AMENDMENTS AND OTHER

SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS TO BRING TO A VOTE PROMPTLY THE IMMEDIATE PENDING MAIN QUESTION AND ADHERING SUBSIDIARY SUBSIDIARY QUESTIONS MY PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY MADAM SPEAKER IS WHAT WAS THE EFFECT OF THE MOTION TO CALL FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION THAT WAS PROFFERED AND PASSED ON FRIDAY AND IF YOU WANT TO RULE ON THAT I I I WOULD ASK THAT YOU SHARE THAT TO THE AUGUST BODY THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: VICE SPEAKER THAT WAS RULED ON LAST FRIDAY WE HAVE PROCEEDED DID FROM THEN THAT WAS A RULING LAST FRIDAY ABOUT WE TOOK A VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT WE KILLED THE DEBATE ON THE AMENDMENT WE FOLLOWED THE RULES AND THE RULES IN OUR STANDING RULES CLEARLY TALK ABOUT PREVIOUS QUESTION APPLYING TO AMENDMENTS AS WELL SO AT THAT POINT THE MAIN QUESTION BEFORE US WAS AN AMENDMENT SO WE ENDED THE DEBATE ON THE AMENDMENT BUT THIS POINT OF ORDER IS BROUGHT BRING BRINGING UP SOMETHING FROM LAST WEEK VICE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER ON ON THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND WE ARE PROCEEDING ALL WE HAVE IS 2 MINUTES AND 19 SECONDS LEFT ON DEBATE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER ON THAT NOTE I ASKED BASED ON THAT THAT ANSWER BY THE PRESIDER WHICH IS YOU THE SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I ASK THAT WE DO A MOTION TO OVER TO OBJECT TO THE ORDER I MEAN TO THE MOTION I OBJECT AND ASK TO OVERRULE THE PRESIDING OFFICER SO THERE IS A.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ALL IN FAVOR OF OVERRULING THE PRESIDING OFFICER PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS OH SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER AS WE WERE TALKING ON THE BILL 9-37 I'VE PROFFERED AMENDMENTS AND I HAVE ONE MORE HERE AND THIS AMENDMENT IS ON LINE 10 PAGE 7 TO ADD A NEW ITEM D TO BILL TO THE BILL TO READ CONSUMER FIREWORKS MAY BE SOLD AT RETAIL ONLY WITHIN 7 DAYS PRIOR TO JULY 21ST AND.

SENATOR SHELTON: POINT OF ORDER MADAM SPEAKER POINT OF ORDER MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: JUST A SECOND SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR SHELTON: POINT OF ORDER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF ORDER.

SENATOR SHELTON: I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE WE DON'T HAVE A QUORUM MADAM SPEAKER WE CAN'T CONTINUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ONE TWO THREE FOUR WOW CONVENIENTLY LEFT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CLERK CAN YOU PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER WE HAVE A QUORUM THERE'S A QUESTION OF A QUORUM HAS BEEN CALLED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU.

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: THERE IS A QUORUM PLEASE PROCEED SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER AS I SAID THIS IS ON LINE 10 PAGE 7 TO ADD A NEW ITEM D TO THE BILL TO READ CONSUMER FIREWORKS MAY BE SOLD AT RETAIL ONLY WITHIN 7 DAYS

PRIOR TO JULY 21ST AND JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR AS YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER THE BILL HAS ACTUALLY DOESN'T HAVE A TIME IN WHICH FIREWORKS CAN BE BLOWN UP IN FACT THE AMENDMENT DIDN'T PASS SO RIGHT NOW THIS ONE AT LEAST YOU KNOW TO PUT THIS AMENDMENT IN HOPEFULLY THIS WILL PASS SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT IT'S A GREAT AMENDMENT IT'S ACTUALLY MIND-BOGGLING THAT THIS WASN'T INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL BILL SO I COMMEND THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT NOT JUST FOR THIS AMENDMENT BUT FOR THE PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS SHE HAS UH PROFFERED THAT HAVE BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY SHUT DOWN BY MY COLLEAGUES BECAUSE AS THE BILL IS WRITTEN NOW I THINK IT'S BECOME ACCEPTED FACT THAT THIS BILL WOULD ALLOW AS IT IS WRITTEN NOW PEOPLE TO BLOW UP FIREWORKS ALL DAY EVERY DAY ON ANY DAY AND WHILE IT'S CLEAR THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE DECIDED TO STIFLE THE DEBATE I'M ALMOST LIKE JUST WAITING TO BE CUT OFF HERE WHILE THEY'VE DECIDED TO STIFLE THE DEBATE I THINK DEBATE ON THIS THIS ISSUE ON THIS PARTICULAR BILL IS VERY NECESSARY BECAUSE IT'S A NAUGHTY BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M SORRY SENATOR BERNETTE LOOKS LIKE WE'RE HAVING TECHNICAL ISSUE OKAY PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR BARNETT: AS I WAS SAYING IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THEY'RE TRYING TO STIFLE DEBATE ON THIS THIS ISSUE AND PARTICULARLY THIS BILL BECAUSE IT'S A NAUGHTY BILL AND I THINK IT'S OBVIOUS AT THIS POINT WITH THE OPPOSITION THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT THE MAYORS COUNCIL OF GUAM I MEAN WHO ELSE HAS TO COME OUT AND ASK US TO WITHDRAW THIS BILL SO THAT WE COULD WORK ON IT AND TURN OUT SOMETHING SAFER YOU GUYS ARE CUCKOO ALREADY AND I THINK THAT WE'VE GOTTEN AWAY FROM WHETHER OR NOT WE SUPPORT THE LEGALIZATION OF FIREWORKS OR WE DON'T I THINK THIS BILL IS RECKLESS AND IT'S EVEN MORE RECKLESS TO WANT TO JUST TRY AND RAM IT DOWN THE PEOPLE OF GUAM'S THROAT WITHOUT ANY CONSIDERATION FOR ANY OF THE ON THE RECORD TESTIMONY THAT'S BEEN PROVIDED FROM THE ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF WE MUST ALSO PLAN FOR INEVITABLE INJURIES AND POSSIBLE FIRES BOTH WILDLAND AND STRUCTURAL CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENT USE AND IMPROPER DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS I HEARD FROM SOME VETERANS OVER THE WEEKEND WHO WERE CONCERNED THAT THAT THIS BILL AS IT'S WRITTEN WOULD ALLOW PEOPLE TO SET OFF FIREWORKS ANY TIME ON ANY DAY OF THE YEAR AND AS MANY OF OUR VETERANS STRUGGLE WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER HAVING A FIREWORKS WHICH AS WE ALL KNOW SOUNDS A WHOLE LOT LIKE GUNFIRE GO OFF AT ANY TIME ANY PLACE THE BILL DOESN'T HAVE ANY RESTRICTIONS ABOUT WHERE YOU CAN SET OFF FIREWORKS AND WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WHEN THESE FIREWORKS START SHOWING UP IN OUR SCHOOLS LIKE THE CALIFORNIA SEALS BACK IN THE DAY BECAUSE IT'S NOT A A QUESTION OF IF IT'S A QUESTION OF WHEN WE CAN'T EVEN REGULATE VAPE WE CAN'T EVEN KEEP VAPE OUT OF THE MINOR'S HANDS AND YOU WANT TO RUSH THROUGH AND AND KILL DEBATE ON THIS MEASURE JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT TO PAY BACK A FEW SENATORS THAT YOU DON'T LIKE IT'S RIDICULOUS THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT SAID HE WELCOMED ALL AMENDMENTS SO THAT WE COULD TURN OUT A BETTER BILL BUT WHAT WE SAW WAS QUITE THE OPPOSITE AND SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO THIS BODY BUT I JUST ASK THAT YOU YOU STOP AND JUST THINK SEND THIS BILL BACK TO SANTA'S WORKSHOP BEFORE SOMEBODY GETS HURT SEND IT BACK TO SANTA'S WORKSHOP LET'S TINKER WITH IT LET'S MAKE IT RIGHT LET'S MAKE IT SAFER AND THEN WE COULD WORRY ABOUT HAVING FUN AGAIN IT WOULD JUST BE RECKLESS TO PUSH THIS BILL THROUGH WITH ALL OF THE OPPOSITION THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED I IMPLORE THE THE OVERSIGHT CHAIRS OF OF THESE AGENCIES OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT THE MAYORS COUNCIL THE VETERANS I URGE THEM TO LISTEN I URGE THE CHAIRS TO LISTEN TO THE AGENCIES THAT THEY OVERSEE AND TO HEED THE WORDS THAT THEY'RE SAYING WAS LET'S GET BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD ON THIS BILL AND THE AMENDMENTS THAT WERE PROFFERED THEY WERE SAFE AND SANE AND IT'S A LITTLE IRONIC THAT THIS BILL CALLS FOR THE LEGALIZATION OF SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS WHEN THE BILL ITSELF IS NEITHER SAFE NOR SANE IN FACT IT'S UNSAFE AND A LITTLE CRAZY THAT WE'RE TRYING TO RUSH THROUGH THIS PIECE OF FLAWED LEGISLATION I SPOKE WITH THE MAIN AUTHOR ON THE FLOOR YESTERDAY AND I ASKED HIM IF THIS WAS HOW HE WANTED HIS BABY TO BE BORN INTO THE WORLD HE SAID NO AND I AGREE THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO GET THIS BILL THROUGH IF IT'S A CHILDHOOD DREAM OF YOURS AND YOU

WANT TO SHARE IT WITH THE ENTIRE LET'S MAKE SURE THAT IT'S SAFE ENOUGH TO SHARE WITH THE ENTIRE ISLAND AND I THINK IT SPEAKS VOLUMES WHEN OUR COLLEAGUES ARE JOINING TOGETHER TO KEEP US FROM SPEAKING ON THIS BILL WHEN ALL I THINK MY COLLEAGUES PROFFERING AMENDMENTS WE TRYING TO DO WAS MAKE THE BILL BETTER I MEAN TO CHURN OUT A BILL AND NOT EVEN THINK ABOUT WHAT DAYS WHAT HOURS WHAT LIMITATIONS WHAT RESTRICTIONS THERE ARE ON SETTING OFF THESE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES I MEAN HOW DID THAT GET THROUGH THERE'S EVEN DOCUMENTED OPPOSITION FROM THE NATIONAL INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS AND YET WE'RE GOING TO IGNORE ALL OF THIS TESTIMONY ASKING US NOT NECESSARILY NOT NECESSARILY TO TO TEAR UP THE BILL AND THROW IT AWAY BUT TO TAKE MORE TIME TO DISCUSS THE BILL TO WORK ON THE BILL TO MAKE IT BETTER SO THAT IT IS SAFER SO THAT PEOPLE CAN BE HAPPY AND HAVE FUN SO AGAIN I I I PLEAD WITH MY COLLEAGUES TO FIND WHEREVER THEY PUT THEIR COMMON SENSE AND TAKE IT AND BRING IT BACK INTO THIS HALL AND AND LET'S DO THE RIGHT THING BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BE ON THE NAUGHTY LIST THIS CHRISTMAS AND AGAIN I JUST ASK THE AUTHOR WHO I BELIEVE IS A GOOD MAN WHO I BELIEVE WANTS TO DO THE RIGHT THING WE'VE HAD A FEW GOOD CONVERSATIONS IN THIS HALL ABOUT DOING THE RIGHT THING AND I WANT TO BELIEVE IN MY HEART THAT HE KNOWS THE RIGHT THING IS TO WITHDRAW THIS BILL SO THAT WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER SO THAT WE CAN MAKE IT SAFER PLEASE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ON THE AMENDMENT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THERE'S A THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF STUFF THAT'S GOING OUT LATELY ABOUT MY MOTIVES MY MY CHARACTER MY YOU KNOW MY WILLINGNESS TO BRING THIS BILL FORWARD THIS BILL WAS SOMETHING THAT I PROMISED THE PEOPLE I THINK THIS IS WHY I GOT ELECTED WAS BECAUSE THERE WERE 13,000 PEOPLE WHO I WHO LISTENED TO ME WHEN I SAID THAT I WANTED TO LEGALIZE FIRE FIREWORKS BUT MORE THAN THAT MADAM SPEAKER A LOT OF PEOPLE BELIEVED IN ME BECAUSE I'M JUST A REGULAR PERSON YOU KNOW JUST JUST JUST A PERSON JUST LIKE THEM I WAS A I WAS A CUSTOMS OFFICER I WAS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JUST LIKE YOU I WAS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR AN EDUCATOR JUST LIKE YOU I WAS A SOLDIER IN THE INFANTRY SERVED IN THE NATIONAL GUARD JUST LIKE YOU I'M A FATHER LIKE MANY OF YOU AND I THINK MORE THAN ANYTHING MADAM SPEAKER MORE THAN FIREWORKS IS THAT PEOPLE SAW IN ME WHAT THEY SAW IN THEMSELVES I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE AN INSTRUMENT OF CHANGE AND GANDHI SAYS TO BE THE TO BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD SO I TRY TO BE THE MOST HAPPIEST PERSON I KNOW I TRY TO BE THE MOST GIVING PERSON I KNOW I TRY TO BE THE MOST PATIENT PERSON I KNOW AND I'VE BEEN PATIENT AND IT'S BEEN 10 MONTHS NEARLY 11 MONTHS NOW WE'VE INTRODUCED THE BILL IT HAS GONE THROUGH PUBLIC HEARING IT HAS A LOT OF TIME FOR FOR INPUT OF THE PUBLIC AND ONLY NOW AT THE 11TH HOUR THEY CHOOSE TO MALIGN ME MALIGN MY BILL QUESTION MY INTEGRITY MY HONOR NOW NOW MAYBE BEFORE I RAN I DIDN'T CALCULATE ALL THE MALIGNMENT AND DISINGENUOUSNESS AND THE GRANDSTANDING THAT PEOPLE DO HERE BUT REMEMBER PEOPLE I AM I A REGULAR PERSON JUST LIKE YOU AND ALL I'VE EVER WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU AND EVERYTHING THAT I'VE PROFFERED SO FAR I'VE PROFFER BILL A BILL TO WORK ON CRIME I WORKED ON A BILL FOR OUR *MANÁMKO'* CAUSE THEY WANT LOTTERY I I WORKED ON FIREWORKS FOR THE KIDS AND IN NO WAY DID I WANT TO JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY OF ANYBODY NO WAY NO WAY WOULD I EVER DO THAT I WOULD I COULD NEVER HURT A FLY MY WIFE THE OTHER DAY WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO PARK I TOLD HER TO TELL THAT FROG TO MOVE TO THE SIDE BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO RUN HIM OVER THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON I AM I WOULD NEVER HARM A FLY I WOULD NEVER HURT ANYBODY I WOULD NEVER PUT ANY ANYBODY IN HARM'S WAY AND DESPITE ALL THE NOTIONS AND THE RAKING THROUGH THE CALLS THAT I'VE GONE THROUGH THIS WHOLE WE WEEKEND I JUST WANT TO LET THE PEOPLE KNOW THAT I'M ACTUALLY HERE FOR THEIR HAPPINESS AND THEIR PROSPERITY THIS FIREWORKS BILL THIS THIS ATTEMPT TO KILL MY BILL AT THE 11TH HOUR IS WRONG AND DISINGENUOUS WHEN I'VE GIVEN EVERYBODY ENOUGH TIME FOR THEIR INPUT IT IS WRONG IT IS MEAN AND NOT RIGHT I DO NOT I I WOULD LIKE YOU SPEAKER TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND FOLLOW PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AND PUT AN END TO THIS ALL I WANTED WAS THE HAPPINESS AND THE PROSPERITY OF OUR PEOPLE I'VE PRAYED THAT IN THE OPENING OF THIS SESSION THAT'S ALL I'VE EVER WANTED AND WHILE I WHILE I'M HERE WITH THE 420 ODD MORE DAYS THAT I HAVE THAT'S WHAT I'LL BE WORKING FOR AND THAT'S WHAT I'LL BE WORKING TOWARD SO HELP ME GOD THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I THINK WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT IS THAT WE ARE WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE AND THAT WE NEED TO DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE ON ANY PIECE OF LEGISLATION PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND THAT'S WHAT THE DEBATE IS FOR YES WE HAD A PUBLIC HEARING BUT THAT SHOULDN'T BE THE REASON WHY WE DON'T LISTEN ANYMORE TO OUR PEOPLE THERE ARE MANY AGENCIES THAT DID NOT WEIGH IN ON THIS MEASURE THAT HAS IMP CAN BE IMPACTED BY THIS BILL AS IT IS WRITTEN IF WE WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING IN THIS BODY WE NEED TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE NOT JUST ONE SEGMENT IN OUR POPULATION BUT TO ALL VOICES ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE WE NEW WE KNOW FULL WELL AS PEOPLE OF THIS ISLAND WHAT THAT FEELS LIKE WHY ARE WE PERPETUATING THAT INJUSTICE AND WHAT WE'RE HEARING FROM AGENCIES THESE ARE THE AGENCIES THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE IMPACTS OF THIS BILL WE'VE HEARD FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL AG GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GUAM SOLID WASTE WHICH HASN'T BEEN PUT ON THE FLOOR YET AND THERE'S OTHERS ARE COMING IN WE HAD A REVISED TESTIMONY FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THE FIRE PREVENTION UNIT IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ALL SAYING THAT THIS IS HARMFUL WHY ARE WE IGNORING THESE ALARMS WHY CAN'T WE JUST PUT A PAUSE ON THIS TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS SO TO MAKE IT SAFER FOR OUR COMMUNITY WHY IS THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY BEING DISREGARDED THERE'S NO AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE WORLD THAT CAN CHANGE THE IMPACTS OF THIS WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THAT MONEY THE SAFE AND SANE THING TO DO IS TO PAUSE ON THIS GET THE INPUT FROM ALL THESE ENTITIES THAT HAVE NOT WEIGHED ON THIS MATTER WE JUST CAME OUT FROM CAME OUT FROM A TYPHOON SOON YOU KNOW WITH CLIMATE CHANGE WE WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO EXPERIENCE EVEN MORE SO WHY SHOULD WE HAVE THE SELF-INDUCED CATASTROPHES WHEN WE ALREADY HAVE THE NATURAL CATASTROPHES WHICH WE CANNOT CONTROL AND REGARDING THE AMENDMENT THE AMENDMENT STATES IF I'M CAN I ASK THE AUTHOR JUST TO SAY OR THE AMENDMENT IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN IS FURTHER FIREWORKS MAY BE ONLY USED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 AND 10:00 ON JULY 21ST BETWEEN 6:00 P.M. ON DECEMBER 31ST AND 1:00 A.M. ON JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR IS THIS CORRECT IS THAT THE RIGHT AMENDMENT WRONG ONE OKAY IS THIS THE CORRECT AMENDMENT CONSUMER FIREWORKS MAY BE SOLD AT RETAIL OKAY WITHIN 7 DAYS PRIOR TO JULY 21ST AND JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THIS TO SAY 10 DAYS PRIOR INSTEAD OF SEVEN DAYS PRIOR YEAH THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT I BELIEVE THE AUTHOR HIMSELF WANTED TO DO BUT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE WORD SEVEN TO 10 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION.

SENATOR FISHER: OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S AN OBJECTION ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THAT THERE'S YOU KNOW WHEN WE WHEN THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT AND I MET WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION AND HE AGREED WITH ALL THE AMENDMENTS THAT I ACTUALLY BEEN TRYING TO PROFFER FOR THE LAST TWO DAYS AND HE CAME UP WITH FROM SEVEN DAYS CAN WE CHANGE IT TO 10 DAYS ON SELLING THESE FIREWORKS BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE A MASS YOU KNOW EVERYONE'S GOING TO BE RUNNING TO THESE STORES AND AND TRY TO BUY THEM UP WITHIN SEVEN 10 DAYS IS A A LITTLE GIVES THEM MORE LITTLE LEEWAY SO IT'S NOT SO CONGESTED ON THIS SO I HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THAT IT MADE SENSE BUT AS YOU KNOW HE RENEGED ON HIS AGREEMENT ON ALL THESE AMENDMENTS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: RIGHT SO THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT CHANGING IT TO 10 I DON'T I DON'T THINK THERE WOULD BE AN ISSUE WITH THAT AND I THINK RESPONSIBILITY YOU KNOW BEING RESPONSIBLE NOT JUST ON THE TIME FRAME WHICH DID NOT PASS HOW MANY TIMES YOU CAN BLOW UP FIREWORKS BUT THE SELL THE RETAIL SELL OF THIS IS ALSO IMPORTANT TOO AS WELL THAT CONSUMER FIRES MAY BE SOLD AT RETAIL ONLY AND WITH 10 DAYS PRIOR TO JULY 21ST AND JULY 1ST OF EACH YEAR SO I I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS AND I REALLY THINK THE PEOPLE OF GUAM DESERVE BETTER AND I DON'T THINK THEY VOTED ANYBODY INTO THIS LEADERSHIP TO PUT THEM IN HARM'S WAY EITHER PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR MIND PEOPLE GET VOTED IN HERE ALL THE TIME AND THEN NEXT THING YOU KNOW THEY REALIZE THEY MADE A BIG MISTAKE SO LET'S NOT MAKE A MISTAKE PEOPLE THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE TO SPEAK ON THAT AMENDMENT THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AMENDMENT FAILS ON SENATOR PEREZ ON THE AMENDMENT ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMEND IF THERE'S SHE'S WAVING CLOSING SO ALL IN FAVOR OF IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR TO THE ALL IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MY NEXT NEXT AMENDMENT IS LINE ON 14 PAGE NINE AND IT'S TO ADD AN ITEM TO BILL TO READ NO PERSON FIRM CORPORATION ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION SHALL HAVE SELL ANY CONSUMER FIREWORKS UNLESS ONE EVERY FIREWORKS DEVICE OR THE PACKAGING IN WHICH THEY ARE SOLD WITH THE WORD CAUTION OR WARNING EVERY FIREWORK DEVICE OR PACKAGING IN WHICH THEY ARE SOLD DISPLAYS A A STATEMENT OF HAZARD DESIGNED TO WARN THE USER OF THE SPECIFIC ASPECT OF THE IN ITEMS OPERATION AND THAT THEY AND MAY RESULT IN THE POTENTIAL FOR INJURY A STATEMENT OF HAZARD INCLUDES STATEMENTS SUCH AS FLAMMABLE SHOTS FLAMMABLE BALLS WITH REPORTS SPINNING GROUNDS ELEMENTS SHOWER SPARKLERS AND THREE EVERY FIREWORK DEVICE ON THE P PACKAGING IN WHICH THEY ARE SOLD ARE CONSPICUOUSLY LABELED WITH COUNTRY OR ORIGIN THE NAME OF THE PLACE OF BUSINESS MANUFACTURER PACKAGING DISTRIBUTED OR SOLD I'M SORRY MADAM SPEAKER I'M JUST RUSHING THROUGH I THOUGHT THAT I CAN READ IT WITHOUT THE TIME GOING ON YOU KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT IF YOU CAN STOP THE TIME FOR ONE MINUTE SO THAT I CAN READ THE AMENDMENT AND THEN WHEN I SPEAK ON IT THEN YOU CAN TIME ME BUT I NEED TO READ IT FOR THE LISTENING AUDIENCE SO THEY KNOW WHAT THIS AMENDMENT IS ABOUT AND I'M RUSHING THROUGH TO TRY AND READ THIS AMENDMENT SO IF I COULD JUST READ IT AGAIN BECAUSE I WAS RUSHING THROUGH OKAY THAT'S THAT'S FINE SO BASICALLY THIS IS WHAT THE AMENDMENT DO IT IT MAKES THE PACKAGING SAFE THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR BARNETT ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BARNETT: I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT ACTUALLY ALL THE AMENDMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN PROFFERED ON THIS BILL THAT HAVE BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY VOTED DOWN AND I COMMEND THE AUTHOR OF THIS AMENDMENT FOR DOING THE HARD WORK THE WHAT I BELIEVE IS THE NECESSARY WORK THAT WOULD MAKE THIS BILL BETTER THAT WOULD MAKE THIS BILL SAFER BUT INSTEAD MY COLLEAGUES HAVE DECIDED TO WALK OUT OF THE ROOM NOT EVEN LISTEN IT'S CLEAR THEIR MINDS ARE MADE UP AND THAT THERE'S NO WAY THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO AMEND THIS BILL TO MAKE IT SAFER FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND THAT'S A SHAME MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO' LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT SPONSOR WAIVING CLOSING ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THIS AMENDMENT SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES AMENDMENT PASSES SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THIS NEXT AMENDMENT IS TO PROHIBIT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST NO COVERED PERSON.

SENATOR PARKINSON: POINT OF ORDER HER TIME IS UP.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: NO SHALL HAVE THE TO DEFINE BELOW SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO.

SENATOR PARKINSON: POINT OF ORDER MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OBTAIN A BUSINESS LICENSE FOR MANUFACTURE DISTRIBUTE RESELL IMPORTATION STORAGE OTHERWISE RECEIVING .

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: FOR 20 YEARS FROM THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR THE TIME.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: NOBODY CAN DO IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: TIME IS UP.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SO ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE SOMEONE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS AMENDMENT SENATOR BARNETT ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BARNETT: IF I COULD ASK THE AUTHOR TO PROVIDE A A COPY OF THE AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T HAVE A COPY OF THE AMENDMENT I'M LOOKING ON ALL MY PILE IF WE CAN.

SENATOR BARNETT: CAN WE TAKE A.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: GET IT OUT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THESE THESE WERE ALL PASSED OUT.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'M SCARED TO TAKE A RECESS WE MIGHT NOT COME BACK.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OTHER COPIES DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL COPIES THIS WERE PASSED OUT BEFORE.

SENATOR BARNETT: SO THE AMENDMENT READS IT AMENDS THE BILL BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION 5839 TO READ SUBSECTION 5839 PROHIBITION CONFLICT OF INTERESTS NO COVERED PERSON AS SUCH TERM AS DEFINED BELOW SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN A BUSINESS LICENSE FOR THE MANUFACTURER DISTRIBUTION RESALE IMPORTATION STORAGE OR OTHERWISE RECEIVING CONSUMER FIREWORKS FOR A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS FROM THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION THE TERM COVERED PERSON SHALL MEAN ANY A ANY CURRENT SENATOR OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* THEIR SPOUSES OR MEMBERS OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND I THINK MADAM SPEAKER THIS AMENDMENT IS A GREAT WAY FOR US TO AVOID A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND AND THIS POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAS BROUGHT UP LAST WEEK DURING DEBATE AND I THINK IT WAS A VALID QUESTION IN FACT IT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST QUESTIONS THAT MANY CONSTITUENTS ASKED ME ABOUT THE LEGALIZATION OF FIREWORKS IF THE THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL WOULD WOULD IN FACT SELL THE FIREWORKS THAT HE WAS TRYING TO LEGALIZE I THINK THAT'S AN OBVIOUS FIRST QUESTION IN LOOKING AT THIS THIS BILL AND I I THINK IT'S A QUESTION THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM DESERVE AN ANSWER TO AND AS I SAID THAT THAT QUESTION WAS NOT ANSWERED ON THE FLOOR AND SO I COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR PROFFERING THIS AMENDMENT AND THE THE MANY OTHER GREAT AMENDMENTS I THINK WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT IN IN DISCUSSING THIS BILL IN DISCUSSING HOW TO MAKE IT BETTER IN DISCUSSING HOW TO MAKE IT SAFER IN DISCUSSING HOW TO IMPROVE IT SO THAT WE'RE NOT SETTING OFF FIREWORKS ALL DAY ANY DAY ON EVERY DAY THEY COULD BE BLOWING UP FIREWORKS RIGHT NOW THERE'S NOTHING THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THEM FROM SETTING OFF FIREWORKS RIGHT OUTSIDE OUR LAWN BUT WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT THAT THESE EFFORTS ARE NOT AN EFFORT TO MALIGN THE AUTHOR OF ANY LEGISLATION OR THIS PARTICULAR LEGISLATION IT IS WHAT WE WERE ELECTED TO DO TO DEBATE THE ISSUES AND THE BILLS BEFORE US AND I DON'T WANT TO BE PART OF A BODY THAT DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO ALLOW ITS MEMBERS TO DO THAT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR OUR DEMOCRACY IF WE WON'T EVEN ALLOW OUR MEMBERS TO STAND UP AND DISCUSS AND DEBATE A BILL IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT BETTER IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT SAFER I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A A CHILDHOOD DREAM BUT MAYBE WE ALSO NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT A HOUSE OF DREAMS THIS IS A HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE'S WORK AND HASTE MAKES WASTE AND I DON'T APPRECIATE OUR COLLEAGUES TRYING TO MAKE QUICK WORK IN THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE ON A MEASURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS OPPOSED THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS OPPOSED THE CHIEF OF POLICE HAS CONCERNS GUAM EPA HAS ALSO COME OUT GUAM SOLID WASTE AND AGAIN THEY'RE NOT SAYING SCRAP THE BILL THEY'RE SAYING HEY GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR BARNETT: MAKE MAKE IT BETTER AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK THIS AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: WILL DO MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: AM I OUT OF TIME OR SOMETHING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU HAVE A POINT OF ORDER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE AMENDMENT WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE SO YOU CAN SAVE THAT RHETORIC FOR ANOTHER DAY JUST TALK ABOUT THE AMENDMENT AND MOVE ON.

SENATOR BARNETT: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: I WAS TALKING ABOUT THE AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'M TALKING ABOUT THE AMENDMENT AND HOW IT WILL MAKE THE BILL BETTER HOW IT WILL MAKE THE BILL SAFER AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE THAT MAYBE THEY SHOULD GO BACK TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM CAUSE WE'RE HERE TO DO THE PEOPLE'S WORK.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT PLEASE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WHEN WE'RE ELECTED INTO OFFICE THAT WE ARE DOING THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE AND IT'S REALLY SAD TO SEE YOU KNOW CONFLICTS OF INTEREST RIGHT YOU KNOW I THINK WE NEED TO BE WORKING IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NOT FOR SPECIAL INTEREST IF WE REALLY WANT TO SEE GUAM GROW AND DEVELOP SUSTAINABLY WE NEED TO CLEAN HOUSE CLEAN THE WAY OF HOW WE DO BUSINESS HERE TO ENSURE THAT WE PRIORITIZE OUR PEOPLE'S NEEDS FIRST AND FOREMOST NOT HOW WE'RE GOING TO REWARD OUR *PARI* REWARD THOSE THAT YEAH JUST REWARD PEOPLE FOR SUPPORTING THEIR INTEREST WHEN IT GOES AGAINST SUPPORTING THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN THAT MEANS LOOKING AT THE BIGGER PICTURE LOOKING AT HOW WE'RE GOING TO PROTECT OUR ISLAND FROM ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE MAKING SURE OUR HOMES ARE SAFE THAT WE LIVE PEACEFULLY IN OUR HOMES THAT WE'RE NOT DISTURBED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT BECAUSE OF FIRE BECAUSE OF NOISE I THINK THESE ARE GENERAL THINGS THAT EVERYBODY WANTS ON THIS ISLAND AND I WE WE NEED TO SEE THAT AS THE GOAL WE WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR HEALTH IS IS ALSO PRESERVED IMAGINE IF THERE WERE MORE FIRES PEOPLE WITH ASTHMA PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC DISEASES CAN BE IMPACTED BY THIS NOT JUST YOU KNOW BURNS OF COURSE BURNS AND FIRES CAN IMPACT OUR BODIES DIRECTLY BUT FOR THOSE THAT ARE ALREADY SICK HAVING TO DEAL WITH THESE ISSUES SO I REALLY HOPE THAT AS A BODY WE THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS THOROUGHLY THIS IS WHAT WE'RE PUT HERE TO DO I BELIEVE AND NOT COMPROMISE THE GENERAL WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE THE GENERAL SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE AND I THINK THE MORE THAT WE CAN ELIMINATE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST THE MORE WE'RE DOING THE PEOPLE'S WORK THE MORE THAT WE CAN CREATE AN ISLAND THAT WE CAN CALL HOME THAT WE COULD BE PROUD OF THAT WE CAN ENJOY AND NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT OUR SAFETY AT NIGHT OUR HEALTH I THINK THIS IS THE WORK THAT WE MUST DO AND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT ON THIS AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW AS I READ THE AMENDMENT BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT ANY OTHER PART OF THE BILL ON THIS AMENDMENT IT SAYS ON SECTION A

NORMALLY THERE'S AN A IF YOU HAVE A B OR A ONE IF YOU HAVE A TWO ON A ANY CURRENT SENATOR OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN* HEIR SPOUSE OR MEMBERS OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY I'M NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY INSINUATING OR ASSUMING OR IMPLYING THAT A COLLEAGUE OF OURS ARE GOING TO GO INTO BUSINESS AFTER HE'S EXPRESSED THAT THAT HE'S DOES DOESN'T INTEND TO OR HE'S NOT GOING TO GO INTO BUSINESS FOR FIREWORKS THAT'S ONE THEN ON THE PART OF MEMBERS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER POINT OF INFORMATION THAT WAS NEVER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER JUST TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THAT WAS NOT REITERATED ON FRIDAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHEN THE QUESTION WAS ASKED THE QUESTION WAS NOT ANSWERED.

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

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU AND THEN WHEN IT LEADS OFF TO THEIR SPOUSE OR MEMBERS OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY WHAT'S DEFINED AS IMMEDIATE FAMILY VERY CURIOUS AND WITH THAT SINCE IT'S NOT DEFINED I'M NOT IN AGREEMENT OVER THIS AND I OBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT I THINK WE'RE OUT OF TIME SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IF I MAY I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO SPOKE ON IT MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRY AND FIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE AND I WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR THEM WHILE OTHERS ARE PROVIDING SELF-INTEREST.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OH SORRY WE SEEM TO HAVE LOST OUR QUORUM ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN CLERK CAN YOU PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER WE HAVE A QUORUM.

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE MADAME SPEAKER THERE IS NO QUORUM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE IS NO QUORUM WE CANNOT VOTE ON THIS AMENDMENT WE'LL TAKE A WE WOULD JUST WAIT FOR A QUORUM IF THE SERGEANT OF ARMS COULD PLEASE CONTACT THE SENATORS IN THE BUILDING AND AND ASK THEM TO COME IN THANK YOU VICE SPEAKER WE HAVE SEVEN WE'RE STILL LACKING ONE FOR A QUORUM THANK YOU SENATOR SAN NICOLAS WE HAVE A QUORUM NOW WE WERE ON VOTING ON THE BILL I MEAN ON THE AMENDMENT THERE WAS AN OBJECTION SO ALL IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AMENDMENT FAILS THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE BILL SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE SOME AM AMENDMENTS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PROFFER THE FIRST ONE IS SECTION 58303 AND I BELIEVE IT'S IN IN THE DRIVE I DON'T KNOW IF ANY HANDOUTS ALREADY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IS THAT THE PERMIT REGISTRATION LICENSE ONE SENATOR SABINA.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IS THAT THE LICENSE ONE.

SENATOR PEREZ: 58303.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO I'M LOOKING AT LINE 21 TO 26 PAGE.

SENATOR PEREZ: LET ME FIND IT FIRST.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IT SHOULD BE ON YOUR AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SHELTON: OKAY TALK MORE BECAUSE I GOT TO GO THE BATHROOM.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I'M TRYING TO FIND IT.

SENATOR SHELTON: VOTE ON YOUR AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE THE COPIES PASSED OUT CAN WE PLEASE GET THE AMENDMENT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PASSED OUT DO WE NEED SOME ASSISTANCE ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PEREZ PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SO THIS AMENDMENT BASICALLY IT REWRITES SECTION 58303 AND IT STATES PERMISSIBLE USES OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS THE FIRST SUBSECTION A IT SAYS IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON FIRM CORPORATION ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION TO IMPORT POSSESS SELL OR OFFERED FOR SALE DISTRIBUTE STORE DISPOSE OF MANUFACTURE ANY FIREWORKS WITHOUT A LICENSE REQUIRED PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS AND THEN IT STRUCK OUT EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION SHOULD I DIVIDE THIS UP WELL I CAN READ IT ALL AND THEN SO BASICALLY YEAH AND THEN THE SUBSECTION B IS IT CHANGES THAT BASICALLY IT SAYS IT IS UNLAWFUL RATHER THAN IT'S PROHIBITED SO NOW IT'S UNLAWFUL TO IGNITE OR SET OFF FIREWORKS WITHIN AT LEAST 1,000 FT OF ANY BUILDING STRUCTURE SO WHAT WAS ADDED WAS ANIMAL SHELTER LANDFILL DESIGNATED DEBRIS SITE WILDLAND AREAS OR AN AREA DESIGNATED AS A FIRE HAZARD AND MUST OCCUR ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS C WAS ADDED IT STATES THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON FIRM CORPORATION ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION TO SELL OR OFFER FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTE FIREWORKS TO THOSE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE AND THEN THE LAST SECTION WAS KEPT WHICH IS THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF FIREWORKS ON PUBLIC SAFETY AFTER THREE YEARS OF ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT THIS STUDY SHALL BE USED TO DETERMINE IF AMENDMENTS IN THIS ACT ARE WARRANTED SO AGAIN REALLY WHAT THE CHANGE WAS SO I HAD REALLY BIG CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR SECTION BECAUSE IT UNDERMINED THE OTHER REGULATIONS OR SAFEGUARDS FROM THE OTHER SECTIONS OF THE BILL BECAUSE IT'S ONLY PER IT MADE IT UNLAWFUL FOR WHATEVER WAS WRITTEN IN THIS IN THIS PARTICULAR SECTION AND IT COUNTERED WHATEVER WAS IN THE OTHER PARTS OF THE BILL SO THAT'S WHY I STRUCK OUT ACCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION SO THAT THAT WAS PROBLEMATIC FOR ME THE OTHER THING IS WE'VE HEARD FROM SO I THINK 50 50 FT. IS WAY TOO CLOSE YOU KNOW IMAGINE THE THE PROJECTILES CAN GO BEYOND 50 FT. I 1,000 FT. I THINK IS A LITTLE BIT SAFER NOT SURE IF IT'S THE SAFEST DISTANCE BUT THEN WE DID RECEIVE INPUT FROM PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT YOU KNOW SHOULDN'T HAPPEN NEAR ANIMAL SHELTERS LANDFILLS DEBRIS DES DESIGNATED DEBRIS SITES YOU KNOW THESE ARE PROBLEMATIC IN ADDITION TO WILDLAND AREAS AND GENERALLY YOU KNOW WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE THESE EXPLOSIVES INCENDIARY DEVICES NEAR A FIRE HAZARD HAZARDOUS AREA AND THAT COULD ALSO BE TEMPORAL AND I THINK REALLY WITH SAFETY IN MIND I MEAN PERHAPS WE CAN DESIGNATE THESE AREAS VERSUS YOU KNOW HAVING THEM ALL OVER GUAM YOU KNOW WE DON'T WANT THEM UNDER POWER LINES FOR INSTANCE WE JUST SUFFERED A POWER OUTAGE FOR OVER A MONTH IMAGINE THE THE FUN ONE MAY HAVE IS GOING TO CAUSE A POWER OUTAGE FOR THE ISLAND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO REALLY THINK ABOUT YOU KNOW CREATING A SAFETY NET AND THEN THE OTHER THING I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS WAS PROHIBITED AND UNLAWFUL WAS THAT WE'RE SELLING TO MINORS YOU KNOW THIS IS LIKE ONE OF THE BIGGEST VISITS EMERGENCY VISITS AFTER INDIVIDUALS PLAY THEY ESPECIALLY MINORS THE YOU KNOW OFTEN TIMES THESE ARE SOLD WITHOUT ANY KIND OF SAFETY TRAINING AND THEN YOU KNOW PROBABLY EVEN SUPERVISION FOR THAT MATTER AND SO THE IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT THOSE THAT PURCHASE THESE THINGS HAVE THE RIGHT MIND YOU KNOW THE MATURITY LEVEL IN DEALING WITH THESE VERY DANGEROUS ITEMS AND SO I THINK THIS IS REALLY CRITICAL TO HAVE IS TO HAVE SOME OF THESE SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE PLACE CAUSE RIGHT NOW AS IT AS IT'S CURRENTLY WRITTEN IT'S NOT IT'S A VERY DANGEROUS BILL SO AT LEAST I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT IN THIS THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER JUST LOOKING AT THE AMENDMENT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND AS I GO THROUGH IT WHAT IS THE CURRENT LAW THAT GOVERNS ON LETTER B I'LL START WITH THAT THE 50 FT. TO A 100 BECAUSE THE STATEMENT WAS THAT MAYBE THAT SOUNDS GOOD BECAUSE A LOT OF THINGS SOUNDS GOOD BUT IF IT'S NOT RIGHT IT'S NOT RIGHT WHAT IS THE CURRENT RESTRICTION THAT TODAY COMMERCIALY WHEN THEY FIRE FIREWORKS THEY'RE REQUIRE TO BE SO MANY FEET AWAY AND TO RECOGNIZE THE FIRE DANGER ZONE I'M I SUPPORT THAT I DON'T WANT GUAN FIRE DEPARTMENT OR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CHASING AFTER BUT I'M JUST CURIOUS ABOUT THAT 50 FT. PART AND THE AUTHOR SAID THAT 1000 SOUND GOOD GUYS I'M VERY CAREFUL NOW WHENEVER SHE SAYS SOMETHING SOUNDS GOOD SO I JUST QUESTIONED THAT AND THEN THE UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON FROM TO IMPORT POSSESS OR SELL OR OFFER FOR SALE DISTRIBUTION STORED DISPOSED AND SHE STRIKED OUT EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PERMITTED WHAT WHAT WHAT WAS THE NEED FOR THE STRIKE I DON'T I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE WAS ASKING MAYBE SHE CAN EXPLAIN IT ALL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO YOU'RE ASKING THE SPONSOR TO YIELD WHICH SPON WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO A COUPLE QUESTIONS.

SENATOR PEREZ: SO I CAN ANSWER THE STRIKETHROUGH AS IS QUESTION ABOUT THE STRIKETHROUGH ON A.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COULD YOU PLEASE RE RESTATE YOUR QUESTION SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: EXPLAIN THE STRIKETHROUGH THE FIRST ONE THE FIRST STRIKETHROUGH OF EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PERMITTED ON THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR PEREZ WOULD YOU YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH MY CONCERN WAS THAT IT ONLY MADE IT WHAT WAS UNLAWFUL WAS ONLY IN THIS SECTION ALONE SO EVERYTHING ELSE IN THE BILL WAS NOT GOING TO BE CONSIDERED AS UNLAWFUL SO THAT WAS A CONCERN FOR ME BECAUSE IF OTHER PARTS OF THE BILL HAS YOU CANNOT SELL TO MINORS RIGHT SO BUT IF YOU READ THIS SECTION THAT MEANS THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE UNLAWFUL SO IT ONLY LIMITED THE UNLAWFULNESS TO THIS ONE SECTION OF A MULTI SECTION BILL AND SO WHAT I WANTED TO MAKE CLEAR IS THAT WHAT IS TRULY UNLAWFUL IS NOT JUST THIS PART A AND I BELIEVE THERE WAS A PART NOT EVEN PART B WAS CONSIDERED UNLAWFUL SO THERE WAS ONLY ONE SUBSECTION OF THIS SECTION THAT WAS UNLAWFUL EVERYTHING ELSE IN THE BILL WAS OKAY WAS FREE AND AND OPEN SO THAT'S WHY I STRUCK THAT OUT BECAUSE THE SECTION ONLY MAKES ONE ITEM OF THE THIS WHOLE BILL UNLAWFUL WHEN EVERYTHING ELSE SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THIS.

SEPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I'M STILL TRYING TO UNDERSTAND AS I LOOK THROUGH THE BILL I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE RATIONALE OF WHY THE AMENDMENT IS THE WAY IT'S WRITTEN AND THEN YOU STRIKE OUT EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SO ANYWHERE ANYWHERE ON THE BILL IF ANYBODY WAS TO INTRODUCE ANOTHER AMENDMENT CAN IT APPLY THE EXCEPT AS PERMITTED ON THE ON THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION TO LOOSE THEN MOVING ON TO THE 50 FT. PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR 50 FT. AND PLEASE GIVE A SOLID REASON FROM 50 TO 1,000 OTHER THAN IT SOUNDS GOOD FOR A 1,000 CAUSE ON ANY FIRING RANGE 50 FT. IS IS SUFFICIENT IN A FIRING RANGE AND FOR MANY OF YOU THAT ARE NOT VETERANS FIRING RANGE IS AT 50 FT. 25 FT. WE DON'T GO TO 1,000 1,000 IS OUTSIDE AND IT GOES BEYOND THE ROUNDS FIRE AND WHEN WE'RE TALKING FIREWORKS PLEASE EXPLAIN IT MORE OTHERWISE I OBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE YOU ASKING THAT THE SPONSOR YIELD SENATOR OR NOT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SHE CAN EXPLAIN HER 50,000 YES PLEASE BUT I ALSO OBJECT SO FAR ON THIS AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION REGARDING THE 1,000 FT.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH I MEAN WE LOOK AT THE PROJECTILE LENGTH OF THESE FIREWORKS THEY CAN GO BEYOND 50 FT. INTO YOUR NEAREST UTILITY POLE AND WHAT HAPPENS THEN WHEN IT CATCHES FIRE SO I THINK WE NEED TO CREATE THE SAFEGUARDS FOR OUR INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE PUT MULTI-MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

INTO WE NEED TO PUT SAFEGUARDS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND YOU CAN'T CAN'T MAKE THAT IT'S IT'S THE ANALOG ANALOGY BETWEEN FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS ARE VERY DIFFERENT BECAUSE WITH FIREARMS THERE IS TRAINING FIREARM FIREWORKS THERE ISN'T AND THERE DEFINITELY IS AN AGE REQUIREMENT SO WHAT MY AMENDMENT DOES ACTUALLY MAKES THE BILL MAKES THE MAKES IT STRONGER AND SAFER BECAUSE THE WAY IT'S WRITTEN THERE'S INCONSISTENCIES AND SO I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE NITPICKING I MEAN I CAN EXPLAIN IT MAYBE OFFLINE TO THIS MY COLLEAGUE HERE WHY SECTION IS THE WRONG EXPRESSLY PERMITTED EXPRESSLY IN THE TERMS OF THIS ONE SECTION OF THE ENTIRE BILL WHICH WEAKENS IT WEAKENS THE SAFEGUARDS PERHAPS WE COULD PUT CHAPTER VERSUS SECTION THAT BE THAT COULD BE ONE WAY TO AMEND THIS BUT I FEEL THAT AGAIN THE THE WAY THIS BILL IS WRITTEN REALLY ACTUALLY SHOULD GO BACK TO COMMITTEE TO GET IT VETTED FULLY YES THERE WAS A PUBLIC HEARING YES THERE WAS A ROUNDTABLE BUT WE DIDN'T GET ALL THE NECESSARY INPUT I MEAN LANDFILLS I MEAN I SPOKE WITH A GENERAL MANAGER THERE'S BEEN INCIDENTS IN FLORIDA COUNTY WHO HAS FIREWORKS ALLOWED ALL YEAR ROUND AND THERE HAS BEEN INCIDENTS OF FIRES YOU KNOW WE DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO REBUILD OUR OUR INFRASTRUCTURE WE'RE JUST TRYING TO GET IT THERE AT THIS POINT WHY ARE WE TRYING TO UNDERMINE ALL THIS FUNDING REALLY THIS IS A THIS IS A DANGEROUS DANGEROUS BILL WE NEED TO PUT THESE SAFEGUARDS AND THIS IS JUST ONE OF THEM THAT IS NEEDED FOR THIS BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR FISHER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE YOU GRANTING ME THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR HERE I MOVE TO CALL THE MAIN QUESTION WELL JUST FOR CLARIFICATION SO WE DON'T GO THROUGH THAT DRILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CALL FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

SENATOR FISHER: CALL FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE PREVIOUS QUESTION BEFORE US IS THIS AMENDMENT.

SENATOR FISHER: NO THE PREVIOUS QUESTION IS THE MAIN MOTION THE BILL YEAH WE'RE JUST WE'RE JUST FOLLOWING THE RULES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION WE HAVE TO WE WE HAVE TO FINISH THE AMENDMENT FIRST SO WE CAN CALL FOR A PREVIOUS QUESTION ON THE AMENDMENT AND THE AMENDMENT TAKE A VOTE.

SENATOR FISHER: WHY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT'S BEEN PROFFERED AND THEN YOU CAN.

SENATOR FISHER: WHERE WHERE MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CALL FOR A PREVIOUS QUESTION ON.

SENATOR FISHER: MADAM SPEAKER WHERE MADAM SPEAKER WHERE IS THAT RULE EDUCATE ME PLEASE SORRY THE MOTION ENDED ALL DEBATE LET'S FOLLOW THE RULES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S CORRECT SIR IT SHALL REQUIRE ON THE PREVIOUS THE PREVIOUS QUESTION SHALL BE PUT IN THE FOLLOWING FORM ON THE PREVIOUS QUESTION IT SHALL REQUIRE A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE SENATORS PRESENT AND IT EFFECT AND ITS EFFECT SHALL BE PUT BE TO PUT AN END TO ALL DEBATE EXCEPT THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL OR THE AMENDMENT SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO CLOSE AND THE QUESTION UNDER THE DISCUSSION SHALL THEREUPON BE IMMEDIATELY PUT TO A VOTE.

SENATOR FISHER: ALL DEBATE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALSO ON PAGE 10.

SENATOR FISHER: ALL DEBATE IS FINISHED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHEN AN AMENDMENT IS OFFERED OR ANY OTHER MOTION IS MADE THE AMENDMENT OR OTHER MOTION THEN BECOMES THE QUESTION UNDER CONSIDERATION SO WE HAVE A QUESTION UNDER

CONSIDERATION AND I UNDERSTAND YOU WANT TO END DEBATE ON THE ENTIRE BILL AND THAT'S FINE WE CAN DO THAT LET'S JUST END THE DEBATE ON THE AMENDMENT FIRST SO ON THE MOTION FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION ON ON THE AMENDMENT FIRST PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON A PREVIOUS QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S CORRECT A PREVIOUS QUESTION WHICH IS THE AMENDMENT RIGHT NOW ONE TWO THREE FOUR.

SENATOR FISHER: FIVE SIX SEVEN EIGHT NINE TEN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PLEASE RAISE YOUR YOUR HANDS AGAIN SORRY ELEVEN OKAY HOLD ON.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ONE TWO THREE FOUR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT MOTION PASSES YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PEREZ AND THEN WE'LL TAKE A VOTE ON THAT AMENDMENT AND THEN WE WILL ENTERTAIN SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YEAH THIS AMENDMENT REALLY WAS TRYING TO ADDRESS THE VERY BASIC THING THAT WHAT WHAT ARE WE PROHIBITING AND RIGHT NOW THERE'S ONLY ONE THING PROHIBITED WHICH IS THAT ANY PERSON FIRM CORPORATION ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION IT'S UNLAWFUL FOR THAT THEM TO IMPORT SELL OR OFFER FOR SALE DISTRIBUTE STORE IT DOESN'T EVEN TALK ABOUT DISPOSING OR MANUFACTURING SO YOU KNOW MAKES YOU THINK THAT THIS IS NOW LE IT'S GOING TO BE LEGAL TO DISPOSE OF ANY TYPE OF INCENDIARY EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WITHOUT BEING UNLAWFUL OR EVEN MANUFACTURING FOR THAT MATTER I DON'T THINK THE SPONSOR OF THIS BILL HAD WAS CONTEMPLATING ON MAKING THIS LEGAL UNLESS THAT WAS REALLY THE INTENT TO ALLOW FOR THE LAWFUL DISPOSAL UNREGULATED DISPOSAL UNREGULATED MANUFACTURE OF INCENDIARY DEVICES THAT CAN CAUSE HARM ANYWHERE ON GUAM WITHOUT A LICENSE WITHOUT A PERMIT WITHOUT REGISTRATION THESE ARE THINGS THAT WE REQUIRE OF FIREARMS BUT HERE WE'RE ALLOWING A DEVICE THAT CAN HARM PROPERTY AND AND LIFE WITH THE THE MINIMAL AMOUNT OF PROTECTIONS THE MINIMAL AMOUNT OF REQUIREMENTS TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE OUR ENVIRONMENT THAT IS ALL THIS BILL DOES EVERYTHING ELSE IS OPEN THIS BILL IS WRITTEN NOT FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST FROM WHAT I CAN TELL IT'S WRITTEN FOR SPECIAL INTEREST SO IT MAKES ME WONDER THE YEAH I JUST I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WAY THIS LEGISLATURE IS GOING NOT EVEN PROTECTING THOSE OUR YOUTH IT DOESN'T MAKE IT UNLAWFUL BECAUSE THIS SECTION NEGATES WHAT'S IN THE OTHER SECTIONS SO NOT EVEN OUR YOUTH ARE PROTECTED AND THIS SUDDEN HYPERFOCUS ON PARLIAMENTARY RULE WHEN REALLY THE SPIRIT OF IT SPIRIT OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE IS TO PROTECT THE MINORITY WE'RE SEEING BULLY TACTICS OCCURRING HERE IN THIS BODY THIS IS NOT A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OUR PEOPLE WE WANT BULLYING TO STOP IN OUR SCHOOLS WHEN IT'S HAPPENING HERE IN THIS BODY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE WE CAN LOOK AT IT AND LOOK AT THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF IT BUT WE'RE MISSING THE SPIRIT OF THIS.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THE ONLY PEOPLE HERE THAT ARE NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES ARE THE PEOPLE DOING THE BULLYING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SAN NICOLAS WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED DO YOU HAVE A POINT OF ORDER SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THE PEOPLE ARE DOING THE BULLYING ARE THE ONES WHO ARE IN POWER RIGHT NOW THE SPEAKER COR ALL OF YOU GUYS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DO YOU HAVE A POINT OF ORDER.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YOU GUYS ALL BULLY US THAT'S WHAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING HERE THAT'S BAD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SAN NICOLAS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THAT'S RIGHT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THIS WHOLE BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR PEREZ YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH SO I JUST WANT TO SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE THIS BILL IS HARMFUL IT'S DANGEROUS WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THESE AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDE MORE SAFEGUARDS ESPECIALLY REQUIRING LICENSES PERMITS REGISTRATIONS FOR THE USE OF FIREWORKS THIS IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE BILL AND NOT PROTECTING OTHER AREAS ESPECIALLY FIRE HAZARD HAZARDOUS AREAS THIS IS A DANGEROUS BILL WITHOUT THE PASSAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT S *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR IS THERE AN OBJECTION TO THIS AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN.

SENATOR BARNETT: MA'AM CAN I MAKE A POINT OF INQUIRY ARE THEY REQUIRED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INQUIRY SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: ARE THEY REQUIRED THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ARE THEY REQUIRED TO TELL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WHY THEY WANT TO END DEBATE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NO SENATOR PLEASE ON THE AMENDMENT YOU HAVE THE AMENDMENT IN FRONT OF YOU ON THE PEREZ AMENDMENT THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ON THE AMENDMENT AMENDMENT FAILS SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MADAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE BILL.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RENEW MY MOTION FOR THE CALL OF THE PREVIOUS QUESTION INDICATING THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: OBJECTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THERE'S NO OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE THERE'S A MOTION ON THE PREVIOUS QUESTION THIS WILL END DEBATE ALL IN FAVOR OF THAT MOTION TO END THE DEBATE YOU'RE VOTING ON WHETHER TO END THE DEBATE OR NOT NOT ON THE BILL ITSELF RIGHT NOW SO ON THAT MOTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: ROLL ROLL CALL PLEASE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION YES.

SENATOR PEREZ: ROLL CALL PLEASE.

SENATOR FISHER: WE'VE CALLED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ROLL CALL CHRIS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S ONE TWO.

SENATOR FISHER: WHAT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ROLL CALL ROLL CALL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S TWO CALLS FOR ROLL CALL IT REQUIRES THREE TO HAVE A ROLL CALL.

SENATOR BARNETT: ROLL CALL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CLERK'S PLEASE TAKE ROLL CALL ON THE VOTE OF ON THE PREVIOUS QUESTION ON WHETHER TO END THE DEBATE.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE VOTE IS 10 AYES AND FIVE NAYS SO THE MOTION FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION PASSES SO WE ARE NOW ON THE MOTION DEBATE IS ENDED WE ARE NOW ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION OF THE BILL SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MOVE IT TO THE THIRD READING OR THE THE THE FILE FOR VOTING THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL IN THE THIRD READING FILE AS AMENDED IS THERE ANY OBJECTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES 11 WE NOW PROCEED UNDER SECOND READING WE ARE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 90-37 COR SENATOR QUINATA YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR QUINATA: MADAM SPEAKER A MOMENT'S RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PARDON SENATOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: JUST A MOMENT'S RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OH.

SENATOR QUINATA: JUST A MOMENT'S RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

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

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 90-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS AN ACT TO ADD ARTICLE ARTICLE 3 CHAPTER 18 TITLE ONE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO MANDATING ELECTRONIC REPORTING ON THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WAIT I'M SORRY ALL RIGHT SO THIS IS AS AMENDED COLLEAGUES THIS VERSION AS AMENDED HAS BEEN PASSED OUT PLEASE PROCEED SENATOR.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER DEAR COLLEAGUES I SEEK YOUR SUPPORT IN THE ACT ENACTMENT OF THIS BILL WHICH AIMS TO RE REAFFIRM OUR UNYIELDING COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE BETTERMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT THE PROPOSED MANDATE FOR ELECTRONIC REPORTING EMBODIED IN THE ARTICLE THREE OF CHAPTER 18 TITLE 1 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED SIGNIFIES A STEP FORWARD IN ENSURING THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS AND TRANSACTIONS ACCESSIBLE IS ACCESSIBLE AND AND IS SCRUTINIZED APPROPRIATELY THE BILL AIMS TO DE DEMOCRATIZE INFORMATION PLACING THE AND PLACING THE POWER INTO THE HANDS OF OUR CITIZENS AND ENSURING THE ETHICAL CONDUCT OF OUR OFFICIALS AS WE EMBARK IN THIS JOURNEY IN DIGITIZING OUR REPORT SYSTEM WE ARE ACTIVELY CHOOSING THE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR LACK OF CLARITY TRANSPARENCY FOR SECRECY THE LEGISLATION BEFORE US TODAY WOULD JUST SHIFT FROM PAPER TO DIGITAL IT'S A PARADIGM SHIFT TOWARDS AN OPEN AND

ACCESSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT THIS BILL WILL REQUIRE ALL REPORTS MANDATED BY THE PUBLIC LAW TO BE ELECTRONICALLY REPORTED AND SUBMITTED AND ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF THESE RECORDS ONLINE IN CONCLUSION OUR COMMITMENT TO THIS LEGISLATION STANDS AS A TESTAMENT TO THE TRUST WE PLACE IN OUR CITIZENS AND ACCOUNTABILITY WE EXPECT FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS I ASK MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING THIS LEGISLATION AND AS THIS THIS LEGISLATION EMBODIES THE VERY OF DEM DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY LET US EMBRACE THIS CHANCE TO BRING OUR GOVERNMENT INTO A DIGITAL AGE AND REINFORCE THE TRUST FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS THAT HAVE PLACED US IN THIS BODY THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DO HAVE A AMENDMENT TO PROFFER IF THAT COULD BE PASSED OUT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN WE PLEASE GET THE AMENDMENTS PASSED OUT SENATOR PEREZ YOU MAY PROCEED ON THE AMENDMENT IT'S BEEN PASSED OUT.

SENATOR PEREZ: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THE AMENDMENT READS TO AMEND SO IT'S ON LINE 7 THROUGH 14 PAGE TWO TO AMEND THE BILL TO READ SECTION 184 ELECTRIC ELECTRONIC REPORTING FOR ALL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ENTITIES SO IT ADDS THE THE LANGUAGE EXCEPT FOR REPORTS OR INFORMATION THAT WOULD VIOLATE THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OR THE DISCLOSURE OF WHICH IS OTHERWISE RESTRICTED BY LAW SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO VICTIMS REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE SEXUAL ASSAULT ELDERLY ABUSE FAMILY VIOLENCE ALL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM LINE AGENCIES INCLUDING AUTONOMOUS SEMI-AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES JUDICIARY SHALL SUBMIT REPORTS REQUIRED BY LAW TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* THE PUBLIC AUDITOR ATTORNEY GENERAL VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ELECTRONIC REPORTING SHALL MEAN POSTING THE REPORT ON THE AGENCY'S RESPECTIVE WEBSITE WITH A NOTIFICATION SENT VIA EMAIL WITH A REPORT ATTACHED TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* THE SPEAKER OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* THE PUBLIC AUDITOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM AND ANY ENTITY AS MANDATED BY LAW SO BASICALLY IT SPELLS OUT JUST FOR CLARITY'S SAKE THAT WE DON'T WANT TO SEND INFORMATION THAT'S IN VIOLATION FOR CERTAIN LAWS THAT ARE IN PLACE TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF OUR PEOPLE AS WELL AS WE DON'T WANT TO UNINTENTIONALLY VIOLATE ANY DISCLOSURE LAWS TOO AS WELL AND THAT THE REPORTS ALSO BE SENT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SO I THINK THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS BILL REALLY IS TO ENSURE THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE CUTTING PAPER WASTE OUT AND USING ELECTRONIC REPORTING AS THE MEANS THE MAIN THE MAIN MEANS OF OF SENDING REPORTS RATHER THAN USING PAPER I THINK THAT'S A THAT'S A NOBLE IDEA BUT JUST TO MAKE TO ADD MORE CLARIFICATION I THINK WOULD BE NECESSARY AND THAT'S WHAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT.

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

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT AS PROFFERED BY THE GOOD SENATOR FROM *BARRIGADA* BUT I I I I I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ALL INCLUSIVE BECAUSE IT NOTES HERE THAT THE THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM SHALL SUBMIT REPORTS REQUIRED BY LAW AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN THEY DO THE EXCEPTIONS BECAUSE SHE'S PUTTING AN EXEMPTION ON TOP THAT WE RE REITERATE I MEAN I KNOW THERE'S SOME CASES AS IT RELATES TO PINS PERSONS IN NEED THROUGH THE JUDICIAL PROCESS THAT THAT IS ALL INCLUSIVE SO IF I I KNOW I'M NOT AN ESQUIRE BUT I DO KNOW I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT BECAUSE THE JUDICIARY IS ALSO REPORTING THAT WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE INCLUSIVE OF THAT SO JUST JUST TO MAKE SURE IF IF WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS AND OUR JUST JUST TO CONFIRM WITH LEGAL TO MAKE SURE THAT BECAUSE WE'RE DOING THESE EXEMPTIONS THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT IT'S INCLUSIVE WITH THE WITH THE PERTINENT GUIDELINES THAT THE JUDICIARY HAS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WE'LL TAKE ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RECESS VICE SPEAKER PLEASE PROCEED ON THE ON THE AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' TALU'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECESS AND CONFER WITH LEGAL AND JUST WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT AS STATED WITH IN REFERENCE TO THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM AND THE LAWS THAT APPLY TO RECORDS THAT ARE SEALED MADAM SPEAKER I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE WERE INTACT AND CONFERRING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL YES THEY ARE STILL INTACT SO I I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND I THANK THE GOOD SENATOR FROM *BARRIGADA* FOR PROFFERING IT *SAINA MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SAINA MA'ÁSE'* ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT AND I JUST WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT WHEN WHEN SHE SHE IDENTIFIED WHICH IS OTHERWISE RESTRICTED BY LAW AS LONG AS EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT ANYTHING COMING OUT OF REVENUE AND TAX WHEN IT DEALS WITH TAXES IS RESTRICTED BY LAW MAY IT BE GOVGUAM LAW OR NOT IT'S FEDERAL LAW YOU CANNOT DISCLOSE THAT INFORMATION SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THAT CLEAR UNDERSTANDING YOU YOU CAN'T TALK TOO MUCH ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS THAT REVENUE AND TAX PUBLICLY THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THAT'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT SENATOR PEREZ YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT SHE'S WAIVING CLOS CLOSING SO IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THIS AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PEREZ YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR ON THE BILL.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE I THINK IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE MOVE INTO THE THE MODERN AGE AND TRY TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF PAPER THAT WE'RE USING CONSUMING YEAH I THINK IT'S JUST ALSO EASIER TO MANAGE WHEN IT COMES TO OUR AGENCIES THEY ARE BURDENED BY THE AMOUNT OF STORAGE THAT THEY NEED TO PLACE THESE DOCUMENTS WHICH THEN CAN ALSO DETERIORATE PRETTY QUICKLY BUT I THINK ALSO IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT OUR AGENCIES AS WE MOVE TOWARDS ELECTRONIC REPORTING THAT WE NEED TO ENSURE ITS PROTECTION FOR THE FOR OUR PUBLIC THE INTEREST OF OUR PUBLIC SO I THANK MY COLLEAGUES AND I I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS THANK YOU.

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

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE'LL MAKE THIS SHORT MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER ON ON ON ON THE EFFORTS ON SUPPORTING THIS MEASURE I'D LIKE TO THANK THE GOOD SENATOR FROM *BARRIGADA* AND *YIGO* FOR PROFFERING THIS AND AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO NOTE FOR THE RECORD IF HE COULD AFFORD ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF HIS CO-SPONSORSHIP WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY FOR THE RECORD THAT I STAND AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL NUMBER 90-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE THIS MANDATING OF ELECTRONIC REPORTING FOR ALL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ENTITIES WILL LITERALLY GIVE THE TRANSPARENCY AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF WHAT'S NEEDED I KNOW THAT A LOT OF US MADAM SPEAKER OR SOME OF US HERE IN THE OLD GUARD SOMETIMES HARD COPY REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE BUT IN THE EFFORTS OF MAKING SURE THE ELECTRONIC VERSION IS THERE AND THAT THERE IS A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN FIND IT LOOKING THROUGH THE AGENT IT JUST GIVES IT EASIER AND ACCESSIBLE AND MORE TRANSPARENT OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE AGENCY AND HAVING THAT ELECTRONIC VERSION FOR ALL ENTITIES THIS IS A VERY VERY GOOD BILL SO I STAND IN RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND THANK THE GOOD AUTHOR FOR FOR PROFFERING THIS LEGISLATION *SAINA MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SAINA MA'ÁSE'* ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO' LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO ADD AS A CO-SPONSOR AGAIN SENATOR AND VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS SENATOR TOM FISHER SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON SENATOR JESSE LUJAN NO ONE ELSE OKAY ON TO ME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO ADD.

SENATOR QUINATA: OH AND SENATOR WILL PARKINSON.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CLERKS DO YOU HAVE THE MOTION ALL RIGHT SO ON THAT MOTION TO ADD CO-SPONSORS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR SENATOR QUINATA.

SENATOR QUINATA: THE PASSING OF THIS BILL WOULD MARK AS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS STRENGTHENING OUR GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY BY MANDATING ELECTRONIC REPORTING FOR ALL OUR GOVERNMENT ENTITIES WE ARE ENSURING THE THAT INFORMATION IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO OUR PUBLIC AND THOSE AND THAT OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS FURTHERMORE THIS BILL PROMOTES EFFICIENCY AND COST EFFECTIVENESS BY REDUCING THE USE OF PAPER AND PROMOTING THE USE OF DIGITAL PLATFORMS THIS NOT ONLY BENEFITS THE ENVIRONMENT BUT ALSO SAVES THE TAXPAYERS MONEY IN ADDITION THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC REPORTING WILL ALSO INCREASE THE ACCURACY AND TIMELESS TIMELINESS OF REPORTING AND PROVIDE OUR CITIZENS WITH THE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AND PREVENTING ANY POTENTIAL DELAYS OR DISCREPANCIES WE MUST CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABLY IN ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT IT IS OUR DUTY AS ELECTED OFFICIALS TO SERVE AS A PUBLIC AND INTEGRITY WITH SER SERVE THE PUBLIC WITH INTEGRITY AND HONESTY AND THIS ACT SERVES AS A CRUCIAL STEP IN FULFILLING THAT DUTY SO LET US WORK TOGETHER AND IMPLEMENT THESE CHANGES AND CONTINUE TO UPHOLD THE VALUES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE THIS THE PASSING OF THIS BILL IS JUST ONE STEP IN A LARGER EFFORT TO CREATE MORE TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT *UN D'ANGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND DEDICATION TO THIS CAUSE BIBA OH AND THEN I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE IT TO THE THIRD READING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* SENATOR SO ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 90- 37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES COLLEAGUES WE'VE EXHAUSTED OUR SECOND READING FILE WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A RECESS BEFORE WE MOVE INTO THE THIRD READING FILE SO THAT WE CAN ENGROSS BILL NUMBER NINE AND THE LAST BILL NUMBER 90 THAT WE JUST FINISHED SO WE'RE GOING TO RECESS UNTIL 4:00 P.M. THE CLERKS HAVE SAID THE BILLS CAN BE READY FOR VOTE AT 4:00 P.M. TODAY PARDON 3:00 P.M. ALL RIGHT IT'S A LITTLE BIT HARD ON THE CLERKS BUT THEY'RE AGREEING IF YOU WANT IT AT 3:00 WE CAN MOVE IT TO 3:00 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO RECESSING UNTIL 3:00.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NO OBJECTION SO WE'RE GOING TO RECESS UNTIL 3:00 AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO CONSIDER THE.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE FILE YES.

SENATOR SHELTON: BEFORE YOU GAVEL DOWN IF I CAN MAKE A MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NOTWITHSTANDING.

SENATOR SHELTON: NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS ALL RIGHT SO WE'RE GOING TO RECESS UNTIL 3:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE DAILY FILE RECESS UNTIL 3:00.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WELCOME BACK AND GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUĀHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION FROM RECESS AND WE ARE NOW ON ITEM 18 THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE THIRD READING FILE WE'LL BEGIN WITH OUR FIRST ITEM UNDER THIRD READING IS BILL NUMBER 54-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 54-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE AGRICULTURE POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES PUBLIC TRANSIT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM A. PARKINSON JOANNE BROWN DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 633102 63103 63104 63105 63106 63107 63108 63109 63110 63113 63116.2 63119 63125 63129 63130 63131 63132 AND 63133 OF ARTICLE 1 CHAPTER 63 TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO GAME AND FISH REGULATIONS PROTECTING OUR MARINE PRESERVES STANDARDIZING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF GAME AND FISH ST FISH STATUTES AND THE ADJUDICATION PROC PROCESS THEREOF.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 54-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND BILL NUMBER 54-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 113-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 113-37 LS AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY CHRIS BARNETT THERESE M. TERLAJE SABINA FLORES PEREZ TELO T. TAITAGUE JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN FRANK BLAS, JR. JOANNE BROWN CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS THOMAS J. FISHER JESSE A. LUJAN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES WILLIAM A. PARKINSON ROY A. B. QUINATA DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS AMANDA L. SHELTON AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3103P OF ARTICLE 1 CHAPTER 3 TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO RESTORING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT AUDIT REQUIREMENTS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 113-37 LS RECEIVED 14 AYES AND ONE NAY BILL NUMBER 113-37 LS IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 29-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: RESOLUTION NUMBER 29-37 COR INTRODUCED BY JESSE A. LUJAN FRANK BLAS, JR. TELO T. TAITAGUE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS WILLIAM A. PARKINSON JOANNE BROWN DWANYE T.D. SAN NICOLAS ROY A. B. QUINATA SABINA FLORES PEREZ RELATIVE TO REQUESTING FOR THE U.S. CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR GUAM NON-MILITARY RESIDENTS WHO WERE EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE AND WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM ALIGNMENTS CAUSED BY EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RESOLUTION NUMBER 29-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY ADOPTED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 173-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 173-37 COR AS AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE INTRODUCED BY THERESE M. TERLAJE TELO T. TAITAGUE CHRIS BARNETT JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN SABINA FLORES PEREZ DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS AMANDA L. SHELTON TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES FRANK BLAS, JR. JOANNE BROWN CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS THOMAS J. FISHER JESSE A. LUJAN WILLIAM A. PARKINSON ROY A. B. QUINATA AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$15,828,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GUAM GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR A THREE-

MONTH EXTENSION TO TO THE *PRUGRÅMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA* ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH \$300 CREDIT TOWARD THEIR ACCOUNT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 173-37 COR RECEIVED NINE AYES AND SIX NAYS BILL NUMBER 173-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 97-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 97-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY ROY A. B. QUINATA TELO T. TAITAGUE JESSE A. LUJAN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AMANDA L. SHELTON JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN WILLIAM A. PARKINSON DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS THOMAS J. FISHER SABINA FLORES PEREZ CHRIS BARNETT FRANK BLAS, JR. THERESE M. TERLAJE JOANNE BROWN CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS AN ACT TO TRANSFER LOT NUMBER 106-1 BLOCK 12 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF *INALAHÁN* FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE *INALAHÁN* BAPTIST CHURCH TO THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS IN CONSULTATION WITH LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL THE TITLE MAY NOT EXACTLY MATCH THE BILL AS THE BILL WAS AMENDED AND FOR EXAMPLE THE WORD TRANSFER SO IS THERE A MOTION TO ALLOW LEGAL TO MAKE THOSE TECHNICAL CHANGES AND AND JUST TO GIVE YOU A HEADS UP THAT THAT MIGHT CHANGE AFTER VOTE.

SENATOR QUINATA: YES MADAM SPEAKER PLEASE MAKE I I WOULD ASK IF LEGAL CAN MAKE THOSE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS THAT'S ALL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR QUINATA ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION PARDON YES YES THANK YOU THAN YOU.

SENATOR QUINATA: FOR THE RECORD NOTWITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE IN LINE M I ALLOW LEGAL TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS SO I MAKE A MOTION FOR LEGAL TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SO THE CLERK'S READ THE TITLE WE'LL NOW DO ROLL CALL ON THE BILL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 97-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY WE ARE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR AS SUBSTITUTED AND AMENDED ON THE FLOOR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR AS SUBSTITUTE AS SUBSTITUTED AND AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN ROY A. B. QUINATA TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES WILLIAM A. PARKINSON THERESE M. TERLAJE JESSE A. LUJAN THOMAS J. FISHER AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 58109 AND 58110 OF CHAPTER 58 AND ADD A NEW CHAPTER 58B TO DIVISION 3 OF TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF THE USE OF CONSUMER GRADE FIREWORKS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR RECEIVED NINE AYES AND SIX NAYS BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 90- 37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 90-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY ROY A. B. QUINATA TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS THOMAS J. FISHER AMANDA L. SHELTON JESSE A. LUJAN WILLIAM A. PARKINSON AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 18 OF TITLE 1 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO MANDATING ELECTRONIC REPORTING FOR ALL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ENTITIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 90- 37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WE'VE CONCLUDED WITH THE THIRD READING FILE WE ARE NOW IN THE VOTING FILE ON THE NOMINATION OF SORRY IS EVERYBODY READY ON THE NOMINATION OF DOREEN T. CRISOSTOMO MUÑA, PHD TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DOREEN T. CRISOSTOMO MUÑA, PHD RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF MARGARITA FELICITAS B. ANGEL TO SERVE AS A MEMBER RETIRED TEACHER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR OF GDOE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM BOARD OF THE GUAM EDUCATION BOARD ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MARGARITA FELICITAS B. ANGEL RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF JOANNA T. CHUN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM BOARD OF REGENTS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: JOANNA T. CHUN RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF JESSIE G. GARCIA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE A.B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: JESSE G. GARCIA RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF LULENE C. SAN AGUSTIN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: LULENE C SAN AGUSTIN RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF ROSANNA D. SAN MIGUEL TISTON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER GENERAL PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROSANNA D. SAN MIGUEL TISTON RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF ALEXANDER D. WIELAARD, MD TO SERVE AS A MEMBER PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALEXANDER D WIELAARD, MD RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF ROLANDO C. ZEPEDA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER VISUAL ARTS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL OR CAHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLANDO C. ZEPEDA RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF DOROTHY PEREZ HARRIS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR DUEÑAS VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DOROTHY PEREZ HARRIS RECEIVED MAJORITY SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR DUEÑAS VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON

SPEAKER TERLAJE: JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ NOMINATION DID NOT PASS PARDON.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WE'RE ON THE NOMINATION OF MONIQUE R.C. STORIE, PHD TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MONIQUE R.C. STORIE, PHD RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF NICOLE R. NELSON SORRY ON THE NOMINATION OF NICOLE B. NELSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NICOLE B. NELSON RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF NOLAN G.T. FLORES TO SERVE AS A MEMBER GENERAL PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NOLAN G.T. FLORES RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'VE CONCLUDED OUR OUR VOTING FILE WE'RE NOW ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS THE FLOOR IS OPEN THERE'S ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER TODAY IS A SIGNIFICANT DAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND OUR CHERISHED NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WITH THE PASSAGE OF BILL 54-37 WE HAVE TAKEN A RESOLUTE STEP FORWARD ENSURING THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF OUR MARINE PRESERVES CORAL AND TERRESTRIAL ANIMALS OUR ACTIONS TODAY REFLECT OUR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO OUR ISLAND'S ENVIRONMENT BIODIVERSITY AND ITS VITAL ECOSYSTEMS I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT EXPRESS MY DEEP GRATITUDE TO MY FELLOW SENATORS IN THE DRAFTING AND REFINEMENT OF BILL 54-37 YOUR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK AND COLLEGIALLY HAVE BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF EXCEPTIONAL WE HAVE NOT ONLY WORKED TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF BIPARTISANSHIP BUT HAVE STRENGTHENED THIS BILL ENSURING IT IS ROBUST AND EFFECTIVE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION AS WE MOVE FORWARD LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS AND THE POSITIVE CHANGE WE CAN AFFECT WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER THIS IS NOT ONLY A WIN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BUT A TESTAMENT TO WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED WHEN WE ACT IN UNITY FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF GUAM AND ITS PEOPLE I REMEMBER REMARKING TO MY STAFF AFTER OUR DISCUSSION ON THIS BILL THAT THIS WAS THE KINDEST DEBATE I HAD SEEN IN THE GUAM LEGISLATURE WE REALLY CAME TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS BILL BETTER AND DO THE RIGHT THING WITH THAT KIND OF START TO SESSION I REALLY DID NOT SEE THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS OF SESSION COMING WAS THIS THE SAME LEGISLATURE THAT HAD THE DISCUSSIONS ON BILL 54-37 I SENSED NO EGO NO POLITICAL BACKBITING NO GRANDSTANDING IT WAS JUST DOING THE WORK AND MOVING FORWARD WITH POSITIVE CHANGES FOR GUAM I HOPE AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THIS LEGISLATURE I HOPE WE CAN HAVE MORE DISCUSSIONS THAT WERE LIKE 54-37 CLOSING I WANT TO ASK THAT WE ALL PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE GUAM LEGISLATURE TOO WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR MADAM SPEAKER I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AT THIS POINT MADAM SPEAKER I'M SURE I MUST BE BLUE IN THE FACE AFTER ALL THE DEBATE BACK AND FORTH AND TRYING TO GET A POINT ACROSS TO THIS BODY THAT PASSED BILL 9 UNANIMOUSLY YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER AS IT STANDS IS THE MOST SENSELESS UNSAFE PIECE OF LEGISLATION WE'VE ENTERTAINED THIS TERM THE VOTE THE VOTE AGAINST SAFETY AMENDMENTS IS A SLAP IN THE FACE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND A DIRECT BOLDFACED LIE FROM THOSE WHO SAY THEY PRIORITIZE PUBLIC SAFETY I STOOD UP AND FOUGHT FOR THIS BILL TO HAVE AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD PROTECT OUR ISLAND OUR BEAUTIFUL ISLAND AND HER PEOPLE WHAT KEPT ME GOING WERE THE PHONE CALLS THE TEXT MESSAGES THE EMAILS FROM EVERYONE NOT JUST CERTAIN PEOPLE EVERYONE FIREMEN NURSES PEOPLE I JUST SEE ON THE STREET WHEN I'M HAVING LUNCH PEOPLE CALLING MYSELF SAYING DON'T GIVE UP THE FIGHT KEEP FIGHTING FOR OUR PEOPLE IT IS A SAD SAD DAY TODAY THERE IS NO REASON FOR ANY OF US TO VOTE YES ON BILL NINE NONE TO HAVE FUN LIKE I SAID CHUCK-E-CHEESE IS FOR FUN IN THIS BODY IT'S SERIOUS BUSINESS IT'S ABOUT PROTECTING OUR PEOPLE IT'S OBVIOUS THAT NOBODY SEEMS TO CARE AT LEAST NINE PEOPLE DON'T SEEM TO CARE THIS IS SO SAD YES GO HOME SLEEP AT NIGHT IF YOU CAN IF YOU CAN GET THOSE ROSARIES OUT LIGHT THOSE CANDLES PRAY TO GOD THAT NOBODY GETS HURT OR LOSES A HOUSE LOSES A LIMB OR GOD FORBID LOSES A LIFE BECAUSE THIS BODY HERE DID NOT PUT ANY SAFETY MECHANISMS IN THERE AT ALL AND I'M PRETTY SURE THE MAYORS ARE LIVID AT THIS POINT BECAUSE THEY'RE THE ONES ON THE FRONT LINE SHAME ON EVERYONE HERE I'M SO DISGUSTED RIGHT NOW YOU ARE PUTTING OUR FIREMEN IN DANGER YOU'RE PUTTING OUR CHILDREN IN DANGER BECAUSE YOU REFUSED AMENDMENTS TO MAKE IT SAFER YOU REFUSED I'M GOING TO KEEP FIGHTING INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO APPEAL THIS LAW AFTER YOU HEAR FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS AFTER EVERYONE WHO VOTED FOR THIS BILL HEARS FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS WHAT A BIG MISTAKE YOU MADE I DIDN'T VOTE YOU TO BE A SENATOR TO MAKE LAWS LIKE THIS THAT WOULD HURT OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR PEOPLE I DIDN'T VOTE FOR YOU TO DO THAT AND MAKES ME WONDER DO YOU THINK ANYONE WHO VOTED FOR BILL 9 IS GOING TO CARE WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY YOU REALLY THINK THEY'RE GOING TO CARE WELL WHEN YOU SEE THOSE NINE PEOPLE MAKE SURE YOU GO UP TO THEM AND TELL THEM EXACTLY

HOW YOU FEEL HOPEFULLY THEN THEY'LL VOTE ON A BILL THAT REPEALS BILL 9 IT WAS A DISINGENUOUS UNBELIEVABLE BILL AND YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO VOTED AGAINST THIS BILL SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SENATOR JOANNE BROWN SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE AND MYSELF VOTED AGAINST THIS BILL BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR ISLAND ALSO SENATOR FRANK BLAS WHO I'M KNOWN FIREMEN ALWAYS GO UP TO HIM AND THANK HIM FOR REMEMBERING THEM AND KEEPING THEM SAFE FROM HARM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THANK YOU MINORITY LEADER AND ALL THOSE NAMES THAT I MENTIONED PLEASE TO THE PUBLIC THOSE ARE YOUR HEROES THOSE WHO STOOD UP FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR ISLAND AND HER PEOPLE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF VICE SPEAKER COULD YOU SWITCH.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE EXTENSION OF REMARKS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND AGAIN THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE ENERGY CREDIT BILL FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND FOR RECOGNIZING THE NEED THAT THEY HAVE AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL I'M SURE THE PEOPLE ARE VERY GRATEFUL IT'S THE END OF OCTOBER SO THIS CREDIT MIGHT NOT GO INTO PLACE FOR OCTOBER BUT I'M HOPING GPA WILL BE ABLE TO WORK IT OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF THE GOVERNOR SIGNS THE BILL I JUST WANTED TO SAY A FEW WORDS UNDER EXTENSION OF REMARKS AND I KNOW MY TIME IS VERY LIMITED BUT I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT ON OBSERVATIONS IT'S A SAD ONE YOU KNOW I BELIEVED THAT WHEN WE WERE ELECTED WE WERE ELECTED NOT NECESSARILY TO COME IN HERE WITH OUR PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS AND INSIST THAT THOSE WERE CORRECT I REALLY ALTHOUGH THEY REVIEWED ALL OUR RECORDS AND OUR EXPERIENCE AND I AM SURE VOTED BECAUSE OF YOUR EXPERIENCE AND OUR EXPERIENCE AND WANTED THAT TO BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION THEY ALSO VOTED THAT WHO THEY THOUGHT WOULD LISTEN LISTEN TO THEM TO THE PEOPLE LISTEN TO EACH OTHER LISTEN TO ALL THE AGENCIES THE EXPERTS AND THEN DEBATE AND DEBATE IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THIS PROCESS OUR JOB IS TO MAKE POLICY IT'S NOT TO GO HAMMER DOWN THE NAILS IT'S TO MAKE THE POLICY AND IN ORDER TO MAKE BETTER POLICY THAT'S WHERE THIS SYSTEM OF DEBATE CAME IN IT'S THROW ALL THE IDEAS ON MAKE THEM BETTER MAKE THEM BETTER WITH A DEBATE SHOW DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES PERSPECTIVES ARE IMPORTANT AND I HAVE BEEN CONVINCED ON THIS FLOOR NUMEROUS TIMES BY THE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES THAT I HAVE HEARD THAT I WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN ON MY LIMITED KNOWLEDGE SO I THINK TO MAKE THE POLICY BETTER DEBATE IS GOOD IT'S ESSENTIAL IT'S CRITICAL IT'S PART OF THE PROCESS THAT THE UNITED STATES FOUNDERS CREATED WHEN THEY CREATED THIS TYPE OF A DEMOCRACY I THINK FOR ME ON GUAM ONE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT PARTS OF DEBATE IS THAT WHEN WE HAVE VERY CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES I THINK THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE ABSOLUTELY FULLY ENTITLED TO HEAR EVERY POINT OF VIEW SO THAT THEY CAN UNDERSTAND HOW WE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT WE DID SO THAT OUR RECORDS WILL SHOW FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS WHY WE DECIDED CERTAIN THINGS WHY WE WANTED TO MAKE A RANGE OF 50 TO A THOUSAND YOU KNOW FEET FROM THE EXPLOSION OF FIREWORKS IT'S IT'S GOING TO SHOW WHAT WE KNEW AT THE TIME AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT ALSO FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO KNOW WHEN THEY'RE DEBATING POLICY THAT THEY CAN EASILY SAY WELL THEY KNEW THIS AT THE TIME AND THAT'S WHY THEY DID THAT IT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT FOR COURTS TO KNOW WHAT WE INTENDED AT THE TIME WHEN OUR WORDS ARE NOT PERFECT AND SO IT'S BEEN DURING THIS TERM THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE THAT WE HAVE USED THIS MOTION FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION WE'VE USED IT AT LEAST THREE TIMES MAYBE MORE ONE WAS ON A BILL DISCUSSING THE BURNING AND OPEN DETONATION TO CUT OFF THE DEBATE ONE WAS ON A BILL AUTHORIZING OR NOT WHETHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAN OPEN WITHOUT AN INSPECTION CUT OFF THE DEBATE AND AGAIN AS WE ALL SEEN ON THE FIREWORKS BILL WE MIGHT HAVE DONE IT IN THE BUDGET BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER VERY CLEARLY I THINK WE DID AND THAT'S A BUDGET SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT'S OUR SOLE JOB IS TO PASS A BUDGET BUT YOU KNOW I I MY MEMORY IS NOT PERFECT BUT I'VE SERVED AS COUNSEL FOR THE GUAM LEGISLATURE FOR AT LEAST 25 YEARS AND THE MAJORITY OR THE MINORITY AND I NEVER REMEMBER THEM CUTTING OFF DEBATE IN FACT ONE OF MY BEST OR MY BEST MEMORIES OF THE GUAM LEGISLATURE IN THOSE DAYS WAS THEIR DEBATE I LOVED IT I LOVED TO SEE THE TWIST THAT SOMEONE PUTS A NEW IDEA ON AND I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT AND YOU CAN SEE ALL AROUND THE ROOM THAT'S ANOTHER THING TO ADD OR THAT'S ANOTHER IDEA THAT THEY DIDN'T THINK OF OR ANOTHER WAY TO MAKE THE BILL BETTER AND

THAT'S HOW I KNEW THAT WE HAD SOME FANTASTIC AWESOME ORDERS AND I SAW IT FIRSHTHAND AND I DIDN'T GROW UP I GREW UP IN I DON'T KNOW BUT THAT THAT CEMENTED FOR ME THAT THE *CHAMORUS* ARE AWESOME ORATORS THAT'S OUR LEGACY NOT MINE I AM NOT AN ORATOR BUT BOY WERE THEY AND THEY WERE NEVER AFRAID TO DEBATE I REMEMBER SOME OF THOSE DEBATES WERE SO HARD EMOTIONAL IN MY MIND TED NELSON IS A LEGEND BECAUSE TED NELSON WHEN IT CAME TO WE NEED TO STAND UP FOR THE PEOPLE HE WOULD STAND UP AND HE COULD GO ON FOR A DAY AND NO ONE DARED TO INTERRUPT HIM OR TELL HIM HE HAD TO STOP I REMEMBER IN THOSE DAYS SEEING FIRSHTHAND WHAT'S A FILIBUSTER BECAUSE THEY WERE ALLOWED TO SPEAK FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME WHEN THEY WERE STUCK ON A DECISION AND THEY NEEDED MORE TIME I MEAN I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY DID IT I CAN'T READ THEIR MINDS BUT I COULD SEE WHAT THAT WORD MEANT FIRSHTHAND BUT I NEVER SAW A NEGATIVE TO THE DEBATE ALWAYS A POSITIVE ALWAYS A YOU KNOW A MARK FORBES IDEA JOANNE BROWN SHE WAS SO YOUNG SHE WAS A DEBATER BEN PANGELINAN YOU KNOW SOMETIMES YOU COULD SEE THE EMOTION IN WHAT THEY'RE SAYING AND YOU MIGHT NOT AGREE WITH IT BUT YOU CAN ALSO SEE THEIR WISDOM AND THEIR CARE AND I THINK WE SHOULD PUT THAT ON FULL DISPLAY WHEN WE HAVE VERY CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES I ALSO THINK WE ARE HERE TO VOTE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT ARE NOT VOTING ON WHETHER TO PASS ONE BILL OR NOT THEY'RE RELYING ON US TO FULLY EDUCATE OURSELVES BEFORE WE VOTE THEY ARE RELYING ON US TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND HOW CAN WE KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT IF WE CANNOT DEBATE THE BILLS SO I'M JUST GOING TO PUT THAT ON THE RECORD I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE DEBATE NOT LESS IN THIS BODY I THINK THAT IS CRITICAL FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO COME ALONG WITH US AND UNDERSTAND WHY WE ARE DOING WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WHO WE ARE DOING IT FOR AND ON THAT NOTE I HAVE TWO BILLS I WANT TO PARTICULARLY TALK ABOUT ONE IS THE FIREWORKS BILL I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO DEBATE ON THAT BILL BUT I HAD INFORMED THE SPONSOR PRIOR TO THE BILL EVEN BEING PUT ON THE SESSION AGENDA THAT ALTHOUGH MY NAME WAS ON THE BILL AS A SPONSOR I HAD CHANGED MY MIND LATER ON AND INFORMED HIM THAT I WAS GOING TO REMOVE MY NAME AS A SPONSOR I WAS NOT ALLOWED TO MAKE THAT MOTION ON THE FLOOR BECAUSE DEBATE WAS CUT OFF BUT I PUT MY NAME ON THAT BILL BECAUSE I AGREED WITH THE INTENT OF THE SPONSOR THAT WAS EXPRESSED TO ME AT THE TIME THAT IF FIREWORKS ON NEW YEAR'S WOULD DECREASE THE USE OF FIREARMS ON NEW YEAR'S I'M ALL FOR IT THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SEE I DID NOT SEE THAT TYPE OF TESTIMONY IN THE PUBLIC HEARING OR IN THE TESTIMONY THAT CAME IN AND SO I'M NOT CONVINCED THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE REPLACING FIREARMS WITH FIREWORKS IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE JUST GOING TO BE ADDING FIREWORKS TO FIREARMS THAT'S WHAT I CAN TELL AT THIS POINT AND THE OTHER THING OF COURSE IS THAT MANY AGENCIES DID COME IN AND TELL US THE HARMS AND PEOPLE WITH THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES BUT MORE CRITICAL TO ME WAS THESE AGENCIES COMING IN AND TELLING US THIS WILL CAUSE HARM UNLESS WE CAN MITIGATE IT WE CANNOT MITIGATE IT WITHOUT EXTENSIVE REGULATIONS WHICH ARE NOT IN THIS BILL WE CANNOT MITIGATE IT WITHOUT EXTENSIVE RESOURCES SO WHEN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAME IN AND SAID THEY DIDN'T TAKE A POSITION THAT'S THEIR FORMAL REPLY BUT IF YOU READ WHAT THEY SAID IN DETAIL IT SAYS THEY NEEDED REGULATIONS MANY OF THEM THEY NEEDED RESOURCES MANY OF THEM AND THAT THERE WAS NO WAY THAT IF WE ADDED THIS BURDEN TO THEM THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF IT WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION AND SO I FEEL FOR FOR THOSE PROTECTORS OF OURS AND OUR COMMUNITY WHO WE ARE PLACING A HUGE AND BIGGER BURDEN ON IF WE CANNOT TAKE CARE OF THEM AS WELL THAT WAS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FIREFIGHTERS THEY SAID THERE WERE SEVEN I THINK OF THEM THAT'S ALL AND THEY TALKED ABOUT THE RISK ACROSS OUR ISLAND FROM FIRES IN THE FOREST THE GUAM EPA AND MAYORS SO I JUST WANTED TO EXPLAIN MY VOTE ON THAT BILL AND AGAIN TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR RECOGNITION AS WELL THAT WHEN IT COMES TO THINGS LIKE FUNDING SOURCES OR OR THE FISCAL REPORTS OF OF THE ADMINISTRATION WE ARE THE THIRD BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO DO WHAT THEY PUT US IN HERE AND THAT'S CHECKS AND BALANCES AND THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION AND THAT INCLUDES IDEAS THAT INCLUDES FLUSHING OUT WHETHER WE HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS OR WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS OR FLUSHING OUT WHAT THE PRIORITIES THAT WE ARE GOING TO HOLD SINCE WE ARE THE POLICYMAKERS VERSUS ALLOWING SITTING BACK AND ALLOWING THE EXPENDITURES ON LESSER PRIORITY ITEMS THE ENERGY CREDIT BILL WAS GOING TO GIVE ONLY THREE MONTHS OF RELIEF THIS TIME NOT THE FIVE MONTHS LIKE THE LAST TIME AND I KNOW THIS IS GOING TO BE VERY HARD FOR THE PEOPLE WHEN IT ENDS BUT I'M PRAYING THAT WE'RE GOING TO FIND ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PROVIDE RELIEF I'M STILL CONVINCED THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS IN NEED OF THIS RELIEF AND THEY ARE IN NEED OF ANY TYPE OF RELIEF THAT WE CAN GRANT THEM *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TO MY COLLEAGUES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER THERESE SENATOR TOM FISHER ON THE EXTENSION OF REMARKS.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD REMIND THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS THE FIRST BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT WE ARE NOT THE THIRD BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT MERELY LOOK AT YOUR CONSTITUTION MA'AM WE HAVE HEARD AN ARGUMENT THAT I WOULD CHARACTERIZE AS AN ATTEMPT TO DIVERT THE ACTUAL PROBLEMS OUR ATTENTION FROM THE ACTUAL PROBLEMS WHICH OCCURRED IN THE COURSE OF THIS SESSION THEY WERE UNFORTUNATE IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH CUTTING OFF DEBATE THAT IS VERBAL LEISURE DEMAND IT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO TRICK US IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH CUTTING OFF DEBATE THE UNFORTUNATE FRICTION THAT AROSE IN THIS PARTICULAR SESSION WHICH I HOPE WE WILL NOT SEE AGAIN AROSE AS A RESULT OF THE SPEAKER OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE'S CONSISTENT REFUSAL TO FOLLOW THE RULES THAT WE HAVE CREATED AND ADOPTED INCLUDING MASON'S MANUAL THE SPEAKER BREAKS FAITH WITH EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BODY SHE SITS ANY SPEAKER HE OR SHE SITS IN THE CHAIR AS A RESULT OF AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH IN HIS OR HER ABILITY TO LEAD I WOULD PUT TO THE BODY THAT WE HAVE SEEN A FAILURE IN THAT LEADERSHIP THE TIME PERHAPS IS NOT YET RIPE TO ADDRESS THAT BUT FOR ANY SPEAKER OR ANY LEADER TO BREAK FAITH WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE BODY IS TO INVITE VACATION OF THAT CHAIR AS WE GO FORWARD FOLLOW THE RULES KEEP FAITH WITH US IF YOU DO SO MA'AM IF YOU KEEP FAITH WITH US I PROMISE YOU WE WILL KEEP FAITH WITH YOU IT'S ENTIRELY UP TO YOU THANK YOU.

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU FOR THAT SENATOR FISHER ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS SENATOR SHELTON ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS NO PARDON IS THERE A MOTION NO I'M WE'RE ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER EARLIER THIS YEAR WE WENT UP TO SAIPAN AND MY TEAM AND I OVER THE WEEKEND WE WALKED INTO STORES GO AND GET THEM QUITE EASILY YOU KNOW AND WE VISITED SOME OF THE WAREHOUSE THE WAREHOUSE THAT WHERE THEY STORED THEM WE SPOKE TO THEIR LEGISLATORS WE SPOKE TO THEIR LEADERS AND IT WAS VERY POSITIVE THEY THEY WERE KIND OF HAPPY THAT I WAS INTRODUCING THIS BILL AND AND SO AND SO WAS I SO WE WE WENT AND WE PURCHASED SOME FIREWORKS AND EVERYBODY WAS SO EXCITED WHEN WE WERE PURCHASING FIREWORKS AND THEY WERE ASKING US WHERE WERE WE GOING TO LET THEM OFF AND WE SAID WE'RE GOING TO GO DOWN TO THE BEACH AND IT JUST SO HAPPENED THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE SPEAKER REPRESENTATIVE VILLAGOMEZ I ASKED HIM I SAID YOU KNOW I WAS A LITTLE SCARED BECAUSE I HAVEN'T PLAYED WITH FIREWORKS FOR A WHILE CAN YOU BE THE ONE TO LIGHT IT UP AND SHOW ME HOW THAT'S I THINK THAT'S HOW WE ALL ARE HERE BECAUSE YOU KNOW FIREWORKS IS ILLEGAL HERE BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME TO GET TO KNOW IT SO HE EVENTUALLY PULLED ONE OUT AND POPPED IT AND WE ALL SAT AROUND AND WE WE LAUGHED AND WE WERE AMAZED AT HOW EASY AND HOW SIMPLY YOU CAN DO THAT IN SAIPAN AND IT WAS IT WAS A SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT ACTUALLY BLEW OUT OUR FIRST FIREWORKS AND SO I ASKED HIM I SAID HOW HOW DID YOU GUYS DEAL WITH THIS OVER THE YEARS HE SAYS YOU KNOW WE HAD TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS THROUGH THE YEARS REGARDING OUR FIREWORKS BUT WE NEVER MADE IT ILLEGAL SO THEY MODIFIED IT AND THEY MODIFIED IT AND ONE OF THE MODIFICATIONS WAS HOW WERE THEY GOING TO STORE IT HOW THEY WERE GOING TO TRANSFER IT FROM THE PORT TO TO TO STORAGE AND ALL THAT STUFF ALL THAT STUFF I'M TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION AND BUT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES AND YOU I'M PROBABLY PROBABLY RUNNING OUT OF TIME HERE I'D LIKE TO THANK SENATOR FISHER FOR BEING PRINCIPLE AND AND NOT CARING FOR YOU KNOW HIS SKIN HE JUST WANTS TO DO THE RIGHT THING SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS FOR GIVING ME THE EXTRA NUDGE TO TO CONTINUE WITH THE PUSHING FORWARD WITH THIS BILL UH HE'S A MAN OF HIS WORD IT'S GOOD PERSON SENATOR FRANK BLAS ALTHOUGH HE DIDN'T VOTE FOR IT *AFA'TAOTAO YU'* AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE MISSING HERE SOMETIMES THAT *YA SIGI HA' HIT MANA'BULEA YA TI MA TUNGO' HÅFA MAFA'TAOTAO LAO* SENATOR FRANK BLAS ALTHOUGH YOU DIDN'T VOTE FOR MY FOR MY BILL *UN FA'TAOTAO YU'* AND THAT'S ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS ALSO WE NOTICE SENATOR VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES FOR STANDING UP FOR PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE WHICH WAS UNBELIEVABLE IN I I'VE NEVER WITNESSED SUCH STRENGTH AND STANDING UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT AND TRYING TO KEEP WITH PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE SO SO THAT WE MAINTAIN FAIRNESS IN THIS BODY AND FOR KEEPING ALL THE HUMOR AND ALL THE LAUGHTER OVER THERE SENATOR JESSE LUJAN HE'S ALWAYS PUSHING ME ALONG AND

ENCOURAGING ME TO DO THE THINGS THAT WE DO AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU SIR FOR THAT AND ALL MY OTHER COLLEAGUES SENATOR AMANDA SENATOR ROY AND SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN FOR HELPING ME ALONG AND SENATOR PARKINSON WHERE YOU AT BUT SO SO THE THE THE BILL HAS PASSED OUR BODY AND I'VE I I NOW REST EASY BECAUSE AT LEAST NOW I HAVE KEPT MY PROMISE TO THE PEOPLE AND SHOULD IT GO TO THE GOVERNOR AND WHATEVER SHE DOES WITH IT I WILL HONOR IT AND I'LL BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AS IT STANDS PASS OR FAIL VETOED OR NOT I'M VERY THANKFUL THAT I WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TO SEE IT THROUGH WHAT WE NEED TO REMEMBER HERE IS THAT WE HAVE RULES TO FOLLOW AND I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST OFF IF WE ALL RESPECT EACH OTHER AND FOCUS ON THE MERITS OF THE BILL AND NOT DRAG EACH OTHER THROUGH THE MUD AND MAINTAIN PROPER DECORUM AND COME MEASURE IT TO THE SEAT THAT WE SIT IN I THINK RESPECT IS IS IN ORDER AND WHEN YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DO THAT EVERYTHING SEEMS TO FALL APART AND IT'S VERY DISPARAGING AND DISCOURAGING AND DISHEARTENING AND DISINGENUOUS WHEN AT THE 11TH HOUR YOU CHOOSE TO GRANDSTAND AND PUT IN ALL THESE BILLS THAT EVEN IF YOU PUT THEM IN YOU WERE NEVER GOING TO VOTE FOR IT ANYWAY SO WHY EVEN PROFFER THESE AMENDMENTS BUT I'M VERY GRATEFUL AND I'M THANKFUL FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM FOR ACTUALLY SEEING ME THROUGH AND GETTING THIS THROUGH AND I PRAY THAT YOU ALL SHOULD THIS BILL BECOME LAW YOU KNOW PLAY SAFELY MIND SAFETY PROCEDURES AND DO THE RIGHT THING BECAUSE THE GUYS UP IN THE NORTH OF US THOSE GUYS UP IN SAIPAN THEY SEEM TO GET IT TOGETHER ONLY ON GUAM NA WE THINK OF OUR PEOPLE THAT THEY CANNOT HANDLE FIREWORKS ONLY ON GUAM SO BUT IN THE CNMI THEY GO AHEAD AND LET THEM PLAY WITH IT ANYWAY BUT I'M VERY THANKFUL FOR THE FOR THE PEOPLE FOR ALLOWING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR OUR VERY PRINCIPLED PEOPLE HERE WHO STOOD UP AND FOUGHT FOR WHAT IS RIGHT AND I'M VERY THANKFUL FOR BEING ALLOWED AT LEAST TO KEEP MY PROMISE CAUSE I'VE ALWAYS FELT THAT THE THE HAPPIEST PLACES IS WHERE WHERE YOU CAN FIND TRUST AND I'M VERY THANKFUL FOR ALLOWING BEING ABLE TO KEEP MY PROMISE BECAUSE THAT IS IS THE FOUNDATION OF TRUST AND AGAIN I SHOULD THIS BILL BECOME LAW PLEASE EVERYBODY USE IT SAFELY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT THEN MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO ADJOURN TODAY'S SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO ADJOURN SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION WE ARE HEREBY ADJOURNED SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* COLLEAGUES.

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IN HONOR AND MEMORIAM



Johnny Sablan Unpingco

RETIRED UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CHIEF JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF GUAM

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State Memorial Service

11:30 a.m. • Thursday, October 26, 2023

Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

STATE MEMORIAL SERVICE
for the late

HONORABLE JOHNNY SABLAN UNPINGCO

RETIRED UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CHIEF JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF GUAM

11:30 a.m. Call to Order

Presentation of Colors	Guam Public Safety Officers
National Anthem and Guam Hymn	Krystal Paco-San Agustin
<i>Inifresi</i>	Senator William A. Parkinson
Invocation	Rev. Fr. Eric Forbes, OFM Cap., St. Fidelis Friary, Agana Heights
Reading of Resolution No. 229-37 (LS)	Senator Chris Barnett, Acting Legislative Secretary
Presentation of Legislative Resolution	Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Senator Chris Barnett, Acting Legislative Secretary Senator Frank Blas, Jr., Minority Leader
Presentation of Governor's Certificate of Condolences	<i>Maga'håga</i> Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero <i>Sigundo Maga'tåhi</i> Joshua F. Tenorio
Presentation of Official Wreath of Guam	Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <i>Maga'håga</i> Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero Chief Justice Robert J. Torres
Eulogy	Mark Unpingco
Final Respects	Speaker, <i>Maga'håga</i> , Chief Justice, Members of <i>I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan</i> , Podium and Honored Guests
Benediction	Rev. Fr. Eric Forbes, OFM Cap., St. Fidelis Friary, Agana Heights
Motion to Rise and Recess	Senator Joe S. San Agustin, Assistant Majority Leader
Recessional	



Inifresi

*Ginen i mås takhilo' gi hinasso-ku,
I mås takhalom gi kurason-hu,
Yan i mås figo' na nina'siñå-hu,
Hu ufresen maisa yu' para
Bai hu prutehi yan hu difende
I Hinengge, I Kottura, I Lenggua'hi,
I Aire, I Hanom yan I Tano' Chamoru
Ni' irensia-ku direchu ginen as Yulos Tåta,
Este hu aftma gi hilo' i Bipblia
Yan i Banderå-hu, --I Banderan Guåhan.*

Tinige' Bernadita Camacho-Dungca, Ph.D

Resolution No. 29-97 (LS)

Introduced by
Chris Barnett
Theresa M. Terlaje
Doreen M. Torres
Doreen M. Torres
Frank Ely
Ananda I. Sison
Jack Chan Aguero
John P. Torres
Tate T. Toranzo
Luis Torres
Roy A. B. Quares
Jose A. Sison
Thomas M. Terlaje
Thomas J. Torres



Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Honorable John Sablan Umpingo, former Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of Guam for his dedication to the island and people of Guam, and commemorating his legacy of service; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo is the son of Juan Martinez Umpingo and Felida Guerrero Sablan, and is one of their eight (8) children; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo will live forever in the memories and hearts of his wife, Annie Flores Rojas Umpingo, their three (3) children, six (6) grandchildren, and five (5) great-grandchildren; and in his passing, he also leaves behind numerous family members and loved ones; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo is a Phi Beta Kappa magna cum laude graduate of St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri; he attended New York University where he received his Master's Degree in Business Administration and his Juris Doctorate; and he earned a Master of Laws degree specializing in International Law from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo specialized in private international law and was a member of the California, the District of Columbia, and the Guam Bar Associations; and
WHEREAS, after his graduation from law school in 1976, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo worked an associate with Ferretz, Bramhall, Williams and Guskis, a law firm in Oakland, California; and the firm later merged with the law firm of Carlsmith, Wichman, Case and Mukai; and the late Honorable John S. Umpingo began practicing corporate law with the Guam office; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo had prosecuted various cases when he was called to active duty while serving as a Judge Advocate General in the United States Air Force; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo also practiced international law in the United Kingdom doing work on British labor laws, taxation and customs; and also served in Japan where he worked with Japanese telecommunication laws; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo had been a recipient of many military decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Commendation Medal, the Achievement Medal; and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation; and
WHEREAS, while serving as the former Command Counsel for the China Lake site of the Naval Air Warfare Center from 1987 to 1992, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo advised a total of 40 attorney, three (3) secretary legal office into a twelve (12) attorney, sixteen (16) person staff office with a litigation success rate of ninety-nine percent (99%) versus a number of the major patent and government contract law firms in the nation; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo was formally nominated to the position of United States District Court Judge for the Territory of Guam on July 12, 1992, and his confirmation hearing before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee was held on September 24, and his U.S. Senate confirmation was held on October 8 of the same year; and
WHEREAS, on October 9, 1992, President George Bush signed the commission formally appointing the late Honorable John S. Umpingo to serve as a federal judge; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo assumed his position with the U.S. District Court of Guam on December 22, 1992; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo's caseload throughout his career as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of Guam included bankruptcy, admiralty, insurance, torts and criminal cases, with a criminal caseload that was amongst the third largest of the United States District Court judges on a per judge basis; and
WHEREAS, after a long and distinguished career practicing law, John S. Umpingo retired from office in April of 2004; and
WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the Judiciary, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo devoted his life to the island's community serving as the Director of the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, where he fought to improve the Veterans Cemetery grounds, improving and expanding the services provided by the Veterans Clinic; and helping to develop a more accurate count of veterans on Guam; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable John S. Umpingo lived a life of exemplary service to his island and country as an expression of his dedication to Guam and his love for our island's people; now therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Honorable John Sablan Umpingo, former Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of Guam, for his dedication to the island and people of Guam, and commemorate his legacy of service; and further express condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be hereafter transmitted to the family of the late Honorable John S. Umpingo; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Mago I Mago Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

Theresa M. Terlaje
THERESA M. TERLAJE
Speaker

Chris Barnett
CHRIS BARNETT
Acting Legislative Secretary



CERTIFICATE OF CONDOLENCES

PRESENTED TO THE FAMILY OF

Johny Sablan Umpingo

JULY 1, 1950 – OCTOBER 11, 2023

Former Judge Johny Sablan Umpingo was born on July 1, 1950 to the late Juan Martinez Umpingo and Felida Guerrero Sablan Umpingo and was surrounded by love by his seven siblings. He was married to Annie Flores Rojas Umpingo, and they had three children: John Christopher, Mark Andrew, Meg-anne Cecilia and six grandchildren.

As a magna cum laude graduate of St. Louis University, receiving his B.A. in History, former Judge Umpingo went on to pursue his Masters in Business Administration and his Juris Doctor degrees from New York University. He received a Master of Laws degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He was a member of the Bar associations in California, the District of Columbia, and Guam.

Former Judge Umpingo began his early career in law practicing corporate law in the Guam office of the California firm of Ferretz, Bramhall, Williams and Guskis which later merged with the firm of Carlsmith, Wichman, Case and Mukai.

As a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Air Force, former Judge Umpingo prosecuted crimes involving drugs and other business crimes. He was well-versed in international law working extensively regarding British labor laws, taxation, and customs in addition to Japanese telecommunications laws.

At the China Lake Site of the Naval Air Warfare Center, from 1987-1992, former Judge Umpingo revitalized their legal office to include 12 attorneys and 16 staff with a 99% litigation success rate against other major patent and government law firms.

In 1992, former Judge Umpingo was nominated by President George W. Bush for the position as United States District Court Judge for the Territory of Guam and by December of 1992 he assumed the position of Chief Judge for the District Court of Guam.

In his capacity, former Judge Umpingo worked on a variety of cases to include finances and criminal cases, and his caseload regarding his criminal cases were the third largest among the United States District Court Judge on a per judge basis. He resigned from office in 2004.

Former Judge Umpingo continued to contribute to the island of Guam in many capacities after his resignation as the United States District Court Judge. As the Director of the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, he fought for improving veteran health services and better facility maintenance of the Veterans Cemetery. Former Judge Umpingo also served as Assistant Professor of Legal Studies at the University of Guam sharing his extensive knowledge of law to Guam's future leaders in law.

His individual contributions to maintaining the judicial system and his unwavering dedication to the veteran community have positively impacted the lives of those he encountered, for which the Island of Guam will be forever grateful. We extend our sincerest condolences on the passing of your loved one.

PRESENTED ON THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ANNO DOMINI, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE.

Louren A. Leon Guerrero
LOUREN A. LEON GUERRERO
Mayor
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Jose M. F. Tenorio
JOSE M. F. TENORIO
Speaker
GOVERNOR OF GUAM







Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker



Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Vice Speaker



Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary



Chris Barnett



Joe S. San Agustin



Sabina Flores Perez



Roy A. B. Quinata



William A. Parkinson



Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas



Frank Blas, Jr.



Telo T. Taitague



Christopher M. Duenas



Joanne Brown



Jesse A. Lujan



Thomas J. Fisher

