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NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *MANANA SI YU'OS I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS CALLED TO ORDER THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE COLLEAGUES WE HAD SOME SERIOUS AUDIO DIFFICULTIES THIS MORNING SO WE ARE BEGINNING LATE IT IS 9:40 9:35 RIGHT NOW MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER AND COLLEAGUES I MOVE TO WAIVE NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION ONE 1.02 SESSIONS OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* H1 PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR PERSONS ALLOWED TO PERSONS ALLOWED TO ALLOW THE STUDENTS OF OCEAN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL ONTO THE SESSION FLOOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO WAIVE NOT WITHSTANDING THE RULES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION HEARING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES FOR THE PRAYER WE RECOGNIZE OUR LEGISLATIVE CHAPLAIN FATHER PAUL GOFIGAN WOULD KINDLY LEAD US IN PRAYER PLEASE RISE CAN WE PLEASE GET A MICROPHONE.

LEGISLATIVE CHAPLAIN – GOFIGAN: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ALMIGHTY GOD AND LORD OF ALL WHO HAVE TASKED US TO PARTICIPATE IN SHEPHERDING YOUR PEOPLE WE IMPLORE YOUR MERCY AND DESIRE THAT YOU SEND YOUR HOLY SPIRIT AND HAVE YOUR HOLY SPIRIT PERMEATE IN ALL OF US HERE IN THIS SACRED HALL OPEN OUR MINDS TO SEE YOU IN THE PEOPLE WE SERVE TO SEE YOU IN THE HOMELESS THROUGHOUT OUR ISLAND TO SEE YOU IN THE HUNGRY THROUGHOUT OUR ISLAND TO SEE IN THOSE LIVING IN DARKNESS THROUGHOUT OUR ISLAND TO SEE IN THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING THROUGHOUT OUR ISLAND FOR YOU CAME TO COMFORT THE AFFLICTED AND TO AFFLICT THE COMFORTABLE LORD WHEN WE ARE HUNGRY GIVE US THOSE IN NEED OF FOOD WHEN WE ARE THIRSTY SEND US THOSE NEEDING A DRINK WHEN WE ARE GRIEVING OFFER US PEOPLE TO CONSOLE WHEN OUR CROSSES GROW HEAVY LET US CARRY ANOTHER'S CROSS WHEN WE THINK ONLY OF OURSELVES DRAW OUR THOUGHTS TO ANOTHER THAT OUR LIVES REFLECT THE VERY ESSENCE OF YOU WHO ARE NOTHING ELSE BUT LOVE AND BE REMINDED THAT OUR WORK HERE IS TO WILL AND ENSURE NOTHING BUT THE GOOD FOR OUR PEOPLE ESPECIALLY THOSE IN DIRE NEED WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD THE LORD BE WITH YOU AND MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS YOU THE FATHER THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* FATHER TO EXPRESS A NEVER ENDING AND NEVER FORGOTTEN GRATITUDE BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE LEGISLATURE RECOGNIZES RECIPIENTS 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 QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL ISLAND AND COUNTRY WE HONOR PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RONALD PEREZ CUASITO CUASITO AND THE FAMILY OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RONALD PEREZ CUASITO FOR MAKING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN SERVICE AND DEFENSE OF OUR ISLAND AND COUNTRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* WE WILL NOW RECOGNIZE THE STUDENTS OF OCEAN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND THEY WILL KINDLY LEAD US IN THE RECITATION OF THE SORRY OF THE SINGING OF THE GUAM HYMN IN CHAMORRO THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE RECITATION OF THE INIFRESI.

OCEAN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL: *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 GUAM KONTRA I PILIGRU NA'FANSAFO HAM YU'OS PRUTEHI I ISLAN GUAM.

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.

INIFRESI

GINEN I MÂS TAKHELO' GI HINASSO-KU, I MÂS TAKHALOM GI KURASON-HU, YAN I MÂS FIGO' NA NINA'SIÑÂ-HU, HU UFRASEN MAISA YU' PARA BAI HU PRUTEHI YAN HU DIFENDE I HINENGGE, I KOTTURA, I LENGGUÂHI, I AIRE, I HANOM, YAN I TANO' CHAMORU NI' IRENSLÂ-KU DIRECHO GINEN AS YU'OS TÂTA. ESTE HU AFITMA GI HILO' I BIPBLIA YAN I BANDERÂ-HU, I BANDERAN GUÂHAN. UMUKON I KULO' GINEN SANHÂYA. UMUKON I KULO' GINEN SANLÂGU. MANAÑA I ANITEN I TAOTAO-TA. U MA ESGAIHON MO'NA I CHALÂN-TA. SAINAN-MÂMI, CHÂHLAO HAM. SAINAN-MÂMI, PULAN HAM. ESGAIHON MO'NA I GALAIDE' GI TUTUHON-ÑA, I LINA'LÂ-TA. O'ASAINA, O'ANITI NI MUNÂ'I HAM MINESNGON YAN MINAOLEK. O'ASAINA, O'ANITI NI MUNÂ'I HAM MINESNGON YAN MINAOLEK. SAINA. SAINAN-MÂMI. NÂ'I HAM SIÑAT PARA ENGUADOK I TANO'-MU. SAINA. SAINAN-MÂMI. HÂTME HAM, YA NA'FITME I LATTEN-MÂMI. SAINA. SAINAN-MÂMI. NÂ'I HAM SIÑAT PARA ENGUADOK I TANO'-MU. SAINA. SAINAN-MÂMI. HÂTME HAM, YA NA'FITME I LATTEN-MÂMI. SUSTENI I PÂ'AN-MÂMI GUINI GI TANO'.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÂSE'* AGAIN TO THE STUDENTS FROM OCEAN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PLEASE BE SEATED CLERKS PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL CALL.

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

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

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÂSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO APPROVE LEGISLATIVE JOURNALS DATED OCTOBER 23RD 2023 AND NOVEMBER 3RD 2023 SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THESE JOURNALS ARE LOCATED ON THE DRIVE ACCORDING TO THE CLERK ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNALS DATED OCTOBER 23 AND NOVEMBER 3RD SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÂSE'* 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 APPEND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÂSE'* MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HÂGAN GUÂHAN* AND I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO APPEND MESSAGES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO APPEND REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES' MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT BILLS INTRODUCED BILLS BILL NUMBERS 193-37 LS THROUGH 200-37 LS AND 201-37 COR THROUGH 204-37 COR AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED RESOLUTION NUMBERS 228-37 LS THROUGH 240-37 LS AND 241-37 COR THROUGH 256-37 COR BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THEIR FIRST READING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO DEEM BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS HAVING BEEN GIVEN THEIR FIRST READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE ARE NOW UNDER MOTIONS MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT ALL CONGRATULATORY COMMENDATORY AND CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED TODAY AND FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION BE CONSIDERED FIRST READ AND ADOPTED TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND TO ADD ALL SENATORS AS CO-SPONSORS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL UNDER MOTIONS ARE THERE ANY MOTIONS SEEING NO MOTIONS WE WILL PROCEED TO LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE THE NOMINATION OF EDGAR T AGALAR TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION REGARDING THE NOMINATION OF EDGAR T AGILAR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE 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 FRED E. BORDALLO, JR. TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF DUE CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION REGARDING THE NOMINATION OF FRED E. BORDALLO, JR. TO IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT WE'VE EXHAUSTED OUR LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE AND WE ARE NOW ON CONSENT CALENDAR THERE ARE NO ITEMS SO WE WILL BEGIN OH MAJORITY OR WE WILL BEGIN NOW WITH SECOND READING THE FIRST BILL ON SECOND READING IS THE BILL NUMBER TWO SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO MY COLLEAGUES I HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY 4-DAY WEEKEND I KNOW IT'S HARD TO GET BACK INTO THE GROOVE OF IT AFTER BEING GONE FOR FOUR DAYS BUT I'M SURE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM RELY ON US SO THAT BEING SAID MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE BILL 2-37 AND MADAM SPOKEN MADAM SPEAKER I MOTION TO PLACE BILL 2-37 AS AMENDED WHICH IS AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 13108 A TO CHAPTER 13 TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CREATING A SPECIAL COST OF LIVING TASK FORCE INTRODUCED BY BY MYSELF SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE YOURSELF MINORITY LEADER FRANK SENATOR FRANK BLAS JR SENATOR SABINA PEREZ SENATOR JOANNE BROWN SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SENATOR TOM FISHER AND SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS ONTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND TO ALLOW MYSELF AS WELL AS MY COLLEAGUES VOICES TO BE HEARD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: COLLEAGUES SESSION IS A TIME TO DISCUSS AND DEBATE OUR IDEAS OUR WORK OUR LEGISLATION OUR SOLUTIONS THAT ARE AT HAND LATELY MONEY HARD TIMES HAVE BEEN THE FOREFRONT OF OUR PEOPLE'S CHALLENGES SESSION IS A TIME WHERE WE NEED TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES MAKING ENDS MEET PAYING RENT UTILITIES AND PHONE BILLS IN ONE PAYCHECK IS A LUXURY FEW FAMILIES KNOW IT'S A CONSTANT CONCERN FOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM RETIREES LIVING ON A FIXED INCOME THESE RETIREES

INCREASINGLY ARE SPENDING MORE MONEY ON HEALTH CARE MEDICINES VISITS TO A PHYSICIANS AND THEY'RE SPENDING MORE AT THE GROCERY STORES AND AT RESTAURANTS THEIR BUYING POWER IS SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKER THAN IT WAS JUST A FEW SHORT YEARS AGO IT'S THE HARSH REALITY IN OUR COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO HAVE SPENT THEIR LIVES AND CAREERS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE ONCE UPON A TIME GOVERNMENT OF GUAM JOBS WERE THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER JOB FROM HERE TO THE MAINLAND BECAUSE OF THE RETIREMENT PLAN THAT HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE SINCE THE 1980S WHEN WE WENT FROM A DB PLAN TO A DC PLAN MANY OF OUR CHILDREN WHO HAVE GONE OFF ISLAND TO SEEK HIGHER EDUCATION AND PERSONAL TRAINING REALIZE THAT BENEFITS ARE MORE INSTRUMENTAL TO THEIR FUTURE BENEFITS WE ARE SEEING MORE OF OUR COMMUNITY LEAVING FOR JOBS THAT PROVIDE RETIREMENT SECURITY THE POINT IS WE NEED TO KEEP PACE AND IMPROVED WHAT ATTRACTS TODAY'S WORKFORCE OUR CURRENT 5,624 PLUS GOVERNMENT OF GUAM RETIREES MATTER DON'T DISRESPECT WHAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR GUAM BY REFUSING TO EVEN DISCUSS ANNUAL COLA ADJUSTMENTS THAT WOULD ACTUALLY HELP THEM EVERYWHERE ELSE IN OUR NATION HAS A FORMULA OUR PEOPLE DESERVE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH TO BE ESTABLISHED RIGHT HERE AT HOME BILL 2-37 IS NOT JUST ANOTHER OF THOSE USELESS IDEALISTIC TASK FORCES OR COMMITTEES THAT FALL TO THE WAYSIDE THERE IS EXPERTS WHO PROVIDED INPUT DURING THE ROUND TABLE ALL AGREE THAT A TRUE COLA SYSTEM IS NEEDED AND THEY ARE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE AND CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS SUCH A SYSTEM MADAM SPEAKER I'M OPEN TO IDEAS THAT WILL MAKE BILL 2-37 AS AMENDED TO BETTER IMPROVE AND HELP OUR RETIREES THEY'VE BEEN ASKING FOR THIS AND THEY'VE BEEN PRAYING FOR THIS FOR YEARS THIS AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY IT HAS BEEN A IT HAS BEEN AMENDED MOST OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE RECOGNIZED THIS BILL WHERE IT HAD BASICALLY I WANTED TO PUT EVERYTHING IN IT FROM SLIDING SCALE TO YOU KNOW ADJUSTMENTS BUT I REALIZED THIS IS A MUCH BIGGER SOMETHING THAT REALLY NEEDS TO FOR US TO SIT DOWN AND HAVE THE EXPERTS NOT SENATORS ANY OF US DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF BACKGROUND IN ECONOMICS BUT HAVE THE EXPERTS COME IN AND FIND A SOLUTION A FORMULA A SIMPLE FORMULA THAT OUR RETIREES DESERVE SO I THANK YOU AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MY COLLEAGUES ANY QUESTIONS THEY HAVE OR COMMENTS THAT WILL MAKE THIS EVEN A BETTER BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE BILL IF NOT I GUESS THE SENATOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OH IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE CHRISTMAS THAT BEING SAID SAID MADAM SPEAKER BILL TWO IS THE STARTING POINT FOR A STARTING POINT OF OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR RETIREES AND A RESPONSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION AN EXAMPLE FOR FUTURE LEGISLATURES TO FOLLOW NO MORE RANDOM DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR COLA PAY AT ELECTION TIME WE NEED TO STOP THINKING THAT THIS IS A CHRISTMAS BONUS AND PROVIDE A TRUE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO OUR RETIREES THIS MUST BE THE GOAL IT'S A LEGAL COMMITMENT WE HAVE TO OUR RETIREES I'VE SPOKEN WITH OUR LOCAL ECONOMIC EXPERTS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF RETIREMENT FUND LEADERSHIP WHO HAVE INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT AND I SEEK MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT HERE IN THIS SESSION WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW IS THAT WE MAKE THIS LEGAL COMMITMENT TO BUILDING A DIGNIFIED SUPPORTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE COLA POLICY FOR GOV GUAM RETIREES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND ASK THAT BILL 2-37 BE MOVED TO THE VOTING FILE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 2-37 AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE TO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 36-37 COR SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE SUBSTITUTE BILL, OR OR TO ACCEPT SUBSTITUTE BILL 36-37.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S A A BILL IN THE DRIVE IT'S TITLED AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR THERE'S A MOTION TO ACCEPT THAT VERSION OF THE BILL AS SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ON THE SUBSTITUTE BILL SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: I MOVE TO PLACE SUBSTITUTE BILL 36-37 ONTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WISH TO DISCUSS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PEREZ: SUBSTITUTE BILL 36-37 CREATES A DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACT AND IMPLEMENTS A TEMPORARY EXPEDITED PROCESS SPECIFIC TO RESOLVING PROTESTS ARISING FROM THE SOLICITATION OR AWARDING OF THESE CONTRACTS THE RECENT INFLUX OF FEDERAL FUNDING INITIATIVES INCLUDING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT THE BIPARTISAN BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW AND INFLATION REDUCTION ACT HAVE REVEALED THE NEED FOR UPDATES TO OUR PROCUREMENT LAWS IN ORDER TO QUALIFY UPDATE TO OUR PROCUREMENT LAWS IN ORDER TO QUALIFY AS A CRITICAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACT ALL THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE MET THE SOLICITATION IS ONE IN WHICH IS INTEGRAL TO THE TIMING OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION FINANCING OR COMPLETION OF A MAJOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE OR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT THE CONTRACT IS REASONABLY EXPECTED TO COST \$5 MILLION OR MORE AND THE IDENTIFIED FUNDING THE REQUIRED LABOR AVAILABLE OR REQUIRED MATERIALS IS RESTRICTED OR BECOMES RESTRICTED TO THE MATERIAL DETRIMENT OF THE PROCURING AGENCY SUBSTITUTE BILL 36-37 PROPOSES THAT CRITICAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS MUST BE DESIGNATED BY THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OR THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE PROCURING AGENCY AND THAT ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS OFFERERS OR CONTRACTORS SH SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE AND SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CRITICAL PROCUREMENT TERMS DEADLINES RULES AND REGULATIONS SUBSTITUTE BILL 36-37 WOULD STREAMLINE THE PROTEST PROCEDURE BY MAKING THE DECISION OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR TO BE FINAL AND CONCLUSIVE WITH NO RIGHT OR APPEAL NO RIGHT OF APPEAL OR JUDICIAL REVIEW AND THE AUTOMATIC STAY SHALL BE LIFTED IT WOULD REQUIRE THE PROMULGATION OF RULES AND RS BY THE POLICY OFFICE EXCEPT FOR THE PART WHERE THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW THROUGH THE PUBLIC AUDITOR WHICH IS WILL BE DONE BY THE PUBLIC AUDITOR ALTHOUGH PROTESTS ARE ESSENTIAL PART OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS SUBSTITUTE BILL 36-37 WAS CREATED IN RESPONSE TO CONCERNS OF THE DELAY AND INABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH MUCH NEEDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS DUE TO LENGTHY PROTESTS SUCH AS THE ONE THAT GPA HIGHLIGHTED IN THEIR IN THE PUBLIC HEARING IN WHICH PROTEST WAS WAS MADE AND IT TOOK ALMOST ONE AND A HALF YEARS IN THE END THE THE PROTEST WAS SUSTAINED AND I'M SORRY THE PROTEST WAS AFFIRMED AND BUT IN THE MEANTIME THE THE VENDOR BASICALLY CANCELLED THE CONTRACT BECAUSE THE COST WENT TOO HIGH AND SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW WE AMEND OUR BILLS OUR LAWS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WE DON'T LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY OF MUCH NEEDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND SO IT'S IMPORTANT ALSO WITH THE POTENTIAL OF ADDED CHALLENGE OF LOOMING EXPIRATION OF FEDERAL FUNDING WHICH CURRENTLY EXISTS WITH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOBS ACT INFLATION REDUCTION ACT WHICH PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED FUNDING FOR DEFERRED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BILL 36-37 PROPOSES TO CODIFY THE EXPEDITED PROCESS AND ALLEVIATE ALLEVIATE DELAYS LIKE OUR COMPANION BILLS THAT WAS PASSED IN THIS BODY THERE WILL BE A REPEALER CLAUSE WHEN WHEN THE FEDERAL GRANTS EXPIRE AND SO THE EXPIRATION DATE WAS ALIGNED WITH THE THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOBS ACT SO IN THAT PARTICULAR IN THAT PARTICULAR LAW 2026 IS WHEN THE FUNDS WILL BE ARE EXPECTED TO BE PROVIDED AND THEN AGENCIES WILL HAVE FOUR YEARS FOR THAT FOR THEM TO ACCOMPLISH THOSE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WHICH TAKES TIME TO COMPLETE AND SO WITH THIS PARTICULAR BILL IT'S ALIGNED WITH THAT SPECIFIC GRANT THIS BILL WAS WORKED AT CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND A LOT OF THE INPUT HAS BEEN INTEGRATED INTO THIS CURRENT VERSION AND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT THANK YOU.

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

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I I UNDERSTAND THE INTENT OF THE BILL BUT YOU KNOW THERE'S A THERE'S A COUPLE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE WITH WITH REGARD TO THE LANGUAGE AND HOW SET APART FIRST OFF IF I WONDER IF THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL CAN YIELD TO A QUESTION THAT I HAVE WITH REGARD TO LET ME FIND THAT IT'S ACTUALLY FOUND ON PAGE THREE LINE 11 AND 12 AND MY QUESTION IS WHO'S THE POLICY OFFICE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SENATOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS SENATOR.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR BLAS HAD ASKED IF THE SENATOR PEREZ WOULD YIELD SPONSOR OF THE BILL WOULD YOU SENATOR WOULD YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES I DO SO I WAS RESEARCHING STATUTE AS WELL AS WHO CURRENTLY ARE THE MEMBERS SO THE POLICY OFFICE WASN'T INPANELED FOR A LONG TIME UNTIL GOVERNOR LOU LEON GUERRERO INPANELED THEM AND SO IN STATUTE IT BASICALLY SAYS THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLICY OFFICE SHALL CONSIST OF THREE OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES AT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION WHO SHALL SERVE AS A CHAIRPERSON NONE OF THE THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL ACT CONCURRENTLY AS PROCUREMENT OFFICER NOR SHALL ANY OF SUCH MEMBERS OR SUBORDINATES UNLESS SUCH MEMBERS ARE DIRECTORS OF AGENCIES ACT AS A PROCUREMENT OFFICER SO THAT IS A MEMBERSHIP SO IN LOOKING AT THE PPOS OR THE POLICY OFFICE MEMOS YEAH I WAS TRYING TO FIND WHO CURRENTLY IS ON THERE MY MY UNDERSTANDING IS DIRECTOR BURN OBVIOUSLY A DIRECTOR ARRIOLA AND I'M TRYING TO FIND THE MOST UPDATED VERSION TO CONFIRM THE REST BECAUSE I KNOW SOME MEMBERSHIP HAS CHANGED SINCE BUT I CAN FIND THAT ANSWER WITH MORE TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BLAS YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER OBVIOUS APPARENTLY YOU KNOW FIRST OFF I APPRECIATE THE PROACTIVENESS OF THE AUTHOR AND BEING ABLE TO PUT THIS BILL TOGETHER SO THAT IT CAN ASSUMABLY REALLY NOT HAVE TO TAKE EFFECT UNTIL 2026 IF I WAS OKAY UNLESS I CAN BE CORRECTED ON THAT YOU KNOW I I I JUST I'M A LITTLE A LITTLE CONCERNED THOUGH ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT YOU KNOW THIS IS STILL AN ACTIVE BOARD OR STILL AN ACTIVE OFFICE YOU KNOW IS IT AN OFFICE OR IS IT A BOARD OR IS IT A PANEL GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD YOU LIKE THIS SENATOR TO YIELD SENATOR PEREZ WOULD YOU YIELD.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH SO I FOUND THE MOST RECENT DOCUMENTS FROM THE POLICY OFFICE SO NOW THERE ARE FOUR MEMBERS DIRECTOR BURN STEPHANIE FLORES VINCENT ARIOLA AND YUKARI HECHANOVA THOSE ARE THE MEMBERS CURRENTLY ON THE POLICY OFFICE BOARD AND SO IT IS IN PANEL IT'S CURRENTLY IN A PANEL.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY AND THE REASON WHY YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER IS IT'S THE LANGUAGE HERE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATION WITH REGULATIONS TO BE PROMAGATED BY THE POLICY OFFICE IS THAT IN FACT ACT THEIR MANDATE OR ARE WE PLACING THIS AS A MANDATE ON BOARD THAT YOU KNOW I I'M JUST A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THAT WELL I WELL I YOU KNOW THE WHEN THE AUTHOR HAD ARTICULATED AS TO WHO THE CURRENT MEMBERS ARE OF THE BOARD WHO'S ANSWERABLE TO WHO THEY DO THEY HAVE THE PROCESSES AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS OKAY AND SO THAT'S MY FIRST THANKS WITH THIS WITH THIS BILL AND I'LL WORK WITH THE AUTHOR AND BEING ABLE TO TRY TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS THIS DOESN'T FALL TO THE WAYSIDE OR WE GIVE SOMETHING TO A AN OFFICE OR A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS AND THEY DON'T KNOW WHO'S GOING TO BE IN CHARGE OKAY AND WHO'S GOING TO TAKE ON THAT RESPONSIBILITY OF PUTTING THE PUT PUTTING THESE RULES ARE THESE REGULATIONS TOGETHER SECONDLY YOU KNOW I NORMALLY IN THE IN THE IN THE TITLE OF THE BILL OR IN THE FIRST PAGE OF THE BILL YOU WOULD FIND WHAT THIS BILL IS FOR AND YOU KNOW IT'S NOT TILL YOU GET TO THE LAST PAGE OF THE BILL WITH THE AUTOMATIC REPEAL THAT THIS THIS BILL WAS PUT TOGETHER FOR A SPECIFIC FOR PROJECTS THAT MAY COME FROM A SPECIFIC FUND WHICH IS NOT GOING TO BE RELEASED UNTIL 2026 HOWEVER ONE CAN IF ONE LOOKS AT THIS BILL AND READS IT YOU CAN ALMOST IT'S ALMOST LIKE OKAY THIS IS FOR EVERY PROJECT HENCEFORTH THAT COULD COST \$5 MILLION OR MORE IS THAT THE CASE IN THIS BILL OR IS THIS BILL SPECIFICALLY FOR THOSE PROJECTS THAT WE ANTICIPATE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE BE ABLE TO DO ONCE THEY THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT JOBS ACT FUNDS ARE RELEASED I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE ABLE TO PUT OUT AN AMBIGUOUS AMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE BECAUSE ALTHOUGH IT SAYS AUTOMATIC REPEAL IT SAYS THAT IT'S REPEALED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31ST 2030 OKAY UNLESS THERE'S AN EXTENSION FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT JOB ACT FUND BUT IT DOESN'T SAY THAT THIS IS SPECIFIC TO PROJECTS FOR THE INVESTMENT FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT ACTS FUND I CAN RIGHT OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD THINK OF 5 MILLION MILLION OR MORE PROJECTS THAT'S GOING TO COST YOU COST US \$5 MILLION OR MORE ONE CLOSE TO 2.4 BILLION DOLLAR OKAY AND WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS OKAY SO I DON'T KNOW THAT'S MY CONCERN WITH THIS BILL WELL IT APPEARS IT WANTS TO RESTRICT IT TO A

CERTAIN THING THAT'S NOT WHAT THE LANGUAGE SAYS THE LANGUAGE HERE SAYS THAT THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS EXPIRES IN 20 2030 IT DOES NOT SAY THAT THIS AUTHORIZATION IS JUST FOR AND IF THAT IS THE CASE THEN IT SHOULD BE IN THE FRONT IF NOT WE'RE OPENING UP A CAN OF WORMS I WANT TO YIELD THE REST OF THEM MY WELL HOLD ON TO THE REST OF MY TIME JUST IN CASE THAT THERE'S SOME I GUESS CLARITY THAT CAN BE BROUGHT BY THE AUTHOR THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES I DO MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU TO THE SENATOR FOR THOSE POINTS I WOULD I'M OPEN TO AMENDING THE TITLE TO MATCH THE BODY IN REGARDS TO A TIME TEMPORARY PROTEST PROCESS IN REGARDS TO THE PROCUREMENT POLICY OFFICE BASICALLY IN THE DIFFERENT PART OF THE THE BILL IT STATES THAT THE PROMAGATION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH WITH THE WHAT'S CURRENTLY IN LAW SO IF I CAN LOOK AT THE THE CITATION YEAH BASICALLY IT'S PRETTY CONSISTENT SO THE POLICY OFFICE IS INVOLVED IN THE PROMIGRATION OF RULES AND REGS AND THAT'S THEIR PURVIEW THE SECTION IN LAW ACCORDING TO THE THE BILL IN THE BILL IN SECTION THREE IT STATES THE PROCUREMENT POLICY OFFICE PURSUANT TO 5 GCA SECTION 5130A SO THERE ARE ALREADY IT'S ALREADY IN STATUTE SO THEY WOULD BE FOLLOWING WHAT'S IN STATUTE AND IN REGARDS TO THE TITLE I'M OPEN TO AMENDING THAT TO MAKE TO BRING MORE CLARITY.

SENATOR BLAS: I I THINK MADAM MADAM SPEAKER JUST SO IT'S NOT LOST IN WHAT MY CONCERN IS IT'S NOT JUST IN THE TITLE IT'S IN IN THE BODY OF THE BILL AGAIN IS THIS BILL INTENDED FOR THOSE EXPEND EXPENDITURES THAT WE CAN EXPECT AS A RESULT OF THE IN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT ACT OR IS THIS BILL FOR EVERY PROJECT HENCEFORTH THAT'S GOING TO COST US \$5 MILLION OR MORE BECAUSE AS THE WAY IT'S WRITTEN RIGHT NOW OTHER THAN OKAY THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AND I'M NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THAT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL SEN VICE SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS MEASURE AND AS I WANT TO SAY TO THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION THAT I I SUPPORT THE INTENT AND THE EFFORTS OF THIS MAYBE I'D LIKE TO MAYBE JUST ASK A QUESTION IF IF SHE COULD YIELD IN IN IN THIS LEGISLATION IT SAYS I'M LOOKING AT HOW HAS OR HAVE THE PUBLIC AUDITORS HIS OFFICE AND STAKEHOLDERS LIKE LOCAL BUSINESSES RESPONDED TO THE BILL'S PROPOSED LANGUAGE OF HAVING THE ELECTED AUDITOR BE THE FINAL DECISION MAKER ON THIS PROCUREMENT PROTEST WITH NO OPPORTUNITY TO TO APPEAL TO THE COURTS SO MAYBE IF IF SHE WOULD LIKE TO YIELD CUZ I JUST WANT CLARITY FOR THAT AND AND PLEASE MADAM SPEAKER I KNOW I I SUPPORT THE INTENT IN GIVING THAT TIMELINE AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN LOOK SO JUST BASED ON THE SECTION THAT'S BEING CITED HAVE THE PUBLIC AUDITOR OR HIS OFFICE AND THE STAKEHOLDERS LIKE THE LOCAL BUSINESSES RESPONDED TO THE BILL'S PROPOSED LANGUAGE.

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

SENATOR PEREZ: YES I I DO SO WITH THIS PARTICULAR BILL IN REGARDS TO HAVING THE THE PUBLIC AUDITOR HAVE THE FINAL DECISION I DID NOT HAVE THEM WEIGH ON THIS ONE PARTICULAR BILL BUT THEY HAVE AGREED ON OTHER BILLS THAT WE PASSED IN THIS BODY TO ACCEPT THE FINAL DECISION SUCH AS WHAT WAS DONE IN ONE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SO THEY WERE ACCEPTING OF OF BEING THE DECIDER OF THE FINAL DECIDER HAS THEY HAVE DONE IN THE PAST YOU KNOW SUCCESSFULLY UNDER THE RL TIMES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR YOUR MICROPHONE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I I I THINK I THINK MY EFFORT AND MY CONCERN ON THIS MADAME SPEAKER WAS I IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN IT MAY HAVE BEEN RAISED BEFORE ABOUT THE LANGUAGE CUTTING OUT THE LANGUAGE REGARD REGARDING THE JUDICIARY SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE AND THEN MAYBE IF I CAN JUST HAVE A MOMENT'S RECESS SO I CAN JUST GET CLARITY FOR THAT CUZ I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT TAKING FROM PETER TO REVERSE BACK ALL RIGHT TO GIVE TO PAUL WHAT HAVE YOU SO JUST WANT TO SEE HOW I I CAN HELP THIS EFFORT MOVE FORWARD PLEASE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VICE SPEAKER ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS VICE SPEAKER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER FOR THAT BRIEF RECESS AND AND TALK AND TALKING TO THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION I UNDERSTAND WHERE THE PROCESS WAS GOING BUT THE OTHER THING THAT CAME TO MIND FOR ME IS THAT THE BILL AUTOMATICALLY REPEALS THIS PROCESS FOR CRITICAL PROCUREMENT BY THE END OF 2030 CITING THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENTS JOBS ACT AND I IF I MAY MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO ASK THE AUTHOR TO EXPLAIN THE DECISION TO NOT MAKE THIS PROCESS FOR CRITICAL PROCUREMENT PERMANENT IN LAW SO IF SHE COULD YIELD TO THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES THANK YOU YEAH THE REASON FOR THAT IS I WANTED TO FOLLOW THE SAME PATTERN THAT WAS USED IN THE PAST WHEN REGARDS TO ANY KIND OF STREAMLINED PROTEST PROCEDURES THAT ARE TIED TO FEDERAL GRANTS IN ALL OF THOSE LAWS THAT WERE PASSED THERE WAS A REPEALER AND IN REGARDS IN LINE WITH THE THE GRANT LINE OF THE DEADLINE OF THE GRANT AND SO I WANTED TO ENSURE THAT WITH THIS CHANGE THAT THAT WE WERE FOLLOWING THE SAME PATTERN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR VICE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN IN THOSE EFFORTS I I HAVE A QUESTION MADAM SPEAKER JUST ONE MORE QUESTION BUT IF YOU CAN ALLOW ME JUST ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK TO THE AUTHOR BECAUSE IT I DON'T KNOW IF IT SHOULD BE A SEPARATE BILL OR NOT BUT IF YOU CAN JUST AFFORD ME ONE MINUTE THANKS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SURE ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS VICE SPEAKER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER FOR GIVING ME THE BRIEF MOMENTS RECESS AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATIONS AS IT RELATES TO THE SETTLEMENT COMPONENT AND I TRULY APPRECIATE THE TIME THAT WAS PROVIDED TO ME BUT AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER I I SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE INTENT AND I WILL CONTINUE TO HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUES TO SEE HOW WE CAN FACILITATE THIS MOVING FORWARD SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* ON THE BILL BILL NUMBER 36-37 AS SUBSTITUTED SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I TOO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS A QUESTION TO THE SENATOR WHO'S OFFERED THIS AND THE QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS WHAT IS THE INTENTION OF THE FINALITY CLAUSE SUBF.

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

SENATOR PEREZ: YES THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION BASICALLY AGAIN IT'S TO ENSURE THAT THE PROTEST ENDS WITH THE PUBLIC AUDITOR AND THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW AND THIS IS THE THE POINT ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT WE ARE FACING WITH A LOT OF THESE PROC PROCUREMENT PROTESTS IS THAT IT GETS TIED UP IN COURTS AND AT THAT POINT YOU KNOW LIKE IN THE CASE WITH GPA THEY WERE ABOUT TO THEY AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR A VERY IMPORTANT SOLAR FARM PROJECT AND IT ENDED UP THAT THEY WERE RIGHT THAT THE DECISION WAS AFFIRMED BUT IN THE END THE COST WAS TOO HIGH AND SO THE VENDOR BASICALLY CANCELLED THAT THAT THAT PROJECT AND SO THEY IT KIND OF BROUGHT THEM BACK INTO THEY HAD TO RESTART SO GPA HAD TO RESTART THE PRO RESTART THE BIDS AND SO THIS THAT'S THE PURPOSE IS TO ENSURE THAT THE DECISION IS FINAL WITH THE PUBLIC AUDITOR.

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

SENATOR FISHER: YES THANK YOU MA'AM AND ALSO SO THANK YOU FOR THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION I WOULD JUST MAKE AN OBSERVATION ABOUT THIS THE FINALITY BECAUSE THESE ARE CONTRACTS WHICH ARE

BY NATURE LARGE THEY WILL BE DECIDED UNDER THIS BILL BY THE PUBLIC AUDITOR WITHOUT BENEFIT OF DISCOVERY WITHOUT BENEFIT OF INTERROGATORIES WITHOUT BENEFIT AND IT MUST BE PRESENTED WITHIN 14 DAYS I JUST I'M THINKING OF A SITUATION FOR EXAMPLE THE AIRPORT IF WE WERE TO SUPPOSE THAT THAT CONCESSION CONTRACT WAS ISSUED UNDER THIS SET OF LAWS A CONCESSION CONTRACT WHICH IS ULTIMATELY GOING TO BE WORTH WELL OVER \$100 MILLION THE IMPACT OF THAT CONTRACT AND WE ARE GOING TO ALLOW ONE PERSON TO DECIDE IT YOU KNOW ALL RESPECT TO THE PUBLIC AUDITOR BUT I ASSUME THAT HE WOULD NOT WANT THAT AUTHORITY WITHOUT BENEFIT OF DISCOVERY THE APPEALS PROCESS TO OUR JUDICIARY IS INTEGRAL TO OUR OBLIGATION TO RESPONSIBLY SPEND THE PUBLIC MONEY AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT PEOPLE DO GET VERY FRUSTRATED WITH THE FACT THAT THINGS JUST SEEM TO DRAG ON AND ON IN COURT AND THAT'S TRUE THEY DO TEND TO DRAG ON AND ON IN COURT BUT THAT'S APPROPRIATE IT'S APPROPRIATE YOU KNOW YOU KNOW THE LAW MOVES SLOWLY BUT IT MOVES TOWARDS PROPER RESULTS AND I THINK THAT'S EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE PUBLIC PURSE SO I WOULD I WOULD JUST INVITE EVERYONE TO CONSIDER VERY CAREFULLY IF THEY WANT A CONTRACT WHICH IS WORTH TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS NOT BEING SUBJECT TO LEGAL REVIEW FOR EXAMPLE YOU KNOW WE'VE THIS THIS THIS SESSION THIS THIS HOUSE HAS BEEN EMBROILED IN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT A NEW HOSPITAL THAT IS GOING TO BE IN THE MULTIPLE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS NO MATTER WHERE IT'S BUILT I WOULD BE VERY RELUCTANT TO TO SUBMIT THE INEVITABLE CONTRACT DISPUTES WHICH ARE GOING TO ARISE I'M JUST VERY RELUCTANT TO SUBMIT THAT TO ONE PERSON WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF DISCOVERY THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THAT LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR BROWN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR COLLEAGUES CONCERNING THIS BILL BUT I THINK WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT CHALLENGE THAT WE HAVE WHICH IS A CREATION OF THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF I'VE NEVER QUITE UNDERSTOOD THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS THAT HAS A YOU KNOW 126 PAGE CHECKLISTS TO GO THROUGH YOU KNOW THAT ESSENTIALLY STRANGLE HOLDS OUR ABILITY AS A GOVERNMENT TO FUNCTION IN SOME VERY CRITICAL AREAS I THINK DOE IS SOMETHING WE SEE THAT EVERY DAY BUT IF YOU'VE RUN AN AGENCY IT'S A MAJOR CHALLENGE DEALING WITH PROCUREMENT AND THE REALITY IS ALSO WE ALSO HAVE COMPANIES THERE KNOWN THEY HAVE A REPUTATION IF THEY DON'T GET THE CONTRACT THAT'S AUTOMATIC BECAUSE THERE'S NO PENALTY TO THEM THERE'S NO SKIN IN THE GAME FOR THEM THEY DON'T LOSE ANYTHING BY MAKING SURE THAT THE COMPANY THAT WAS AWARDED THE CONTRACT DOESN'T GET IT AND WE'VE SEEN THIS REPEAT ITSELF OVER AND OVER AGAIN IT COULD BE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING IT COULD BE FOR GOODS IT COULD BE FOR SERVICES IT COULD BE FOR EQUIPMENT IT COULD BE FOR VEHICLES AND I'M NOT SAYING IT'S A PERFECT PROCESS BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY IT'S NOT IN SOME CASES WE ALREADY KNOW WHO'S GOING TO GET THE CONTRACT BEFORE THE CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED IT'S NOT A PERFECT PROCESS BUT WE'RE CHALLENGED HERE WITH THE SITUATION OF WE HAVE THIS FEDERAL MONEY AVAILABLE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE AVAILABLE FOREVER IN MOST CASES IT'S NOT GOING TO BE AVAILABLE TOO MUCH LONGER AND IT'S OUR INABILITY TO GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS THAT THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF HAS CREATED THAT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO OPERATE IT'S PUBLIC MONEY PUBLIC MONEY THAT IN MOST CASES DON'T GET TO GET SPENT ON WHAT WE NEED TO SPEND IT ON BE IT THE CONSTRU ESPECIALLY CONSTRUCTION THINGS THAT TAKE TIME AND THAT'S WHERE THE CHALLENGE IS MY COLLEAGUES SO I I REALIZE THAT WE HAVE SOME CONCERNS I CERTAINLY WE HAD THAT ISSUE TOO NOT TOO LONG AGO HERE DEALING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WANTING TO GIVE THEM MORE FLEXIBILITY BECAUSE THE ALTERNATIVE MEANT THAT THEY WERE GOING TO LOSE THAT FEDERAL MONEY MONEY THAT OBVIOUSLY WE SEE EVERY DAY IS SO DESPERATELY NEEDED BECAUSE OUR GOVERNMENT ITSELF DOES NOT EVEN IN THIS TIME OF PLENTY EVEN IN THIS TIME OF HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS EXCESS AS WE TALK ABOUT FALLING OUT OF THE SKY WE STILL CANNOT TAKE CARE OF THE MOST BASIC NEEDS OF WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PROVIDED FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THAT'S JUST DOE WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE GOVERNMENT WHAT ABOUT ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE NEED TO CONSTRUCT YOU KNOW THE SIMON SANCHEZ SCHOOL THAT WE OFTEN TALK ABOUT I MEAN EVEN TILL TODAY WHERE ARE WE HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE THE TYPHOON SIX MONTHS GOING ON SEVEN ARE WE ANY FURTHER TO EVEN BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION SO THAT AT SOME POINT CHILDREN THAT HAVE YET TO BE BORN WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO THIS SCHOOL AT SOME POINT SO THAT'S THE CHALLENGE THIS IS OUR OWN CREATION IT'S OUR OWN CREATION THAT LIMITS US IT'S OUR OWN CREATION ALSO THAT ALLOWS OTHERS BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE HAVE UNSCRUPULOUS PEOPLE OUT THERE THEY KNOW SAD REALITY OF LIFE

BUT THEY DO EXIST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION BECAUSE WE SET IT UP TO ALMOST MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO TO PROCURE WHAT WE NEED WE ALLOW THESE OBSTRUCTIONS TO GET IN OUR WAY AND ALSO BECAUSE OF OUR OWN FRAILTIES OUR OWN LIMITATIONS IN GOVERNMENT BECAUSE SOMETIMES YOU GOT PEOPLE THAT WANT TO COOK THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS TO THEIR ADVANTAGE OR MAKE SURE CERTAIN PEOPLE CERTAIN BUSINESS INTERESTS GET THE CONTRACT ESPECIALLY THE BIG MONEY CONTRACTS O WHO'S GOING TO GET THAT WHO'S GOING TO BENEFIT FROM THAT WHO'S GOING TO GET THEIR CUT FROM THAT SAD REALITY BUT WE'RE IN A SITUATION HERE WHERE I I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF THE AUTHOR OF TRYING TO FIND A WAY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCE UNDER THE TIME LIMITS THAT WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WHEN THERE ARE THESE TYPE OF PROTESTS SO THAT WE CAN MOVE ON SO THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY GET THINGS DONE YOU KNOW WE CRITICIZE GOVERNMENT AND YES GOD LORD KNOWS WE'VE GOT OUR OUR OUR YOU KNOW WE HAVE SO MANY EXAMPLES OF WHERE WE FAIL WHERE WE DO MISERABLY BUT IN THE AREAS WHERE WE CAN SUCCEED WHERE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WHERE WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE FUNDS THAT ARE ONLY HERE FOR A LIMITED TIME WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP THAT PROCESS ALONG BECAUSE THIS IS MONEY THAT WE WILL LOSE AND IT'S MONEY THAT OUR PEOPLE WILL NOT BENEFIT FROM AND THAT IS A FAILURE THAT WOULD BE A BIG MISTAKE TO ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN AND DO NOTHING BECAUSE WE'RE SO WORRIED ABOUT THE PROCESS AND THE PROCESS ITSELF IS NOT PURE AND CLEAN WE KNOW THAT BUT WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE LEAVE IT AS IT IS ALLOW THE PRO SOME OF THESE PROTESTS CONTINUE ON AND ON AND ON AND ON LOOK AT THE AIRPORT LOOK AT YTK GOODNESS ALMOST 20 YEARS 20 YEARS OF A PUBLIC ASSET THAT YOU COULDN'T DO ANYTHING WITH BECAUSE THESE THINGS ENDED UP IN LITIGATION AND THEN SOMETIMES THE COMPANIES THAT ARE INVOLVED ALMOST THINK THEY OWN THE HOUSE LOOK AT THE AIRPORT THEY'RE SO TIMID THEY CAN'T EVEN MOVE OH WE WE CAN'T EVEN GET OTHER VENDORS CUZ YOU KNOW WE'RE AFRAID MY GOODNESS THAT'S THAT REALLY ISN'T HOW GOVERNMENT SHOULD RUN I ACTUALLY THINK WE NEED TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS AND CERTAINLY TIGHTEN IT IN AREAS WHERE YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE NO ONE'S TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT WHERE WE'RE NOT ABUSING THE SYSTEM SO THAT SOME PEOPLE UNFAIRLY PROFIT BECAUSE THEY GOT THE CONNECT OR WHATEVER THEY IT'S THEIR ADMINISTRATION WHATEVER IT IS YOU KNOW WE'VE SEEN IT HAPPEN OVER THE YEARS REPEATEDLY BUT I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE IT IT'S FOR A SHORT TIME IT'S A SHORT WINDOW TO ALLOW THESE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED SO THAT WE CAN MOVE ON WE CAN GET WHAT IT IS THAT WE NEED TO PROCURE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE FUNDS BECAUSE OTHERWISE GUYS WE MIGHT AS WELL JUST SEND IT BACK AND IT'S NOT MONEY THIS LEGISLATURE IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO YOU KNOW BUT THEN AGAIN I DON'T KNOW MAYBE NEXT TIME MR CARLSON COMES DOWN HERE AND TELLS US THERE'S NO MONEY NOW WE GOT TO WONDER BECAUSE NOW THIS WHOLE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING IN THE GOVERNMENT'S BECOME A BIG JOKE TO ME TOO SO COLLEAGUES I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN AND THE GOOD LORD KNOWS I I HAVE MY SHARE BUT AT THE SAME TIME I I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE FUNDS WHILE WE HAVE THEM AND NOT ALLOW THE EXTERNAL FACTORS TO DETERMINE THE GOVERNMENT AGENDA AND THE PEOPLE'S AGENDA THE PUBLIC AGENDA OF OF USING THESE FUNDS SO THAT THEY CAN GO TO THE BENEFIT OF OUR PEOPLE SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I DEFINITELY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN ON THE BILL OKAY SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YEAH I I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AND I DEFINITELY APPRECIATE THE CONCERNS THAT THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE BROUGHT UP THAT I'M I'M SURE THE AUTHOR WILL ATTEMPT TO ADDRESS WITH POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS BUT YEAH THE TIMELINE OF THESE FUNDS I THINK WARRANTS THE JUSTIFICATION OF OF EXPEDITING OF THIS PROCESS AND AND WE DID IT FOR THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND I COULD SEE HOW IT COULD WORK FOR THESE FUNDS AS WELL AND SO AGAIN I COMMEND THE AUTHOR YOU KNOW HEARING AFTER HEARING WE ALL HEAR IT EVERY COMMITTEE PROCUREMENT IS SUCH A BIG ISSUE TO SO MANY IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND I QUESTION THAT YOU KNOW SOMETIMES IT IT SEEMS LIKE MAYBE THEY JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT BUT AGAIN WITH THESE FUNDS AND THE TIMELINE THAT'S TICKING AND THE HISTORY THAT WE'VE HAD AND NOT BEING ABLE TO USE THE FEDERAL FUNDS THAT THAT WE'RE GIVEN AGAIN I COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR DOING THE THIS HARD WORK AND I ALSO COMMEND THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AND MY COLLEAGUES FOR RAISING THESE CONCERNS ON ON THIS THIS BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU'RE WELCOME, SENATOR BARNETT ON THE BILL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER ON THE MAIN MOTION I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND AND THANK YOU TO THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL IT'S VERY CLEAR THERE ARE SOME AGENCIES IN THE GOVERNMENT THAT ARE GETTING KIND OF DESPERATE TO SPEND SOME OF THESE FEDERAL FUNDS AND THE APPEALS ARE DELAYING THEIR TIME FRAME OR EVEN TO SPEND RATE PAYERS FUNDS AND AND THE APPEALS TRULY DELAY THE PROCUREMENT BUT I I'M I'M IN FAVOR OF APPEALS GENERALLY BECAUSE I FIND IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT'S GOING TO KEEP SOME OF THESE AGENCIES IN LINE RIGHT WITHOUT CORRUPTION WITHOUT FAVORITISM AND TRULY GOING FOR VALUE AND BENEFIT TO THE TAXPAYERS OF GUAM IT'S THAT APPEAL PROCESS IT'S GETTING THOSE WHO WERE NOT SELECTED AND SOME OF THE REASONS IF YOU LOOK THROUGH THE RECORDS OF WHY THEY WEREN'T SELECTED OR WHAT THEY'RE APPEALING RATHER IS LOOKS VERY LEGITIMATE RIGHT WE HAVE HUGE LITIGATION BECAUSE THEY SAY RULES WERE NOT FOLLOWED AND THAT'S TO ME WHAT WE WANT NOT TO HAPPEN WE WANT RULES TO BE FOLLOWED SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THESE PEOPLE HAVE THAT ABILITY TO CALL IT OUT WHEN NECESSARY I I DO YOU KNOW OF COURSE HAVE TO BALANCE THAT WITH WE ARE GIVEN SOME FEDERAL FUNDING THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND WE NEED TO SPEND THAT IN THE TIME FRAME THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN US AND SO WHILE YOU KNOW I I AM SOMETIMES CRITICAL OF THESE AGENCIES OF FOR NOT PLANNING PROPERLY OR JUST GETTING REALLY THE BALL ROLLING FAST ENOUGH THAT WE CAN HANDLE THE PROPS AND APPEALS IN A TIMELY MANNER BUT I THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THIS BILL AND I'M I'M GOING TO ADMIT IT'S VERY DIFFICULT BECAUSE I'M NOT NOT GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF A SPECIAL PROCUREMENT PROCESS I MEAN I KNOW WE'VE DONE IT IN THE PAST THE LEGISLATORS HAVE DONE IT IN THE PAST FOR VERY SPECIAL FEDERAL FUNDS WE HAVE VERY SPECIAL FEDERAL FUNDS IN FRONT OF US RIGHT NOW THAT ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO USE THESE OR WE LOSE THEM SO I GUESS I JUST LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE SPONSOR WHICH AGENCIES ARE WE DOING THIS FOR AND WHICH PROCUREMENTS ARE THERE PARTICULAR PROCUREMENTS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMMODATE HERE OR IS THIS TRULY GENERALLY FOR ALL AGENCIES FOR ANY KIND OF PROCUREMENT WHERE THE FUNDING IDENTIFIED IS RESTRICTED OR THE REQUIRED LABOR AVAILABLE IS RESTRICTED OR THE REQUIRED MATERIALS IS RESTRICTED BECAUSE I AGREE WITH PREVIOUS SPEAKERS THAT THAT THAT CAN PRETTY MUCH BE MET BY ANY PROCUREMENT I WOULD THINK ON GUAM AT THIS TIME TIME SO IF THE SPONSOR WOULD YIELD TO THAT GENERAL QUESTION THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR PEREZ WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THE SPEAKER'S INQUIRIES PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES I DO YIELD AND SO GENERALLY THIS BILL WAS CREATED WITH THE INTENT OF GPA IN MIND BUT AS YOU CAN SEE THE LANGUAGE CAN APPLY TO DIFFERENT AGENCIES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPEAKER TERLAJE DOES THAT ANSWER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH YEAH MY QUESTION AGAIN WOULD BE IS THERE A REASON WHY WE ARE NOT GOING TO MAKE THE BILL APPLY ONLY TO GPA OR APPLY ONLY TO THOSE SPECIAL FUNDS SUCH AS ARP OR THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS I THINK THAT'S THE ONE WE'RE ALL VERY CONCERNED WITH THOSE ARE THE BIG ONES AND FOR ME I WOULD I WOULD NOT FAVOR SO MUCH THIS LANGUAGE REQUIRED MATERIALS ARE RESTRICTED I FEEL LIKE THAT'S THAT'S JUST GOING TO LET EVERY PROCUREMENT APPLY HERE OR REQUIRED LABOR AVAILABLE IS RESTRICTED I THINK GUAM WE'RE GOING TO FIND THAT LABOR IS RESTRICTED RIGHT FOR ALMOST EVERY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT I I DON'T KNOW IF IF THE AUTHOR WOULDN'T MIND TO JUST YIELD TO THOSE QUESTIONS AS WELL SO WHAT ABOUT LIMITING IT JUST TO GPA WHY ARE WE NOT LIMITING IT JUST TO THOSE FEDERAL FUNDS THAT WE KNOW ABOUT AND AND AND AND WHY DO WE REALLY NEED THIS OTHER LANGUAGE IS THIS REQUESTED BY GPA THE THE RESTRICTION ON MATERIALS THE RESTRICTION ON LABOR THAT THAT ALSO QUALIFIES YOU FOR THIS SPECIAL PROCUREMENT LAW.

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

SENATOR PEREZ: YES I DO AND SO THERE WASN'T WHEN THE WHEN THE BILL WAS CREATED THERE WASN'T OR WHEN THERE'S A PUBLIC HEARING THERE WASN'T ANY OBJECTION TO IT BUT I'M OPEN TO MAKING IT MORE SPECIFIC TO GPA.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPEAKER TERLAJE.

SENATOR PEREZ: WAS ANY OBJECTION TO THE THE LANGUAGE ITSELF.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WOULD YOU LIKE FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS OR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MAYBE IN A LITTLE WHILE I HAVE I'D LIKE TO JUST FOLLOW THROUGH FOLLOW UP WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND THANK YOU TO THE SPONSOR FOR BEING WILLING TO ANSWER ALL THESE INQUIRIES I WAS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING BUT I THINK THE BILL HAS BEEN AMENDED AND I THINK IT'S BETTER NOW WE ARE GOING TO BE WAITING FOR THE POLICY OFFICE TO BE MAKING SOME RULES AND REGULATIONS WE'RE GOING TO ALSO BE WAITING FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS FROM OPA WHICH THEY HAVE DONE IN THE PAST TIMELY SO I'M NOT THAT WORRIED ABOUT THAT BUT WE HEARD EARLIER WHO THE POLICY OFFICE IS THESE ARE OUR BIGGEST CONTRACTORS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SORRY PROCUREMENT PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OUTSIDE OF OUR AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES SUCH AS GPA AND GWA THE AIRPORT AND THE PORT BUT IT ALSO TALKS ABOUT THIS DESIGNATING A CONTRACT A CR A CRITICAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACT AND ALLOWING IT TO AVAIL OF THESE SPECIAL RULES IS GOING TO BE A DECISION MADE BY THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE PROCURING AGENCY AND I JUST WANT TO TALK FOR A MINUTE ABOUT WHETHER THE SPONSOR HAS ANY CONCERNS REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER AND THE ONLY REASON WHY I ASKED THAT IS BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN SOME FLIPPING OR I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S THE WORD IT SEEMS LIKE THAT POSITION IS MOVING AND IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE BY STATUTE IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE CLASSIFIED IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE SET SO THAT THE THAT PERSON IN THAT POSITION IS IMMUNE FROM ANY POLITICAL PRESSURE FROM ANY GOVERNOR AND IT SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED FOR YEARS BUT I'M I'M JUST WONDERING IF THE IF THE SPONSOR HAS ANY CONCERNS REGARDING THAT AT THIS TIME.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH SO AND LOOKING AT THE TESTIMONY FROM THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHE STATED THAT IT DIDN'T SEEM IT DID THE \$5 MILLION THRESHOLD WAS ENOUGH FOR THEM TO VIEW IT AS IT'S NOT TRUL REALLY APPLICABLE BECAUSE A I GUESS A LOT OF THE PROCUREMENTS THAT THEY DO ARE UNDER 5 MILLION AND IT GOES ON TO SAY IN THE TESTIMONY THAT IT'S MOST LIKELY CONSTRUCTION AND SO THAT'S THE THE GOAL OF THIS BILL IS TO ENSURE THAT MUCH NEEDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ARE ARE COMPLETED SO IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE IT WAS REALLY THAT APPLICABLE TO THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER ACCORDING TO THEIR TESTIMONY.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU AGAIN AND SO THAT'S THE GIST OF MY QUESTIONS ON THE BILL I MEAN WE'VE SEEN BOTH SIDES RIGHT WE'VE SEEN WHERE OUR AGENCIES ARE HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN DEEMED WRONG INCORRECT IN THEIR PROCUREMENT AND IN ORDER TO REDO IT AND SO THIS IS A BIG DEPARTURE AND IT'S A BIG DEPARTURE AT THE REQUEST OF GPA YOU KNOW TO MAKE A MORE TIMELY PROCUREMENT OF SOME HUGE ITEMS OR SERVICES AND YOU KNOW THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WERE SUFFERING FROM LOAD SHEDDING AND OTHER THINGS CAUSING POWER OUTAGES BUT SO WE WANT TO ADDRESS THAT AND LIKE ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES STATED YOU KNOW WE ARE THE GOVERNMENT WE ARE THE ONES TO ADDRESS THAT I'M JUST GOING TO CONTINUE TO WEIGH THE MY CONCERN THAT YEAH I THINK IF GPA IS THE ONLY ONE THAT NEEDS IT PERHAPS WE SHOULD LIMIT IT TO GPA AT THIS POINT UNTIL THE OTHERS COME IN AND REALLY JUSTIFY WHY DO THEY NEED IT WHY WHY ARE THEY RUNNING BEHIND WHY DID THEY NOT PLAN WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE MONEY AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE TEAM THAT WE HAVE SEEMS TO BE I THINK IT WAS YOU MADAM VICE SPEAKER WHO HAD A HEARING AND BROUGHT THEM IN AND THEY REPORTED TO US HOW THEY ARE PLANNING TO SPEND THAT INFRASTRUCTURE MONEY AND SO I'M HOPING THAT THAT WILL NOT BECOME AN ISSUE THANK YOU AND AGAIN THANK YOU TO THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL THIS TYPE OF LEGISLATION IS VERY DIFFICULT BECAUSE I KNOW SHE AS WELL AS I WEIGH THOSE THINGS AND TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION IN THE PROCUREMENT LAW IS A REALLY BIG DEAL IT'S IT'S A BIG RISK THAT WE TAKE AS A GOVERNMENT AND BUT SHE HAS DONE THE HARD WORK I THINK TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING TASKED IN THIS BILL TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS AND TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT THEY ARE ARE THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THAT AND IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE ALL THE RULES WILL BE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE TRIAA THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION LAW SO THE LEGISLATURE WILL HAVE AN A CHANCE TO REVIEW THOSE AS WELL IF THERE'S ANY OBJECTION AT THAT POINT AND WE JUST TRY TO MAKE IT FAIR AGAIN WE DON'T CONTROL WHO'S SITTING ON THE POLICY OFFICE BUT YOU KNOW WE JUST HAVE TO TRUST THEM THAT WE ARE ALL LOOKING FOR THE THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE.*

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE MAIN MOTION I WILL ADDRESS SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I ATTENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND I WAS CONCERNED IN SOME AREAS CONSIDERING THE BILL WAS IS IS DEFINITELY NEEDED RIGHT NOW WE ONLY HAVE ABOUT A YEAR LEFT IN SPENDING THEM OUR FENDING AND IT WAS ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT I DO HAVE CONCERNS WITH WAS BEING ABLE TO HEAR AS WELL YOU KNOW ANY APPEALS FOR PROJECTS BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH SOME TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT TO YOU KNOW S SORE LOSERS THAT THEY DIDN'T GET THE CONTRACT YOU KNOW TO TRY AND DERAILED THE PROJECT IS A HUGE ISSUE THAT WE CAN ADDRESS BUT IN IN THIS LEGISLATION HOWEVER YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE YOU'RE CHANGING SOMETHING UP THAT PROVIDES THAT MECHANISM OF YOU KNOW ACCOUNTABILITY TRANSPARENCY YOU HAVE TO PAUSE YOU KNOW AND I I BELIEVE THIS THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION DID EVERYTHING SHE COULD TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS AND ONE OF THEM WAS THE COURT'S CONCERNS BY TAKING OUT THE COURT'S PART IN THIS WHOLE IN IN THIS LEGISLATION HERE AND I READ THE COURT'S COMMENTS YOU KNOW HOW THE DELAY WOULD BE ALMOST A YEAR IT WOULD TAKE FOR THEM TO ACTUALLY ADDRESS THE CONCERN BUT AND LIKE WE MENTIONED EARLIER THIS FUNDING SIMILAR TO THE ARA FUNDING I MEAN THE AR FUNDING THAT WAS DONE A FEW YEARS AGO WHERE WE HAD THIS MONEY AND WE HAD TO EXPEND IT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND I THINK THERE WERE MEASURES THAT WERE PUT IN PLACE JUST FOR THAT NOW WE'RE SPREADING IT TO OTHER AGENCIES TO UTILIZE GWA GPA THE PORT AUTHORITY BY MOVING THOSE THAT PROCESS TO JUST ELIMINATING IT TO SEE THAT'S ONE BOTTLENECK THAT WE CAN ADDRESS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS SEEMS TO BE ANOTHER AREA OF A BOTTLENECK AND WE'RE TRYING TO ADDRESS THAT ONE AS WELL AND I THINK THIS BILL DOES DO THAT IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO TIME FRAME YOU KNOW A YEAR FROM NOW IS NOT THAT MUCH TIME THAT WE HAVE SO THIS BILL IS VERY IMPORTANT AND IT IS NEEDED I DID MENTION DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING WHEN I TALKED TO THE PUBLIC AUDITOR YOU KNOW IT WAS INCLUDED HERE THAT IT WOULD WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE AFFECTED DATE OF ACTION THAT THEY WILL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS I ASKED IF IT COULD BE SHORTER I MEAN WE AGAIN WE ARE ON A YOU KNOW HOW FAST TIME FLIES I MEAN NEXT THING YOU KNOW WE'RE ALREADY IN SEPTEMBER OCTOBER A YEAR FROM NOW SO I'D LIKE TO MAKE JUST AN AMENDMENT WITHOUT HAVING TO CHANGE OR YOU KNOW WRITE IT DOWN TO SEE IF THE MY COLLEAGUE ARE OKAY WITH THIS BUT CHANGING ON PAGE FIVE WHERE IT SAYS 90 DAYS AND JUST CHANGE THAT TO 60 DAYS AND IT WAS EVEN MENTIONED BY THE PUBLIC AUDITOR HE COULD EVEN DO IT IN 30 DAYS YOU KNOW IF HE'D LIKE SO I'M TRYING TO BE MORE REALISTIC IN IN THIS AND JUST LOWERING IT DOWN TO 60 DAYS HE HAD NO ISSUES WITH IT ON THE PUBLIC AUDITOR AND AGAIN IT'S JUST CHANGING 90 DAYS TO 60 DAYS THAT'S MY AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE AND WE'RE GOING TO SAVE A TREE ON THIS ONE COLLEAGUES IT'S ON PAGE FIVE LINE THREE WITHIN 90 DAYS CHANGE IT TO 60 DAYS ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU AND WE'LL WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER TREE SAVED IF WE CAN MADAM SPEAKER AND THAT IS ON SECTION THREE ON THE SAME PAGE AND THAT'S ON LINE 14 ALSO CHANGE THAT 90 DAYS TO 60 DAYS AS WELL AS MADAM SPEAKER I FAIL TO RECOGNIZE THAT AS WELL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE I YES ON THAT MOTION COLLEAGUES ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SENATOR TAITAGUE STILL ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I I WOULD LIKE ASK THE AUTHOR IF SHE SHOULD YIELD TO A QUESTION THAT I HAVE THAT WAS ASKED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING WHICH I THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT MANY OF THIS AR FUNDING IS ACCOMPANIED BY ALSO GENERAL FUND MONEY AND WHEN THERE'S A PROJECT THAT'S BEING PUT IN PLACE YOU KNOW THEY THEY CAN ACTUALLY MIX TOGETHER THERE'S NOT ENOUGH FUNDING FOR THIS YOU KNOW WE CAN USE A GENERAL FUND SO MY QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR IS KNOW THAT THIS IS TO ADDRESS AR FUNDING TO ENSURE THAT WE SPEND IT AS QUICKLY BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES A GENERAL FUND AS WELL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OKAY I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND ASK HER SENATOR PEREZ WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THAT QUESTION AS IT RELATES TO THE CO-MINGLING INCLUSIVE OF THE GENERAL FUND WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A SECOND'S RECESS A MOMENT'S RECESS.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN IS BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR PEREZ IF I MAY ON A MOTION PLEASE.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MAKE THE MOTION TO RECESS TILL 2 TODAY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS WE ARE IN RECESS TILL TWO.

RECESS

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SHE HAS 10 MINUTES LEFT OKAY GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN IS BACK FROM RECESS WHEN WE BEFORE WE TOOK A BREAK I KNOW THAT SENATOR TAITAGUE WAS CONFIRMED WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION AND LEGAL SO I'M GOING TO YIELD BACK TO YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE I THINK YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YES MADAM SPEAKER THE QUESTION I HAD ASKED WAS THE COMINGLING AS YOU YOU PUT IT OF FUNDS YOU KNOW COMING TOGETHER YOU KNOW THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS IS TO SPEND AS MUCH OUR FUNDING AS WE CAN INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AS WE CAN TO UTILIZE IT I MEAN THE WORST THING THAT WE THIS BODY COULD DO IS NOT GIVE IT THE THE TOOLS NEEDED IN ORDER TO SPEND THIS MONEY EXPEDITIOUSLY I MEAN THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING I THINK HAS A 5-YEAR PERIOD BUT THE ARK FUNDING DOESN'T NOW WHAT HAPPENS IF WE COME INTO A SITUATION ESPECIALLY WITH DOE I MEAN WE ALL KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH DOE TRYING TO ENSURE THAT CERTAIN PROJECTS AND REPAIRS ARE ARE DONE TO THE SCHOOLS IN TIME AND THEY MAY BE USING SOME OF THEIR OWN FUNDING THAT WAS GIVEN TO THEM THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND HOWEVER WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS REASON WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY IS TO EXPEDITE THIS FEDERAL FUNDING SO WE DON'T LOSE IT SO WE SHOULDN'T ALLOW TOO MUCH OF THE GENERAL FUND TO GET INTO THE MIX OF OR THE PLAY OF EVERYTHING TO TO BYPASS OUR REGULAR PROCUREMENT PROCESS SO AFTER SPEAKING WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION WE THE WE BOTH AGREED THAT WE DON'T WANT TO HINDER ANY PROJECTS THAT ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED AND ALLOWING SOME GENERAL FUND MONEY AND WE IF YOU MY COLLEAGUES IT'S ON PAGE THREE LINES FOUR AND FIVE OF BILL 36-37 AND IT'S SECTION TWO A2 THE CONTRACT IS REASONABLY EXPECTED TO COST \$5 MILLION OR MORE AND CONSISTS OF 80% OR MORE OF ARPA AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOBS ACT FUND MEANING THAT 80% OF THE FUNDING MUST BE THESE FEDERAL FUNDS 20% CAN COME FROM GENERAL FUND IF NEED BE SO THAT'S THAT GIVES A LITTLE FLEXIBILITY AND THE ABILITY FOR THE THESE PROJECTS TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD IN THE EVENT THEY ARE SHORT INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING OR ARPA FUNDING AND THAT'S A A SIMPLE AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THIS OPPORTUNITY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE SO ON ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON IT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN I WILL ADDRESS YOU AT THIS TIME SIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW AS I LOOK AT THE BILL AND AS THE AUTHOR MENTIONED CONTRACTS REASONBLY EXPECTED TO COST \$5 MILLION OR MORE IT NE IT NEVER ALLUDES TO ANY SOURCE OF FUNDING IT JUST SAYS 5 MILLION OR MORE AND WE'RE GOING TO WE'RE GOING TO ASSUME WE'RE GOING TO TIE IT UP WITH FEDERAL MONEY MONEY THAT WE DON'T CONTROL I'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF IT I SUPPORT THE INTENT OF THE BILL BUT WHEN WE START TYING THINGS WITH OVER SOMETHING WE HAVE NO THIS BEING STRAIGHT UP WE DON'T HAVE CONTROL OF ARP MONEY WE DON'T HAVE CONTROL OF QUITE A FEW FEDERAL FUNDS AND WE NEED TO WAKE UP TO THAT AND AND UNDERSTAND THAT AND LIVE WITH THAT NOW IF WE WORK WITH THE AGENCY WHATEVER IS DOING AND THEY NEED HELP AND THE VERB IS THE VERB IS I'M COMING THROUGH WITH THE VERBS THE WAY IT IS WITH THE BILL BECAUSE IT DOESN'T TIE DOESN'T ASSUME OR GIVE THE IMPRESSION OR THE IMPLICATION THAT WE'RE TELLING THE ADMINISTRATION NO THIS IS HOW YOU MUST DO IT BUT YOU MUST USE FEDERAL MONEY THIS HAND BREAK BACK AWAY LET'S JUST GET THE ALLOW THE ALLOWANCES AND MOVE ON AND I HOPE THE ADMINISTRATION IF THEY CAN GIVE 80% GREAT IN WHATEVER FEDERAL SOURCE THAT'S AVAILABLE BUT NOT TELL THEM YOU GOT TO USE 80% BEFORE WE ALLOW THAT'S ALL AND AND THAT'S WHY I HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT IT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ARE ARE YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER IF I.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ME SO ONE MOMENT JUST ONE SECOND JUST FOR A CLARIFICATION ARE YOU OBJECTING OR YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE ME ARE YOU GOING TO DO A POINT OF INFORMATION BACK TO THE SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO THERE'S NO NEED FOR A POINT OF INFORMATION I'M I'M JUST I'M JUST STATING WHAT I'M READING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: GUYS ONE MOMENT PLEASE WE HAVE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPARE ME.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ONE MOMENT WE ARE IN TEMPORARY RECESS SORRY GUYS CAN.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR TAITAGUE I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENT ON LINES 45 PAGE THREE I'D LIKE TO WITHDRAW THEM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRY SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO PROFER A A NEW AMENDMENT SUBSTITUTING IT AND THAT'S STILL AGAIN ON LINE FOUR AND FIVE PAGE THREE MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW THE MY GOOD COLLEAGUE FROM YIGO MADE A GOOD POINT YOU KNOW THE INTENTION OF MY AMENDMENT ACTUALLY WAS NOT TO YOU KNOW ONLY ALLOW 80% FUNDING FROM ARPA TO BE UTILIZED BUT IN THE EVENT THEY NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR A PROJECT SO IT DOESN'T STOP THAT THEY CAN USE GENERAL FUND MONEY AND WE DON'T WANT TO EXCEED A 20% AMOUNT I MEAN THIS THE WHOLE PURPOSE WAS TO UTILIZE THIS FUNDING AS I MENTIONED BEFORE AND THAT WAS THE INTENT HOWEVER READING IT DOES BRING SOME KIND OF SOME CONFUSION ON REALLY WHAT IT'S INTENDED TO BE SO I THINK THE GOOD MY GOOD COLLEAGUE FROM YIGO FOR POINTING THAT OUT BECAUSE WE ANYTHING THAT WE PRODUCE HERE IN THIS BODY WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE IT'S IT'S READ CORRECTLY AND THAT YOU KNOW WHOEVER INTERPRETS THE LAW IS INTERPRETED WITH NO QUESTIONS ASKED SO I I' LIKE TO PROFER THIS AMENDMENT WHICH BEGINS ON LETTER A SECTION TWO THE CONTRACT IS REASONABLY EXPECTED TO COST 5 MILLION OR MORE AND IS FUNDED BY AT LEAST 80% OR MORE FROM ARPA OR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT JOBS ACTS FUNDS AND THAT'S THE AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I UNDERSTAND MY COLLEAGUE WHAT SHE'S WHAT SHE'S SAYING I HAVE AN AMENDMENT I'M PREPARING TO CHANGE THIS A LITTLE BIT AND I GO BACK TO WHAT I SAID EARLIER AND IT WILL SAY THE CONTRACT IS REASON ME EXPECTED TO COST \$5 MILLION OR MORE AND IS FUNDED 80% OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND IN PARENTHESIS IT COULD INCLUDE ARPA OR INFRASTRUCTURE I'M JUST DON'T WANT US TO SAY IF FOR EXAMPLE THERE'S A PROJECT AND WE WANT TO LIFT THE RESTRICTION IF IT'S NOT ARP OR INFRASTRUCTURE YOU CANNOT APPLY THIS I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY PROJECT HAS THAT OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY THIS RULE THAT THE RESTRICTION IS NOT JUST TO SPECIFIC FUNDING IF ALL OF A SUDDEN DELEGATE MOYLAN COMES UP WITH A BILL AND THERE'S FEDERAL MONEY AND IT'S NOT ARAN IT'S NOT INFRASTRUCTURE IT SAYS WE GOT THE MONEY THE RESTRICTION IS LIFTED BECAUSE IT CATCHES ALL FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT'S WHAT I'M AFTER I WANT ACCESS TO ALL THE FEDERAL MONEY AND THERE IS A LOT OF FEDERAL MONEY AT DOE AND EVERYWHERE ELSE THAT HAS STRICT RESTRICTIONS THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SO SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN I'M GOING TO ASSUME OR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE AMENDMENT IS GETTING PREPARED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THAT YOU ARE GOING TO OBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT RIGHT NOW CUZ WE'RE ENTERTAINING IT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I HAVE AMEND.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU LIKE AN AMENDMENT TO THIS AMENDMENT

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OKAY JUST.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IF THEY FINISHED UP.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: A MOMENT'S RECESS.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS AND WE WERE WITH SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN WHO HAS AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MY COLLEAGUES THE THEEND BEEN PASSED ON AND ALL I DID WAS I AMENDED AND IT SAYS AND IT'S FUNDED BY AT LEAST 80% I'M STILL CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE FIRST AMENDMENT WAS BUT I INCLUDED FEDERAL FUNDS IN GENERAL INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED I GO BACK TO WHAT THE FIRST AMENDMENT WAS BUT I'M MAKING SURE THAT AT LEAST IF THERE'S ANY OTHER PROGRAMS THAT ARE OUT THERE THAT ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES FEEL THAT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST THEM TO SPEED IT UP THIS BILL WILL ALLOW IT OTHERWISE IF IT'S JUST ARP MONEY AND INFRASTRUCTURE CRASH ALL WE'RE GOING TO DO IS SEE ANOTHER BILL THAT WE COULD HAVE FIXED IT ONE THING THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE AMENDMENT AS PROFERRED TO THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT AS PROFERRED BY SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ARE THERE ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SENATOR PEREZ ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAME SPEAKER OH THIS IS AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT RIGHT OKAY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES THIS IS SAN AGUSTINE AMENDMENT TO THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH SO I'M A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED AND I SPOKE TO THE THE PROPER OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT YEAH THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING OR RESTRICTING IT TO THESE SPECIFIC FEDERAL FUNDS IS BECAUSE WE KNOW OF THE TIMELINE WHEREAS WITH THESE FEDERAL FUNDS I FEEL LIKE IT IT OPENS IT UP WIDER THAN I WOULD LIKE YEAH THE WHEN WE ARE STREAMLINING EXPEDITED OR WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO EXPEDITE PROTEST PROCEDURES I THINK WE HAVE TO USE A LOT OF CAUTION AND YOU KNOW I FEEL THAT THIS LANGUAGE MIGHT YEAH MAYBE WE DON'T KNOW THE FULL EFFECT OF IT AND I WOULD PREFER THAT THE BODY COME BACK AND ADD A FUND THAN TO JUST ALLOW THIS AS IS SO THAT'S MY PREFERENCE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SO YOU THERE IS AN OBJECTION ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE PROFER AMENDMENT BY SENATOR SAN AGUSTINE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN OF THE AUTHOR OF THE ORIGINAL BILL BILL 36-37 IN HER CONCERNS BUT I THINK THERE'S MECHANISMS IN PLACE THAT WOULD ALSO YOU KNOW AVOID FROM ANY YOU KNOW ABUSE OF UTILIZING THIS LEGISLATION THAT IS MEANT TO EXPEDITE PROCUREMENT SO THESE PROJECTS WILL BE COMPLETED WITH FUNDING THAT HAS A TIMELINE TO IT IF WE'RE GOING TO USE GENERAL FUND THEN AND THERE'S MONEY AVAILABLE FOR A PROJECT THIS AMENDMENT ALSO INCLUDES THE AMENDMENT THAT I THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT REQUIRES THAT 80% OF THAT MUST COME FROM FEDERAL AT LEAST 80% COME FROM THE ARPA FUNDING AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT ACT THE WHOLE PURPOSE WHY WE'RE BEING HERE BUT IF THERE'S ANY OPPORTUNITY FROM

GENERAL FUND TO SUBSIDIZE A PROJECT THAT CANNOT BE FULLY PAID FOR BY THESE ARPA FUNDS THEN WE CAN GO TO THE GENERAL FUND AND NOT TO DISREGARD OTHER GENERAL OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS THAT CAN BE AVAILABLE NOW IN THE BILL ITSELF AS A WHOLE THERE IS A SUNSET PROVISION IN THE BILL THAT ACTUALLY I HAVE ANOTHER AMENDMENT TO TO SHORTEN IT A BIT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION TO SHORTEN IT A BIT THE LAST THING WE WANT TO DO IS HAVE THIS LAW BEING USED NOT IN THE INTENT IT WAS FOR AND THEN AND ABUSING YOU KNOW THAT RIGHT I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT BECAUSE GOD KNOWS I MEAN WE JUST HAD AN AUDIT THAT CAME OUT THAT'S NOT REALLY TRUE TO FORM YOU KNOW THAT THAT'S NOT SHOWING YOU KNOW REAL TRUE EXCESS REVENUE IF THERE IS ANY ON THE FY22 FISCAL YEAR SO WHEREVER FUNDING WE CAN IT SHOULD COME FROM SO I I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU ARE THERE ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT WOULD THE AUTHOR LIKE TO CLOSE OR WOULD HE LIKE TO CALL FOR THE VOTE SENATOR SAN AGUSTINE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I JUST WANT TO READ ONE OF THE PARAGRAPHS ON THIS BILL THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT ON THIS BILL MY COLLEAGUES IT PAGE TWO VERY TOP *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* FINDES THAT GUAM'S CURRENT PROTEST PROCESS CAN LEAD TO LENGTHY DELAY WHICH ALSO LEAD TO LOST OPPORTUNITIES AND SO FORTH AND SO FORTH THAT'S WHAT THIS BILL IS ALL ABOUT IS TO AVOID IS TO REDUCE THE DELAYS TO ELIMINATE AND HOPEFULLY NOT HAVE LOST OPPORTUNITIES AND ALL I SAID WAS THAT IT'S INCLUSIVE OF ARP AND AND INFRASTRUCTURE BUT WE GOT TO CAPTURE OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS GOOD THERE ARE MANY AND THANK YOU WE JUST MOVE FOR THE VOTE THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SO ON THE JSA AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS THERE IS AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR WITH THE JSA AMENDMENT PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX MOTION FAILS ON THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT ARE THE ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT SENATOR TAITAGUE WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I'M I'M I'M STILL CONFIDENT IN THE LANGUAGE HERE THAT AUTHORIZES TO UTILIZE OR AS AS YOU MENTIONED EARLIER TO COMMINGLE SOME OF THE FUNDING THE FEDERAL FUNDS I MEAN NOT FEDERAL FUNDS GENERAL FUND MONEY INTO PROJECTS THAT ARE SHORT OF FUNDING FROM ARPA AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO NOT STOP PROJECTS AND TO MOVE FORWARD SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES WITH THIS AMENDMENT WE ARE STICKING TO OUR GUNS TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE USING AR FUNDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT JOBS ACTS FUNDS IT DOESN'T STOP US YOU KNOW I REALLY DON'T THINK IT WOULD STOP US FROM USING FEDERAL FUNDS IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT BECAUSE IT IT OPENS TO DOOR TO ANY OTHER KIND OF FUNDING NEEDED IN THIS PARTICULAR AMENDMENT SO IT STILL PROVIDES THAT THAT LEEWAY SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES THIS IS A WAY TO TO BE VERY FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND AND THE ATTENT TO THE BILL BE TRUE TO FORM THAT WE UTILIZE THIS MONEY AS FAST AS WE CAN BEFORE THE DEADLINE AND WE LOSE IT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTINE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I STAND IN SUPPORT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR I DO I.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO NO NOW I I MADE AN AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT NOW I'M.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOUR SPEAKING ON THE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ON HER AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY I'M IN SUPPORT OF HER AMENDMENT AND I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS BILL BUT MARK MY WORDS IF SOMETHING GETS TIED UP AND THERE'S NO MONEY THERE I WON'T TELL YOU I SAID SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR SHE WAS CLOSING I APOLOGIZE ON THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED I KNOW YOU HAVE SEVERAL MORE MINUTES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I'LL JUST MAKE THIS VERY QUICK IT'S ON LINES 6 TO 8 PAGE THREE AND THIS AMENDMENT IS IN IN A SECTION 3 THE IDENTIFIED FUNDING CROSSING OUT THE REQUIRED LABOR AVAILABLE AND REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR THE CRITICAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACT IS RESTRICTED PURSUANT TO ARPA AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT JOBS ACTS OR BECOMES RESTRICTED TO MATERIAL DETRIMENT OF THE PROCURING AGENCY THIS THIS WAS A AN AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER THAT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION ON WELL IT IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IT IT JUST YEAH SO I'M.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AS FARING MOVE MOVE THINGS ALONG SO.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE AMENDMENT ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE CARRIES YOU HAVE ONE MORE AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YES I DO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER VERY SHORT AGAIN IT JUST SIMPLY CROSSES OUT THE DATE I'M SORRY LINE NINE PAGE FIVE AND SECTION FOUR IT CROSSES OUT 2030 TO 2026 THIS WAS AN AMENDMENT THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION ALSO WANTED TO TO PROFER AND THAT BEING SAID IF IF ANYTHING NEEDS TO BE EXTENDED WE CAN ALWAYS COME BACK TO THIS BODY AND EXTENDED BUT IN THE MEANTIME LET'S SEE HOW THIS GOES AND HOW THIS ROLS AND ENSURE THAT EVERYONE IS PROVIDING OR IT'S ALL DONE CORRECTLY TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE SO THAT'S THAT'S SIMPLE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU, SENATOR TAITAGUE, WE ON ON THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT DOES ANYONE WISH TO SPEAK SENATOR PEREZ ON THE AMENDMENT YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RAISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT SO I DID GET CLARIFICATION THAT WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT IT WHICH STARTED IN 2022 THEY EARMARKED FUNDS FOR 5 YEARS AND SO THAT WOULD LEAVE IT UP TO 2026 AS FAR AS FUNDING IS AVAILABLE AND SO WHAT THIS LANGUAGE HERE IT IT PRETTY MUCH ALIGNS IT WITH THE FUNDING AND SO I I RISE IN SUPPORT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ ON THE AMENDMENT ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SENATOR TAITAGUE WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE MAIN MOTION AS PROFERRED BY AUTHORED BY SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO THE DISCUSSION ON BILL 36-37 IT'S BEEN INTERESTING ONE OF THE DISCUSSION POINTS BY SOME OF THE SPEAKERS ON THE FLOOR WAS WHY NOT MAKE IT MORE NARROW AND WHY NOT PARTICULARLY IN CASES LIKE GPA AND OTHER THINGS THAT WERE MENTIONED SO I WANTED TO READ SOMETHING REAL QUICK AND SEE IF THE AUTHOR WOULD WOULD ANSWER MY QUESTION IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT BY THE OPA IT READS AS FOLLOWS IN TERMS OF THEIR TESTIMONY SAYS THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY ON BILL 36-37 THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY OPA SUPPORTS THE BILL HOWEVER WE WOULD RECOMMEND THE CRITICAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACT SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AT THE START OF THE PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION AND SHOULD BE DONE BY THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM NOT BY THE PROCURING AGENCY IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY STATED THAT IN THE PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION THAT IS A CRITICAL PROCUREMENT

AND THAT ANY PROTEST RELATIVE TO THE PROCUREMENT WILL BE TREATED IN A SPECIFIC EXPEDITED PROCESS ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS FOR THE PROCUREMENT MUST ACKNOWLEDGE AND SIGN OFF THAT THEY ARE AWARE AND WILL ABIDE BY THE SPECIAL EXPEDITED PROCESS IN ADDITION THE OPA WILL DEVELOP AND PROMULGATE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THIS SPECIAL EXPEDITED PROCESS WITHIN 90 DAYS WHICH I THINK HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 60 DAYS SO IN MY SIMPLE READING OF THE BILL AND I MAY BE MISSING IT OR MAYBE IT'S DESIGNED TO BE SOMEWHERE ELSE BUT MY QUESTION IS PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD AND PRETTY SIMPLE I DON'T READ THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS SUBSTITUTED BILL SO I WANT TO SEE IF THE AUTHOR WOULD DISCUSS WHY THERE WAS NO NEED TO DO THAT ESPECIALLY SINCE THE BILL WAS SUBSTITUTED COMMITTEE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR PEREZ WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES I WOULD SO IN SECTION 5428 OF THE BILL WE DID INCORPORATE THE SO THERE WAS A DISCUSSION TOO JUST TO PUT IT DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING SO WE DID INCORPORATE THOSE A THOSE AMENDMENTS SO IF YOU RECALL THE INITIAL BILL WOULD IT STATED THAT THE CRITICAL PROCUREMENT WOULD BE RATIFIED AFTER A PROTEST AND SO THAT THAT WAS DEFINITELY OBJECTED TO BY THE PUBLIC AUDITOR AND HE BASICALLY STATED THAT IT SHOULD BE UPFRONT RIGHT AND SO WE DEFINITELY MADE THAT CHANGE SO IT'S IN PAGE THREE OF THE BILL SECTION 5428 SUBSECTION B SO WE WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS AND WE ALSO INCORPORATED THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY GPA SO THE CRITICAL PROCUREMENT SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR THE GOVERNING BOARD OF A PROCURING AGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS TO BE PROMULGATED BY THE POLICY OFFICE THE CRITICAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACT SHALL BE PROMINENTLY DESIGNATED AS SUCH IN THE NOTICE OF AND SOLICITATION FOR THE CONTRACT SO ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS OFFERERS AND CONTRACTORS SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE AND SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF AND AGREED TO ABIDE BY THE CRITICAL PROCUREMENT DEADLINES RULES AND REGULATIONS SO IT IS INCORPORATED IN THE BILL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: SO MADAME CHAIR I DON'T SEE THE GOVERNOR GUAM OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL GUAM CAN CONTEMPLATED AS PUT FORWARD BY THE AUDITOR NOW MAYBE THAT IS AN ANTICIPATION OF THE SIGNATURE BLOCKS BEING I GUESS ON THE FRONT END MEANING THAT THAT PROCUREMENT HAS BEEN PROVIDED AND AND I AND I THINK THE REASON WHY THAT BECAUSE IT IT IS IN THE DISCUSSION LATER ON IN THE BILL MADAM CHAIR THAT IN THE IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT THAT THE THAT THE PUBLIC AUDITOR CONTEMPLATES THAT IS IT IS THE ENTITY THEMSEL THAT MAY HAVE THAT SPECIAL INTEREST AND WITHOUT BASICALLY TYING IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE SKIN IN THE GAME IF YOU WILL AS THIS IS AN OPEN-ENDED DISCUSSION I MEAN THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT GPA BUT SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED ON THE FLOOR HAVE BEEN CONCERNS IN REGARD TO OUTSIDE OF JUST THAT NARROW PROCUREMENT AND THAT THIS APPLIES TO EVERYTHING AND SO I JUST I'M I'M STILL WANTING FOR THE LANGUAGE OF WHERE IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SO JUST POINT OF INFORMATION SO SECTION 5150 WOULD DEFINITELY PUT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN CONTROL THE BEING THAT THIS IS A \$5 MILLION OR MORE CONTRACT THAT WOULD AUTOMATICALLY REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ENSURE THAT THE PROCUREMENT IS ABOVE BOARD AND SO HE WOULD HE WITH IN CONSULTATION WITH THE THE PROCURING AGENCY WOULD HAVE TO YOU KNOW HE WOULD HAVE A SAY IN THAT I KNOW THE WAY IT'S STATED HERE IS THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SO WE WERE PICKING THE HEADS OF THESE AGENCIES MOST OF THE LINE AGENCIES GO WITH GSA WHEN WHEN IT COMES TO SERVICES AND GOODS OF COURSE DEP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS THE HEAD OF CONSTRUCTION WHICH IS WHERE THIS BILL FALLS MOSTLY ON IF NOT ALL AND WE PUT IN GOVERNING BOARD BECAUSE THE CCU SO THIS WAS AT THE REQUEST OF A RECOMMENDATION BY GPA SO NATURALLY CCU I'M SORRY THE PUC ANYTHING ANY PROCUREMENT OF A MILLION DOLLARS IS OVERSEEN BY THE PUC SO THERE'S A LOT OF EYES ON THIS AND AND IN REGARDS TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SHE HAS HER EXECUTIVE BRANCH THAT IS OVERSEEING IT THROUGH THOSE DEPARTMENTS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR DUEÑAS DOES THAT SUFFICE.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: NOT REALLY BUT SO WHAT I'LL DO IS I'LL DO A LITTLE BIT MORE HOMEWORK BUT I I MY ISSUE IS IS THAT IT'S NOT CLEARLY DELINEATED IN MY OPINION THAT IT'S AT THE FRONT END BECAUSE WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR HERE GENERALLY IS OR WHAT THIS BILL IS TRYING TO DO AS I READ IT IT'S IT'S SIMPLE IMPLICATION IS TO EXPEDITE THE PROCUREMENT IS TO TAKE IT TO A DIFFERENT LEVEL IN TERMS OF PROTESTS AND WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS SITUATION SO TO FACILITATE DATE AND SO IF IT'S NOT SPECIFICALLY AS WHAT THE OPA ASKED FOR AND I THINK THE OPA WAS ASKING FOR THIS YOU KNOW IN THE LETTER OF THE LAW TO ENSURE THAT BASICALLY THOSE IT'S ALMOST THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS OF THE EXPEDIT OF OF THE PROCUREMENT AND WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AS IT GOES THROUGH THE CHAIN BECAUSE YOU'RE YOU'RE YOU'RE GIVING BASICALLY SOME SORT OF A SPEAL SPECIAL DESIGNATION IF YOU WILL SO I WILL CONTEMPLATE THAT AND HOW I CHOOSE TO DECIDE AND VOTE ON THE BILL IN THE END BUT I I IN MY OPINION THAT THAT'S MY MAJOR CONCERN WITH THIS BILL IS THAT IT SEEMS AS THOUGH IT DID NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION BY THE OPA BUT I'LL DO SOME ADDITIONAL RESEARCH BUT I DON'T AGREE WITH THE AUTHOR'S PRESENTATION THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT SENATOR PEREZ YOU MAY CLOSE.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DO WANT TO JUST PERHAPS RESPOND TO THE RETIRING SPEAKER I DO RECALL IN THE PUBLIC HEARING THERE WAS A DISCUSSION THAT TOOK PLACE SO I KNOW THE WRITTEN TESTIMONY TESTIMONY BY THE PUBLIC AUDITOR WAS PROVIDED BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING SO I WOULD DEFINITELY DO THAT RESEARCH JUST TO SHOW THAT THERE WAS YOU KNOW A BASICALLY A DISCUSSION ABOUT WHO SHOULD BE THE ONE DECIDING BUT IN ANY CASE I DO WANT TO PROFER AN AMENDMENT IT'S ON THE DRIVE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: DOES EVERY HAVE EVERYBODY HAVE THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH SO THIS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON PAGE ONE.

SENATOR PEREZ: RIGHT PAGE ONE SO WHAT IT DOES IT ADDS THE WORDS USING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ANDOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT SO THAT SHOULD BE THE AN SHOULD APPEAR AFTER INVESTMENT SO JUST TO FOR TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND AGAIN THIS IS TO.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AND TO ALLOW FOR TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES THANK AND TO ALLOW FOR TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SENATOR I SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU RECOGNIZED ON THIS AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I DON'T OBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT BUT I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE AUTHOR AGAIN FOR HER WORK ON THE BILL AND YOU KNOW THERE WAS A COMMENT MADE IN THE IN THE MEDIA RECENTLY ABOUT THIS BILL AND I I WAS SHOCKED BECAUSE IT WAS SOMEBODY FROM GPA CRITICIZING THE LEGISLATURE FOR NOT ACTING ON THIS BILL FASTER AND I REMEMBER THAT HEARING AND I REMEMBER AND I'M READING THE COMMITTEE REPORT AGAIN AND THERE WERE SO MANY EVEN CONFLICTING TESTIMONY AS TO WHAT SHOULD BE OR SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THIS BILL AND THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER ONE OF ONE OF THE EXAMPLES AS TO YEAH THERE WAS TESTIMONY AND THEN THERE WAS A A CHANGE IN THAT AND SO I FIND IT TO BE VERY COMPLEX WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE TO MAKE THE BILL BETTER AND AND A LITTLE BIT MORE NARROW AND MORE IN LINE WITH THE ORIGINAL INTENT I DID SEE THAT SECTION IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT WHERE THE PUBLIC AUDITOR AFTER SAYING HE WANTED THE GOVERNOR TO MAKE THAT DECISION AS A ON THE ADVICE OF THE POLICY OFFICE INSTEAD OF THE POLICY OFFICE MAKING THE DECISION BUT YEAH LATER ON IN THE HEARING HE SAYS NO I JUST WANTED TO APOLOGIZE FOR MESSING THINGS UP THIS MORNING BY NOT WANTING PROCURING AGENCIES TO DO IT I WITHDRAW THAT CONCERN BECAUSE I'M REMINDED THAT THE AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES ARE GOING TO THE PUC TO APPROVE CONTRACTS OVER A MILLION DOLLAR BUT SOMEONE ELSE HAS TO APPROVE AND FOR THE LINE AGENCIES HAVING THE GOVERNOR DO IT BY RECOMMENDATION SOMEBODY WHOEVER SHE USES BUT SOMEONE TO OVERSEE THE LINE

AGENCIES BUT JUST NOT THE AGENCIES BUT IN THE AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES THEY DO HAVE SOMEONE THAT'S OVERSEEING THEM THAT'S ABOVE THE GM AND SO I'LL WITHDRAW MY CONCERN AND SO I THINK THAT THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL IS ACTUALLY PUT TOGETHER SOMETHING THAT HAS ADDRESSED MANY MANY OF THE CONCERNS AND SO I JUST WANTED TO THANK HER FOR THAT WORK AND TO THOSE WHO ARE SAYING THAT IT TOOK TOO LONG I I VERY MUCH OBJECT TO THAT BECAUSE WE DID NOT CAUSE THAT PROCUREMENT ERROR WE ARE TRYING TO FIX IT HERE AND I THINK THIS BILL IS IS MOVING ALONG AS IT SHOULD WITH A VERY DILIGENT WORK THANK YOU MADAM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND ADDRESS ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR TAITAGUE I KNOW YOU SPOKE EARLIER SO ON THE MAIN MOTION I MEAN I'M SORRY ON THE AMENDMENT AS PROFERRED BY SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I TOO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT AND I AGAIN JUST WANT TO COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR VERY DIFFICULT WORK RIGHT WAS A LENGTHY HEARING IT'S VERY COMPLICATED I FEEL LIKE SHE PUT A GOOD BILL ON THE FLOOR AND I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND OUR COLLEAGUES FOR MAKING WHAT I BELIEVE WAS A GOOD BILL EVEN BETTER WITH THEIR SUGGESTIONS AND THEIR DISCUSSION AND DEBATE SO AGAIN I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT I THINK IT MAKES A GOOD BILL EVEN BETTER LIKE ALL THE AMENDMENTS THAT WE'VE DISCUSSED AND I EAGERLY AWAIT THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF THIS BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I DO STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT AND AGAIN YOU KNOW I HAVE TO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF THE LAST TWO SPEAKERS ON HOW HARD SHE WORKED AND WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS BILL IS ACTUALLY SET ASIDE MANY TIMES TO ENSURE THAT THE CONCERNS FROM AGENCIES AS WELL AS THE OPA WAS ADDRESSED AND NOW SHE KEEPS AN OPEN MIND WHEN SHE HEARS ONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES OUR GOOD COLLEAGUE WHO WHO MENTIONED THE CONCERN ON THE TITLE OF OF THIS BILL TO ENSURE THAT WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT IT YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WHAT THIS IS INTENDED FOR AND THAT ALONE TELLS YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF HOW THIS BILL WILL HELP YOU KNOW THOSE AGENCIES SPENDING THIS ART FUNDING BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT THAT SHE INCLUDES AND HEARS OUR CONCERNS AND INCORPORATES IT IN THERE SO I I GREATLY APPRECIATE AND I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE GOOD SENATOR FROM BARRIGADA WHO WHO BROUGHT THIS TO TO THE FOREFRONT THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PEREZ ON THE CLOSING.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO ADD CO-SPONSORS IF THAT'S POSSIBLE I THINK VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES AND IF THERE'S ANYONE ELSE SENATOR TAITAGUE OKAY WITHOUT WRITTEN AMENDMENT IF THAT'S OKAY.

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

SENATOR PEREZ: RIGHT THANK YOU I APPRECIATE MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AMENDMENTS AND SUPPORT AND DEBATE ON ADDRESSING DELAYS DUE TO PROCUREMENT PROTESTS CONCERNING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS YOU KNOW WE ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES WITH AGING AND FAILING FACILITIES DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE BUT WITH THE INFLUX OF MILLIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE TO ENSURE THAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOT LOST THE IMPORTANCE OF BILL 3637 IS THAT IT BALANCES THE NEED FOR PROTEST WITH A NEED TO ENSURE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED WHILE THESE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE SPECIFICALLY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT FUNDS AS ATTORNEY KAMACHO STATED IN HIS TESTIMONY THE STATEMENT THAT PROTEST PROCESS LEADS TO LENGTHY DELAYS IS ACCURATE AND THE MAJORITY OF THE PROTESTS ARE PRE-AWARD WHICH TRIGGERS AN AUTOMATIC STAY THAT IS NOT LIFTED UNTIL FINAL RESOLUTION USUALLY IN THE COURTS SHOULD IT PROCEED SO MOREOVER HE STATES THE IMPOSITION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY UNTIL FINAL RESOLUTION IS OVERKILL AND EXTREMELY PREJUDICIAL TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM UNTIL WE CAN DEVELOP LONG-TERM MEASURES I APPRECIATE MY COLLEAGUES AMENDMENTS AND CREATING MORE SAFEGUARDS BY

RESTRICTING THE EXPEDITED PROTEST PROCEDURES IN THE SUBSTITUTE BILL FOR USE AND THE PURPOSES OF ARPA AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT FEDERAL FUNDS AND ENSURING THESE CRITICAL PROJECTS ARE ARE FUNDED WITH AT LEAST 80% FROM THESE SPECIFIC FUNDS WE NEED CONSISTENT POWER WE NEED WATER AND NEW FACILITIES IT IT IS WITH US HOPE THAT WE CAN GET THESE PROJECTS DONE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS YEARS WITH USING THIS EXPEDITED PROTEST PROCESS THAT IS FAIR EQUITABLE AND THAT FOSTERS BROAD-BASED COMPETITION AND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THE MOTION TO PLACE A BILL IN THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 99- 37 COR SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO PLACE BILL TWO OH SORRY BILL 99-37 WHICH IS SUBSTITUTED BY THE COMMITTEE WHICH IS AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION A OF 4637 OF CHAPTER 4 DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 26 GUAM GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIFEGUARDS AT SWIMMING POOLS ONTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND TO ALLOW MYSELF AS WELL AS MY COLLEAGUES TO VOICE THEIR VOICES TO BE HEARD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER COLLEAGUES YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE SUBSTITUTED VERSION ON BILL 99-37 DIFFERS FROM THE ORIGINAL VERSION RATHER THAN EXEMPTING CERTAIN SWIMMING POOLS COMPLETELY FROM THE SAFETY AND SANITATION REQUIREMENTS OF EXISTING LAW IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE BETTER APPROACH WOULD BE TO EXEMPT SWIMMING POOLS AT RESIDENTS CONDOS AND APARTMENTS FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO HAVE HAVE A LIFEGUARD ON DUTY THIS IS WHAT SUBSTITUTED BILL NUMBER 99-37 AIMS TO DO SIMPLY PUT WE WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT SWIMMING POOLS AT HOUSES CONDOS AND APARTMENTS ARE PRIVATE POOLS AND NOT REQU AND DOES NOT REQUIRE A LIFEGUARD ON DUTY HOWEVER IT STILL REQUIRES WARNING SIGNS WHEN LIFEGUARDS ARE NOT ON DUTY AS MANY OF HAVE SEEN AT OTHER LOCATIONS AS LAWMAKERS WE HAVE A DUTY TO ENACT LAWS THAT PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE OUR LAWS HOWEVER MUST BE REASONABLE AND MUST NOT CAUSE OUR PEOPLE UNDO HARD HARDSHIP IT IS NOT REASONABLE TO HAVE WHAT CLEARLY PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS TO BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC POOLS IT IS NOT REASONABLE TO ACCEPT HOMEOWNERS TO PAY AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY TO COMPLYING WITH AN UNREASONABLE LAW TESTIMONY PRESENTED DURING THE HEARING ON THIS BILL STATES THAT THE COST OF HAVING A LIFEGUARD ON DUTY CAN EXCEED \$80,000 A YEAR UNLIKE COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOLS SWIMMING POOLS IN RESIDENTS CONDOS AND APARTMENT COMPLEX ARE ONLY USED BY THE OWNERS AND TENANTS AND THEIR GUESTS THESE THESE ARE NOT PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS THEY ARE PRIVATE TO REQUIRE THEM TO HAVE LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY EXPENSIVE AND UNJUST I'D LIKE TO GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT ONE OF EVERYBODY KNOWS HIM AND CHRIS FELIX ONE OF THE REALTORS ON THIS ISLAND FOR LIKE DECADES HE'S BEEN HERE AND HE OVERSEAS AT LEAST HE SAID ABOUT 40 TO 45 COMPLEXES MANY OF THEM HAVE HAVING SWIMMING POOLS HE SAID IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE BECAUSE IF I OWN A HOUSE AND I HAVE A SWIMMING POOL IN MY HOUSE IT'S CONSIDERED PRIVATE BUT WHAT HAPPENS IF I RENT MY HOME OUT TO SOMEBODY DOES THAT MEAN NOW IT'S PUBLIC ABSOLUTELY NOT THE BILL BASICALLY CLEARS UP TO SOMETHING THAT IS CONTRADICTIVE IN LAW WELL IF YOU ASK GFD WHAT THEIR PERCEPTION OF THESE THE SWIMMING POOLS AT APARTMENTS OR CONDOS THEY SAID WELL THE THESE ARE BASICALLY PRIVATE AND IN OUR WHAT WE'RE READING IN THE LAW IS THAT THEY HAVE TO INCORPORATE A SIGN THAT SAYS NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK BUT THEN WHEN YOU GO TO PUBLIC HEALTH IT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE THEY'RE CALLING PRIVATE I MEAN PUBLIC POOLS WHERE PEOPLE WHO OWN THEIR CONDOMINIUMS WHO WHO LIVE IN APARTMENTS WHERE IT'S NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IT IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE SO WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IS JUST A MATTER OF CORRECTING THAT SO IT'S NOT YOU KNOW FIGHTING WITH EACH OTHER ON ON FIRE WHAT FIRE SAYS ARE PUBLIC HEALTH AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COMMITTEE YOU KNOW FOR ENSURING THAT THE SAFETY MECHANISMS YOU KNOW THE CONDITIONS OF POOLS WHETHER IT IS PRIVATE OR PUBLIC IS ADHERED TO SO I I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT THE THE COMMITTEE HAS DONE AND I'D LIKE TO ALSO THANK MY CO-SPONSORS MINORITY LEADER SENATOR FRANK BLAS JR SENATOR JESSE LUJAN SENATOR JOANNE BROWN SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICHOLAS SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT AND SENATOR WILL PARKINSON WHO ALSO SEES THE ISSUE WITH THIS LAW BEING CONTRADICTIVE FROM ONE AGENCIES TO ANOTHER SO AGAIN I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL NUMBER 99 IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR BROWN YOU RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER AND I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL NOT JUST AS A CO-SPONSOR BUT YOU KNOW HAVING SAT IN FOR THAT PARTICULAR HEARING ON YOUR BEHALF I HAD NOT BEEN AWARE TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS WAS AN ISSUE OF CONCERN I ACTUALLY HAVE HEARD OF CONDO OWNERS THAT ARE ACTUALLY HAVE FILLED IN PARTS OF THEIR POOL SO IT DOESN'T EXCEED FIVE FEET IN DEPTH TO COMPLY WITH THIS SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO HIRE A LIFEGUARD AND I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT'S UNREASONABLE OF COURSE YOU WANT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF EVERYONE WHO'S IN A POOL OR AROUND A POOL ESPECIALLY YOUNG CHILDREN AND WE UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR THIS AT A PUBLIC POOL CERTAINLY I SAW IN THE NEWS TODAY THERE MIGHT BE SOME LIGHT THAT THE HAGÅYA POOL MAY FINALLY BE ON IT WAY TO BEING REPAIRED AND AND THE HUNDREDS AND SOMETIMES THOUSANDS COLLECTIVELY IN THE COURSE OF A YEAR OF OUR ISLAND RESIDENTS THAT FREQUENT THE POOL ARE HAPPY INCLUDING MYSELF AND MY FAMILY TO HEAR ABOUT THAT BUT IT IN THE LAW ITSELF IT'S AMAZING JUST HOW A FEW WORDS CAN HAVE SUCH TREMENDOUS IMPACT POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE AND CERTAINLY IN THIS CASE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PRIVATE POOLS OR THOSE THAT LIVE IN CONDOMINIUM COMPLEXES OR APARTMENT COMPLEXES THAT HAVE POOLS

YOU KNOW THIS WAS A RESTRICTION FOR THEM AN UNREASONABLE EXT RESTRICTION AND CERTAINLY THAT RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY GOES ON TO THEM WITH THE OPERATION OF THEIR OWN PRIVATE POOLS I THINK A SIMPLE CLARIFICATION OF PUTTING THAT OUT THERE OF WHAT IS PUBLIC AND WHAT IS PRIVATE WHAT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE AND AS A PRIVATE POOL OWNER AND CERTAINLY WHAT THE PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITIES ARE PUBLIC PUBLIC POOLS ARE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAKE THAT DISTINCTION SO WE DON'T GET THE CONFUSION AND SEE WHAT UNDUE BURDEN THIS DOES PUT ON THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY SO I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THE BILL IT'S NOT A VERY COMPLICATED ONE BUT I THINK IT WILL HAVE A LOT OF POSITIVE OUTCOME ESPECIALLY AS A RESULT OF HEARING FROM THOSE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS AND POOL OWNERS THAT WERE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE EXISTING STATUTE SO I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THIS BILL THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN ON THE BILL ANYONE ELSE ON THE BILL ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN SENATOR S AGUSTINE ON THE BILL YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW FOR MOST OF THE FOLKS THAT OWN CONDOMINIUMS AND REAL ESTATE AGENTS I'M GOOD FRIENDS OF THOSE FOLKS BUT I ASK A SIMPLE QUESTION WHEN WE TAKE AWAY THE RULE OF HAVING A LIFEGUARD THERE REMEMBER THIS IS A LAW THAT WAS CREATED BEFORE MOST OF US WERE EVEN CONSIDERING RUNNING OUT AND PROBABLY IT WAS I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IT WAS CREATED WHEN BOTH MY COLLEAGUE FRANK BLAS AND I SENATOR FRANK WHEN I WERE BOTH POLICE OFFICERS BUT MY POINT IS WHO BECOMES LIABLE AND I HEARD MY COLLEAGUE MENTION ABOUT LIABILITY WHEN WE CHANGED THE LAW AND THE KID WAS TO DROWN TOMORROW OR WHENEVER THE LAW PASSES WHO'S LIABLE OH WE BLAME IT ON FROM THE CONDOMINIUM OWNERS RIGHT THEY INVITED MY YOU KNOW ONE OF MY COUSIN NOT MY KIDS CUZ MY KIDS ARE NOT HERE BUT ONE OF MY COUSIN'S KIDS TO THIS CONDOMINIUM THEY SWIM IN THE POOL NO LIFEGUARD NOBODY THERE TO PROTECT THE CHILD THEY DROWN WHO DO THEY TURN TO TO SUE FOR NOT MAKING NEVER MIND THE SIGN *Laña, dangkulon sign i lekña no Smoking for twenty feet manmañupa ha* SMOKING I'M CONCERNED ABOUT LIABILITY I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE CHILDREN THAT ARE SWIMMING I'M CONCERNED ABOUT DO THOSE FOLKS THAT OWN THE CONDOMINIUM THAT PAY PART OF THEIR PACKAGE DEAL THEY GET TO USE THE POOL THEY KNOW THE RESTRICTION THEY KNOW WHAT THEY NEED TO TAKE CARE OF BUT WHEN SOMEBODY DROWNS WHO BECOMES LIABLE WITH THE LAW CURRENTLY OR THE RULES CURRENTLY THE GOVERNMENT'S GOT TO MAKE SURE SOMEBODY'S THERE AND IF NOT THEY CAN'T OPEN AND IF THE GOVERNMENT CHECKS AND AND THE CONDOMINIUM OWNER SAYS YEAH WE HAVE A GUARD A LIFEGUARD GREAT GREAT HE'S QUALIFIED GREAT WE'RE PROTECTED GREAT IT RELIEVES THEM OF ALL THAT STRESS THAT QUESTION OF LI AND THAT'S MY CONCERN ABOUT THIS THIS AMENDMENT AND AND ONE OF THE THINGS OR THIS BILL IS THAT THERE THERE'S SOMETHING HERE I WANTED TO READ BUT I'M NOT GOING TO READ IT BECAUSE IT'S ATTACKING EACH OTHER AND WE NEED TO STOP ATTACKING EACH OTHER I'M ONLY QUESTIONING THE LIABILITY AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT OUR CHILDREN THAT GO TO THESE SWIMMING POOLS ON MANY OF THEM UNINVITED AND THAT WHAT CONCERNS ME THERE ARE MANY CHILDREN THAT GO INTO POOLS THAT ARE UNINVITED AND IF THERE'S AND IF IT'S NOT OPEN IT'S LOCKED UP THEY WON'T GET IN IT'S NOT

LOCKED UP NO BIGGIE WHEN THIS CHANGES BY ME OBJECTING TO THIS BILL I DON'T BECOME LIABLE SO IF ANYBODY GETS SUIT I WON'T BE INCLUDED CUZ I DIDN'T SUPPORT IT THANK YOU.

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

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I I RISE TO SUPPORT OF THIS THIS BILL AND I GOT TO SAY AS ONE OF WHO HAD OPENED UP PROBABLY THE ONE OF THE BIGGEST FACILITIES HERE IN GUAM A WATER PARK TO ANSWER THE PREVIOUS GENTLEMAN'S QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE A LIFEGUARD ON DUTY OR NOT WHETHER SIGNS ARE ERECTED OR NOT DOES NOT REMOVE THE FACIL THE THE OWNER OF THE FACILITY FROM ANY LIABILITY I MEAN AGAIN FOR ONE HAD RUN ONE OF THE BIGGEST WATER PARKS HERE IN GUAM WE HAD LAWSUITS WE WON SOME AND LOST SOME WE PREVAILED IN SOME PREVAILED AND WE PREVAILED IN MOST BUT WHETHER A PERSON GETS INJURED WHETHER YOU'RE GATED OR WHAT WHATEVER IT MAY BE IT'S THE AGAIN IT DOESN'T REMOVE ANY LIABILITY ON THE OWNER OR THE HOA A GOOD EXAMPLE IS A LOT OF THE HOMEOWNERS THE CONDO OWNERS APARTMENT DWELLERS AS WELL WHEN AND IF THEY HAVE PARTIES I KNOW IN MY EXPERIENCE THAT ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY HAVE A LOT OF KIDS IT'S A KIDS BIRTHDAY PARTY THEY WOULD CALL OUR OFFICE AND ASK IF ANY OF OUR GUARDS ARE AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WANT TO RENT THEM OUT FOR THE DAY WE MAKE SURE OF COURSE THAT THEY HAVE THEIR CERTIFIED THEIR THEIR CURRENT CERTIFICATION CPR IN FIRST AID AND AND ALL THAT NOW AGAIN MOST OF THE HOAS HAVE TAKEN THAT UPON THEMSELVES TO AGAIN INFORM THEIR THEIR CONDO OWNERS THAT YOU KNOW OF COURSE THERE'S THEY ALL KNOW THEY ALL SIGN ON AS A CONDO OWNER THAT THERE ARE NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY AGAIN BUT IT DOESN'T REMOVE LIABILITY FROM THE PERSON THROWING THE PARTY OR EVEN THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BUT THEY TAKE THAT EXTRA PRECAUTION SO AGAIN IN REQUIRING THAT LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS LIKE PRIVATE HOMES OR APARTMENT COMPLEXES AND AND AGAIN

CONDOMINIUMS YES THERE ARE SIGNS AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER YES THERE ARE QUITE A FEW UNINVITED GUESTS BUT THAT'S WHEN THE HOMEOWNER AGAIN THE ASSOCIATION ATION HAS TO COME TOGETHER AND SAY HOW ARE THESE PEOPLE COMING IN NOT BEING INVITED TO COME INTO THESE FACILITIES HOW ARE THEY GET GETTING ACCESS TO TO THESE FACILITIES BECAUSE IF THEY'RE UNINVITED AND HAVING ACCESS TO THESE FACILITIES THAT MEANS YOU'RE NOT TAKING ALL THE PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY AND SO AGAIN YOU'RE YOU'RE OPENING YOURSELF UP TO EXTREME LIABILITIES SHOULD AN INJURY OR A DROWNING OCCUR SO AGAIN TO PUT THIS BURDEN ON HOMEOWNERS OR APARTMENT DWELLERS OR CONDOMIN OWNERS AS AS WELL THEY'VE ALREADY TAKEN THIS RESPONSIBILITY BUT LIKEWISE EVEN AGAIN IF YOU HAVE A CERTIFIED LIFEGUARD ON DUTY AND A PERSON GETS INJURED OR DROWNS DOESN'T MEAN THAT HE REMOVES YOU FROM ANY LIABILITY FROM THAT PERSON THAT GOT HURT OR DROWNED BELIEVE ME THEY WILL STILL STILL TAKE YOU TO COURT AND YOU BETTER BE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE YOU MIGHT WIN OR LOSE THE CASE SO WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE A C DOESN'T MATTER WHAT CERTIFICATION YOU HAVE OR HOW MANY SIGNS OR HOW HIGH YOUR FENCE IS IF SOMEBODY GETS INJURED OR DROWNED IN YOUR FACILITY IT DOESN'T REMOVE THE LIABILITY ON THE PERSON THAT IS INJURED OR OR DROWNED BUT WITH THIS BILL WHAT THIS BILL DOES IT JUST TAKES THE UNDUE BURDEN AWAY FROM AGAIN THE PRIVATE HOMEOWNER THAT MAY WANT TO BUILD A POOL OR CONDOMINIUM THE HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION THE MOST RESPONSIBLE ONES AND MOST OF THEM I KNOW ARE VERY RESPONSIBLE AND AND AND THEY HAVE THEIR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND AND SAY AS SUCH THAT HEY IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A PARTY IT'S BEST THAT YOU YOU YOU HIRE A GUARD AND THEY MOST OF THEM DO MOST OF THEM DO THAT AND SO THAT BEING SAID AGAIN I WOULD STAND IN SUPPORT AND AND ONE ONE OF THE SPONSORS FOR FOR THIS BILL I THINK IT'S A AGAIN JUST REMOVING THE UNNECESSARY BURDEN THAT IS IMPOSED ON PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS THAT HAS HAVE POOLS AND LIKEWISE CONDOMINIUMS AND WHO ARE AGAIN GOVERNED BY THEIR THEIR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND LIKEWISE EVEN APARTMENT COMPLEXES THEY THEY HAVE NOT A HOA BUT SOME VERSION OF THAT THAT GOVERNS THEIR POOL USE AND AND ALL THAT SO WITH THAT I START FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 99- 37 THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I REALLY DON'T HAVE AN OBJECTION TO THIS BILL BUT I JUST WANT A A CLARIFICATION IF I MAY AND MAYBE ASK THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION BASED ON THE RETIRING SPEAKER COMMENTS ON THE ISSUE AND THE LIABILITY THAT THAT IT THAT IS IMPOSED WHETHER THIS BILL IS PASSED OR NOT MAYBE MY QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR WAS

WOULD THERE BE ANY GOVERNMENT LIABILITY IN THIS MATTER AND AND I I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IF IF THIS WAS TAKEN AWAY OR THERE'S ANYTHING IN STATUTE I I HAVEN'T READ ANYTHING BUT IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT WOULD THAT WOULD BEAR RESPONSIBILITY ON THE GOVERNMENT THEN THEN I I MAY HAVE CONCERNS SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE IF ANYBODY CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION FOR ME IF MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY THE AUTHOR OR ANY SPEAKING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND AND YES I ABSOLUTELY IT'S A GOOD QUESTION YOU KNOW AND AND OF COURSE YOU KNOW THESE HAVE TO DO WITH PRIVATE OWNERSHIP PRIVATE BUILDINGS THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND I THINK THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER THE GOOD SENATOR FROM TAMUNING SENATOR LUJAN EXPLAINED IT COMPLETELY HE HE DEFINITELY HAS EXPERIENCE WHEN IT COMES TO SWIMMING POOLS AND UNDERSTANDS A LIABILITY PERSPECTIVE OF IT HOWEVER THAT DOESN'T STOP LET'S SAY FOR INSTANCE THE *HAGÁTÑA* POOL IS OPEN OR THE THE POOL IN *DEDEDO* IS OPEN AND THERE IS AN ISSUE THERE OF COURSE THAT IS OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THEY WILL THEY COULD BE RESPONSIBLE THE GUAM CLAIMS ACT ANYBODY WHO WHO GETS INJURED OR HURT WHILE AT A PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL WHICH IS ONLY PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL I KNOW SO FAR IS THE ONE IN DEDO AND OF COURSE THE OLD *HAGÁTÑA* WHICH IS NOT OPEN AND RUNNING YET THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT THE SAME WAY THE LIABILITY FALLS ON A HOMEOWNER I REMEMBER JUST DOWN THE STREET THERE WAS A HOME THAT HAD A SWIMMING POOL AND THEY FOLLOWED ALL THE GUIDELINES THEY HAD THE THE HEIGHT OF THE THE FENCE PUT UP YOU KNOW THEY HAD EVERYTHING IN PLAY A LOCK ON THE FENCE SOMEHOW SOME KIDS YOU KNOW JUST THOUGHT THEY WOULD TAKE A JOY SWIM AND JUMP OVER THE FENCE AND AND SWIM AND AND ACTUALLY ONE OF THEM DROWNED AND THE LIABILITY STILL FELL ON THE HOMEOWNER REGARDLESS THEY HAD EVERY MECHANISM IN PLACE SO UNLESS IT'S A GOVERNMENT FACILITY OF COURSE THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE LIABILITY BUT IF IT'S A PRIVATELY OWNED FACILITY THE LIABILITY FALLS ON THAT OWNER I HOPE THAT ANSWERS THE QUESTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR HEARING LETTING US HEAR THE ANSWER FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION LIKE I SAID I UNDERSTAND WHY THESE THIS KIND OF LEGISLATION IS BEING PUT INTO PLACE I KNOW THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT PROVIDING THAT ADDITIONAL MANPOWER AND AND MAKING SURE I KNOW THAT THERE'S CONDOMINIUMS AND APARTMENTS ALREADY HAVE REGULATIONS RULES AND A LOT OF TIMES YOU'LL YOU'LL SEE THAT THE LIABILITY IS BORN THROUGH THOSE THAT ARE GOING TO USE THE FACILITY SO IN THIS EFFORT I'M JUST GOING TO CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO TO MORE OF MY COLLEAGUES AND SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY ON THIS MEASURE BUT AT THIS TIME MADAM SPEAKER FOR ME I I I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY THIS LEGISLATION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR SO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VICE SPEAKER ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WANTS TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: *HÁFA ADAI* MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU I JUST WANTED TO POSE A QUESTION WHO WOULD BE MAINTAINING THE POOL IS IT THE HOA ASSOCI HOUSING ASSOCIATION AND WOULD THEY HAVE INDIVIDUALS I GUESS CERTIFIED TO BALANCE CHEMICALS BECAUSE THERE'S A POSSIBILITY OF OVER CHLORINATING THE WATER VERY EASILY AND THEN WHO'S TO BALANCE THE SANITATION OF POSSIBLE DEFECATION OR URINATION IN THE POOLS IF THE AUTHOR WOULD YIELD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ABSOLUTELY MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION YOU KNOW HIRES YOU KNOW PROFESSIONALS TO COME IN USUALLY AND ACCORDING TO CHRIS FELIX THIS IS NOT JUST COMING FROM ME BUT YOU KNOW EVEN WITH EXPERIENCE THEY HIRE THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO COME IN ONCE A WEEK AND THEY EVEN HAVE BUILDING MANAGERS THAT ACTUALLY SKIM THE POOL DAILY APARTMENT BUILDINGS THE SAME THING ANYTIME THERE IS ANY YOU KNOW ANYBODY GETS SICK FROM GOING TO SWIM THAT THAT'S OPENS FOR LIABILITY YOU KNOW TO THE HOMEOWNER OR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OR OPENS LIABILITY TO THE APARTMENT OWNER AS WELL SO OF OF COURSE THAT SHOULD BE DONE I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WANTS TO SWIM IN GREEN WATER YOU KNOW SO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR QUINATA.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU TO THE GOOD SENATOR OF *TAMUNING* I DON'T LIVE IN A HOA COMMUNITY I DON'T HAVE A POOL IN MY BACKYARD AND I DON'T HAVE TO PAY ANY HOA FEES BUT CERTAINLY I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR ONE'S LIFE YOU KNOW IF SOMEONE IS DYING OF CANCER WE WILL DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO SAVE ONE'S LIFE IF SOMEONE NEEDS A TO YOU KNOW WHATEVER THE MEDICAL AILMENT IS I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT NEEDS TO BE RENDERED TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBLE DEATH I WOULDN'T MIND PAYING THE FEE OF 80,000 OR WHATEVER THE COST IS FOR A LIFEGUARD SO I CERTAINLY WON'T BE SUPPORTING THIS LEGISLATION ON THAT PREMISE NOTHING FURTHER MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL WAIT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE ALREADY RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: POINT OF INFORMATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES STATE YOUR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOU KNOW BASED ON WHAT WAS SAID SINCE SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES ARE ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT LIABILITY AS LONG AS IT'S ON RECORD WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE LIABLE I WILL SUPPORT THE BILL CAUSE I KNOW A LOT OF THOSE CONDOMINIUM OWNERS OKAY SO I WITHDRAW MY OBJECTION THANK YOU.

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

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I HAD A QUESTION FOR THE AUTHOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD OH YES PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER IT'S A VERY SHORT BILL IT'S BARELY A PAGE BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO BE WAIVING THIS REQUIREMENT THAT THERE IS SOME SORT OF A BACK STOP SO I GUESS MY QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR IS THERE ANYTHING EXISTING IN THE RULES AND REGS THAT WOULD MANDATE ANY OF THESE COMPLEXES APARTMENTS CONDOS TOWN HOUSES TO POST SIGNAGE RELATED TO THE LACK OF A LIFEGUARD AT THESE POOL FOR FACILITIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ABSOLUTELY AND THAT IS ALSO A VERY VERY GOOD QUESTION YOU CAN FIND THIS SECTION IN 26 GARR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE DIVISION 1 CHAPTER 4 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANCTIONS ON PAGE BEGINNING ON PAGE 120 E WHENEVER A POOL IS OPEN FOR USE AND NO LIFEGUARD IS IN SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED THE WARNING SHALL BE PLACED IN PLAIN VIEW AND SHALL STATE WARNING NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY WILL CLEAR CLEARLY BE VISIBLE LETTERS AT ALL FOUR INCH AT LEAST 4 INCHES HIGH IN ADDITION TO SIGNS SHALL ALSO STATE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14 SHOULD NOT USE POOL WITHOUT THE DIRECT ADULT SUPERVISION NOW THIS IS ALREADY IN THE GARR SO I HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BARETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK THANK YOU IT DOES I'M I'M JUST A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE APARTMENT COMPLEXES I MEAN I I GET THAT THE CONDOMINIUMS OR YOU KNOW JUST FROM MY I'M NOT A REALTOR BUT JUST FROM WHAT I SEE YOU COULD HAVE CONDOMINIUMS COMPLEXES I'LL JUST LIKE FLORA PAGO IS THAT A CONDOMINIUM OR IS THAT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX OH CAN I CAN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: FLORA PAGO ACTUALLY IS A TOWNHOUSE AREA AND IT'S INDIVIDUALLY OWNED SO IT DOES FALL UNDER AN INDIVIDUALLY OWNED COMPLEX LIKE A CONDOMINIUM SO IT'S IT'S VERY SIMILAR TO THAT UNLIKE AN APARTMENT WHICH IS OWNED BY ONE OWNER VERSUS THE TOWN HOUSES.

SENATOR BARNETT: RIGHT YEAH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND CONDOS OWN INDIVIDUALLY.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK THANK YOU FOR THAT AND I GUESS THAT'S WHERE MY CONCERN LIES AND I'M NOT SURE IF THERE IS AN AMENDMENT OR OR ANYTHING THAT THE AUTHOR CAN WHIP OUT IN HER CLOSING BUT JUST BECAUSE APARTMENT COMPLEX IS YOU COULD HAVE AN APARTMENT COMPLEX WITH FOUR UNITS OR YOU COULD HAVE AN APARTMENT COMPLEX SOMETIMES WITH 440 OR EVEN IN SOME CASES 400 UNITS AND SO I THINK THE WHEN WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT A GREATER NUMBER OF PEOPLE EQUALLY A GREATER NUMBER OF KIDS EQUAL EQUALS TO ME A GREATER RISK OF SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T WANT HAPPENING THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THAT COULD HAPPEN SO I JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN ABOUT THE APARTMENT COMPLEXES WHEN I GREW UP IN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX AND IT WAS YOU KNOW ACADEMY GARDENS AND THIS WAS LIKE SIX SEVEN EIGHT DIFFERENT APARTMENT BUILDINGS WITH A SWIMMING POOL AND SO I THINK IN THOSE INSTANCES IT MIGHT BE PRUDENT TO WARRANT A LIFEGUARD BUT AGAIN I JUST LEAVE IT TO THE AUTHOR IF SHE WANTS TO WORK ON THAT BUT I WILL SAY THOUGH THAT ALL THIS TALK ABOUT THESE SWIMMING POOL HAS GOT ME THINKING ABOUT THE *HAGÁTÑA* POOL AND THE *DEDEDO* POOL AND I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO ASSIST THOSE SITUATIONS BUT THERE WAS A RELEASE THAT HAD COME OUT ABOUT 60% OF PLANS BEING DONE AS A MAJOR MILESTONE BUT ANYWAY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER APPRECIATE THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT THANK YOU ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR OH SORRY SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS SO IN EXEMPTING THESE PRIVATE YOU KNOW PRIVATE POLLS IS THERE A WAY TO MITIGATE I MEAN IS THERE OTHER MITIGATING MEASURES THAT CAN BE ADDED OR LANGUAGE THAT CAN BE ADDED TO YEAH PREVENT DROWNINGS IS THERE A POTENTIAL LANGUAGE OR DOES IT ALREADY EXIST IN LAW FOR INSTANCE YOU KNOW HAVING YOU KNOW NOT SWIMMING ALONE OR HAVING PARENTS OR ADULTS WITH CHILDREN THAT SORT OF THING IS THERE OTHER LANGUAGE OR PERHAPS REQUIRING.

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

SENATOR PEREZ: YES I AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THOSE QUESTIONS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WELL I JUST MENTIONED EARLIER WHEN THE GOOD SENATOR FROM *YONA* ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT SIGNING IT'S NOT ONLY JUST THE SIGNAGE AND EVEN TELLING YOU HOW LARGE EACH LETTER IS SUPPOSED TO BE BY 4 INCHES BUT IT ALSO SAYS THAT CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14 SHOULD NOT USE POOL WITHOUT THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT SO THIS SIGN IS PUT UP YOU KNOW TO TO INCORPORATE ANY CHILDREN I MEAN IF THERE'S ANY KIND OF MITIGATION OTHER THAN REQUIRING SOMEBODY TO WEAR A LIVE VEST WHEN THEY GO INTO THE SWIMMING POOL TO SWIM THAT MIGHT YOU KNOW DEFEAT THE PURPOSE BUT OTHER THAN THAT I THINK YOU KNOW THE LANGUAGE IS VERY CLEAR YOU KNOW IT'S JUST NOT HAVING TO HAVE LIFEGUARD GUARDS AND AND THESE PRIVATE POOLS PRIVATE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM I'M SURE THIS THIS BODY WOULD BE HAPPY TO YOU KNOW PART IN PART SOME MITIGATED MEASURES IN THERE TO FOR GOVERNMENT BUT I THINK PRIVATE POLLS ARE VERY CONSTRINGENT ALREADY AND I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THE OWNERS OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FOR ONE IS GOING TO ENSURE AS MUCH SAFETY THINGS IN PLACE FOR YOU KNOW THOSE WHO OWN THAT POOL VERSUS YOU KNOW AND APARTMENT BUILDINGS OR TOW HOUSES AS WELL BUT I I REALLY CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE OTHER THAN THAT AND I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION TOO VERY MUCH THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR PEREZ YOU YOU ARE RECOGNIZED OH THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO BROUGHT UP THESE VERY GOOD QUESTIONS YOU KNOW AND AND CONCERN CONCERNS I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WERE BROUGHT UP TO IS THE THE COST AND THAT'S INCURRED FOR USING A LIFEGUARD YOU KNOW MANY OF OUR FAMILIES

TODAY NO LONGER LIVE IN HOMES BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT THEY'RE EITHER MOVING INTO APARTMENT BUILDINGS OR CONDOMINIUMS WE'RE FINDING A A HUGE AMOUNT OF INDIVIDUALS MOVING TO SMALLER YOU KNOW LIVING FACILITIES BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT IT THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR WELL NOT AN OPPORTUNITY BUT THAT BEING SAID THE COST THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO INCUR THE PRICES THAT WOULD HAVE TO GO UP IN ORDER TO AFFORD \$80,000 A YEAR FOR LIFEGUARD SOME AT YOU KNOW EVEN HIGHER THAN THAT YOU KNOW DEATS THE PURPOSE OF MOVING INTO A SMALLER UNIT YOU KNOW TO LIVE IN BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD A HOME THE HOA WOULD GO CONSIDERABLY HIGH THE APARTMENT RENTAL WILL GO CONSIDERABLY HIGH SO AS FAR AS FUNDING CONCERNED I MEAN HERE WE ARE HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME WITH OUR COMMUNITY HAVING TO MAKE ENDS MEET AND YOU DON'T CARE IF IT GOES UP ANOTHER \$80,000 THAT'S NO THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE WE'RE HERE TO DO IS TO MAKE LIFE MORE DIFFICULT AND PROVIDE BARRIERS FOR OUR PEOPLE I UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE ON LIABILITY AND AGAIN SENATOR LUJAN BEING YOU KNOW WHO HAS EXPERIENCE DEALING WITH SWIMMING POOLS HAS SAID IT CLEARLY THE LIABILITY CLEARLY FALLS ON THE OWNERSHIP OF THE SWIMMING POOL N CONDO IT'S THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS A TOWN HOUSE IT'S A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AN APARTMENT BUILDING IT'S THE LANDLORD WHO OWNS THAT WHO HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OF THE LIABILITY AND YOU KNOW SOME PEOPLE DECIDE NOT TO HAVE A SWIMMING POOL BECAUSE REGARDLESS IF THEY PUT ALL THE SAFETY MECHANISMS THAT ARE REQUIRED THEY ARE STILL LIABLE FOR ANYBODY GETTING HURT IN THAT POOL EVEN IF THEY SNUCK OVER THE FENCE TO TAKE A JOY SWIM THE LIABILITY IS STILL THERE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IT WILL SHOULDER THAT SAME LIABILITY AT THEIR PUBLIC POOLS HOPEFULLY THE ONE IN HAGÁTÑA OPENS UP SOON BUT THEY WILL BE RELIABLE THEY'LL BE LIABLE FOR THAT THE ONE IN DYO THEY'RE LIABLE FOR THAT THIS BILL IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE THAT THE BILL IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE THE LIABILITY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNERSHIP OF A SWIMMING POOL WHETHER IT PASSES OR NOT SO I I ASK MY COLLEAGUES THIS IS A BILL THAT WAS BROUGHT TO US BY INDIVIDUALS WHO OVERSEE CONDOMINIUMS REALTORS WHO HEAR FROM TENANTS AND AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION SAYING THIS IS SO COSTLY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RAISE THE RENT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PLUG UP OUR POOL CLOSE IT OFF CEMENT IT IN SO YOU KNOW I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE CONSIDER THIS MEASURE AS A STEP TO HELP THOSE WHO LIVE IN CONDOMINIUMS AND APARTMENTS NOT TAKE AWAY FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ENSURING A POOL IS CLEANED THAT ENSURING THE POOL HAS THE RIGHT ALKALINE TO ENSURING THE POLE HAS A GATE THAT'S YOU KNOW 5 FEET TALL AND AND IS LOCKED AT ALL TIMES ENSURING THAT THE SIGNAGE IS THERE THAT NO LIFEGUARD IS ON DUTY IT'S ALL THERE MY COLLEAGUES IT'S ALL THERE SO I HUMBLLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I WISH TO PLACE BILL 9937 COR INTO THE THIRD READING FILE I MEAN INTO THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION PASSES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 107-37 LS MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON HERE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 107-37 TO THE BOTTOM OF THE FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE BILL 10737 TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SECOND READING IS THAT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES JUST TO NOTE THAT THAT THAT BILL IS GOING TO REQUIRE A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ALL RIGHT THANK YOU A MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 120-37 COR SENATOR SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL 120-37COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS TO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I ASK FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER BILL NUMBER 120-37 COR AS AMENDED IS AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 10113 OF ARTICLE 1 CHAPTER 10 TITLE 22 GUAM CODE ACT ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO STRENGTHENING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BY EXTENDING THE SUNSET PROVISION OF THE GUAM REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL 5 YEARS I THANK THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN FOR CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON BILL 120-37 AND PREPARING THE COMMITTEE REPORT IN TIME FOR OUR REGULAR SESSION MADAM SPEAKER I THINK THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR REVIEWING THE BILL AND FOR OFFERING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS WHICH WERE

INCLUDED IN THE AMENDED VERSION OF BILL 120 ESTABLISHED IN JULY 2006 THROUGH PUBLIC LAW 28-42 THE GRAP PROVIDES TAX CREDITS TO COMPANIES THAT EMPLOY AND SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS THROUGH ELIGIBLE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS THE GRAP LAW PROVIDES TAX CREDITS TO ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES EQUAL TO 50% OF THE QUALIFIED TRAINING COSTS PAID OR INCURRED BY THESE BUSINESSES COVERED EXPENSES INCLUDE DIRECT WAGES OF A APPRENTICES DIRECT FRINGE BENEFITS SUCH AS MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE JOURNEYMAN'S WAGES ON THE JOB TRAINING INSTRUCTOR COSTS TRAINING COST AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2006 GRAP HAS BENEFITED THOUSANDS OF APPRENTICES WHO ARE NOW WORKING IN CAREER FIELDS THAT HAVE SUPPORTED GUAM'S ECONOMIC GROWTH SINCE 2009 IT HAS PROVIDED 52.7 MILLION IN TAX CREDIT INCENTIVES TO DOZENS OF BUSINESSES THAT EMPLOY APPRENTICES AND IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS ALONE THIS PROGRAM HAS PROVIDED \$17 MILLION IN TAX CREDITS TO EMPLOYERS THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WORKS WITH MORE THAN 15 EMPLOYERS AND OVER 250 APPRENTICES EVERY YEAR AND ACCORDING TO THE AGENCY THAT NUMBER IS PROJECTED TO DOUBLE IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS AS THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY BOOMS AND MORE FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE FROM THE MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT FUND TO SUPPORT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS MADAM SPEAKER TODAY AND IN THE FACE OF UNPRECEDENTED MILITARY EXPANSION AND THE DIFFICULT REALITY FAMILIES ACROSS OUR ISLAND CONTINUE TO FACE THE MEDIAN PRICE OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME IS AT \$415,000 AS OF THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2023 THE INTEREST RATE ON ON A 30-YEAR MORTGAGE REMAINS ABOVE 7% AS OF MID NOVEMBER AND GUAM CONTINUES TO RELY HEAVILY ON FOREIGN SKILLED CONSTRUCTION LABOR WITH THE NUMBER OF H2B WORKERS ON GUAM SURPASSING THE 5,000 WORKER MARK AS OF OCTOBER 2023 BILL 12037 COULD NOT COME AT A MORE CRITICAL TIME FOR GUAM THIS LEGISLATION IS NECESSARY IN OUR BROADER WORK TO SUPPORT COMPANIES ACROSS OUR ISLAND WHO ARE HELPING OUR MOMS AND DADS BROTHERS AND SISTERS UNCLES AND AUNTS DEVELOP OR STRENGTHEN THEIR SKILLS AS ELECTRICIANS PLUMBERS AND CARPENTERS THOSE WHO BUILD OUR HOMES BILL 120-36 ALSO HELPS ADDRESS OTHER IMPORTANT OCCUPATIONS LIKE HEATING VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING TECHNICIANS LINE WORKERS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS THOSE WHO HELP MAINTAIN OUR HOMES MADAM SPEAKER IN LINE WITH PUBLIC LAW 35-39 WHICH EXTENDED THE SUNSET PROVISION FOR GRAP FROM 2019 TO 2024 BILL 12037 IF APPROVED WILL AUTHORIZE THIS IMPORTANT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR ANOTHER 5-YEAR PERIOD THROUGH 2029 GRAP IS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS BY WHICH TO KEEP JOBS AND PEOPLE FROM LEAVING THE ISLAND IT IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WHAT WAS ONCE AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAM FOR DEALING WITH THE LOSS OF SKILLED JOBS HAS BECOME A CRUCIAL PART OF THE ECONOMIC TOOLKIT THAT WE RELY ON TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SKILLS AND TO FILL NEW JOBS MADAME SPEAKER I THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TODAY AND MY COLLEAGUES HERE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT BILL 120 AND I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND THEIR SUPPORT AND THE DISCUSSION MOVING FORWARD TO STRENGTHEN THIS BILL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE.*'

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE.*' SENATOR SHELTON MY APOLOGIES IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT THIS BILL BECAUSE IT IT CONTAINS A TAX BENEFIT ACCORDING TO OUR RULES OUR STANDING RULES REQUIRES A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AS WELL SO IF I COULD GET A MOTION TO MAYBE MOVE THIS AND WE'LL DO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BILLS AT ON WEDNESDAY MORNING.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SORRY SINCE WE'VE BEGUN TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND DISCUSSION ON THIS BILL AND AND PLACE IT ON THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA YEAH.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER SO MOVED

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT WE'RE GOING TO ONE TWO WE'VE GOT FOUR REGULAR BILLS LEFT MEANING NO NEED FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AS FAR AS I CAN TELL ONE RESOLUTION AND TWO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BILLS SO WE'RE GOING TO RECESS FOR THE DAY AND WE'LL COME BACK TOMORROW AT 9:00 A.M. RECESS UNTIL 9:00 A.M. TOMORROW.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES WE ARE STILL ON SECOND READING WE WILL BEGIN TODAY WITH BILL NUMBER 122-37 COR SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: GOOD MORNING THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO ACCEPT SUBSTITUTE VERSION BILL 122-37 YEAH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO ACCEPT A SUBSTITUTE ON THE FLOOR VERSION OF THE BILL IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PEREZ YES AS SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND SUBSTITUTE IT ON THE FLOOR.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE SUBSTITUTED VERSION BILL 12237 TO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WISH TO DISCUSS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PEREZ: FOR MORE THAN A DECADE INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS OF GUAM HAVE RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO MODERNIZE GUAM'S INSURANCE LAW AS A MATTER OF NECESSITY IN ORDER TO PROTECT CONSUMERS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS IS ENSURING INSURANCE COMPANIES MAINTAIN A NECESSARY LEVEL OF CAPITAL FOR THEIR POLICY HOLDERS THROUGH SEVERAL MEASURES SUCH AS REQUIRING A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PAID IN CAPITAL PER LINE OF INSURANCE THE SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE PUBLICATION WHEN INSURANCE COMPANIES PAY DIVIDENDS THE PURPOSE OF BILL 12237 IS TO INCREASE SAFEGUARDS TO POLICY HOLDERS BY REQUIRING INSURANCE COMPANIES TO OBTAIN PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF EXTRAORDINARY DIVIDENDS AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTRAORDINARY DIVIDENDS OR DISTRIBUTIONS IS A DIVIDEND OR DISTRIBUTION OF CASH OR OTHER PROPERTY WHOSE FAIR MARKET VALUE TOGETHER WITH THAT OF OTHER DIVIDENDS OR DISTRIBUTIONS MADE WITHIN A PERIOD OF 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS ENDING ON THE DATE IN WHICH THE PROPOSED DIVIDEND IS SCHEDULED FOR PAYMENT OR DISTRIBUTION IS THE LESSER OF THE FOLLOWING 10% OF THE COMPANY'S SURPLUS AS REGARDS TO THE POLICY HOLDERS OR THE NET INCOME OF THE COMPANY FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD PRECEDING THE 31ST OF DECEMBER NOT INCLUDING PRO-RATED DISTRIBUTIONS OF ANY CLASS OF THE COMPANY SECURITIES SO THE ORIGINS OF THIS BILL IS FOUND WITHIN THE INSURANCE HOLDING ACT ONE OF THE MODEL LEGISLATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS THAT REQUIRES COMPANIES WITHIN A HOLDING SYSTEM TO MAINTAIN A REQUIRED LEVEL OF CAPITAL AND SURPLUS BEFORE DIVIDENDS CAN BE DECLARED AND PAID DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING RABLE OF THE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF GUAM TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL TO PREVENT INSURANCE COMPANY FAILURES OF THE PAST WHERE IT WAS INSOLVENT BECAUSE THE LACK OF CASH TO PAY CLAIMS HE ALSO STATED BUT THE OTHER FEAR IS WHEN IT COMES TO FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT OVER INSURANCE COMPANIES IT'S A VERY LONG PROCESS AUDITS ARE DONE ONLY EVERY 3 YEARS TO GET A GOOD LOOK INSIDE THE MEAT AND BONES OF AN INSURANCE COMPANY IT'S A VERY SLOW PICTURE THAT EMERGES WHEN AN INSURANCE COMPANY IS IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE UNFORTUNATELY THE FIRST SET OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW THAT THE INSURANCE COMPANY IS IN TROUBLE IS ITS BOARD AND SHAREHOLDERS AND WHAT COULD HAPPEN AS IT HAS HAPPENED IN OTHER PLACES IS THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS AND THE BOARD WILL TRY TO EMPTY OUT THE CASH TO THEMSELVES BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMPANY DECLARES BANKRUPTCY WITH LESS MONEY TO PAY CLAIMS AND CREDITORS AND THIS IS WHAT THIS BILL CAN HELP PREVENT THE AMENDED BILL INCORPORATES THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WHICH PRIMARILY WAS TO STRENGTHEN

THE DUE PROCESS SHOULD THE DISTRIBUTION THE REQUEST FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF EXTRAORDINARY DIVIDENDS LOANS AND ADVANCES BE DENIED BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER SO WE INCLUDED THE ADJUDICATION TRIPLE A PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT SHOULD THERE BE A DENIAL THAT THEY WOULD HAVE A HEARING BILL 122-37 ALSO AIMS TO STANDARDIZE BEST PRACTICES TO ENSURE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD WITHIN THE INDUSTRY WHICH CAN IN TURN CULTIVATE GROWTH AND BETTER SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR ISLAND IN THE AFTERMATH OF MAWAR CLAIMS MADE WERE INSTRUMENTAL PART OF OUR RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MEASURES SUCH AS BILL 122-37 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES THAT CAPITALIZATION REMAINS STRONG IN OUR TIMES OF NEED BILL 122-37 WAS CREATED IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE REVENUE AND TAXATION'S REGULATORY BRANCH AND PRIOR TO ITS INTRODUCTION RECEIVED FEEDBACK FROM THE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF GUAM I ASKED FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

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

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER MY INITIAL REACTION TO THE BILL WAS FOR THE MOST PART FOR MOST INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT EXIST ON THIS ISLAND THIS MAY NOT BE AN ENFORCEABLE ACT HOWEVER I RECOGNIZE THAT ON PAGE TWO LINE SIX YOU KNOW THAT IT LIMITS IT'S THIS AUTHORITY TO BASICALLY JUST DOMESTIC COMPANIES NOW DOMESTIC COMPANIES HAS DEFINED YOU KNOW IN THE IN OUR INSURANCE LAWS BASICALLY COMPANIES THAT HAVE ITS ROOTS AND ITS FOUNDATIONS ON OUR ON THIS ISLAND SO I RECOGNIZE THAT HOWEVER YOU KNOW AND AND I WHILE I CAN SEE THE VALUE IN THIS THERE ARE SOME CONCERNS WITH REGARDS TO GOVERNMENT REACH INTO BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND I AND WHILE I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN AND THE FEAR THAT THESE COMPANIES YOU KNOW WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY CONTINUE TO REMAIN SOLVENT AND THAT THE THEIR ABILITY TO PAY LOAN OR TO TO PAY CLAIMS WHEN THEY NEED TO OCCUR IS NOT MARRED OR IS NOT INJURED BY ANY NEED ANY NEED TO BE ABLE TO PAY DIVIDENDS AND AND OR TO PROVIDE LOANS AND AND THE LIKE SO I'M GOING TO LOOK INTO THIS A LITTLE BIT MORE AGAIN I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN I UNDERSTAND THE VALUE I JUST DON'T KNOW FIRST OFF ONE WHILE I I'M ASSURED BASED ON THE LANGUAGE HERE THAT IT IS JUST ON A WHAT WILL BE WHAT IS A VERY SMALL MARKET AS COMPARED TO THE NUMBER OF COMPANIES THAT DO BUSINESS ON THE ISLAND TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE'S IS THIS IN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE BUSINESS ADVANTAGE AND ARE WE STIFLING AND ARE WE HARMING LOCAL BUSINESS BY NOT IMPOSING THESE SAME RESTRICTIONS AND CAN WE IMPOSE THESE SAME REQUIREMENTS ON FOREIGN AND ALIEN INSURANCE COMPANIES SO WHILE I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS I STILL HAVE MY CONCERNS WITH REGARDS TO THE ENFORCEABILITY AS WELL AS WHETHER OR NOT IT'LL PROVIDE OR GIVE UNDUE HARM OR HARM AND DISADVANTAGE TO OUR LOCAL COMPANIES AS OPPOSED TO OTHER COMPANIES THAT DO BUSINESSES HERE THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR FISHER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST I'D LIKE TO FOLLOW UP A LITTLE BIT ON WHAT MY FRIEND THE OBSERVATIONS THAT MY FRIEND FROM BARRIGADA WAS JUST MAKING AND I HONESTLY I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS AND I AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL WHETHER OR NOT IN ORDER TO LET OR ENTER A CONTRACT OF INSURANCE ON GUAM THE INSURER MUST BE FORMED OR INCORPORATED ON GUAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: TO IN ORDER TO TRANSACT BUSINESS LIKE GUAM THEY HAVE TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY SO YOU KNOW WHETHER IT'S DOMICILED AND GUAM OR NOT THEY WOULD HAVE TO CLEAR WITH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION TAXATION I DON'T KNOW IF THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR FISHER: YEAH YES MADAM SPEAKER THAT DOES ANSWER MY QUESTION THANK YOU AND I JUST ONE MORE FOLLOW UP BECAUSE THIS DOES THIS AGAIN I'M I'M FOLLOWING UP ON WHAT THE GENTLEMAN FROM BARRIGADA WAS LEADING TO IN THE OPINION OF THE AUTHOR DOES THIS LAW CREATE OR PRESENT A BARRIER TO ENTRY INTO THE GUAM INSURANCE MARKET.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION SO THIS THIS LAW OR THIS BILL WAS IS ACTUALLY PART OF A BIGGER LAW CALLED THE INSURANCE HOLDING REGULATORY ACT WHICH HAS BEEN ADOPTED IN MANY STATES AND WHICH MANY OF THESE COMPANIES THAT WE ARE INSURED WITH SO THEY HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THIS AND THIS WAS THIS IS LIKE THE BASIC MINIM FOR ENSURING THAT CAPITALIZATION IS STRONG FOR THESE INSURANCE COMPANIES SO GUAM WOULD NOT BE THE ONLY ONE IN FACT THIS IS JUST ONE SMALL MEASURE OF A LARGER REGULATORY ACT THAT'S BEEN ADOPTED NATIONWIDE SO IF ANYTHING IT WILL ADD TO THE MEASURES THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE WHICH SOME HAVE VIEWED NEEDS ADJUSTING SINCE OUR INSURANCE LAW HASN'T BEEN AMENDED FOR SOME TIME AND MANY CHANGES HAVE HAPPENED IN DURING THE THOSE DECADES AND SO YEAH THEY'RE IN SOME WAYS WE'RE BEHIND THE CURVE IN REGARDS TO PROTECTIONS WHICH IS SOMETHING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS SINCE 2008 FROM WHAT I COULD TELL HAVE BEEN SAYING WITHOUT ANY RESPONSE SO I HOPE THAT ANSWERS THE QUESTION.

SENATOR FISHER: MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE ANSWER THANK YOU.

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

NOTE VICE SPEAKER RESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: GOOD MORNING ON THE MAIN MOTION SPEAKER TERLAJE I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* I'M RISING IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL I ACKNOWLEDGE THE QUESTIONS BY MY COLLEAGUES ARE ACTUALLY VERY GOOD I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THEM MYSELF SO BUT I I DO BELIEVE THAT THE THE SPONSOR HAS APPROPRIATELY ANSWERED AND I WAS REVIEWING THE TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BY THE CURRENT INSURANCE COMMISSIONER BANKING AND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER MICHELLE B SANTOS AND THE TESTIMONY ALSO SUBMITTED BY THE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF GUAM MR. RAYMOND SCHNABEL WHO'S THE PRESIDENT AND I WAS SURPRISED THAT THEY ARE NOT ONLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL BUT PRETTY MUCH DEMANDING THAT WE DO THIS AND THAT WE SHOULD DO THIS AND WE WE NEED TO DO THIS IN ORDER TO PROTECT CUSTOMERS OF INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THIS BILL WILL ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY OR THAT THE INSURANCE COM COMMISSIONER CAN BE MADE AWARE BEFORE THEY GIVE ALL THEIR MONEY AWAY IN DIVIDENDS OR DISTRIBUTIONS TO TO SHAREHOLDERS OR OR LOANS TO OFFICERS SO IT'S A VERY MUCH CONSUMER PROTECTION BILL I THINK AND I THANK THE SPONSOR FOR IT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE BANKING AND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER MICHELLE SANTOS SAID WAS THAT SHE WANTED THIS TO APPLY TO ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE NOT JUST LIFE INSURANCE THAT I THINK THE ORIGINAL BILL MIGHT HAVE APPLIED TO SO IT WILL NOW APPLY TO ALL AND AND I WANT TO NOTE THAT ALL OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE BILL THAT ONE REGARDING BROADENING THE BILL SCOPE AND THE BILL MANDATES THAT THE THE INSURANCE COMMISSION IS GOING TO COME UP WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS SO AGAIN I THINK WE HAVE A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE GOING TO BE FAIR TO ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES ACROSS THE BOARD AND WE WILL KNOW THE CRITERIA BY WHICH THEY APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE LOANS OR THE DIVIDENDS SO THAT CRITERIA IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE SPELLED OUT IN DETAIL IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH I THINK IS GOING TO BE REALLY THE CRUX OF THE MATTER THE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF GUAM AGAIN MR. SCHNABEL YOU KNOW REITERATED THAT HE SUPPORTS THE BILL BUT HE WANTED A COUPLE CHANGES AND I KNOW THAT THE THAT THE BILL THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT THE SUBSTITUTE BILL HAS MADE THESE CHANGES THE FIRST WELL ONE OF THEM WAS THAT IF WE ARE IF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER IS GOING TO DENY LOANS BE MADE OR ADVANCES BEING MADE TO SHAREHOLDERS OR OTHER SUBSIDIARIES OF THESE INSURANCE COMPANIES THIS BILL GIVES THEM THE AUTHORITY TO DENY THAT THEY MUST APPROVE PROVE IT BEFORE YOU CAN GIVE THAT OUT NOW LOANS OR DIVIDENDS AND AND HE HAD ASKED THAT THERE BE SOME KIND OF AN APPEALS PROCESS AND SO I DO SEE THAT THE SUB BILL NOW HAS THAT APPEALS PROCESS IF IF THAT ACTION GETS DENIED BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER AND HIS OTHER RECOMMENDATION WAS AGAIN THE CRITERIA FOR THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER'S DISAPPROVAL OF AN EXTRAORDINARY DIVIDEND OR THE AND THE PROCESS IN OUR STAKEHOLDERS ON GUAM SO AGAIN I RAISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND I THANK THE SPONSOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED GOOD MORNING.

SENATOR BARNETT: MANANA MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THE BILL I DID ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING AND I'M NOT GOING TO STAND HERE AND PROFESS TO KNOW MUCH OF ANYTHING ABOUT THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY NOT IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS BUT MR SCHNABLE AND MRS SANTOS AND THE RETIRING SPEAKER IS CORRECT IN THAT THEY DEFINITELY WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTED THE BILL WITH THE CHANGES THAT WERE RECOMMENDED AND INSTITUTED INTO THE MEASURE WE'RE DISCUSSING BY THE GOOD AUTHOR AND THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME SO I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO DO THE SAME AND I AGAIN COMMEND THE AUTHOR IT'S NOT SEXY BUT IT'S SMART AND A LOT OF TIMES SMART IS SEXIER THAN SEXY *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BARNETT VICE SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MANANA MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE AND SPEAK ON THIS BILL 12237 AND IS NOTED BY OUR PREVIOUS SPEAKERS DEFINITELY NOT A SEXY BILL BUT BUT SOMETHING THAT THAT CAN BE SUPPORTED AND YOU KNOW WHEN YOU PUT THE SAFETY NET IN PLACE AND THE GOING THROUGH THE THE AAA PROCESS IT GIVES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE AGENCIES TO THAT THAT WORK WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO TO COME BACK TO THIS AUGUST BODY AND APPROVE OR REJECT THE PROCESS SO I SUPPORT THE EFFORTS AND UH HOPE THAT MY COLLEAGUES COULD CONSIDER THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL SO JUST THOUGHT I I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE MEASURE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

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

SENATOR PEREZ: I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND THE DISCUSSION OF THIS BILL AND I I HEAR THE YOU KNOW THE CONCERNS I JUST WANT TO RESTATE THAT THE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS BILL IS TO ENSURE THAT CAPITALIZATION IS STRONG IN TIMES OF OUR NEED WE KNOW THAT OUR INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE A CRITICAL PART TO OUR RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY OF THIS ISLAND ESPECIALLY DURING TIMES OF TYPHOONS AS WE'VE EXPERIENCED WITH MAWAR AND WE'RE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE SERVICE THEY HAVE DONE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND WHAT THIS BILL DOES IT REALLY IS A PROACTIVE MEASURE TO ADD ON TO THE OTHER MEASURES THAT YOU KNOW WOULD REQUIRE OR ENSURE ENOUGH CAPITAL IS AVAILABLE AND YOU KNOW WE HOPE THAT WE DON'T EXPERIENCE ANOTHER SUPER SUPER TYPHOON BUT WE WANT TO BE ASSURED THAT YOU KNOW WE WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF AND SO AGAIN THIS THIS BILL IT THE AIM IS TO ENSURE THAT THAT CONTINUE TO THAT OUR THAT THE OUR ASSURANCES IS CONTINUED FOR THE CLAIMS SHOULD WE HAVE THEM AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE THAT ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT CAME TOGETHER FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THIS MEASURE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: AND I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE BILL 12237 AS SUBSTITUTED INTO THE THIRD READING FILE FOR VOTING THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL 12237 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND SUB FURTHER SUBSTITUTE IT ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SIGN NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES PROCEEDING WITH SECOND READING WE ARE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 12337 COR WHEN YOU'RE READY SENATOR PARIS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO I MOVE TO PLAY SUBSTITUTE VERSION 123-37 ON TO THE FLOOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE A SUBSTITUTE VERSION YOU'D LIKE TO MOVE.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES I MOVED TO PLACE A SUBSTITUTE VERSION TO ACCEPT THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION OF BILL 1233 12337 COR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BILL AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SUBSTITUTE BILL SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE SUBSTITUTE VERSION BILL 123-37 INTO THE THIRD READ READING FILE AND I WISH TO DISCUSS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PEREZ: BILL 12337 AIMS TO ESTABLISHING ESTABLISH LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE ADJUSTERS IN GUAM'S LAW AS THE BILL STATES THE REQUIREMENTS WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR AN ADJUSTER'S LICENSE MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE IS A RESIDENT OF GUAM HAS NOT COMMITTED AN ANY ACT THAT IS GROUND FOR PROBATION SUSPENSION REVOCATION OR REFUSAL OF AN ADJUSTER'S LICENSE HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE GUAM EXAMINATION FOR THE LINES OF AUTHORITY FOR WHICH THE PERSON HAS APPLIED AND HAS PAID THE THE FEES FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES THAT ARE APPLYING FOR THE GESTURE'S LICENSE THEY MUST ALSO PROVIDE A DESIGNATED LICENSE ADJUSTER INDIVIDUAL ADJUSTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BUSINESS ENTITY'S COMPLIANCE WITH INSURANCE LAWS RULES REGULATIONS OF GUAM ESTABLISHES ITS RESIDENCE ON GUAM AND HAS NOT COMMITTED ANY ACT THAT IS GROUNDS FOR PROBATION SUSPENSION REVOCATION REFUSAL AND HAS ALSO PAID THE FEES SHOULD IN SEC IN THE BILL ALSO IT STATES THAT UNLESS THE DENIAL OF THE LICENSE PERSONS WHO HAVE MET THESE REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE ISSUED AN ADJUSTER'S LICENSE AN ADJUSTER MAY QUALIFY FOR LICENSE FOR ANY LINE OF AUTHORITY WHICH IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF GUAM IT ALSO CODIFIES THAT PASSING A WRITTEN EXAM IS REQUIRED AND AND AND POSSIBLE WA WAIVERS AND EXEMPTIONS ARE PROVIDED IN THE BILL SO AFTER MAWAR IT WAS CLEAR THAT INSURANCE ADJUSTERS PROVIDED AN INVALUABLE SERVICE IN THE RECOVERY OF OUR ISLAND AFTER NATURAL DISASTERS BY CODIFYING THE LICENSING PROCESS BILL 12337 RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INSURANCE ADJUSTED PROFESSION FOR OUR ISLAND AND FOR OUR RESILIENCY BILL 12337 WAS CREATED IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION AND IT HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE GUAM CLAIMS ASSOCIATION THEY STATED THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY IS ONE OF THE MORE COMPLICATED ASPECTS THAT PLAY A VITAL ROLE FOR MANY OF OUR PEOPLE AND THIS BILL ENSURES THAT WHEN OUR PEOPLE INTERACT WITH THE INSURANCE PROFESSION THEY CAN RELY ON SOUND DEPENDABLE ETHICAL INFORMATION FROM A TRAINED LICENSED PROFESSIONAL AND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT THANK YOU.

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

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT IN THE DRIVE AND IF I CAN JUST HAVE A MOMENT'S RECESS SO IT COULD BE PASSED OUT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WE'LL TAKE ONE MINUTE RECESS TO PASS OUT THE AMENDMENT.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR PEREZ YOU HAD THE FLOOR AND THE AMENDMENT HAS BEEN PASSED OUT.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I NOT GOING TO PROFFER THAT AMENDMENT I AFTER SPEAKING WITH THE SEVERAL STAKEHOLDERS I WOULD LIKE TO YOU KNOW INTRODUCE A SEPARATE BILL TO ADDRESS THAT BUT IN THE MEANTIME I DO WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE AND SO AGAIN THIS BILL WAS DESIGNED TO RECOGNIZE AN VERY IMPORTANT PROFESSION THAT IS A BIG PART OF OUR RECOVERY EFFORTS AND AND ONE OF THE THE MAIN PROFESSIONALS ARE IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY TO TO HELP HELP DURING RECOVERY TIME AND SO AGAIN WHAT THIS BILL WOULD DO IT WOULD RECOGNIZE THE INSURANCE ADJUSTER AND ALSO CODIFY THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS IN LINE WITH IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY AND IT WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THOSE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING AS WELL AS THE GUAM CLAIMS ASSOCIATION I THANK YOU FOR MY FOR THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR PEREZ: I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE BILL SUBSTITUTE BILL 123-37 INTO THE THIRD READING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 123-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR INTO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE CONTINUING IN SECOND READING WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 143-37 LS SENATOR QUINATA YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE BILL 143-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATION AN ACT TO ADD TO THE NEW SUBSECTION 96106 TO CHAPTER 96 TO TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THE AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AT ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES BY JUNE 30TH OF 2024 ON THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: EXCUSE ME PROCEED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: POINT POINT OF INQUIRY MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE YOUR POINT OF INQUIRY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I THINK THE BILL I'M I'M CURIOUS BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE NEEDING A FUNDING SOURCE WHETHER THIS BILL SHOULD BE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE I I DON'T REALLY SEE ANYTHING HERE THAT JUST SAYS YOU KNOW MAYBE IF YOU HAVE THE MONEY OR NOT BUT YOU KNOW I'M JUST TRYING TO STAY IN LINE WITH BILLS THAT COME BEFORE US THAT REQUIRE FUNDING IF THIS WOULD BE CONSIDERED GOING INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE YOU'RE CORRECT THE THE BILL DOES NOT HAVE A FUNDING SOURCE IN IN IT SO I AM GOING TO RULE IT DOES WE DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY GO INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THIS BILL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR QUINATA PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SAFETY SHOULD ALWAYS BE A TOP PRIORITY FOR EVERYONE WORKING IN AND DOING BUSINESS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR BILL 143-37 WOULD REQUIRE AVAILABILITY FOR AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AEDS IN EVERY GOVERNMENT OFFICE WHICH SERVES THE PUBLIC THE PORTABLE DEVICES ARE USED TO TO TREAT LIFE THREATENING CONDITIONS KNOWN AS SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST SEA SEA CAN CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE AT ANY TIME REGARDLESS OF ANY ANY AGE OR HEALTH STATUS IT OCCURS WHEN THE HEART SUDDENLY STOPS BEATING EFFECTIVELY CUTTING OFF BLOOD FLOW TO VITAL ORGANS STATISTICS SHOW THAT THE SURVIVAL RATES OF SEA ARE LOW WITHOUT ACCESS TO AEDS HOWEVER WITH THE QUICK USE OF AN AED ALONG WITH CP ARE AND SURVIVAL THE SURVIVAL RATES INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY THIS IS WHY IT'S CRUCIAL TO HAVE AEDS AVAILABLE AND READILY IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES WHERE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE GATHER I SEEK MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT WITH THIS BILL TO KEEP OUR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC SAFE AND HEALTHY IN ALL OUR GOVERNMENT SPACES THANK YOU AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA ON THE BILLS THERE ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AND AND I BELIEVE IN THE QUESTION OF FUNDING WE'LL LET THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE THE FUNDING AND I'M ALMOST SURE THEY'RE GOING TO SAY THEY'VE GOT ENOUGH MONEY THEY HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS AND WHEN THE ISSUE COMES BACK UP ON THE BUDGET WHEN WE START NEXT YEAR THEN WE'LL JUST BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE THERE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT GO TO THESE THESE AGENCIES ARE ARE PROTECTED THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I MEAN I I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE INTENT OF THE AUTHOR OF THIS PARTICULAR BILL AND NICE THAT WE'RE GOING TO FUND IT BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST I DON'T KNOW DOES THAT MEAN EVERY SENATOR HAS TO HAVE ONE IN THEIR OFFICE ALONG WITH EVERY GOVERNMENT AGENCY YOU KNOW WHAT'S REQUIRED FOR TRAINING IF AT ALL ARE THESE PIECES OF EQUIPMENT GOING TO BE MAINTAINED OR ARE THEY SIMPLY GOING TO BE USED IF THEY DON'T WORK ARE THEY DISPOSABLE I THINK THAT'S FUNDAMENTAL TO TO PASSING THIS IS KNOWING ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS SO IF THE SPONSOR MAY MAY YIELD TO THOSE QUESTIONS I I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THEM SO THAT WE AND THE PUBLIC CAN HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS ARE IT'S EASY TO WANT

TO DO THINGS AND MANDATE THEM BUT THE ACTUAL EXECUTION THERE'S SO MUCH IN THE GOVERNMENT WE MANDATE THAT WE JUST CAN'T DELIVER AND I'M ALSO CONCERNED WHAT THE LIABILITY IS WHAT IF SOMEONE MISUSES THIS EQUIPMENT ON SOMEONE WHAT'S THE OUTCOME OF THAT AND WHO'S LIABLE IS IT GOING TO BE THE GOVERNMENT OR THE INDIVIDUAL THAT'S USING THE EQUIPMENT OR MISUSING IT BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT WELL TRAINED OR TRAINED AT ALL AND YOU KNOW WE WERE TOLD IT COMES WITH INSTRUCTIONS YOU KNOW IS THAT GOING TO BE ADEQUATE ENOUGH FOR SOMEBODY WHO'S NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS IS ANY TRAINING GOING TO BE PROVIDED BECAUSE ANYTHING CAN BE MISUSED IF IT'S NOT USED PROPERLY I MEAN JUST JUST EVEN DOING BASIC LIFESAVING REQUIRES TRAINING SO I JUST WANTED TO ASK THE AUTHOR IF HE'D RESPOND TO THOSE QUESTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTIONS.

SENATOR QUINATA: I YIELD TO THE QUESTIONS BUT IF WE CAN GO AHEAD AND DISPOSE OF THEM INDIVIDUALLY I'D APPRECIATE THAT.

SENATOR BROWN: THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM WHAT IS THE COST OF IT PURCHASING ONE OF THESE PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

SENATOR QUINATA: AT THIS TIME BASED ON A GOOGLE RE GOOGLE SEARCH IT'S IT'S 900 TO 12 \$2,000.

SENATOR BROWN: \$900 TO \$2,000 AND IS EACH SENATORIAL OFFICE GOING TO NEED TO HAVE ONE OF THESE WE'RE NOT ALL IN THE SAME BUILDING WE'RE YOU KNOW IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS DOES THE DOES THE INDIVIDUAL OFFICES CONSTITUTE A GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

SENATOR QUINATA: YES AS LONG AS YOU'RE SERVING GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

SENATOR BROWN: OKAY SO COLLEAGUES OF THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE RUNNING TIGHT ON YOUR BUDGET BE MINDFUL OF THAT IS THERE ANY TRAINING GOING TO BE PROVIDED TO ANY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO'S GOING TO BE USING THIS AND WHAT'S THE AND THEN THE OTHER QUESTION IS AFTER THAT IS WHAT'S THE LIABILITY IF IT'S MISUSED AND IT MAY ADVERSELY YOU KNOW AFFECT AN INDIVIDUAL.

SENATOR QUINATA: MY UNDERSTANDING IS THERE IS A INSTRUCTIONAL PANEL ON ALL OF THESE MACHINES AND THEY ARE NOT CALLIPERED FOR AT ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT THEY'RE SIMPLY JUST MODERATED FOR THE PRIVATE USE AND NOT OVER JOLTING SOMEONE AND THE LIABILITY IS IS IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE THERE BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY THE WHOEVER IS RENDERING THE SERVICES IS GOING TO BASICALLY BE COVERED UNDER THE I FORGOT THE LAW BUT IT'S SIMILAR TO GIVING OUT CPR YOU YOU UPHOLD THE LIABILITY YOU HAVE TO RENDER CPR SERVICES UNTIL SUCH TIME THE ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT ARRIVES OR ANY AMBULATORY SERVICES.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU I.

SENATOR QUINATA: GOOD SAMARITAN LAW THERE SORRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BROWN.

SENATOR BROWN: I JUST THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL MADAM SPEAKER I MEAN BE AT THE GUAR I DON'T KNOW IF GUAM FAR CAME AND TESTIFIED DID THEY COME AND TESTIFY AT A HEARING TO RELAY WOULD THEY BE WILLING TO PROVIDE TRAINING PROGRAMS OR WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE BECAUSE YOU KNOW IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE JUMP STARTING A CAR YOU KNOW A CAR I CAN AFFORD TO DISPOSE OF IF IT'S YOU KNOW DAMAGED I CAN REPLACE A CAR I CAN REPLACE PARTS OF A CAR I DON'T THINK ANYONE'S ARGUING THE NEED TO WANT TO ASSIST SOMEONE WHO MAY BE IN UNDER DURESS AND MAY NEED THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE BUT HOW DO WE EVEN DIAGNOSE TO DETERMINE THAT THAT'S WHAT THEY NEED YOU KNOW THAT THAT TO ME DON'T I DON'T LOOK AT THAT AS SOMETHING CASUAL AND I I THINK THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER PROCESS IF WE'RE GOING TO MANDATE THIS WE'RE ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE WITH NO FUNDING AND I DON'T KNOW \$1,200 TO A COUPLE THOUSAND YOU KNOW IT'S NOT FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T EVEN HAVE THAT IN THEIR BANK ACCOUNT RIGHT NOW SO IF IF WE'RE GOING TO AND I'M SURE I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE A PROBLEM IN MY OFFICE PURCHASING IT IF IT'S MANDATED I'M SURE I CAN CAN AFFORD IT IN MY BUDGET IT'LL BE A STRETCH BUT I THINK I CAN DO IT BUT I THINK WHEN WE'RE MANDATING AGENCIES THESE AMOUNTS AND YET WE'LL GET AROUND TO IT AND IN THE BUDGET NEXT YEAR TO FUND IT AND THEN ALSO I THINK THE

CRITICAL COMPONENT IS IF TRAINING CAN BE PROVIDED IS THERE AN ORGANIZED PROCESS FOR THE GOVERNMENT SINCE THIS IS SOMETHING WE'RE MANDATING THE GOVERNMENT TO DO AND MANDATING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO DO TO HAVE SOME KIND OF OVERALL TRAINING TO KNOW AND IDENTIFY WHAT THE SYMPTOMS MIGHT BE BECAUSE WE'RE NOT MEDICAL EXPERTS YOU KNOW TO ASSESS SOMEONE THAT MAY BE IN NEED OF THIS ASSISTANCE AND THEN YOU KNOW THE BASIC LEVEL HOW TO USE IT AND MAKE SURE WE'RE USING IT PROPERLY BECAUSE IT DOESN'T HELP IF WE'RE NOT USING IT PROPERLY IN THE PATIENT THE INDIVIDUAL DIES MONEY ISN'T GOING TO HELP YOU AT THAT POINT MONEY IS USELESS SO I THINK YOU KNOW AS WE GO THROUGH THESE PROCESSES WE NEED TO THINK A LITTLE FURTHER ABOUT HOW CAN WE PROPERLY IMPLEMENT IT SO IT CAN BE EFFECTIVE BECAUSE I I I FORESEE PROBLEMS AND I SEE WHO'S GOING TO MONITOR THIS WHO'S GOING TO VERIFY THAT EACH AGENCY ACTUALLY IS FOLLOWING THROUGH WHO'S GOING TO BE THE POLICING ENTITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT THIS IS AVAILABLE CUZ I'LL TELL YOU WE MANDATE AN AWFUL LOT OF CRITICAL THINGS IN THIS COMMUNITY BUT THE EXECUTION THE FOLLOW THROUGH THE DELIVERY IS NOT THERE AND THE LIST IS LONG I MEAN WE CAN GO BACK TO BASIC THINGS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE MANDATED TO PERFORM AND OUR PEOPLE OUT THERE ARE SCRATCHING THEIR HEADS GOING GEE WOW WHAT WONDERFUL CUSTOMER SERVICE WE'RE GETTING TODAY SO I THINK WE JUST NEED TO BE MINDFUL WITH THAT COLLEAGUES I DON'T HAVE AN OBJECTION TO THIS PARTICULAR BILL BUT I I THINK THERE'S SOME CRITICAL COMPONENTS HERE THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED AND NOT ADDRESSED AND SIMPLY MANDATING AND SAYING WE PASSED IT IS NICE BUT I I JUST SEE POTENTIAL ISSUES AND FOLLOW THROUGH AND LIKE I SAID WHO'S GOING TO CHECK AND VERIFY WHO'S GOING TO UPDATE THE PUBLIC WHO'S GOING TO KNOW THAT THIS IS AVAILABLE CAN THE EQUIPMENT BE MAINTAINED OR IF IT'S NOT WORKING WHAT WE JUST TRASH IT BUY ANOTHER ONE WHAT WHAT IS THE PROCESS OF THAT I THINK WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF OF THESE PARTICULAR I THINK THEY'RE CRITICAL TO THE WHOLE IDEA OF TRYING TO IMPLEMENT THIS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AND COMMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR QUINATA: IF I COULD JUST RESPOND TO THE QUESTION EARLIER UM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BROWN DID YOU DID YOU WANT THE SPONSOR TO YIELD ARE YOU ASKING HIM TO YOU TO YOUR QUESTION SENATOR QUINATA WOULD YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR QUINATA: I WILL BE HAVING ANOTHER LEGISLATION PERHAPS DOWN THE ROAD TO PROBABLY SEEK GFDS OVERSIGHT ON THIS TO POTENTIALLY BE THE ONES TO ENFORCE THE REGULATIONS OF IT AND THEY WOULD BASICALLY ON AN INSPECTION BASIS.

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

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER MANY TIMES WE'VE WE'VE BEEN RIDICULED BY THE PUBLIC FOR INTRODUCING LEGISLATION MANDATING LEGISLATION WITHOUT ANY APPROPRIATIONS AND WE NEED TO PUT A STOP TO IT OUR FINANCIALS FINANCIALS ARE NOT IN GOOD STANDING RIGHT NOW SOME PEOPLE MAY THINK SO BUT THE REALITY IS IT'S NOT YOU KNOW IT STOPPED RAINING FEDERAL FUNDS AND THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE WE START MANDATING THESE THESE DEFIBRILLATORS TO GO IN CERTAIN AREAS THEN YOU'RE SUPPLANTING ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR FEDERAL GRANTS I ATTENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING NOBODY SHOWED UP THERE WAS NOTHING FROM OUR AGENCIES BUT THERE WAS A PHYSICAL NOTE THAT WAS PROVIDED TO THE BODY AND I'D LIKE TO READ THAT INTO THE RECORD SO THAT THE LISTENING AUDIENCE CAN SEE WHAT WAS SAID MAYBE EVEN ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ON THE COST THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION LEGISLATION INTENDS TO REQUIRE THE AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN ALL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM DEPARTMENTS AGENCIES INCLUSIVE AUTONOMOUS AND SEMI-AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES BY JUNE 30TH 2024 IT IS NOTED THAT THE INTENT IS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT AGENCY TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO AED WITHIN AN OFFICE THAT PROVIDES SERVICE TO THE GENERAL COMMUNITY OF GUAM AND HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE DURING HOURS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FURTHER THE BILL STATES THAT EACH DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY MAY CREATE THE PROVISIONS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT AND THE USE OF AEDS THE BU BUREAU ESTIMATES THAT IT WILL COST 143,000 TO 320 \$225,000 FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO MAKE AVAILABLE THE AED TO EACH DEPARTMENT AGENCY INCLUDING 42 GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL CAMPUSES FOUR GUAM CHARTER SCHOOL

CAMPUS CAMPUSES AND 19 VILLAGE MAYORS THE COST ESTIMATED PROVIDED COULD POTENTIALLY INCREASE AS MUCH AS 247,000 TO 429,000 IF CERTAIN REQUIRED AED ACCESS ARE INCLUDED WITH EACH PURCHASE OF AN AED COST ESTIMATES WOULD LIKELY INCREASE SHOULD EACH GOVERNMENT OF GUAM DEPARTMENT AGENTS HAVE MORE THAN ONE OFFICE LASTLY THERE IS NO THERE IS NO APPROPRIATION OR FUNDING SOURCE IDENTIFIED IN THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND THE ESTIMATED COSTS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF AEDS ARE NOT FACTORED INTO THE DEPARTMENTS FY 24 CERTIFIED BUDGET IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN THIS IS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN BY JUNE 30TH 2024 AND THERE HAS BEEN NO FUNDING IN OUR BUDGET THAT BUDGET THAT WE RECENTLY PASSED FOR THIS YOU MEAN I AGREE IN PUBLIC SAFETY I MEAN I TOTALLY SUPPORT IT I MEAN I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A SATELLITE CLINIC DOWN IN INALÁHAN GOOD SENATOR FROM BARRIGADA IS REQUESTING FOR AND THAT'S GOING TO COST MONEY I'D LIKE TO SEE MORE YOU KNOW AREAS THAT ARE ARE HARD TO GET TO TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICES THERE AS WELL BUT WE HAVE TO BE REALISTIC I MEAN THIS IS OPENING PANDORA'S BOX MY COLLEAGUES ANYBODY CAN WRITE A BILL AND SAYING OKAY I WOULD LIKE SOLAR LIGHTS TO BE REPLACED TO EVERY LIGHTS ON GUAM AND IN THE PUBLIC AND PUT THAT UP WELL WHAT'S THE COST FOR THAT OH I DON'T I DON'T KNOW I DON'T CARE LET'S JUST DO IT SO WHAT TO GET YOUR NAME IN THE PAPER THAT'S RIDICULOUS IF YOU'RE GOING TO PUT A BILL OUT YOU BETTER IDENTIFY THE FUNDING THAT'S GOING TO PAY FOR IT ELSE YOU'RE GIVING FALSE PROMISES TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ALMOST HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO COVER THIS BY JUNE 30TH THE FISCAL NOTE WE RELY ON FISCAL NOTES TO BE RESPONSIBLE THIS IS AN UNFUNDED MANDATE AND WE COMPLAIN ABOUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PUTTING UNFUNDED MANDATES ON OUR ISLAND I HAIR IS ALWAYS COMPLAINING ABOUT THAT COMPACT IMPACT WE'RE HAVING TO FORK IT OUT THEY'RE NOT GIVING US THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THAT AND HERE WE'RE DOING IT TO OUR OWN PEOPLE UNFUNDED MANDATES YOU KNOW I'M I'M VERY SURPRISED THAT YOU KNOW I DON'T EVEN THINK OH LET ME SEE WHAT OFB OFFICE IF THEY PROVIDED ANY COMMENTS FROM OFB NO I DON'T SEE ANYTHING HERE FROM OFB WHICH THERE SHOULD BE WHY ISN'T OFB IN HERE PROVIDING A COMMENT I'D LIKE TO ASK THE CHAIRMAN OF OFB WHY DON'T WE HAVE A A NOTICE FROM THEM THERE IS I DON'T SEE ONE HERE IF I CAN GET A COPY I APPRECIATE IT I'D LIKE TO READ THAT IN FOR THE RECORD SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY OKAY HERE THANK YOU TECHNOLOGY IT PRETTY MUCH MIRRORS EXACTLY WHAT BBMR SAID IN FACT THEY'RE JUST ACTUALLY IT JUST REITERATES REITERATES IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE BILL DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY APPROPR APPROPRIATION NOR ANY FUNDING SOURCE TO SUPPORT THE BILL'S INTENTION OR TO COVER ADDITIONAL COSTS THAT MAY BE INCURRED BY PROCUREMENT OFFICES NOT INCLUDED IN THE FY 2024 BUDGET IT JUST MIRRORS EXACTLY WHAT THEY SAID NOW I BELIEVE MADAM SPEAKER IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED HEALTH AND SAFETY CHAPTER 96 THE PUBLIC ACCESS TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS ACT OF 2000 I'D LIKE TO ASK THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION IF HE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY READ THE CURRENT GUAM CODE ANNOTATED REGARDING EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS WHERE IT ALREADY STATES IS CAPABLE IT SAYS THE ADMINISTRATION IS CAPABLE OF RECOGNIZING THE PRESENCE AND ABSENCE OF DEFIBRILLATORS AND RAPID VEHICLE CARDIA AND THE CAPABLE OF DETERMINING WITHOUT INTERV INTERVENTION BY OPERATOR WHETHER DEFIBRATOR SHOULD BE PERFORMED OKAY IT GOES FURTHER DOWN I MEAN CHAPTER 96 ACTUALLY TALKS ABOUT IT ACCESS TO PUBLIC DEFIBRILLATORS N SECTION 96104 IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY A PERSON OR ENTITY WHO REQUIRES A AED SHALL ENSURE THAT ONE EXPECTED AED USERS COMPLETE A KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL COURSE IN CPR AND AED USE BASED ON CURRENT AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION SIGNIFICANT GUIDELINES STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OH MY GOSH THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH A WHOLE SLEW OF TRAINING THAT WE WERE JUST TALKING I THINK OFB WAS JUST TALKING OR BBMR WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT NOW YOU GOT A WHOLE SLEW OF TRAINING THAT'S REQUIRED WHERE'S THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THAT LET'S NOT OPEN PANDORA'S BOX MY COLLEAGUES AND START INTRODUCING LEGISLATION THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANY FUNDING IT'S BAD ENOUGH WE'RE INTRODUCING LEGISLATION THAT JUST SAYS USE THE GENERAL FUND SO LET'S NOT OPEN THIS BOX SO MADAM SPEAKER I OBJECT TO THIS BILL ON THOSE REASONS I LOVE THE INTENT DON'T GET ME WRONG I LOVE THE INTENT BUT FIND THE FUNDING SOURCE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND RISE AND SUPPORT OF THIS BILL 143-37 LS AS PROVIDED BY THE GOOD SENATOR FROM YIGO IN BARRIGADA AND I ALSO MADAM SPEAKER WANT TO THANK HIM FOR GIVING HIM FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF THE CO-SPONSORSHIP FOR THIS LEGISLATION MADAM SPEAKER MAYBE A LITTLE HISTORY TO OUR COLLEAGUES HERE IN THIS AUGUST BODY THAT THE AEDS THAT WERE TALKING ABOUT AUTOMATED

EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS ARE IN SHOULD BE IN ALL OF THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES HERE ON THE ISLAND OF GUAM AND FOR THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW THIS AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR OR AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILLATOR IS A PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT AUTOMATICALLY DIAGNOSES THE LIFE THREATENING CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA OF VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION WHICH IS VF AND PULSELESS VENTRICULAR TY CARDIA AND IS ABLE TO TREAT THEM THROUGH THE FIBRILLATION AND I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS AED LITERALLY LITERALLY IS A LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT WHEN WE DID THE LEGISLATION TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY EDUCATIONAL FACILITY HAD IT WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IT WAS VERY VERY WELL RECEIVED AS A MATTER OF FACT THE PUBLIC HEARING AT AT THAT TIME HAD THE SUPPORT AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU MADAM SPEAKER IN EVERYTHING THAT WE LEGISLATE AND WE DO IN A PERFECT WORLD IN A PERFECT PLACE YOU GOT THE MONEY YOU CAN DO ALMOST ANYTHING BUT WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY MADAM SPEAKER OF SAVING A LIFE POSSIBLY A LIFE COULD BE YOUR BROTHER IT COULD BE YOUR SISTER IT COULD BE A FRIEND IT COULD BE ANYBODY WHO YOU THINK OR YOU BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART IS GOOD BUT WAS HAPPENED TO BE IN A GOVERNMENT FACILITY AND LITERALLY HAD A HEART ATTACK YOU AND I KNOW MADAM SPEAKER THAT THAT THAT STORY HAS HAS HAPPENED HERE ON OUR ISLAND OF GUAM AND NOT TO MENTION NAMES WE WE I PERSONALLY KNOW AND IF I CAN PUT MY NAME MADAM SPEAKER ON A LEGISLATION THAT COULD POSSIBLY POSSIBLY SAVE A LIFE I TAKE THAT MADAM SPEAKERS SOME SOMETIMES TIMES YOU HAVE TO TAKE FUNDING FROM THE MAIN PURSE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FAMILY IS SAFEGUARDED OR PROTECTED OR JUST THE MERE SUBCONSCIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF KNOWING THAT IF I GO TO THAT BUILDING AND IF I GOT A HEART ATTACK OR SOMETHING HAPPEN RIGHT THAT THERE IS A DEVICE THERE THAT COULD PRO POSSIBLY SAVE MY LIFE OR MY MOTHER'S LIFE OR MY SIBLINGS LIFE OR MY FRIEND'S LIFE I CAN STAND HERE MADAM SPEAKER AND SAY I WANT MY COLLEAGUES TO LOOK AT THIS BILL AND EVEN IF IT'S GOING TO COST SOMETHING IT IS A COST WELL WORTH IT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS DOING ITS JOB TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT NECESSARY EQUIPMENT IS THERE THE SAME WAY MADAM SPEAKER THAT WE MADE IT MANDATORY THAT EACH FACILITY HAD FIRE EXTINGUISHERS THAT EACH FACILITY HAD PROPER LIGHTING SYSTEMS IN PLACE THAT EACH GOVERNMENT FACILITIES HAD OTHER EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SAFETY AND THE WELFARE OF OUR CONSTITUENTS OUR CONSUMERS OR OUR CUSTOMERS THAT GO THROUGH THESE FACILITIES THAT THAT SAFEGUARD IS THERE SO MADAM SPEAKER THIS LEGISLATION IS ONE OF THOSE LEGISLATIONS THAT MAY NOT HAVE A FUNDING SOURCE RIGHT NOW BUT I WILL DEFINITELY MADAM SPEAKER ASK THE GOOD CHAIRMAN ON OFB THE PURSE HOLDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH AGENCY TO ACQUIRE THESE THINGS IF THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION BECOMES LAW BECAUSE MADAM SPEAKER IN MY HEART OF HEARTS IF THERE IS A LIFE THAT COULD BE SAVED BECAUSE SOMEBODY WAS HAVING SOME HEART DIFFICULTIES KNOWING THAT THE NUMBER ONE DEATH ON GUAM IS STILL HEART ISSUES I KNOW IN MY HEART THAT WE'D BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT AND AT A PRICE YES AT A AT A LITTLE PRICE THAT WE AS LEADERS WOULD HAVE TO PAY OR TO FIND THE RESOURCE SO THAT OUR CONSTITUENTS OUR COMMUNITY WHO GO INTO OUR GOVERNMENT FACILITIES KNOW THAT THEY HAVE THE PROPER EQUIPMENT IN PLACE THE SAME WAY WE HAVE SOME OTHER EQUIPMENT'S THAT ARE THERE TO HELP CONSTITUENTS WHO GO THROUGH GOVERNMENT FACILITIES SO MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT AND I AGAIN WANT TO THANK THE GOOD SENATOR FROM YIGO AND BARRIGADA TO LITERALLY BEING BRAVE ENOUGH TO PUT THIS BILL ON THE FLOOR THANK YOU TO HELP SAVE A LIFE THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO' LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL IF NOT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO SENATOR WHO' LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL ANY SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THE MEASURE I'M A CO-SPONSOR OF THIS MEASURE THERE THANK YOU ALL RIGHT AND WAS HAVING SOME FLASHBACKS BECAUSE WHEN I INTRODUCED A SIMILAR MEASURE THAT WOULD MANDATE THE PLACEMENT OF AEDS AT EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL ON THE ISLAND I INTRODUCED THAT MEASURE AND IT LACKED A FUNDING SOURCE AND SO JUST LISTENING TO SOME OF THE DEBATE THIS MORNING LIKE I SAID BEEN THERE DONE THAT AND I JUST WANTED TO GO BACK OVER THE THE PUBLIC HEARING WHERE THE OF CHAIRMAN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN HAD TESTIFIED HERE WE DO NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT EVERY AGENCY AND LIKE WAS MENTIONED AS

YOU COMMENT EVERY SENATOR OFFICE AND SO FORTH JUST TAKE A LOOK ON HOW WE WANT TO MOVE THIS BILL FORWARD TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN WE MOVE IT FORWARD IT HAS A SOURCE OF FUNDING AND A MEANS TO FUND IT BECAUSE THERE MAY BE FEDERAL GRANTS THAT WILL PAY FOR THIS BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE FUNDING TO TRAIN FOLKS TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN IT AND IDENTIFY FUNDING ON HOW IT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED OR EVEN UPDATED AND SO I KNOW THAT THE THE GOOD CHAIRMAN FORESAW THIS ISSUE BACK IN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SO YES SAVING LIVES WE ALL WANT TO SAVE LIVES I DON'T THINK ANYONE IN HERE IS GOING TO DISAGREE WITH THE INTENT OF THIS MEASURE DEFINITELY NOT ME BUT UNFORTUNATELY SAVING LIVES COST MONEY RIGHT AND IF THERE IS A WAY TO PAY FOR THIS THROUGH AN AMENDMENT OR WHATEVER I WOULD I WOULD ASK THAT OF THE AUTHOR SO THAT WE CAN GET THE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE BODY AND ADDRESS SOME OF THESE CONCERNS BECAUSE I KNOW THAT FOR FOR MY MEASURE AGAIN I HAD TO AMEND THE BUDGET BILL TO INCLUDE THE FUNDING SO GDOE COULD GO OUT AND AND PURCHASE THESE AEDS AND I JUST SPOKE WITH THE HEAD NURSE AND IT'S A LONG PROCESS TO GO THROUGH THE PROCUREMENT AND YOU KNOW THEY'RE ALSO WORKING WITH THE GUAN FIRE DEPARTMENT SO YEAH WE DEFINITELY WANT TO SAVE LIVES I I HEAR THAT ALL THE WAY BUT THEN I ALSO HEAR THE CONCERNS OF MY OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO ARE SAYING BASICALLY WE CAN'T SAVE A LIFE IF WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE LIFE- SAVING EQUIPMENT AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT THE APPROPRIATIONS CHAIR WILL WILL IF HE HASN'T ALREADY FOUND THE MONEY WE FIND THE MONEY AND I I SUPPORT THIS MEASURE BECAUSE THE THE VICE SPEAKER WAS ALSO CORRECT THAT YOU KNOW THIS IS FOR OUR PEOPLE AND GOD FORBID THAT THAT INSTANCE HAPPENS THAT EMERGENCY WHERE SOMEONE NEEDS A PIECE OF LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT THAT ISN'T THERE THAT HAS NOT EVER BEEN THERE IN A GOVERNMENT OFFICE AND SO I COMMEND MY FRESHMAN COLLEAGUE FOR INTRODUCING THIS MEASURE AND AND KIND OF WORKING TOGETHER TO CLOSE ALL THE GAPS AND SO I INTRODUCED THE AED BILL FOR GDOE AND THEN SENATOR CANATA OBVIOUSLY HAS INTRODUCED THIS BILL 143 WHICH WE'RE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING BUT I ALSO HAD ANOTHER MEASURE THAT I FELT WOULD REALLY CLOSE THE LOOP ON THE AEDS THAT I INTRODUCED 142 OR 102 BILLS BACK BILL NUMBER 41 WHICH HAS YET TO RECEIVE A A PUBLIC HEARING AND THIS BILL WOULD MANDATE THE PLACEMENT OF AEDS AT OUR SENIOR CENTERS FOR OUR PRECIOUS *MANÁMKO'* AND THE BILL HAS NOT HAD A PUBLIC HEARING YET AND SO I KNOW WE'RE IN THE HOLIDAYS AND THE OVERSIGHT OF THE MAYOR IS PROBABLY A LITTLE BUSY BUT I I JUST WOULD ASK THAT THAT BILL BE HEARD SO THAT WE CAN SAVE LIVES ESPECIALLY THOSE OF OUR *MANÁMKO'* SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN BUT AGAIN I KNOW IT I'M NOT SURE IF IT SOUNDS LIKE I'M SUPPORTING THE BILL BUT I DO SUPPORT IT BECAUSE THIS IS FOR OUR PEOPLE AND IT'S WORTH IT TO SAVE JUST ONE LIFE MY SPEAKER IS CORRECT BUT I I JUST WE CAN'T SAVE A LIFE IF WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY AND AGAIN I I THINK THE MONEY IS THERE IT'S JUST A MATTER OF FINDING IT WHETHER IT'S AN AMENDMENT OR SOMETHING COMING DOWN LATER SO I THANK AGAIN THE AUTHOR FOR THIS MEASURE AND ALSO MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE THE THOROUGH DISCUSSION AND DEBATE I IT'S NOT EASY TO SIT AND LISTEN TO THAT STUFF I'VE BEEN IN THAT SITUATION BEFORE BUT I THINK IT'S COMING FROM A GOOD PLACE SO THAT WE WE SEND A BILL OUT THE RIGHT WAY THE FIRST TIME AND WE HAVE SEEN THIS BODY VERY RECENTLY TURN OUT SOME SERIOUSLY FLAWED LEGISLATION AND THEN COME BACK AND SAY OH WE'RE GOING TO WELL NEVER MIND WE'RE GOING TO INTRODUCE A BILL AND WE'RE GOING TO FIX THAT BUT IN THE MEANTIME IT'S LEGAL SO I DEFINITELY UNDERSTAND WHERE MY COLLEAGUES ARE COMING FROM IT'S A PLACE OF CONCERN THAT THAT I THINK SHOULD BE CONCERNED SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS FIRST OF ALL I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED BUT I I I DO HAVE TO SAY THAT WITH THIS CRITICAL PIECE OF EQUIPMENT YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER GENERALLY MOST FISCAL OFFICES OR FISCAL TEAMS WITHIN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WILL START A FISCAL YEAR BY PUTTING ON ANYWHERE BETWEEN 5 AND 15% OF A KIND OF A RESERVE WITHIN AGENCIES WE KNOW THAT SOMETIMES GOVERNMENT ACTIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER THINGS THAT REQUIRE YOU KNOW THE USE OF APPROPRIATIONS ARE CRITICAL AND MONEY HAS MOVED AROUND ALL THE TIME MADAM SPEAKER WITHIN AGENCIES FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES YOU KNOW AS A MATTER OF FACT I JUST RECENTLY GOT AN EMAIL FROM SOME GOOD FRIENDS OVER AT PUBLIC HEALTH ASKING ME TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE BETWEEN THE DISPARITY OF THE PAY RAISES THAT WERE GIVEN TO THE NURSES AND PAY RAISES THAT WERE GIVEN UNDER THE GENERAL PAY PLAN THERE'S ABOUT A 5 TO 7% DIFFERENTIAL AND SO MY RETURN EMAIL TO THEM WAS PLEASE

SPEAK TO YOUR DIRECTOR PLEASE DEAL WITH YOUR BOARD BECAUSE THAT'S HOW WE DID PAY RAISES BEFORE WE HAD AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE LEGISLATURE AND I GOT A WONDERFUL RESPONSE THAT THEY'RE MOVING ON THAT SO THAT'S A LARGE BIG TICKET ITEM MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW THAT REQUIRES FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS THAT THAT WE'VE DONE IN AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAS DONE THROUGHOUT TIME BUT I HAVE TO ZERO IN ONCE AGAIN ON WHY I AGREE EVEN WITH THE BACK AND FORTH OF THE RETIRING SPEAKER ON THE SUPPORT BUT THE KEY SUPPORT ISSUE IS THIS IS A LIFESAVING PIECE OF EQUIP EQUIPMENT AND I JUST THINK WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE SUPPORT THAT I WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME BELIEVING THAT AN AGENCY WILL COME BACK TO THIS LEGISLATURE OR EVEN TO THEIR OFFICE AND FINANCE AND BUDGET OR BBMR AND SAY I'M NOT BUYING THIS BECAUSE THIS IS UNFUNDED MANDATE I WOULD THINK THAT THEY WOULD FIND IT WITHIN THEIR BUDGET TO FUND IT AND IF FOR SOME GREAT REASON THAT IT HAD THAT LARGE OF AN IMPACT YOU KNOW THEY WOULD REQUEST AN ADDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR THEIR NEXT BUDGET CYCLE SO I CERTAINLY HAVE STOOD UP ON THIS FLOOR MADAM SPEAKER AND PREACHED ABOUT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND I DON'T FEEL AS THOUGH I'M SHIRKING THAT RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE I FEEL THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT WE DO FROM TIME TO TIME THAT WHEN WE MAKE THESE DECISIONS WE MAKE THEM FOR EXCEPTIONAL REASONS I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THINK MADAM SPEAKER AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I DID AS A DIRECTOR AT YOUTH AFFAIRS AND OTHER AGENCIES YOU KNOW WHEN WE TALK ABOUT TRAINING LIKE CPR WHEN WE TALK ABOUT TRAINING ON LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT AND THE LIKE A LOT OF TIMES THERE'S A REAL LOT OF GIVE AND TAKE WITHIN AGENCIES IN TERMS OF DOING THAT TRAINING FOR FREE YOU KNOW I MEAN IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A CYCLE FOR A POLICE OFFICER OR A FIREMAN OKAY I GOT YOU WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT YOU KNOW EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS AND DIFFERENT THINGS THAT REQUIRE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WITH REGARD TO TRAINING BUT WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A USE OF A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THAT REALLY DOES ALREADY COME WITH A LOT OF ITS PARAMETERS OF WHAT IT'S DESIGNED TO DO YOU KNOW IT'S NOT THEY YOU COULDN'T PUT SOMETHING THAT WAS PURCHASED OUT THE SHELF IN A BUILDING THAT WAS REQUIRED TO BE OPERATED BY A CERTIFIED INDIVIDUAL IN TERMS OF A LIFE-SAVING PIECE OF EQUIPMENT I MEAN THAT'S WHY YOU FIND THOSE TYPE OF THINGS IN AMBULANCES AND IN HOSPITALS AND OTHER AREAS WHERE THEY'RE NOT AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC BECAUSE THEY'RE TO BE USED REALLY BY ONLY TRAINED PERSONNEL BUT YOU'RE BASICALLY LOOKING HERE AT ANOTHER TOOL IN A TOOLBOX AND I WHEN THIS BILL PASSES OR IF IT PASSES I HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY IN MY BUDGET FOR THIS AND I WILL IMMEDIATELY MAYBE EVEN WITHOUT A A LAW PURCHASE ONE BECAUSE I HAVE DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS OF VARIOUS AGES AND YOU KNOW HEALTH SITUATIONS IN MY OFFICE AND I'D LIKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE THEIR LIFE IF I COULD WITH A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THAT SHOULD BE READILY AVAILABLE SO I LOOK AT THIS AS THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND LIKE I SAID U I THINK THAT MOST AGENCIES WILL FIND IT NOT TOO ULTRA DIFFICULT TO TAKE ONE MORE STEP TO PROVIDE A LAYER OF SAFETY AND LIFE-SAVING CAPABILITY WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OFFICES SO FOR THAT REASON MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

NOTE: VICE SPEAKER RESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: BUEN PRU BECHU SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE MAIN MOTION I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND RECOGNIZE SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE ON THE MAIN MOTION SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M LOOKING FOR THE COPIES OF MY FLOOR AMENDMENT BUT I'LL BEGIN IT SHOULD BE PASSED OUT OR CAN WE JUST TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS PLEASE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE'RE IN A MOMENT'S RECESS.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU STILL HAD THE FLOOR YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SO I I AM RISING IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL HOWEVER I THINK THAT THE EARLIER COMMENTS MADE BY MY COLLEAGUES ARE ARE VERY MUCH ON POINT ONE BEING THAT ACCORDING TO THE FISCAL NOTES THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM BOTH BBMR AND OFB THERE IS NO FUNDING FOR THE BILLS AND THAT THE MANDATE THAT WE ARE PLACING ON THESE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE THESE AEDS ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE FILLED BY THEM AND THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL AN UNFUNDED MANDATES IN OUR STATUTE SO I WOULD LIKE LIKE BEFORE WE PASS THE BILL IF I'M GOING TO SUPPORT IT TO ADDRESS THAT AS BEST AS WE CAN KNOWING WHAT WE KNOW AND SO WHAT I'M PROPOSING TO DO IS TO USE THE MODEL THAT

WAS USED WHEN WE FUND WHEN WE ALLOWED WHEN WE PASSED THIS MANDATE FOR GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THAT WAS TO GIVE THEM A TIME FRAME THAT THEY COULD WORK WITH AND IN MANDATE THAT THEY INCLUDE A REQUEST IN THEIR UPCOMING BUDGET SO THAT IT COULD BE FUNDED AND AS WE SAW THAT THAT WAS SUCCESSFUL AND THE THE CHAIRPERSON OF EDUCATION WAS ABLE TO FUND THOSE IN OUR LAST BUDGET REQUEST SO MY AMENDMENT WOULD BE TO PAGE TWO LINES 12 AND 13 CHANGING WHERE IT SAYS ACCESS TO AEDS AS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH A SUPRA MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 30 CHANGING THAT TO OCTOBER 30 AND INCLUDING A NEW SENTENCE THAT SAYS REQUEST FOR FUNDING SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST SO THAT'S OCTOBER 30 IS 30 DAYS AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE FY25 BUDGET IF THEY INCLUDE THIS IN THEIR REQUESTS FOR THAT FY 2025 BUDGET AND IT IS PASSED THEY SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING TO TO OBTAIN THESE DEVICES AS AS IF THEY PLAN AHEAD SO THIS IS GIVING THEM THAT MUCH THAT MANY MONTHS NOTICE TO PLAN AHEAD SO THAT'S MY AMENDMENT TO BEGIN WITH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I THINK MY COLLEAGUE FOR YOU KNOW RECOGNIZING THIS AS AN UNFUNDED MANDATE LEGISLATION AND TRYING TO CORRECT IT BUT I THINK IT IT MIGHT FALL SHORT ON ON THE PURCHASING OF THIS BECAUSE IF YOU NOTICE IT SAYS ACCESS TO THE AEDS ARE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION A SUPER MUST BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 30TH I BELIEVE THAT THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS MAY TAKE A LITTLE BIT LONGER THAN OCTOBER 30TH SO IF I MAY ASK THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT THAT IF THIS COULD YOU KNOW POSE AN ISSUE ON GETTING THIS TO COMPLY BY OCTOBER 30TH BECAUSE LIKE EVERYTHING IT GOES THROUGH PROCUREMENT SO IT'S JUST MY QUESTION THAT MAYBE THIS SHOULD BE EXTENDED FOR AT LEAST 30 OR MORE THAN JUST 30 DAYS BUT MAYBE ABOUT 60 DAYS SO IT CAN GO THROUGH PROCUREMENT IT'S JUST A QUESTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WOULD YOU LIKE TO HE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'LL YIELD BUT I I DON'T REALLY KNOW THE ANSWER IT REALLY DEPENDS ON EVERY AGENCY IF THEY'RE GOING TO DO THEIR PROCUREMENTS SEPARATELY IT DEPENDS ON GSA IF GSA IS GOING TO DO THE BULK PROCUREMENT FOR ALL OF THE LINE AGENCIES I WOULD THINK THERE ARE SOME AGENCIES THAT CAN ACTUALLY AFFORD THIS LIKE OUR AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THIS RIGHT AWAY BUT FOR THE LINE AGENCIES IT'S JUST A MATTER OF WHETHER GSA IS ABLE TO BE PREPARED ON THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER AND PUT THESE OUT OR NOT I DON'T KNOW YOU YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE A LONGER TIME BUT I GUESS I DON'T WANT TO GIVE THEM THAT RIGHT NOW BECAUSE I THINK WE SHOULD GET IT IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WE SHOULD GIVE THEM NOTICE AND THEY SHOULD BE PLANNING BUT BUT I'M OPEN TO ANY AMENDMENT TO THE DATE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ONE OF THE PROCESS IN PROCUREMENT IS TO IDENTIFY FUNDING BEFORE YOU GO THROUGH THE PROCUREMENT ANY PROCUREMENT IS TO IDENTIFY THE FUNDING SO IF YOU KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO TRY AND START THE PROCESS AHEAD OF TIME YOU KNOW LIKE MAYBE IN AUGUST YOU KNOW KNOWING IT IT'S GOING TO COME OR IT'S PART OF THEIR BUDGET BILL IT'S STILL NOT IDENTIFIED AS REAL MONEY UNTIL THE BUDGET BILL PASSES SO THAT BEING SAID MADAM SPEAKER I THINK YOU KNOW TO EXTEND THIS TO ATLEAST DECEMBER 30TH IF THEY CAN GET IT SOONER EVEN BETTER BUT AT THIS POINT YOU KNOW BECAUSE OF THE PROCESS THAT IN ORDER TO PURCHASE ANYTHING IT HAS TO BE IDENTIFIED THE MONEY HAS TO BE IDENTIFIED AND YOU CAN'T GET THAT UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST WHEN THE BUDGET BILL PASSES OR WHEN THE FISCAL YEAR PASSES OR IF SHE SIGNS IT INTO LAW SOONER BUT STILL YOU KNOW YOU HAVE TO KEEP THOSE IN PERSPECTIVE SO I'D LIKE TO MAKE AMENDMENT WITHOUT YOU KNOW KILLING A TREE TO DECEMBER AT LEAST BY DECEMBER 1ST OR DECEMBER 31ST CAN I TAKE ONE MINUTE I'D LIKE TO SPEAK WITH ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES REGARDING THE TIME FRAME FOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MOMENT RECESS.

RECESS

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

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TO ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES WHO WE ALL KNOW IS VERY WELL VERSED IN PROCUREMENT AND THE PROCESS AND DISCUSSING WITH WITH HER I THINK THE SAFE DATE TO PUT IN PLACE WOULD BE DECEMBER 31ST 2024 IN ORDER TO MEET ANY REQUIREMENTS OF IDENTIFYING FUNDING THAT'S NEEDED TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS AND LIKE I SAID IF THEY CAN DO THIS SOONER EVEN BETTER YOU KNOW SO THAT'S MY AMENDMENT TO CHANGE IT TO DECEMBER 31ST 2024.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE TMT AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK HEARING NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES ON THE TMT AMENDMENT AS PROFFERED AS AMENDED SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND I'D LIKE TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS VERY REASONABLE AMENDMENT AND KIND OF ONCE AGAIN REINFORCE THE STATEMENTS THAT I WAS MAKING EARLIER ONE OF THE WELL-KNOWN ACCOUNTING PRACTICES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM PARTICULARLY WITH LINE AGENCIES IS CALLED THE JOURNAL VOUCHERING WHICH IS WHERE YOU IDENTIFY ACCOUNTS TO TRANSFER MONEY FOR ANY PURPOSE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN UNINTENDED OR EVEN SOMETIMES MADAM SPEAKER THERE'S OVER EXPENDITURES THAT ARE EXPERIENCED WITHIN CERTAIN AGENCIES AND OF COURSE THEIR BUDGET AND THEIR BUDGET DIGEST WILL ALWAYS DELINEATE A VERY DETAILED ACCOUNTING BUT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A FUNDING SOURCE SOMETIMES FOR THINGS THAT WILL ARISE AND IF AN ACCOUNT IS SHORT YOU CAN SIMPLY TRANSFER MONEY INTO THAT OTHER ACCOUNT AND THEN REIMBURSE IT AND SO AS WE WERE SPEAKING AND I HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO THE OVERSIGHT OF COURSE FOR OFB THAT IN THE EVENT ANY AGENCIES COME FORWARD DURING THEIR BUDGET REQUESTS AND REQUEST THE REIMBURSEMENT IF THEY GO AHEAD AND JUST BU THEY MIGHT JUST PROCURE IT THIS YEAR MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE THE MANDATE WILL BE THERE SO WITH THE MANDATE THERE YOU KNOW WHETHER IT THEY PROCURE IT BASED ON WHAT THE DATE SET WAS IN TERMS OF FUNDING AVAILABLE OR IF THEY CHOOSE TO BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IT'S A HIGH PRIORITY FOR THEIR AGENCY THEY COULD USE THEIR CURRENT BUDGET JOURNAL VOUCHER THE MONEY THEREFORE THEY WOULDN'T BE DOING A PROCUREMENT WITHOUT A FUNDING SOURCE SO THIS REALLY IS YOU KNOW A A REASONABLE APPROACH AND EVERY AGENCY CAN BASICALLY ADDRESS IT AS THEY SEE FIT IF IT'S A PRIORITY FOR THEIR AGENCY THEY'LL MAKE SURE IT'S FUNDED IF IT'S NOT THEY'LL MAKE SURE THAT THEY DO IT WHEN THE FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE BASED ON HOW THEY ARRANGE THEIR LINE ITEM BUDGET SO IT'S A VERY REASONABLE APPROACH IT IT MAKES SURE THAT THE MANDATE GOES FORWARD IN TERMS OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH HERE BUT ALSO GIVES FLEXIBILITY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING IF THIS BECOMES A PRIORITY WHEN THE LAW IS PASSED SO I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE TERLAJE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED SENATOR BROWN THEN SENATOR BARNETT

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I'LL KEEP THIS IN MIND BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE IF I WANT TO PUT SOMETHING FORTH TO THAT'S GOING TO NEED FUNDING I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE I USE THIS LANGUAGE BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO FUND THINGS BECAUSE I I DON'T LIKE YOU KNOW WE PUT ON THIS BIG SHOW AND THEN THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS THE REALITY IS VERY DIFFERENT I HAVE TO TELL YOU AND I I I SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT BY THE SPEAKER I APPRECIATE HER EFFORTS I WILL VOTE FOR IT BUT YOU KNOW I SAT IN A PUBLIC HEARING LAST WEEK WHERE WE HAD OUR PARK POLICE OFFICERS THEY WERE THERE TO UPDATE US ON THEIR OPERATIONS I WAS ALSO VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THEY EXPANDED FROM TWO OFFICERS TO NINE AND THEN I ASKED ABOUT THEIR FUNDING AND THEY HAVE NO OVERTIME FUNDING AND I SAID SO HOW DO YOU ADDRESS ISSUES AFTER HOURS THEY GO WELL WE DO COMP TIME WELL I'M SURE THAT'S KIND OF NICE FOR A REGULAR OPERATION BUT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT YOU KNOW THAT ROLLS VERY WELL AND ON TOP OF THAT WE ASK OKAY WHAT'S YOUR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WE USE OUR CELL PHONES YOU KNOW GPD HAS OUR NUMBER AND WE HAVE EACH OTHER'S NUMBER AND WE'RE WORKING ON OUR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM YOU KNOW THAT'S WHERE YOU GET DOWN INTO THE BRASS TAX OF G GUAM OPERATIONS AND WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT SOMETHING AS CRITICAL AS WHAT WE WANT TO SEE I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF THE PART PARK PATROL AND THE PARK POLICE BUT WHEN CRITICAL OPERATIONS LIKE THAT DON'T HAVE BASIC FUNDING THEN THAT

CONCERNS ME BECAUSE WE WANT TO CREATE AN IMAGE THAT WE'RE TAKING CARE OF EVERYTHING PEOPLE DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT WE GOT YOU COVERED AND WE PLAY THE POLITICS BUT THE FUNDING'S NOT THERE IN CRITICAL OPERATIONS LIKE PARK POLICE THE PARK PATROL THAT WE HAVE OUT HERE THAT OUR SUPPORT TO GPD AND OUR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT TO GIVE OUR COMMUNITY A SENSE OF COMFORT THAT YOU KNOW THEY'LL BE SAFE OR IF THEY WANT TO GO OUT TO THE PARKS WITH THEIR FAMILY THAT THEIR FAMILY'S GOING TO BE SAFE SO I'VE GOT NO ARGUMENT BECAUSE I'M SURE I PROBABLY HAVE A LITTLE MORE RESERVE THAN ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS SIDE OF THE A BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CONSERVATIVE I'M SURE I CAN AFFORD IT THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE THE ISSUE IS CAN THE REST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AFFORD IT AND IF WE'RE JUST GOING TO TELL THEM HEY TAKE IT OUT OF YOUR BUDGET THIS IS THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS AT THE LINE AGENCIES AND I'M SURE THE AUTONOMIST CAN COVER IT NO PROBLEM I DON'T THINK THAT'S RESPONSIBLE FINANCING ON OUR PART OF WANTING TO ENSURE THAT THIS ACTUALLY GETS IN PLACE AND IF THAT'S THE ULTIMATE GOAL THEN YOU KNOW WE SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE OF ENSURING THE FINANCES ARE THERE BECAUSE MY GOODNESS COLLEAGUES A DAY THE MONEY IS FALLING FROM THE SKY WE CAN'T EVEN CATCH IT FAST ENOUGH BECAUSE WE WANT TO BRAG ABOUT ALL OUR EXTRA ANA FUNDING THAT YOU KNOW WE DIDN'T ORIGINALLY PLAN FOR WE'RE 100 MILLION PLUS LOOK AT US MAN WE GOT THE MIDEST TOUCH LOOK AT US BUT WHEN I HEAR STORIES LIKE THAT LIKE PARK YOU KNOW THE PARK PATROL OUT THERE THE PARK POLICE I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT BECAUSE THEN THAT TELLS ME A CRITICAL OPERATION THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT FUNDED WHEN I KNOW OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES MY GOODNESS THE OVERTIME IS ALMOST MANDATED IN THEIR BUDGET \$3 \$40,000 A YEAR INDIVIDUAL FOR ONE INDIVIDUAL I'M SURE PARK POLICE WOULD EVEN BE HAPPY TO HAVE 20 OR \$30,000 TO COVER ALL NINE OFFICERS SO LET'S NOT SUGARCOAT THIS ISSUE HERE BECAUSE I'M NOT ARGUING THE NEED OR THE DESIRE TO HAVE THIS HECK IT MIGHT BE ME THAT NEEDS IT BUT LET'S BE RESPONSIBLE IN HOW WE DO THINGS LET'S MAKE SURE WE'RE PREPARED TO ENSURE THAT THESE THINGS ARE PROPERLY IN PLACE CUZ PROCUREMENT YOU TELL ME WHO'S THE DO WE HAVE A PERMANENT CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER ARE WE NOT IN CRISIS AT DOA THESE DAYS ON PROCUREMENT HAVE WE PROCURED THE MOLD REMEMBER THE TYPHOON WE HAD 6 MONTHS AGO REMEMBER THE ISSUES WITH THE SCHOOLS HAS THAT MOLD BEEN MITIGATED IS THAT CONTRACT OUT IS THE FENCING CONTRACT OUT FOR THE SCHOOLS COLLEAGUES LET'S GO DOWN THE LIST IF WE WANT TO PLAY THIS GAME SO KEEP IN MIND THESE ARE GREAT IDEAS AND HEY I HAVE NO PROBLEM HEY GREAT BUT IT STILL DOESN'T ADDRESS THE TRAINING AND IF IT'S GOING TO BE A HODGE Podge MAYBE YOU KNOW MAYBE GUAM FIRE CAN DO IT MAYBE NOT DON'T WORRY JUST READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BECAUSE IF SOMEONE'S SUFFERING FROM A HEART ATTACK YEAH I'M GOING TO GO PULL THOSE INSTRUCTIONS OUT AND MAKE SURE I GET IT DOWN SO I'M PROPERLY ADMINISTERING IT RATHER THAN HAVING ENSURING THAT THERE'S SOME KIND OF TRAINING PROGRAM LIKE THE ETHICS TRAINING RIGHT WE PUT FORTH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE ETHICS OUR OUR ETHICS DIVISION THERE TO DO ETHICS TRAINING FOR ALL G GUAM EMPLOYEES NOW WE MANDATE ALL GUAM EMPLOYEES HAVE TO DO ETHICS TRAINING BUT SOMETHING AS CRITICAL AS SOMETHING THAT COULD BE LIFE-SAVING WELL LET'S HOPEFULLY THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES YOU KNOW CAN CAN GET IT COME ON I DON'T WANT TO PUT A DAMPER ON THIS BUT MY GOODNESS WHAT RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP ARE WE PROFESSING FOR OUR PEOPLE WHEN WE WE DO THIS SO WE CAN SAY OH WE'RE MANDATING IT PEOPLE AND MAYBE YOU'LL FIND THE MONEY IN YOUR GOVERNMENT AGENCY TO FUND IT AND GOOD LUCK YEAH PROCUREMENT IT'S PROCUREMENT IS A MESS RIGHT NOW THE GOVERNMENT WE JUST HAD A BILL HERE WE TALKED ABOUT YESTERDAY TO SIDESTEP SOME OF THESE PROTESTS BECAUSE WE'RE HAVING SO MUCH DIFFICULTY PROCURING CRITICAL THINGS THAT WE NEED AND PROPERLY SPENDING THE FEDERAL MONEY THAT THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE THAT HAVE A TIMELINE ON THEM THAT WE WANT TO ENSURE IS SPENT IN THE BENEFIT OF OUR PEOPLE DIDN'T WE OR ISN'T THAT ON THE AGENDA COLLEAGUES DID WE FORGET HOW QUICKLY DID WE FORGET THAT HEY I CAN I CAN YOU KNOW PLAY THE GAME HERE I'VE BEEN AT IT A LONG TIME BUT WOW YOU KNOW COME ON LET'S ENSURE THAT WE'RE BEING RESPONSIBLE AND THE FUNDING IS THERE YEAH MAYBE INDIVIDUALLY WE CAN TAKE CARE OF OUR FUNDING AND OUR OFFICES BUT FOR THE BIGGER OPERATIONS THAT HAVE THE BIGGER PRICE TAG THE DOE RIGHT NOW WILL COME AND TELL US ALL THE THINGS THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO DO AND NOT ABLE TO FUND AND NOT ABLE TO ADDRESS BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING OH OUR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE WE NEED 200 PLUS MILLION DOLLARS AND ALL WE HAVE RIGHT NOW IN OUR FEDERAL BANK ACCOUNT IS 80 WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT START SHUTTING DOWN SCHOOLS NOW BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE HAVE A 28,000 STUDENTS NOW AND A SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT'S DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE 40,000 SO MAYBE WE'RE GOING TO YOU KNOW START CLOSING SOME SCHOOLS BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE FUNDING TO MAINTAIN ALL OF THIS YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS BEEN FASCINATED HOW WE CAN BE SUCH POLITICAL CHAMELEONS WE CAN BE SO MANY DIFFERENT YOU KNOW DIFFERENT SHADES OF WHATEVER AND HOPEFULLY OUR PEOPLE FALL FOR

IT YOU KNOW BECAUSE SOME OF US THEY FALL FOR IT ALL THE TIME BUT I THINK WE JUST NEED TO BE RESPONSIBLE WHAT IS SO UNREASON ABOUT ENSURING THAT WHEN WE PASS THIS WE GOT FUNDING ATTACHED I MEAN OUR BUDGET CHAIRMAN IS HERE SHOW ME THE MONEY WHY CAN'T WE DO IT NOW WHY CAN'T WE PUT THIS FORTH AND SAY WE'RE GOING TO APPROPRIATE A MILLION DOLLARS OR WHATEVER THE COST IF WE CALCULATE IS GOING TO BE AND BY THE WAY WE'RE ALSO REQUIRING THE TRAINING COMPONENT SO THAT WE CAN PROPERLY ADMINISTER THIS GREAT LIFE-SAVING SAFETY DEVICE IN THE EVENT ANYONE NEEDS IT WHEN THEY COME INTO A GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR INTO ANY OF OUR RESPECTIVE OFFICES THAT'S THE RESPONSIBLE THINGS TO DO BUT NOW WE'RE GOING TO PASS IT AND THEY KNOW NEXT FISCAL YEAR WE'LL GIVE THEM THE MONEY AND NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHIN 3 MONTHS HOPEFULLY THEY CAN PROCURE IT SOUNDS GOOD TO ME WE'LL SEE BUT COLLEAGUES THIS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING BACKWARDS WE WANT THE CREDIT BEFORE WE DELIVER THE WORK AND THAT JUST I DON'T KNOW JUST KINDS OF FALL SHORT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE WELCOME SENATOR BROWN ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT SPEAKER WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES I'D LIKE TO CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT JUST BECAUSE THERE WAS SO MANY COMMENTS MADE ON IT OBVIOUSLY THERE'S NO MONEY FOR IT BECAUSE BBMR AND OFB SAID IT WOULD REQUIRE AN APPROPRIATION AND THE APPROPRIATIONS CHAIR AT THE COMMITTEE SAID HE WAS GOING TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON THE BILL AND THE BILL HAS NO APPROPRIATION ATTACHED TO IT SO I'M CONCLUDING THAT OTHERWISE IT'S NOT A PRIORITY RIGHT NOW BUT I'M TRYING TO MAKE IT A PRIORITY AND AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER SAID THEY COULD HAVE DONE THIS ANY TIME THEY COULD HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT US MANDATING THEM TO DO IT ANY AGENCY CAN DO THIS I EXPECT THESE AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES WILL DO IT WHENEVER THEY WANT BECAUSE THEY HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY THE LINE AGENCIES ARE GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THAT OR FOR THE BUDGET AS WE'RE PROPOSING HERE I DON'T EVEN THINK THE FISCAL NOTES INCLUDED TRAINING MATERIALS OR THE COST OF TRAINING WHICH MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IS QUITE SIGNIFICANT SO THIS AMENDMENT WOULD GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO AT THE VERY LEAST MAKE SURE IT'S FUNDED IN THE BUDGET OR IF THE APPROPRIATIONS CHAIR TELLS US AT THAT TIME THAT WE CAN'T FUND IT THEN THIS BILL SHOULD BE REPEALED AT THAT TIME OR IT SHOULD BE AMENDED OR SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN BUT THAT'S THAT'S WHERE IT WOULD BE FIXED AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ADDRESS THE TALK ABOUT THE CRISIS IN PROCUREMENT AT UP AT GSA THAT'S WHAT I TRIED TO TALK ABOUT YESTERDAY I ASK DO WE HAVE A PROCUREMENT CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER OR IS THAT PERSON BEING INTERFERED WITH MOVED AROUND OR BECAUSE ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THIS IS EVEN RELEVANT OR THAT WAS RELEVANT WAS BECAUSE THAT WAS ONE OF THE EXCUSES GIVEN TO US ACCORDING TO DOE THAT THEIR PROCUREMENT FOR THE 20 MILLION IN TYPHOON REPAIR INCLUDING MOLD MITIGATION HAD NOT GONE THROUGH SO I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS AND BUT I DO THINK THEY ARE RELEVANT SO I AGREE HOWEVER WE ARE POLICYMAKING WE ARE TRYING TO SAY BY POLICY THIS IS ONE OF OUR PRIORITIES IT SHOULD BE A PRIORITY IN OUR 2020 BUDGET SO THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO BY THIS AMENDMENT MY POINT IN THIS AMENDMENT WAS THAT WE LIKE THE POLICY BUT I ALSO LIKE THE POLICY THAT IT WAS BACK I THINK IN 1999 OR 2000 WHERE THEY SAID THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME THE LEGISLATURE REQUIRED FISCAL NOTES AND THEN IT WAS AFTER THAT WHEN THEY ESTABLISHED AN AN INDEPENDENT OFB FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO ALSO ASCERTAIN ON ITS OWN WHETHER THE ADMINISTRATION'S BBMR PROJECTIONS AND THE LEGISLATORS WERE THE SAME BECAUSE THEY DON'T ANYWAYS THAT'S JUST A CHECK AND BALANCE FOR US SO I JUST WANT TO HONOR THAT AS WELL THAT THE THE FISCAL NOTES THAT WE ARE GOING TO ADDRESS THEM AND NOT IT'S THE LAW ACTUALLY SAYS IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE WITHOUT THE FUNDS BUT WE'RE HERE AND I THINK SO THIS IS A FIX TO THIS BILL AND THAT IF WE'D LIKE THESE EX AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AT ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES THAT THIS IS HOW WE CAN PASS THIS BILL SO ON THAT AMENDMENT I I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ASK THEM TO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SPEAKER ON THE SPEAKER TERLAJE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES ON THE MAIN MOTION SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU I JUST WANT TO ALSO JUST RAISE SOMETHING ELSE THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAD ALSO RAISED AND THAT IS YOU KNOW WHEN WE NEED PROPER TRAINING FOR PEOPLE TO UTILIZE THIS

EQUIPMENT WE NEED THE EQUIPMENT AND WE NEED WHAT SENATOR I I THINK IT WAS LARRY CASPER BAUER A FORMER VICE SPEAKER HAD PASSED WAS A LAW IT'S CALLED THE DEFIBRILLATION ACT OF 2000 WHAT IT DID WAS IT DIDN'T MAKE IT MANDATORY BUT IT SAID IF YOU HAVE THESE DEFIBRILLATORS YOU ARE GOING TO BE AND YOU USE THEM FIRST IT MANDATED TRAINING AND I THINK THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ARE EXCELLENT AND IT TALKS ABOUT YOU HAVE TO HAVE COMPLETED THESE COURSES TO USE THESE THINGS BUT IF YOU DID AND YOU USE THEM IN GOOD FAITH AND WITHOUT COMPENSATION YOU RENDER EMERGENCY CARE THAT YOU WILL BE IMMUNE FROM ANY LIABILITY IN THAT REGARD AND SO THIS IT'S LIKE A GOOD SAMARITAN LAW WITH TRAINING SO THEY HAVE TO BE TRAINED BEFORE THEY CAN DO THAT AND IF THEY ARE AND THEY DO IT IN GOOD FAITH AND THAT THEY'RE NOT HIRED TO DO THAT THEN THEN THEY WOULD BE IMMUNE SO I THINK THAT THAT IMMUNITY WOULD APPLY IF THESE ARE PUT INTO THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES OF COURSE I'M MUCH MORE CONCERNED ABOUT REALLY THE TRAINING I REALLY THINK WHAT'S THE USE OF HAVING THIS EQUIPMENT IF WE CAN'T TRAIN THE PEOPLE SO I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE A HUGE CHALLENGE WHEN DOE WE PASSED THIS FOR DOE WE REQUIRED A WHOLE LIST OF PEOPLE TO BE TRAINED AND I'M I'M NOT SURE THE STATUS OF THAT BUT I I AM VERY CONCERNED CON ER FOR EXAMPLE I BEEN JUST THINKING ABOUT THE LEGISLATURE WHO'S GOING TO BE TRAINED IN THIS WHO ARE WE GOING TO CALL WHAT A RESPONSIBILITY THAT IS GOING TO BE TO HAVE BUT I I KNOW THAT WE HAVE VERY MANY GOOD PEOPLE IN OUR AGENCIES WHO WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO DO THIS THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE THAT WAS BROUGHT UP IN DISCUSSION ON THIS BILL I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S RELEVANT BUT I'M JUST GOING TO SAY IT ANYWAY SINCE IT WAS BROUGHT UP BUT IT IT WAS REGARDING THE PARK POLICE YEAH SO THE PARK POLICE HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN LAW FOR A LONG TIME BUT BECAUSE THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH FUNDS THEY WE'RE NOT THEY WE HAVE NOT SEEN THEM FOR A WHILE AT LEAST I'M NOT SURE SINCE WHEN BUT FOR A WHILE AND THEN WE'VE SEEN THEN NOW AND THERE WAS A HEARING AN OVERSIGHT HEARING THAT HAD AND THERE WAS LIKE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THIS SO I'M NOT SURE THAT THAT WAS SPECIFICALLY DELINEATED IN THE BUDGET EITHER BUT OBVIOUSLY THESE AGENCIES ARE PICKING AND CHOOSING WHAT THEIR PRIORITIES ARE AND WITH THEIR LUMPS BUDGETS FUNDING WHAT THEY THINK THEIR PRIORITIES ARE SO I GUESS I WOULD JUST BE ENCOURAGING I'M CONCERNED BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE THESE ARE FUNDED MANDATES THEY'RE NOT SIMPLY ARP FUNDED POSITIONS THAT ARE GOING TO GO AWAY SOON OR THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD BUT IF WE'RE AFFORDING THIS THEN I'M VERY HAPPY AND I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL THE AGENCIES TO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO TRAIN THEIR EMPLOYEES IN THIS REGARD IN PREPARATION FOR THIS EQUIPMENT BEING BROUGHT IN *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WHEN SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE MAIN MOTION ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SENATOR ROY YOU MAY CLOSE.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU MADAM SP EAKER I APPRECIATE ALL MY COLLEAGUES CONCERNS AND RESERVATIONS STATED TODAY BUT I I WOULD RATHER THAT WE HAVE THESE TOOLS THAT CAN SAVE LIVES IN THE POSITION THAT IT'S BETTER TO HAVE IT AND NOT NEED IT THAN TO NEED IT AND NOT HAVE IT ONE LIFE SAVE IS ENOUGH FOR ME AND THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE AFFORD THE EQUIPMENT AND AFFORD THE TRAINING TO EACH AND INDIVIDUAL AND THAT'S WHY I'M VERY HAPPY THAT SPEAKER THERESE BROUGHT UP THE INFORMATION OF SENATOR CASPER ABOUT IN 2000 WHERE THERE WAS ALREADY LEGISLATION PROFFER CLASS IN IN THE SAME SENTIMENTS OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW AGAIN THIS IS AN AED SYSTEM THAT'S REALLY MODERN IT'S IT'S AI IT CAN IT LITERALLY CHECKS YOUR OWN PART RATE IT HAS ITS OWN TECHIE STUFF THAT CAN FIX IT WHETHER OR NOT THE ENERGY OR JOLT NEEDS TO BE APPLIED IF NOT IT WILL DISMISS IT AND IT WILL NOT EVEN DIS DISCHARGE ANYTHING TO THE INDIVIDUAL IT WILL JUST TELL THEM THAT THERE'S THIS SERVICE IS NOT NEEDED BUT AGAIN CERTAINLY IT'S CPR YOU NEED TO HAVE THE TRAINING TO DO IT THEN WE WILL PROVIDE THAT AS WELL AND I'M VERY HAPPY THAT THERE WAS SOME KIND OF AMENDMENT THAT PASSED AND WE CAN WORK TOGETHER COLLABORATIVELY TO ENSURE THAT THIS EQUIPMENT IS AFFORDED TO OUR PEOPLE AND AT THE END OF THE DAY THAT THESE TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME THAT PEOPLE MAY NEED IT WHETHER IT BE US WHETHER IT BE YOU WHETHER IT BE SOMEONE WE DON'T EVEN KNOW MAYBE A TOURIST AT THE AIRPORT WE DON'T KNOW BUT AGAIN NOT NOTHING FURTHER I JUST WANT TO MOVE THIS BILL TO THE THIRD READING FILE ALSO.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL 143-37 LS TO THE VOTING FILE ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES COLLEAGUES WE ARE WE ARE GOING TO MOVE FOR RECESS TO 2:00 OKAY ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING NONE MOTION CARRIES WE'RE IN RECESS.

RECESS

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS WELCOME BACK COLLEAGUES WE'RE AGAIN ON SECOND READING WE'RE CONTINUE NOW WITH BILL NUMBER 181-37 COR SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 181-37COR IS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS INTO THE THIRD I'M GOING TO READ THE TITLE IT'S AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 77 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ALLOWING THE USE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS BY UNIFORMED OFFICERS OF THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT SPONSORED BY MYSELF SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON SENATOR ROY QUINATA SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS ALSO MY VICE CHAIR FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SENATOR JOE AUGUSTIN SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS SENATOR TOM FISHER AND VICE SPEAKER TINA TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AND I MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL IN THE THIRD READING FILE FOR DISCUSSION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU BILL 181-37 COE IS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS PRETTY SIMPLE BILL LIKE AEDS AND SCHOOLS THAT CAN MEET BASIC HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS LIKE A HOSPITAL FACILITY THAT CAN MEET THE NEEDS OF ITS PEOPLE I FEEL THIS MEASURE IS IS LONG OVERDUE AND I ASK THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES I WANT TO THANK THEM ALSO FOR CO-SPONSORING THE MEASURE THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS SMOOTH IT SAW SUPPORT AND TESTIMONY FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN FACT THE GUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY PROCURING BODY WORN CAMERAS THANKS TO A A FEDERAL GRANT AND MATCHING FUNDS WHICH WILL WHICH WAS ALLOCATED OUT OF THEIR BUDGET SO THERE'S NO QUESTIONS OF FUNDING FOR THIS MEASURE AND WHAT THE MEASURE DOES IS IT AUTHORIZES THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO START A PILOT PROGRAM FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS AND IN HIS TESTIMONY THE CHIEF HAD SAID THAT HE HE WANTED TO FIRST START WITH THE WITH 43 OFFICERS AND HIS INTENTION IS TO START WITH THE PATROL OFFICERS CUZ OBVIOUSLY THEY ARE THE ONES THE MOST FRONT-FACING IN THE GUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THEN EVENTUALLY MOVED TO THE CID CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION AND ALSO THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION AND AS TESTIMONY WAS VERY ENCOURAGING HE DID OFFER SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS THAT HE SAID WOULD IMPROVE THE BILL AND I AGREE AND THAT'S WHY WE ADDED THOSE SECTIONS IN THE BILL THAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU THE CHIEF OF POLICE ALSO TALKED ABOUT STUDIES THAT THAT SHOW THAT THE USE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS OFTEN DIFFUSE SITUATIONS MANY TIMES BEFORE THEY EVEN BECOME A SITUATION AND I BELIEVE THAT'S BECAUSE THE OFFICERS AND THE PUBLIC IN JURISDICTIONS WHERE THEY USE BODY WORN CAMERAS PROBABLY FEELS LIKE THEY'RE BEING WATCHED AND I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES CAN RELATE THEY GOT THESE CAMERAS ON US YOU KNOW EVERY SECOND OF THE HOUR BEING WATCHED AND IT KIND OF REMINDS ME HEY YOU KNOW STAND UP STRAIGHT NO SLOUCHING LOOK BUSY ETC AND AND I THINK IT GOES THE SAME FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT YOU KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF GREAT GREAT MEN AND WOMEN WHO WEAR THE UNIFORM AND SERVE OUR ISLAND EVERY DAY AND I BELIEVE THE USE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS GOES OBVIOUSLY A LONG WAY TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE THE PUBLIC WHO INTERACT WITH THESE OFFICERS BUT IT ALSO GOES A LONG WAY TO PROTECT THE OFFICERS AS WELL AS LORD KNOWS WE HAVE SEEN INSTANCES OF BRUTALITY COMMITTED AT THE HANDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ON OUR ISLAND THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT BUT WE HAVE ALSO SEEN AND I'M ALSO AWARE OF OTHER INSTANCES WHERE LAW ENFORCEMENT'S WRONGLY ACCUSED OF BRUTALITY WHERE ALLEGATIONS ARE MADE AND INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED ONLY TO FIND THAT THERE WAS NO WRONGDOING ON THE PART OF THE OFFICER SO THE BODY WORN CAMERAS OFFER PROTECTIONS AGAIN NOT JUST FOR THE PUBLIC BUT FOR THE OFFICERS WHO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM INCLUDED IN THE MEASURE THE PARAMETERS OF WHICH THE BODY CAM RECORDINGS CAN BE RELEASED WHICH YOU KNOW COMING FROM THE MEDIA I HAD MY THOUGHTS ON WHO AND HOW OR WHO SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCESS THESE RECORDINGS HOW THEY COULD BE ACCESSED UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES BUT I WANTED TO BE CAREFUL BECAUSE I DON'T THINK BODY CAM WORN BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE IS THE SAME AS DOCUMENTS THAT YOU WOULD SEND A FOYER FOR I THINK THERE'S IN MANY CASES A REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY THAT'S TO BE CONSIDERED AND THAT'S WHY WE FOLLOW THE CHIEF'S INSTRUCTIONS IN THE BILL AND SO BODY CAM RECORDINGS THE RELEASE OR NOT PUBLIC INFORMATION AS DEFINED BY CHAPTER 10 5 GCA THE CHIEF OF

POLICE HAS THE DISCRETION ON THE RELEASE OF BODY CAM RECORDINGS AND THEN WE BASICALLY MIRRORED SIMILAR LANGUAGE THAT WE FIND IN JURISDICTIONS THAT USE BODY WARNING CAMERAS AND SO UPON A COURT ORDER INCLUDING WARRANTS SUBPOENAS SUMMONS DISCOVERY SUCH RECORDING SHALL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL ON THE POSITION OR POSSESSION OR CUSTODY OF THE RECEIVING PARTY UNLESS ORDERED BY A COURT OR THE CHIEF AND INSTANCES AGAIN WHERE THE PUBLIC INTEREST OUTWEIGHS THE NEED FOR CONFIDE CONFIDENTIALITY THE RELEASE OF SUCH RECORDINGS SHOULD NOT OCCUR AT SUCH A TIME THE RELEASE MAY IMPAIR HINDER OR DISRUPT AN INVESTIGATION OR TRIAL MANY TIMES WHAT WE SEE IN THE STATES FOR EXAMPLE IS CHIEF POLICE USING THEIR DISCRETION TO RELEASE BODY WARN CAMERA FOOTAGE OFTEN TIMES BEFORE A SITUATION GOES TO TRIAL AND AND MANY TIMES TO TO CLEAR THE RECORD TO COUNTER INFORMATION THAT ALREADY EXISTS IN THE MEDIA AND SO AGAIN I'M I'M HOPING THAT THIS MEASURE CAN PASS I'M HOPING THAT THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES WILL HOLD THROUGH TO THE VOTE AGAIN I THINK THIS IS IT'S IT'S REALLY A NON-NONSENSE LONG OVERDUE MEASURE THAT INCREASES ACCOUNTABILITY TRANSPARENCY FOR THOSE WHO WEAR THE UNIFORM AND ALSO THIS PILOT PROGRAM I THINK WILL SERVE AS A GREAT WAY FOR US TO KIND OF CONDUCT THAT LITMUS TEST WHERE WE SEE WHAT WORKS WITH THE GUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THEN WE APPLY IT TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT BECAUSE WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE PARK PATROL EARLIER TODAY AND AND I KNOW THEY'RE RELATIVELY I MEAN I DON'T WANT TO SAY NEW THEY'RE BACK ON THE SCENE LET'S SAY THAT BUT THEY'RE GOING TO BE OUT HERE INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC I MEAN IN IN SOME CASES AS MUCH AS THE GUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT SO I WISH THIS PROGRAM THE SUCCESS AND I THINK THAT THERE MAY BE A POINT WHERE WE COME BACK AND AND REVISIT THIS PROGRAM AND THE THE POLICY OF BODY WORN CAMERAS AND AND MAYBE LOOK AT HOW WE CAN APPLY IT TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES ACROSS THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BECAUSE THE MORE ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE MORE TRANSPARENCY THE BETTER SO I THANK THE MEN WOMEN OF THE GUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE I DID ASK THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND READ FROM THE COMMITTEE REPORT HERE I BELIEVE THERE'S SUPPORT FOR THE BODY WARREN CAMERAS I HAD ASKED THE CHIEF IF HE BELIEVED THERE WAS SUPPORT FOR IT IN THE RANK AND FILE AND IF YOU LOOK AT SOME OF THE LITERATURE AGAIN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPORT SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS REPORT A DECREASE A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CITIZENS COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE OFFICERS AND A DECREASE AND OFFICER MISCONDUCT IN ONE DEPARTMENT IT WAS NOTED TO HAVE DECREASED BY AS MUCH AS 75% SO THERE IS A VALUE AND ADVANTAGE TO THE COMMUNITY NOT ONLY TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUT TO THE COMMUNITY AS WELL IN HAVING BODY WORN CAMERAS RECORDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICERS AND THEIR ENCOUNTERS WITH THEIR CITIZENS AND AGAIN JUST TO TO CLOSE ON THIS I THINK IT'S IT'S VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE SOMETIMES WE DO GET THOSE A FEW BAD MANGOES THAT WEAR THE BADGE BUT IN OTHER TIMES LIKE I SAID WE GET THE OFFICERS WHO ARE FALSELY ACCUSED I CAN THINK OF A CASE MOST RECENTLY THAT WAS SHARED ACROSS ALL SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS THAT MADE SOME VERY HEAVY ALLEGATIONS AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT AND YOU KNOW COME TO FIND OUT AND LOOKING AND JUST KIND OF SCRATCHING THE SURFACE OF THE CASE IT IT DEFINITELY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WHAT IT WAS REPORTED TO BE AND SO AGAIN PLEASE ASK THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES AND AND AND THEIR VOTE FOR THIS MEASURE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BARNETT VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL AND THEN SENATOR DUEÑAS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: GOOD AFTERNOON MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE 18737 COR AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE CO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION FOR ADDING ME ON TO THE 10TH CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THIS BILL AND AS NOTED BY THE AUTHOR THIS BILL INTENDS TO AUTHORIZE THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE BODY WARN CAMERA PROGRAM AND TO ALLOW OF COURSE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DEVELOP THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO RUN THIS PROGRAM MADAM SPEAKER AND AS WE LOOK AT THE MECHANICS OF HAVING TO DO THIS PROGRAM I WANT TO SAY THAT IN IN THE SPIRIT OF TECHNOLOGY TODAY AND AND HOW THINGS GET TRANSPIRED ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY HAVING THIS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED WITH THE GUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ME IS A VERY GOOD THING AND I AND I'M HOPING THAT MY COLLEAGUES WILL SUPPORT THE SAME EFFORTS I KNOW AS IN EVERYTHING YOU KNOW IF YOU HAVE THE RESOURCES AND IF YOU IF YOU HAVE THE MONEY YOU CAN YOU CAN BUY THE EQUIPMENT AND YOU CAN BUY THE SUPPLIES AND YOU CAN BUY THE PROGRAM OR THE SOFTWARE OR THE HARDWARE NEEDED TO RUN THE PROGRAM I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MADAM SPEAKER THAT WHEN I LOOKED AT THE FISCAL NOTE COMING FROM FROM THE BUREAU OF BUDGET

MANAGEMENT OFFICE BBMR THEY TALKED ABOUT THE PLAN ON HOW MUCH EACH COST WOULD BE HOW MUCH IT WOULD HOW MUCH IT WOULD BE NEEDED TO RUN THE PROGRAM WOULD IT BE A STARTUP PROGRAM WITH YOU KNOW HOW MANY OFFICERS WOULD IT TAKE AND IN THE ULTIMATE END IF WE DEPENDING ON WHICH PLAN THE GOVERNMENT CHOOSES TO DECIDE IT COULD PROBABLY COST AN ADDITIONAL BUDGET TO THE GUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT OF \$90,000 \$90,000 DEFINITELY WORTH THE TIME TO GET THIS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED BUT THIS REPORT ALSO STATES THAT IT DOESN'T STOP THE GUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT MADAM SPEAKER FROM DOING EVERYTHING IT TAKES TO APPLY FOR GRANTS THAT ARE OUT THERE AND AS THE RETIRING SPEAKER SPOKE ABOUT THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY AND WHAT IT'S DONE IT LITERALLY HAVING THIS CAMERA ON THE OFFICER WOULD LITERALLY TAKE TO THE TRANSPARENCY OF THE INCIDENT THAT OCCURS OR WHAT'S HAPPENING AND AND AS ALSO NOTED RIGHT SOMETIMES THINGS ARE DONE IN GOOD GIST AND SOMETIMES THINGS ARE NOT DONE IN GOOD GIST AND WHEN YOU HAVE A CAMERA YOU KNOW THEY SAY A PICTURE CAN TELL A THOUSAND WORDS WHEN YOU HAVE A VIDEO CAMERA IT COULD TELL IT ALL AND IT IT HAS BEEN PROVEN ALREADY I KNOW THAT ON A PERSONAL NOTE ONE OR TWO OFFICERS FOR THEIR SECURITY FELT THAT A BODY CAM WOULD BE GOOD FOR THEM FOR THEIR SAFETY SO IN THIS EFFORT I DON'T TAKE IT AS JUST A PROGRAM GOOD FOR THE GUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND EVEN HOPEFULLY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY ACROSS THE BOARD I THINK IT'S IT'S GOOD FOR BOTH THE THE COMMUNITY THE THE OFFICERS AND THE PROGRAM THE AGENCY THAT WILL SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE THIS LITERALLY HAS THE INSTANTANEOUS RECORDING OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN A SITUATION AND I REALLY APPLAUD THE EFFORT EFFORTS OF THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION FOR DOING THIS BECAUSE YOU KNOW SOME MAY SAY THIS MAY MAY BE MAY NOT BE SO GOOD BUT I I REALLY THINK FOR THE SAFETY AND THE WELFARE FOR FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FOR THE COMMUNITY ITSELF I THINK IT'S A WIN-WIN SO MADAM SPEAKER I DEFINITELY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE I THANK AGAIN THE GOOD AUTHOR FROM TALOFOFO FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY OR YONA RIGHT YONA OR TALOFOFO FOR FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF HIS CO-SPONSORSHIP AND I REALLY AM HOPING THAT WE COULD GET A UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR THIS MEASURE AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK **SASI SAI**.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: VICE SPEAKER SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE BILL YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM CHAIR AND I CERTAINLY RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF B 8137 AND I WAS VERY THANKFUL TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A CO-SPONSOR SPEAKER ONE OF MY FONDEST MEMORIES MY FIRST INTERACTION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL ONE OF MY COUSINS JOINED THE POLICE FORCE AND BEING THAT AT THE TIME MANY OF US IN A VERY SMALL COMMUNITY SHARED VEHICLES FOR DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES THAT WE HAD TO GO TO AND I WAS PART OF THE DRIVER ONCE IN A WHILE TO DRIVE HIM UP TO GCC TO GO THROUGH HIS TRAINING COURSES TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER AND THAT HAVING THAT EXPERIENCE IN A SMALL COMMUNITY THAT I LIVED IN WITH ONE OF OUR OWN BECOMING AN OFFICER AND WATCHING HIM GO THROUGH THE RANKS WAS MY FIRST INTERACTION WITH A VERY POSITIVE INTERACTION IN WITHIN THE POLICE FORCE AND AND REALLY REALIZING WHAT OFFICERS GO THROUGH IN TERMS OF THEIR TRAINING AND THEN THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS ON THE JOB AND AND THEN OF COURSE LATER ON IN LIFE I WAS FORTUNATE TO BE TAPPED AS THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS DIRECTOR AND THEN I REALLY GOT A FULL VIEW OF WHAT OVERALL LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS ABOUT I WAS ONCE AGAIN FORTUNATE TO BE TAPPED BY CHUCK AT ONE POINT TO BE THE CIVILIAN MILITARY TASK FORCE PUBLIC SAFETY THE OVERALL CHAIR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUILDUP THEN I GOT REALLY IN DEEP INTO REALLY THE LIVES AND DAILY LIVES OF ALL BRANCHES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE EFFECTS OF THE OPERATIONS NOW IT'S NOT ALWAYS ROSY I MEAN WE'VE SEEN UPS AND DOWNS WE'VE HAD YOU KNOW DIFFICULTY FROM TIME TO TIME WITH REGARD TO REPORTS AND EVIDENCE AND SITUATIONS WHERE OFFICERS THAT DECIDED TO GO OUTSIDE OF THE LAW THEMSELVES YOU KNOW UNFORTUNATELY FELL ON THAT SIDE OF THE LAW AND AND OF COURSE WE'RE HELD ACCOUNTABLE SO REALLY NOT A LOT TO ADD TO A LOT OF THE GREAT COMMENTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE JUST BUT WANTED TO SAY ONE THING IN MY EXPERIENCE AND WHAT I LEARNED OVER THE YEARS THROUGHOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE SERVICE IN GOVERNMENT AT THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL IS IN EVERY AGENCY BUT PARTICULARLY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT IT'S ABOUT A CULTURE AND WHEN YOU HAVE A CULTURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY WHEN YOU HAVE A CULTURE TO WHERE OFFICERS ARE FIRST AND FOREMOST RESPONSIBLE OF COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES TO THE PUBLIC BUT ALSO THEY HAVE A DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO EACH OTHER AND EVERY LEVEL OF OF LAYER OF ACCOUNTABILITY THAT WE CAN PUT INTO THAT CULTURE JUST CAN DO NOTHING BUT IMPROVE IT AND SO WHEN I WAS OFFERED TO BE A CO-SPONSOR ON THIS I I WAS HAPPY AND I THINK EVEN IN OUR IN OUR NATION AND IN OTHER FORCES

YOU KNOW WE'VE SEEN THE EFFECTS AS THE AUTHOR IS MENTIONED ON BOTH SIDES TO WHERE IT PROTECTS OF COURSE THE PUBLIC BUT THEN ALSO WHERE IT'S POINTED OUT THAT MAYBE THE TRAINING WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH OR SOMEONE JUST DECIDED THAT YOU KNOW THROUGH WHAT WHATEVER IS GOING ON IN THEIR LIFE THEY THEY WEREN'T GOING TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES IN THE RIGHT WAY IN TERMS OF THEIR THEIR OATH AND WHAT THEY SWORE TO SERVE AND PROTECT SO I THINK IT'S JUST VERY RARELY CAN WE ALWAYS FIND KIND OF WHAT I THINK IS A WIN-WIN A LOT OF TIMES WHEN WE INTRODUCE THINGS AND I THINK THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE EXAMPLES OF A WIN-WIN AND I THINK THAT THIS LEGISLATION AND I THINK THAT'S WHY MOST OF THE OFFICERS AND EVEN PEOPLE THAT I'VE INTERACTED WITH OVER THE YEARS SUPPORT EFFORTS LIKE THIS BECAUSE THEY ARE TRUE TO THEIR CALLING AND THEY ARE TRUE TO THE REASON WHY THEY WAKE UP EVERY DAY AND PUT ON THOSE UNIFORMS AND GO OUT AND RISK THEIR LIVES NOT KNOWING IF THEY'RE GOING TO COME HOME TO THEIR FAMILY THAT THAT THAT CAUSE IS NOBLE FOR THEM AND THAT CAUSE IS SOMETHING THAT THEY TRULY BELIEVE IN AND SO I THINK THAT'S WHY WE GOT THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM THE MEN AND WOMEN IN BLUE AND THROUGHOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HOPEFULLY IT WILL GROW ONCE AGAIN AND FOSTER A CULTURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND A CULTURE OF DUTY OF SERVICE AND SO I'M THANKFUL TO BE A CO-SPONSOR AND I ALSO JOIN MY COLLEAGUES AND HOPING THAT THIS CRUCIAL PIECE OF LEGISLATION IN MY OPINION RECEIVES UNANIMOUS SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR IT SAYS UNDER SECTION 77403 THE CHIEF OF POLICE IS AUTHORIZED TO DEVELOP A BODY PROGRAM A BODY CAM PROGRAM FOR THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE OPINION OF THE AUTHOR DOES SECTION 7743 MANDATE THE CREATION OF A BODY CAM PROGRAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU'RE ASKING THE SPONSOR TO YIELD WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SURE IT AUTHORIZES THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DEVELOP A BODY CAM PROGRAM THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS IN ITS GENERAL ORDERS THE WHOLE SECTION THAT GOVERNS THE USE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS SO THEY'RE GOOD TO GO AND I I'M NOT SURE IF I COULD PICK THE SENATOR FISHER'S BRAIN IS HE IS HE IS THIS A SEMANTICS ISSUE BECAUSE I I I DON'T NECESSARILY THINK THAT THIS SECTION MANDATES IT BECAUSE THEY'RE ALREADY IMPLEMENTING IT MA'AM.

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

SENATOR FISHER: YES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR IF I MAY MA'AM I'D LIKE TO THIS IS A POINT OF INQUIRY FOR THE AUTHOR WITHOUT THIS BILL LET'S ASSUME THE BILL WAS NOT WRITTEN NOR FILED COULD THE CHIEF OF POLICE DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A BODY CAM PROGRAM FOR THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION AND I I THINK THAT THE CHIEF OF POLICE IS HE COULD INSTITUTE A BODY CAM PROGRAM BUT THE PROBLEM WOULD BE IS THAT WE WOULD HAVE NOTHING ON THE BOOKS THAT DEALS WITH THE RELEASE OF THE FOOTAGE OR ANYTHING RELATED TO THAT MATTER THAT ALLOWS THIS FOOTAGE TO BE USED IN MINOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS THAT ALLOWS THIS FOOTAGE TO BE USED AS PART OF A DISCOVERY SO THOSE ARE REALLY KIND OF THE AREAS THAT I WANTED TO COVER WITH THE BILL BECAUSE YOU KNOW SENATOR FISHER I'M NOT GOING TO SAY HE'S RIGHT BUT THE CHIEF OF POLICE COULD IMPLEMENT A BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM SURE BUT THERE WOULD BE A WHOLE LOT OF GRAY AREA THAT WOULD REMAIN UNCOVERED IF IF WE DIDN'T HAVE A BILL LIKE THIS IN PLACE TO COVER THOSE AREAS THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: YES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I THANK THE AUTHOR FOR THE RESPONSES MA'AM I WOULD I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE AN OBSERVATION THAT WITHOUT THIS BILL THE FOOTAGE WHICH MIGHT BE COLLECTED IN A BODY CAMERA PROGRAM WOULD MOST CERTAINLY BE DISCOVERABLE IF IT IS RELEVANT THOSE ARE THE RULES SO I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING WELL I'M CONFIDENT THERE'S NOTHING THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THE USE OF THIS IN DISCOVERY OR THE THE PRODUCTION OF IT IN DISCOVERY AND FOR THOSE

OF MY COLLEAGUES DISCOVERY IS THE PROCESS WHEREBY PARTIES IN A CRIMINAL MATTER AND AT CIVIL MATTER WILL EXCHANGE INFORMATION SO IN A CRIMINAL MATTER OBVIOUSLY THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL SUBMIT INFORMATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE UNLESS THEY GET A PROTECTIVE ORDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE IT IN DISCOVERY I'M NOT TRYING TO BE I'M NOT TRYING TO STAND NECESSARILY IN THE WAY OF THIS BUT WHEN I WHEN I KEEP IN MIND MA'AM THAT THE GUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT COULD IF THEY WANTED TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM AND WHEN THEY COLLECT INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE WELL-KNOWN WELL- LITIGATED RULES OF DISCOVERY THAT ALL THE JUDGES EMPLOY AND THAT HAVE BEEN ON THE GUAM BOOKS SINCE I DON'T KNOW THE BEGINNING OF TIME SECTION 77404 MAY HAVE THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE OF LIMITING DISCOVERY IN OTHER WORDS LIMITING THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BECAUSE WHEN WE LOOK AT I THINK IT'S PAGE TWO UNDER 77404 AND WE LOOK AT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PAGE THREE.

SENATOR FISHER: PAGE THREE YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH PAGE THREE OF THE BILL AT SECTION 77404 LINE 10 THE PHRASE THE SENTENCE BEGINS GENERALLY BODY CAM RECORDINGS MAY BE RELEASED THE AUTHOR MAY CONSIDER AMENDING HIS OWN BILL TO STRIKE THE WORD GENERALLY AND CHANGE THE PERMISSIVE VERB MAY TO THE MANDATORY SHALL SO WHEN SHALL IT BE RELEASED UPON A COURT ORDER REGARDLESS OF WHAT THIS BILL SAYS A COURT ORDER IS GOING TO TRUMPET BUT IF A COURT ORDERS IF THERE IS A SUBPOENA A SUBPOENA OR A SUBPOENA DUAS TIKUM THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WILL COMPLY UNDER PENALTY OF PUNISHMENT FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT SO HE MAY THINK ABOUT THAT SECTION B OF 7744 BEGINNING AT LINE 15 IS TROUBLESOME SINCE IT ALLOWS BROAD DISCRETION FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DETERMINE WHEN WHEN VIDEO MIGHT IMPAIR HINDER OR DISRUPT AN INVESTIGATION OR TRIAL AS A AS A PRACTITIONER I CAN TELL YOU FREQUENTLY I HOPE FROM TIME TO TIME THAT INFORMATION I PRODUCE WILL IN FACT DISRUPT THE TRIAL BECAUSE AS A DEFENSE COUNCIL IT IS YOUR DUTY IT'S YOUR DUTY TO FIGHT AS ZEALOUSLY AS POSSIBLE AS YOU CAN FOR A CLIENT I JUST WORRY THAT THIS THIS PARTICULAR PHRASE WILL BE OVERREAD AND SOME SOMEONE MALICIOUSLY OR NOT WILL SAY WELL THIS PIECE OF INFORMATION IS GOING TO SCREW UP OUR CASE SO WE'RE GOING TO HOLD ON TO IT I THINK THAT THAT PARTICULAR PROVISION ALLOWS IT ON LINE OR PAGE FOUR MA'AM BEGINNING AT LINE 4 IT SAYS THAT BODY CAM RECORDINGS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH JUVENILES ARE NOT TO BE MADE PUBLIC I DON'T KNOW WHAT AN ENCOUNTER WITH A JUVENILE IS WHAT IF THE JUVENILE IS A WITNESS AS OPPOSED TO A VICTIM WOULDN'T IT BE APPROPRIATE TO TURN OVER WHAT THE VICTIM OR THE WITNESS WAS SAYING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED ENCOUNTERS WITH VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE CHILD ABUSE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY HUMAN TRAFFICKING CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES AND AND I'D LIKE TO ASK I'LL PROBABLY ASK ANOTHER QUESTION ABOUT THIS BUT THESE ARE VIDEOS OF OF A CRIME SCENE THESE ARE VIDEOS OF A CRIME SCENE WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU YOU NOT WANT THAT DISCLOSED PHOTOGRAPHS OF CRIME SCENES OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT OF VIOLENT CRIMES ETC AND SO FORTH ARE ROUTINELY DISCLOSED I DON'T SEE A FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A VIDEO AND A PHOTOGRAPH HERE AND THEN SO I'VE GOT A YOU KNOW I'M A CO-SIGNATURE ON THIS I SUPPORTED THIS BILL BUT I LIKE THE BILL BECAUSE IT'S IF IT WERE MANDATORY FOR GPD TO WEAR BODY CAMS I WOULD BE MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE WITH IT IF WE WERE MUCH MORE CAREFUL ABOUT OUR CHOICE OF VERBS AND IF WE WERE MUCH MORE CAREFUL ABOUT THE KNOCKON EFFECT OF LIMITING A DEFENDANT'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO DISCOVERY I WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE AND THEN I GUESS A FINAL QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR IF I COULD MA'AM THE QUESTION WOULD BE YOU USE THE PHRASE IN THE BILL AND YOU USE THE FREE PHRASE IN YOUR OPENING REMARK REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY IN THE AUTHOR'S OPINION IF HE'LL YIELD TO THE QUESTION WHO WHO DOES THE EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY BELONG TO THE GOVERNMENT THE GUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT THE VICTIM OR THE WITNESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE YOU ASKING THE AUTHOR WOULD THE AUTHOR YELD TO THAT QUESTION WHAT.

SENATOR BARNETT: M 'AM COULD THE QUESTION BE RESTATED.

SENATOR FISHER: CERTAINLY YES SPEAKER THE THE QUESTION IS THAT THE PHRASE IS USED IN THE BILL REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF PRIVATE PRACY AND IN THE AUTHOR'S OPENING REMARKS HE ALSO USED THE PHRASE REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY WHICH IS A PHRASE YOU KNOW COMMONLY HEARD IN RELATION TO TO THE FOURTH AMENDMENT BUT WHO DOES THE REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY

BELONG TO IS IT THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT IS IT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS IT THE VICTIM IS IT A WITNESS AND SO THAT'S MY QUESTION MA'AM.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MA'AM I I REALLY APPRECIATE THE INSIGHT THAT SENATOR FISHER HAS PROFERRED OBVIOUSLY I'M NOT A DEFENSE LAWYER AND HE'S BRINGING A LOT OF REALLY GOOD INFORMATION TO THIS BILL AND I THANK HIM FOR HIS CO-SPONSORSHIP AND ALSO FOR HIS INPUT AS WE'RE CURRENTLY TRYING TO AMEND SOME OF THE SECTIONS RIGHT SO THE QUESTION IS DO SUSPECTS HAVE A RIGHT TO PRIVACY IN A LAW ENFORCE ENFORCEMENT INTERROGATION ROOM TYPICALLY NO BUT IF A RECORDING DEVICE IS HIDDEN AND A REASONABLE PERSON WOULD BELIEVE THE ROOM WAS NOT MONITORED THE SUSPECT MAY HAVE AN EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY BUT MA'AM THIS LANGUAGE AGAIN CAME FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND HIS WRITTEN TESTIMONY HE HAD ASKED US TO AMEND THE MEASURE AND THE SECTION WHICH INCLUDES THAT LANGUAGE AND SO IF SENATOR FISHER HAS ANY FURTHER INSIGHT OR ANY INCLINATION AS TO HOW WE COULD AMEND THIS SECTION TO MAKE IT STRONGER OR YOU KNOW MORE LIKELY TO GARNER HIS SUPPORT I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT MA'AM THANK YOU.

SENATOR FISHER: AND THANK YOU THANK YOU SPEAKER FOR THE QUESTION AS WELL AS THE ANSWER I WOULD I'LL JUST I'M JUST GOING TO BANG AWAY A LITTLE BIT ON THIS REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY WE REALLY HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHO HAS THE EXPECTATION WE WOULD NEVER WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO THINK THAT THEY OWN THE EXPECTATION WE WOULD NEVER WANT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THINK THAT THEY OWNED THE EXPECTATION THE EXPECTATION MUST RESIDE WITH EITHER THE DEFENDANT OR A WITNESS AND SO WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT THAT I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY MORE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON THE BILL AND I AND I DON'T WANT SENATOR BARNETT TO THINK THAT I'M YOU KNOW BUSTING HIS CHOPS ON THIS ONE BECAUSE I OKAY I AM I AM BUSTING YOUR CHOPS OKAY AND I AND I AM A CO- SIGNATORY ON THE BILL BUT WELL I'M GOING TO THINK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT IT BUT I DO THANK I THANK SENATOR BARNETT FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD AND I THANK HIM FOR ALSO BEGINNING THIS DISCUSSION ON BODY CAMS FOR POLICE OFFICERS IT IS REALLY A WORTHWHILE WORTHWHILE THING THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR FISHER ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL NOT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A TWO-MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

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

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M WORKING ON A COUPLE OF AMENDMENTS AGAIN I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES AND SENATOR FISHER AND YOU AS WELL FOR YOUR INPUT INTO THE MEASURE BUT I DON'T WANT TO TAKE AN HOUR RECESS I GOT TO WORK ON THESE AMENDMENTS SO CAN I MOVE MY BILL A LITTLE FURTHER DOWN ON THE AGENDA SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED WITH EVERYTHING ELSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO TABLING THE DISCUSSION ON THIS BILL UNTIL LATER AND WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE REST OF THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION FIVE IS THERE SEE NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES PROCEEDING WITH THE SECOND SECOND READING WE'RE NOW ON RESOLUTION NUMBER 226-37 BY SPEAKER TINA MUN BARNES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT RESOLUTION NUMBER 22637 COR IS INTRODUCED BY MYSELF WHICH IS A RELATIVE TO EXERCISING THE RIGHT TO PETITION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1423 K OF 48 USC CHAPTER 8 RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING STATEHOOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON DC AND SPECIFICALLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS HR 51 AND S 51 TO THE THIRD READING FILE AND IF I COULD JUST SPEAK ON IT MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TALO MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS RESOLUTION 22637 COR WHICH 226 37COR WHICH SEEKS TO SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION FOR OUR NATION'S CAPITAL A FELLOW JURISDICTION WITHOUT FULL REPRESENTATION IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS MENTIONED MADAM SPEAKER DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THIS RESOLUTION BY DC'S SHADOW SENATOR PAUL STR AND MADAM SPEAKER I MAY ADD THANK

YOU FOR COMING TO THAT PUBLIC HEARING OUR LOCAL LEGISLATURE IS UNIQUE BECAUSE IN ADDITION TO BEING AN OFFICIAL STATED POLICY OF THIS BODY IT CAN ALSO SERVE TO PETITION THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS TO WELCOME DC AS THE 51ST STATE OF THE UNION THE RIGHT TO PETITION INVOKED IN THIS MEASURE COMES WITH IMMEDIATE PROGRESS ACCORDING TO SENATOR STRAUSS THIS RESOLUTION WILL INVOKE THE SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS OF CONGRESS TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER EXPEDITIOUSLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC MADAM SPEAKER AS IS THIS HONORABLE GOAL OF SELF-DETERMINATION THE DESIRED MOVE TO STATEHOOD THAT THIS RESOLUTION SUPPORTS IS THE WILL OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS FOR THAT QUESTION MADAM SPEAKER THIS MEASURE STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE TWO 2016 PLEITE CONDUCTED IN 2016 AND THIS IN THIS ELECTION 86% OF THE VOTERS SUPPORTED ADVAN ADVANCING WASHINGTON DC'S POLITICAL STATUS THROUGH THROUGH STATEHOOD COLLEAGUES AS THE SAYING GOES INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE AND AS THIS BODY HAS DONE COUNTLESS TIMES IN ITS HISTORY WE HAVE YET ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR DESIRE TO WRITE A WRONG TO STAND SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER WITH PEOPLE WHO SUFFERING AS WE KNOW ALL TOO WELL TO STATE WITH A CLEAR UNIFIED VOICE THAT HAS THAT CHANGE HAS TO HAPPEN BUT MADAM SPEAKER I MUST CONFESS THAT THERE IS IS A DIRECT BENEFIT FOR GUAM IN HERE AND THAT IS THE CHANCE TO DEEPEN AN ALREADY STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LEADERS IN WASHINGTON WHO ARE THE FOREFRONT OF THEIR OWN QUEST FOR DETER SELF-DETERMINATION BECAUSE OUR JOURNEY HAS NOT ONLY BEEN LONG AND DIFFICULT AT TIMES IT HAS BEEN A LONELY ROAD TO TRAVEL AND I KNOW YOU KNOW THAT MADAM SPEAKER FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IS ALWAYS HARD TO ACCOMPLISH BUT FOR THOSE OF US WHO REMAIN AS REMNANTS OF AMER AMERICA'S COLONIAL PAST WE DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS BY OURSELVES IN FACT OUR STRUGGLES BECOME EASIER TO BEAR WHEN WE BAND TOGETHER SENATOR STRAUSS HAS BEEN A GOOD FRIEND TO GUAM AND HAS ADVOCATED FOR OUR FLIGHTS AND QUESTS TO DETERMINE OUR POLITICAL FUTURE IN IMPORTANT FORUMS AND GROUPS LIKE THE UNDERREPRESENTED PEOPLE'S AND NATIONS ORGANIZATION WHICH IS UN U UPN AS A HAPPY ACCIDENT WHILE SENATOR STRAUSS WAS ON ISLAND NOT TOO LONG AGO FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING HE WAS ABLE TO ATTEND THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION FOR THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AND DURING THE EVENT THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT OUR HISTORY OUR SHARED HISTORY OF NAVIGATION OF MICRONESIAN EXPERTISE IN TRANSVERSING THE PACIFIC IN OUR CANOES BUT IN ORDER FOR ANYONE TO GET THEIR TO GET TO THEIR DESTINATION MADAM SPEAKER THEY MUST MOVE THEIR PADDLES IN THE SAME DIRECTION DURING THE RESOLUTION'S HEARING SENATOR STRAUSS REFLECTED ON THESE WORDS AND SAID CONSIDERING DC GUAM AND OTHER TERRITORIES ARE IN THE SAME PROVERBIAL BOAT THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO STRATEGIZE WITH EACH OTHER TO BUILD ON OUR UNDERSTANDING FOR OUR RESPECTIVE PEOPLE'S DESIRES AND HISTORIES AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO HELP EACH OTHER MOVE TO OUR NEXT POLITICAL DESTINATION MADAM SPEAKER THAT IS MY ULTIMATE HOPE THAT WE CAN USE THIS RESOLUTION TO HELP BUILD THAT UNDERSTANDING THAT UNIFIED STRATEGY FOR US FOR THE CNMI FOR AMERICAN SAMOA FOR PUERTO RICO FOR THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS AND FOR WASHINGTON DC SO ON THAT ONE DAY WE CAN BE FULL WE CAN ALL BE FULL PARTICIPANTS IN DEMOCRACY AND MADAM SPEAKER I I ALSO SAID WELL MAYBE SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES MIGHT ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS AND I'D LIKE TO JUST THROW IT OUT OUT THERE SOME OF THE SEVERAL SOME OF THE QUESTIONS MIGHT BE WHY WHY DO THIS FOR DC WHEN WE HAVE SO MUCH TO DO ON GUAM OR WHY DOES THIS HAVE TO WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH OUR ISLAND OF GUAM OR WHAT IS THE RIGHT WHAT IS THIS RIGHT TO PETITION MENTIONED IN THIS RESOLUTION AND I JUST WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MADAM SPEAKER THAT WHY DO THIS FOR DC WHEN WE HAVE SO MUCH TO DO ON GUAM THIS MEASURE DOESN'T TAKE AWAY ANY RESOURCES OR MOMENTUM AWAY FROM OUR LOCAL SELF-DETERMINATION EFFORTS IN FACT I SEE IT AS A WAY TO HELP ADVANCE OUR QUEST BY STRENGTHENING OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALLIES IN THE DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE LEADERS IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL WILL RECIPROCATATE OUR ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT WHEN OUR ISLAND IS READY TO SEND THE RESULTS OF OUR OWN PLEITE TO CONGRESS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH GUAM WE WE ARE MADAM SPEAKER AND COLLEAGUES WE ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE STUCK IN THE STATUS QUO OF LIMITED SELF-GOVERNMENT BY REACHING OUT TO OUR FELLOW TERRITORIES IN DC WE ARE MAGNIFYING THESE LONG-STANDING ISSUES AND HELPING TO ELEVATE IT IN THE EYES OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS IN CONGRESS AND SINCE GUAM IS NOT THE BIGGEST OR MOST CONNECTED OF THE US NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES WE BENEFIT BY REMINDING THESE FEDERAL LAWMAKERS THAT OUR SITUATION IS VERY SIM SIMILAR TO THAT OF DC PUERTO RICO AND THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS ALL OF WHICH ARE CONSIDERABLY CLOSER TO THE CAPITAL ANOTHER THAT OTHER QUESTION WHAT IS THE RIGHT TO PETITION MENTIONED IN THE RESOLUTION SECTION 21 OF THE ORGANIC TA OF GUAM WHICH IS CITED IN FEDERAL LAW AS 48 USC CHAPTER 8 SECTION 1423 K GRANTS THAT QUOTE THE LEGISLATURE OR ANY PERSON

OR GROUP OF PERSONS IN GUAM SHALL HAVE THE UNRESTRICTED RIGHT TO PETITION IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF ALL OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO RECEIVE AND WITHOUT DELAY TO ACT UPON OR FORWARD AS THE CASE MAY REQUIRE ANY SUCH PETITION THIS IS DISTINCT FROM THE PROTECTION TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT THE GOVERNMENT FOUND IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION WHICH BARS CONGRESS FROM AN ACTING ANY LAW THAT ABRIDGES THE RIGHT TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR A REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES IN ONE IMPORTANT WAY MADAM SPEAKER OUR ORGANIC ACT SAYS THAT THE GUAM LEGISLATOR'S PETITION OR INDEED ONE FROM ANY PERSON OR GROUP IS MET WITH A DUTY TO RECEIVE AND ACT UPON IT WITHOUT DELAY I WILL MADAM SPEAKER WILL BE TRACKING THE PROGRESS OF THIS RESOLUTION TO SEE HOW THIS CURRENT CONGRESS WILL MEET THIS DUTY OF FEDERAL LAW AND WILL USE IT AS AN INDICATOR FOR HOW IT WILL RECEIVE OTHER PETITIONS FROM THIS AUGUST BODY ON OTHER LONG STANDING ISSUES BETWEEN GUAMS PEOPLE AND THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SO MADAM SPEAKER WITH THAT BEING SAID AND BEING KNOWING THAT THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN LONG A WAITING FOR EVEN FOLKS LIKE US HERE ON OUR ISLAND I FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT WE SHARE IN THE EFFORTS AND THE PLIGHT OF WHAT WASHINGTON DC IS DOING AND SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS TO AND HOPEFULLY ONE DAY WE'LL GET EVEN CLOSER TO DETERMINING HOW WE SHOULD GOVERN OURSELVES SO WITH THAT MADAME SPEAKER I HUMBLY ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND EXTEND MY *UN D'ANGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS MEASURE WITHIN THE TIME FRAME AND ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE PLEASE SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' YAN SAINA MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER ON THE RESOLUTION IS THERE ANYONE WHO LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE RESOLUTION ON THE RESOLUTION IF NOT THEN VICE SPEAKER YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE RESOLUTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND I REALLY HOPE THAT EVEN WITH THAT THAT MY COLLEAGUES WILL SUPPORT THE EFFORTS AND ASSIST IN THE ADVOCATION FOR FOR WASHINGTON DC TO FOLLOW THEIR JOURNEY THROUGH WHAT THEIR MORE THAN 86% OF THEIR PEOPLE HAVE VOTED FOR SO I ASK THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE MOVED TO THE THIRD READING VOTING FILE *SAINA MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THE MOTION TO MOVE THE RESOLUTION TO THE THIRD READING FILE RESOLUTION 226-37 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT SO WE HAVE THREE ITEMS LEFT THESE ARE ITEMS THAT WERE PLACED FURTHER DOWN ON THE AGENDA WE WILL TAKE THESE UP TOMORROW MORNING THERE ARE TWO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS AND THEN THE BILL THAT WE JUST MOVED DOWN WAS BILL 181 THE BODY CAMS SO WE HAVE BILL 107 TO FUND GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION RURAL HOUSING SERVICE ESCRO SAVINGS ACCOUNT AND BILL 120 REGARDING THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM ALL RIGHT SO SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN I KNOW YOU'RE YOU'RE PREPARED TO GO INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN THE MORNING WE ALSO HAVE ANOTHER BILL SHOULD WE DO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FIRST YEAH WE'LL PROCEED THEN

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YEAH M MADAM SPEAKER JUST ADVISE THAT MY THE BODY MY COLLEAGUE WHEN WE START WITH THE BILL 120 WE WILL HAVE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOLKS HERE WE'LL HAVE GEDA AND REVENUE AND TAX AND THEN WHEN WE MOVE TO THE BILL THAT DEALS WITH GUAM HOUSING WE'RE WE'RE GOING TO GET A HOLD OF FOLKS AT GUAM HOUSING FOLKS AT BBMR AND OFB WILL BE HERE SO WE CAN DISCUSS THAT FUNDING OF THE 500,000 OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY SO WE'LL BEGIN WITH BILL NUMBER 120 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A SLIGHT CHANGE IN SCHEDULE WE'LL BEGIN WITH 1 120 TOMORROW MORNING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WE'LL PROCEED TO 107 AND THEN THEN WE WILL CONCLUDE WITH BILL NUMBER 181 IN REGULAR SECOND READING ALL RIGHT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* OKAY SO WE WE WILL RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 9:00 A.M. RECESS UNTIL 9:00 A.M.

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NOTE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: GOOD MORNING GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS AS CALLED TO ORDER BUT WE WILL STAY ON RECESS UNTIL WE WE HAVE A QUORUM DON'T WORRY VICE SPEAKER VICE CHAIR I'LL ANNOUNCE EVERYBODY WE'LL START WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL 120 SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE SENATOR JESSE LUJAN SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR FISHER AND AND MY VICE CHAIR SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE WE WILL STAY ON RECESS.

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SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED TO ORDER MATERIALS FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ARE IN THE SHARED SESSION GOOGLE DRIVE FOLDER LABEL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BILL NUMBER 120- 37 COR PROPOSED AMENDMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED WRITING TO THE CLERK VIA EMAIL SESSIONDRIVE@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG AMENDMENTS NOT IN WRITING WILL BE CALLED OUT OF ORDER RULES OF ENGAGEMENTS MY COLLEAGUES WE NORMALLY HAVE THREE ROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION BUT WE MAY ONLY HAVE ONE ROUND FOR DISCUSSION THEN ONE ROUND FOR AMENDMENTS AND COMMENTS BUT WE'LL WE'LL MEASURE IT AFTER THE FIRST ROUND EACH ROUND WILL CONSIST OF 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 YIELDS ALL THAT MEMBER'S TIME ON THAT QUESTION AND MAY NOT LATER SPEAK EVEN IF ALL THE TIME YIELD WAS NOT USED AFTER COMPLETION OF OF THE ROUNDS OF QUESTIONS PANELISTS WILL BE EXCUSED AND THE FINAL ROUND WILL BE BEFORE AMENDMENTS OR COMMENTS QUESTIONS SHALL BE CONFINED TO THE SUBSTANCE OR NATURE OF BILL 120 PERSONAL INFERENCE AS TO THE CHARACTER OR THE MOTIVE OF ANY SENATOR OR ANY INDIVIDUAL TESTIFYING IS NOT PERMITTED ANY VIOLATION OF THIS GENERAL RULE OF CONDUCT WILL CALL BE CALLED OUT ORDER AND WILL 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 BE RESTRICTED FROM PARTICIPATING AND WILL BE ESCORTED FROM THE ROOM AFTER WE COMPLETE THE DISCUSSION OF THE BILL I WILL ALLOW THE SPONSOR TO CLOSE AND I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE 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 THANK YOU AT THIS TIME I'D ASK THE AUTHOR OF BILL 120-37 COR TO MAKE HER OPENING STATEMENT AND THEN WE WILL PROCEED TO SWEARING IN THE PANEL AND INTRODUCING THEM AFTER HER OPENING SENATOR AMANDA.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MR. CHAIR *HÅFA ADAI* TO OUR PANEL AND TO OUR COLLEAGUES THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN THIS MORNING BILL NUMBER 120-37 COR AS AMENDED IS AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 10113 OF ARTICLE 1 CHAPTER 10 TITLE 22 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO STRENGTHENING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BY EXTENDING THE SUNSET PROVISION OF THE GUAM REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL 5 YEARS I WANT TO THANK YOU MR. CHAIR FOR CONDUCTING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON BILL 120-37 AND PREPARING THE COMMITTEE REPORT IN TIME FOR THIS REGULAR SESSION AND I WANT TO THANK OUR LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AGAIN FOR REVIEWING THIS BILL AND FOR OFFERING THE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS NECESSARY THAT WE'VE INCLUDED IN THIS AMENDED VERSION ESTABLISHED IN JULY 2006 THROUGH PUBLIC LAW 28-42 GRAP PROVIDES TAX CREDITS TO COMPANIES THAT EMPLOY AND SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS THROUGH ELIGIBLE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS THE GRAP LAW PROVIDES TAX CREDITS TO ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES EQUAL TO 50% OF THE QUALIFIED TRAINING COSTS PAID OR INCURRED BY THESE BUSINESSES COVERED EXPENSES INCLUDE DIRECT WAGES OF APPRENTICES DIRECT FRINGE BENEFITS SUCH AS

MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE JOURNEYMAN'S WAGES INSTRUCTOR COST TRAINING COST AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ACCORDING TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2006 GRAP HAS BENEFITED THOUSANDS OF APPRENTICES WHO ARE NOW WORKING IN CAREER FIELDS THAT HAVE SUPPORTED GUAM'S ECONOMIC GROWTH SINCE 2009 GRAP HAS PROVIDED 52.7 MILLION DOLLARS IN TAX CREDIT INCENTIVES TO DOZENS OF BUSINESSES THAT EMPLOY APPRENTICES IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS ALONE THE PROGRAM HAS PROVIDED \$17 MILLION IN TAX CREDITS TO EMPLOYERS THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WORKS WITH MORE THAN 15 EMPLOYERS AND OVER 250 APPRENTICES EVERY YEAR AND ACCORDING TO THE AGENCY THAT NUMBER IS PROJECTED TO DOUBLE IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS AS THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY BOOMS AND MORE FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE FROM THE MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT FUND TO SUPPORT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS MR. CHAIR TODAY AND IN THE FACE OF UNPRECEDENTED MILITARY EXPANSION AND THE DIFFICULT REALITY FAMILIES ACROSS THE ISLAND CONTINUE TO FACE THE MEDIAN PRICE OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME IS AT \$415,000 AS OF THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2023 THE INTEREST RATE ON A 30-YEAR MORTGAGE REMAINS ABOVE 7% AS OF MID-NOVEMBER GUAM CONTINUES TO RELY HEAVILY ON FOREIGN SKILLED CONSTRUCTION LABOR WITH THE NUMBER OF H2B VISA WORKERS ON GUAM SURPASSING THE 5,000 WORKER MARK AS OF OCTOBER 2023 BILL 120-36 COULD NOT COME AT A MORE CRITICAL TIME FOR GUAM THIS LEGISLATION IS NECESSARY IN OUR BROADER WORK TO SUPPORT COMPANIES ACROSS OUR ISLAND WHO ARE HELPING OUR MOMS AND DADS OUR AUNTS AND UNCLES TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN THEIR SKILLS AS ELECTRICIANS PLUMBERS CARPENTERS THOSE WHO BUILD OUR HOMES BILL 12037 ALSO HELPS ADDRESS OTHER IMPORTANT OCCUPATIONS LIKE HEATING VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING TECHNICIANS LINE WORKERS AND TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNICIANS THOSE WHO ARE MAINTAINING OUR HOMES MR CHAIR AND IN LINE WITH PUBLIC LAW 35-39 WHICH EXTENDED THE SUNSET PROVISION OF GRAP FROM 2019 TO 2024 BILL 120-37 IF APPROVED WILL AUTHORIZE THIS IMPORTANT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR ANOTHER 5-YEAR PERIOD THROUGH 2029 GRAP IS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS BY WHICH TO KEEP JOBS AND PEOPLE FROM LEAVING THE ISLAND IT IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WHAT WAS ONCE AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAM FOR DEALING WITH THE LOSS OF SKILLED JOBS HAS BECOME A CRUCIAL PART OF THE ECONOMIC TOOLKIT THAT WE RELY ON TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SKILLS TO FILL NEW JOBS MR CHAIR I THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TODAY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSION WITH OUR PANEL AND OUR COLLEAGUES IN THIS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE*'.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR SHELTON AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO ASK THE SEARGENT IN ARMS TO SWEAR IN THE PANEL AND I ASK THE PANEL TO PLEASE.

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

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SEARGENT IN ARMS AND NOW TO ASK THE PANEL TO PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF OR WE'LL BEGIN WITH YOU MA'AM AT THE END TURN ON THE MIC PLEASE PRESS THE MIC THAT'S RIGHT.

PHYLLIS TOPASNA – DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL) GUAM STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY: *HÅFA ADAI* CAN YOU HEAR ME MY MY NAME IS PHYLLIS DEASIA AND I AM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR THAT OVERSEES THE STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY ON GUAM WITH THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

NAVIS SABLAN – DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL) MANAGEMENT ANALYST: HI I'M NAVIS SABLAN I AM THE MANAGEMENT ANALYST THAT PROCESSES THE GRAP TAX CREDITS WITH DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

DAVID DELL'ISOLA – DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL) DIRECTOR: MY NAME IS DAVE DELUSOLA I'M THE DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR THANK YOU.

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

JEROME AGUON – DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION (DRT) TAXPAYER SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR: JEROME AGUON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION TAXPAYER SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR.

MEALNIE MENDIOLA – GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GEDA) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO): HÅFA ADAI GOOD MORNING MEL MENDIOLA FROM THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATOR CEO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU PANEL FOR INTRODUCING YOURSELF WE'LL BEGIN WITH SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU WE'LL BEGIN WITH VIEW AND THEN WE'LL GO AROUND AND WE'LL SEE WHERE WHERE WE'RE AT THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR CHAIR AND GOOD MORNING GOOD MORNING TO THE PANEL THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING TIME OUT TO BE HERE AND PROVIDE US INFORMATION THE MR DELISOLA THE THE PROGRAM IS UNDER WHAT PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WHAT SECTION WHO OVERSEES THE PROGRAM IN YOUR OFFICE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: APPRENTICESHIP AND PHYLLIS IS THE ONE THAT OVERSEES IS THE WE'RE A STATE APPRENTICE OFFICE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY DO YOU RECEIVE ANY FEDERAL FUNDING OTHER THAN WHAT YOU GET FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR YOU GET FROM THE H2.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YES WE DO WE HAVE A FEDERAL STATE APPRENTICE EXPANSION GRANT THAT'S ABOUT \$265,000 I BELIEVE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY AND HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN IN THIS DEPARTMENT THAT OVERSEE THIS DEPARTMENT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THERE ARE PRESENTLY TWO WITH THE THIRD PERSON THAT WILL BE COMING ON NEXT NEXT MONTH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND THIS THIRD PERSON WILL BE A POSITION THAT'S OPEN FOR WOULD IT BE A COMPETITIVE POSITION IS IT GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS OR CLASSIFIED OR UNCLASSIFIED.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: IT'S GOING TO BE UNCLASSIFIED SINCE IT'S A GRANT AND IT'S NOT IT'S A YEARLY GRANT THAT HOPEFULLY ONCE WE SHOW GOOD WORK THAT HOPEFULLY WILL GET EXTENDED OF COURSE EVERY YEAR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: DO YOU HAVE ANYONE THAT OVERSEAS LIKE DATA STATISTICS OR INFORMATION ON YOU KNOW ALL THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU DO IN THIS CERTAIN DEPARTMENT THAT WOULD GIVE US YOU KNOW MORE INFORMATION ARE ARE THESE INDIVIDUALS YOU KNOW TRAINED ON GUAM AND THEN WE'RE FINDING OUT A LOT OF THEM ARE LEAVING ISLAND AFTER THEY GET TRAINED OR ONCE THEY WORK ONE YEAR WITH A A COMPANY THEY REALIZE THAT IF THEY GO OFF ISLAND WITH THE SKILL SET THAT THAT GUAM HAS JUST SOUGHT THEM OR PROVIDED THEM THEY THEY LEAVE ISLAND HAVE DO YOU HAVE SOLID DATA ON THAT OR DO YOU GUYS COLLECT THAT INFORMATION ON.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WE COLLECT THE INFORMATION AS FAR AS HOW MANY APPRENTICES EVERY YEAR AND HOW MANY ARE COMING IN AND HOW MUCH MONEY IS BEING UTILIZE AS FAR AS RETENTION IT WOULD BE ANECDOTAL BECAUSE THERE'S NO MECHANISMS IN PLACE TO TRACK PEOPLE'S COMING AND GOING ON THE ISLAND BUT I I WILL SAY THAT BASED ON MY ANECDOTAL AND WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS OVER THE LAST THAT THIS PROGRAM I FEEL IS PROBABLY THE BEST PROGRAM I'VE EVER SEEN AND.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY DATA OR STATISTICS ON THE RETENTION OR THOSE WHO GO INTO THE WORK.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: AS I SAID THERE IS NO DATA BUT I CAN ONLY TELL YOU BASED ON THE TALKS THAT I HAD WITH THE COMPANIES THE CHAMBER SHERM HOTEL AND RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION ALL THE VARIOUS BUSINESSES THAT APPRENTICES IS PROBABLY HAS THE BEST RETENTION RATE OF ANY REGULAR EMPLOYEE IN FACT IT'S FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT A APPRENTICE HAS A 40% BETTER RETENTION RATE THAN A REGULAR EMPLOYEE THAT YOU HIRE BECAUSE YOU INVEST IN THAT PERSON AND YOU GUIDE THEM AND WORK WITH THEM AND THEY'RE USUALLY APPRECIATIVE TO THE POINT WHERE THEY STAY WITH THE

COMPANY AND THAT IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED NUMBER AND ONE OF THE REASONS WHY APPRENTICE WORKS SO WELL HERE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I I BELIEVE IT WAS AT 3 IT KEPT GOING SORRY SORRY WE WE HAVE A TIMER AND THEY THEY WERE CLOCKING WHILE YOU WERE TALKING SO THEY'RE JUST GOING TO READJUST THE TIMER RIGHT NOW YOU KNOW LIKE I SAID ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE ON THIS ISLAND AND WE'RE SEEING MORE AND MORE OF IS YOU KNOW THE EXODUS OF OUR PEOPLE AND IT SEEMS THAT WE WERE SPENDING ALL THIS MONEY EVEN FEDERAL MONEY REGARDLESS IT'S MONEY THAT CAN BE YOU KNOW STAYED STAYED ON GUAM AND AND IT'S BEING USED JUST TO TRAIN PEOPLE TO LEAVE OFF ISLAND FOR FOR BETTER OPPORTUNITIES AND NOT TO HAVE THE DATA YOU KNOW TO SHOW HOW WELL THIS IS REALLY WORKING WORD OF MOUTH IS ONE THING RIGHT DAVE BUT I THINK YOU KNOW A LOT OF US WANT TO LOOK AT THE DATA TO SEE EXACTLY YOU KNOW HOW WELL THIS IS DOING NOT BY WORD OF MOUTH BUT BY CLEARCUT DATA NUMBERS THAT TELL US HOW IT'S WORKING SO YOU HAVE THREE INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN IN THIS DEPARTMENT AND NONE OF THEM ARE DOING ANY RESEARCH ON COLLECTING STATISTICS AND DATA AND GOING ACTUALLY TO THESE COMPANIES WHO YOU KNOW OF COURSE THEY LOVE THIS OF COURSE THE COMPANIES ARE GOING TO SAY THIS IS SUCH A GREAT DEAL BECAUSE THEY GET 50% OFF OF HIRING AN INDIVIDUAL 50% OFF THE PAY THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO PAY BECAUSE THEY GET A TAX CREDIT YOU KNOW THIS THIS IS SUBSTANTIAL YOU KNOW THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE'RE WE'RE FORKING OUT EVERY YEAR AND WE'VE GOT TO JUSTIFY IT IT SAYS HERE IN THE FISCAL NOTE AS STATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT THE GRAP HAS PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY 43 MILLION IN TAX CREDITS 43 MILLION IN TAX CREDIT IN THE LAST 13 WITH AN AVERAGE ANNUAL CREDIT OF 3.3 MILLION A YEAR THE BUREAU NOTES THAT TAX CREDITS MAY TOTAL TO 16,5 38 IN NON-GENERATED REVENUE OVER THE ADDITIONAL 15 YEARS THAT'S A GOOD RETURN HOWEVER YOU KNOW I MEAN LIKE ANYTHING IF YOU HAVE THE MONEY YOU KNOW THEN IT'S GREAT BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER YOU KNOW ISSUES AND AND IF WE'RE JUST USING MONEY LIKE THIS TO TRAIN INDIVIDUALS TO GO OFF ISLAND TO GET BETTER PAY IT'S ALMOST DEBEATING THE PURPOSE SO MY CONCERN IS IF THERE'S ANYTHING IN THIS PROGRAM THAT WOULD REQUIRE LIKE WE DID WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM SOMEBODY GOING TO GETTING A DEGREE IN TEACHING AND THEIR TUITION IS PAID FOR FOR THE BUT THEY ALSO GIVE BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT BY S YOU KNOW BEING IN THE WORKFORCE STAYING ON GUAM FOR FOUR YEARS IN EXCHANGE PLUS THEY GET PAID YOU KNOW SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND I'M JUST SEEING SUCH A HUGE EXODUS ON THIS ISLAND AND MEAN IT COULD BE ANYTHING YOU KNOW IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE MONEY MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE PUBLIC SAFETY OR HEALTH REASONS BUT THE DATA WILL SHOW AND I'M I'M HOPING THAT YOU HAVE THREE INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN YOUR OFFICE RIGHT NOW THAT ONE OF THEM CAN AT LEAST COLLECT IT NUMBER ONE AND LOOK AT RETENTION TO GIVE US TRUE FIGURES MY TIME IS ALMOST UP I THANK YOU FOR HARD YOUR HARD WORK AND I'VE WORKED YOU KNOW I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE AT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WITH THE WOMEN'S BUREAU AND AND SEE THE GREAT JOB THAT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IS DOING OVER THERE AND I KNOW THAT YOU GUYS ARE VERY SHORTHANDED TOO BUT DATA IS SO KEY TO MAKING DECISIONS THAT JUSTIFY THE MONEY THAT WE GIVE OUT SO I HOPE YOU HAVE SOMEBODY IN PLACE TO DO THAT THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR FISHER DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION NONE SENATOR LUJAN DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MR CHAIRMAN NO QUESTIONS ACTUALLY JUST COMMENT YOU KNOW THIS IS DEJA VU LOOKING AT THIS BILL BECAUSE 17 YEARS AGO I CHAIRED THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND THIS BILL ACTUALLY PUBLIC LAW 20 28142 WAS AUTHORED BACK THEN BY SENATOR EDDIE CALVO AND THAT WAS BILL I THINK 26128 BACK IN THE 28TH GL LEGISLATURE AND AND I TELL YOU IT'S A IT'S A PROGRAM AGAIN KNOW YOU GOT 17 YEARS LATER AND JUST AS THE DIRECTOR ATTESTED THAT IT IT'S WORKED IT HAS BEEN WORKING ACTUALLY AS THE VICE CHAIR OF OF THE COMMITTEE ON ON MARITIME AS WELL ABOUT A MONTH AGO WE WERE JUST DOWN AT THE THE THE PORT AND TALKING TO JOE CRUZ FROM CIS MARINE ABOUT THE FOLKS THAT THE STUDENTS THAT ARE DOWN THERE AND THE AMOUNT OF WORK AND THE TRAINING THAT THEY GO THROUGH AND THE QUALITY OF WORKERS THAT THEY PRODUCE SO I'M I'M I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF OF THIS BILL AGAIN WE MAY NEED TO ENHANCE EVEN EVEN FURTHER THE BILL DOWN THE LINE HERE BECAUSE AGAIN WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF OF A BUILDUP I UNDERSTAND AS WELL THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A BIGGER BUILDUP IN THE PORT BECAUSE OF THIS MILITARY BUILDUP SO YOU'RE GOING TO BE YOU'RE GOING TO BE SEEING MORE COMPANIES LOOKING FOR FOLKS AND WHAT BETTER WAY AGAIN TO

TO GET OUR WORKFORCE THEN TO TRAIN THEM HERE I MEAN YOU KNOW IT'S WE'RE DO BRINGING IN A LOT OF H2 H2 WORKERS BUT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE LOCALLY TRAINED FOLKS AS WELL AND LIKEWISE FOLKS NOT ONLY IN IN IN TRAINING THEM FOR PARTICULAR WORKFORCE BUT PEOPLE WHO ARE CHANGING CAREERS SO AGAIN I'M I'M IN I'M IN FULL SUPPORT THE THE THE TAX CREDITS GIVEN TO THE TO THE TO THE BUSINESSES IN REGARDS TO THE OF COURSE THEIR INTERNS WORKING WITH THEM I TELL YOU IT IT'S JUST WHAT THEY PRODUCE FOR THE COMMUNITY JUST OUTWEIGHS BASICALLY THE THE THE TAX CREDITS THAT THE THE COMPANIES GET AND AGAIN THE THE THE TAX REVENUE THAT THESE EMPLOYEES BECAUSE THEY'RE HIGH PAID THEY'RE HIGHER PAID I MEAN THERE ARE OTHER COMPANIES THAT UTILIZE AS WELL MAYBE NOT AS HIGH PAID AS THE THE THE THE OTHER BIGGER COMPANIES THAT REQUIRE MORE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLED BUT MR CHAIRMAN AGAIN I GOT NOTHING BUT BUT PRAISE FOR THE PROGRAM AND ENDORSEMENT FOR FOR THE PROGRAM AND AGAIN KUDOS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AGAIN 17 YEARS LATER AND IS STILL GOING STRONG AND KUDOS TO TO YOU GUYS BACK THEN NOW AND FOR THE FOLKS BACK THEN CAUSE IT WAS UNDER I THINK MARIA CONELLY AT THINK AT THE TIME RIGHT YEAH YEAH AND I GOT TO SAY THAT I THINK THAT WAS THE LAST TIME WE WERE A MAJORITY 28TH AND 29TH YEAH BUT AGAIN A PROGRAM I I FULLY ENDORSE MR MR CHAIRMAN BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THANK YOU AND JUST TO ADD A LITTLE BIT TOMORROW I'M GOING TO CABIS MARINE THEY HAVE ANOTHER COHORT THAT ARE THAT ARE STEPPING IN THEY'VE BEEN EXCELLENT PARTNERS IN TRAINING THE OUR LOCAL PEOPLE INTO SHIP REPAIR AND I THINK THEY'RE ALREADY LIKE HAD A MORE THAN A HALF A DOZEN COHORTS THAT THEY'VE DOING AND THEY'RE ONE OF OUR BEST PARTNERS.

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

SENATOR BROWN: HI GOOD MORNING MR CHAIRMAN CERTAINLY TO WELCOME TO ALL OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS THAT ARE HERE YES WE DID SERVE TOGETHER THAT WAS MY LAST TERM AFTER SIXTH TERM SENATOR THE 28TH GUAM LEGISLATURE WE REMEMBER THAT I REMEMBER THIS THAT PARTICULAR BILL AND BECAUSE I THINK IT WAS ONE OF THE THINGS WE LOOKED AT WHERE ACTUALLY WOULD ENCOURAGE EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND IT'S CERTAINLY AS AS I CONCUR WITH SENATOR LUJAN GOOD TO HEAR THAT THE PROGRAM IS IS STILL GOING STRONG AFTER ALL THESE YEARS I DID WANT TO ASK IN TERMS OF THE DEMAND OF COURSE BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THERE'S A LOT OF CONSTRUCTION WORK GOING ON IN THE ISLAND AND AND A LOT OF OTHER RELATED BUSINESSES THAT WE HAVE COMPANIES OUT THERE THAT NEED A A TRAINED AND SKILLED WORKFORCE WHAT ARE YOU GAUGING OF THAT BECAUSE I MEAN WE HOPE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO RETAIN A CERTAIN DEGREE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS TO WORK HERE SO WE'RE NOT HAVING TO ALWAYS BRING PEOPLE INTO GUAM TO PERFORM THOSE SERVICES AND OBVIOUSLY SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE ARE VERY HIGHLY SKILLED AREAS AND ONCE YOU ACQUIRE THAT SKILL SET IT'S A VERY VALUED COMMODITY THAT THEY HAVE SO WHAT DO WHAT ARE YOU SEEING NOW IN TERMS OF THE INTEREST OF GETTING INDIVIDUALS OUT THERE THAT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH NUMBERS DO YOU NEED MORE AND AND WHAT'S WHAT'S THE SUCCESS RATE OF OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE GOING THROUGH THIS THIS PROGRAM IN TERMS OF THEIR SUSTAINABILITY AFTER THEY'VE GONE THROUGH THE TRAINING.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION AND I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE TRADES ACADEMY THEY THEY DEVELOP AND A LOT OF THE SKILLED CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND WE'RE GETTING PRETTY GOOD SUCCESS ENTRENCHED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES KNOWING THAT THE FACT THAT THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE GOING TO GET ENOUGH APPRENTICES TO BUILD EVERYTHING THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BUILD BUT WHAT WE'RE REALLY GEARING TOWARDS IS A LOCAL WORKFORCE THAT CAN HELP MAINTAIN AND KEEP UP THE FACILITIES THAT ARE BUILT ONCE THEY ARE DONE AND EVERYBODY LEAVES AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WILL ALWAYS BE A CHALLENGE AND SOMETHING THAT WE WILL ALWAYS WORK HARDER AND HARDER TOWARDS LIKE I SAID THERE'S SO MANY DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES LOOK WITH THE SHIP REPAIR THAT WHOLE INDUSTRY KIND OF JUST CAME UP AND IS GROWING RAPIDLY AND THEY KNOW THAT THERE ISN'T A LOCAL OR A OFF ISLAND FORCE TO COME IN SO THEY'VE TAKEN THAT MANTLE OF TRAINING LOCAL PEOPLE WHO WOULDN'T NORMALLY QUALIFY AND TRAINING THEM UP TO BECOME OUR FUTURE SHIP REPAIR FACILITIES AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT SO WE ARE CONTINUING TO EXPAND ONE OF THE THINGS I LIKE TO SHARE IS THIS IS A CHART IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN OF THE APPRENTICES THIS IS WHEN WE FIRST CAME IN AND THEN ONE YEAR THAT I WAS IN APPRENTICES SPIKED UP WE START WE REACHED THE HIGHEST WE'VE EVER ACHIEVED IN 2020 THEN OF COURSE COVID HIT AND THEN NOW WE'RE BACKTRACKING BACK UP AGAIN SO

YOU HAVE MY COMMITMENT TO GET OUT THE WORD AND PUSH APPRENTICE THE GRAP PROGRAM IS SUCH AN ESSENTIAL PIECE OF THIS IS THE ESSENTIAL PIECE TO TO GETTING THIS DONE AND WE'LL ALWAYS BE CHALLENGED WITH CONSTRUCTION BECAUSE WORKING OUTSIDE.

SENATOR BROWN: SURE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: IN THE HOT SUN BUT WE ARE LEARNING THAT A LOT OF OUR LOCAL PEOPLE ARE LEANING MORE TOWARDS THE ELECTRICAL HVAC THE A LITTLE HIGHER PAYING THE INDOOR TYPICALLY TYPE OF JOBS THEY'VE BEEN LEANING MORE TOWARDS THOSE WHICH IS I GUESS SMARTER AND THOSE AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF OUR FSN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE GROWING FROM THE BOTTOM UP SO WE'LL CONTINUE TO AGGRESSIVELY TRY TO WORK WITH THEM AND GET THEM UP.

SENATOR BROWN: YOU KNOW CABRIS HAS BEEN NOTED FOR THEIR APPRENTICE PROGRAM AND REALLY TAKING THAT INITIATIVE TO EXPAND AND I'M I'M HEARING ALSO THAT THE MILITARY IS ACTUALLY LOOKING AT REBUILDING AND REOPERATING SRF DO YOU HEAR ANYTHING WITH REGARDS TO THAT OF POTENTIAL OF TRAINING PROGRAMS BECAUSE THE MILITARY ACTUALLY WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL WITH WITH THEIR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS I MEAN WE LOST A LOT OF SKILL SET WHEN SRF CLOSED DOWN BECAUSE I MEAN THEY TRAINED IN HOUSE THEY THEY GROOMED THEIR PEOPLE I KNOW MY DAD FOR MANY YEARS WAS A TRAINER DOWN THERE AT SRF.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YEAH THAT WHOLE THING IS BEING BUILT REALLY RAPIDLY AND IN FACT I BELIEVE THERE'S MILITARY ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH CABRIS AND THE SHIP SHIP REPAIR.

SENATOR BROWN: YES.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: SHIPYARD SO THERE ARE SEVERAL COMPANIES THAT ARE NOW REBUILDING THE WORKFORCE AS THE WORK IS STARTING TO INCREASE SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN KEEP UP WITH THE DEMANDS AND OF COURSE THE MILITARY HAS A LOT OF PLANS THAT I'VE BEEN HEARING NOISE ABOUT.

SENATOR BROWN: WELL AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE ABOUT THAT BECAUSE THEY WERE VERY WELL-PAYING JOBS AND YOU KNOW IT WAS A LOSS TO US THERE WAS A LOT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WERE WELL TRAINED THAT LEFT GUAM TO CONTINUE THEIR CAREERS AT PEARL HARBOR AND OTHER PLACES I MEAN NITO BLAS WHO WAS ONE OF MY DAD'S EMPLOYEES WHO HAS NOW COME BACK TO ACTUALLY HELP REBUILD AND REVIVE SRF NOW ALL THESE YEARS LATER SO WE WE LOOK FOR FORWARD TO THAT BECAUSE THAT WOULD REALLY GIVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO A LOT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THEY CAN GET TRAINED GET THE SKILL SET AND AND THEY GOING TO BE A LOT OF HAPPY PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS TO KNOW THAT THEIR KIDS COULD ACTUALLY MAKE A VERY GOOD LIVING AND STAY HOME WHICH I KNOW A LOT OF OUR ELDERLY REALLY WISH YOU KNOW THEY COULD HAVE MORE OF THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN HERE BUT THEY LEFT BECAUSE THEY WERE LOOKING FOR BETTER OPPORTUNITIES I'M I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT AND IM ASSUMING FROM THE FINANCIAL END THERE ISN'T A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ON PUTTING THIS MONEY ASIDE FOR THIS PROGRAM DO YOU GUYS ON YOUR END HAVE ANY FEEDBACK WITH REGARDS TO FINANCES.

GEDA CEO - MENDIOLA: SENATOR WITH REGARD TO TO YOUR QUESTION ON THE IMPACT OF THE FINANCES SENATOR TAITAGUE WHEN SHE PASSED THE WHEN SHE AUTHORED THE BILL CONCERNING PUTTING A CAP ON TAX CREDITS THE COVERAGE THAT WE LOOKED AT WAS THE RAINY DAY FUND AND THIS ONE HAS PROVIDED 43 MILLION OVER THE COURSE OF 13 YEARS AS ARTICULATED IN THE BILL WHICH WE DON'T BELIEVE HAS A A SIGNIFICANT IT DOESN'T IMPACT SIGNIFICANTLY THE OVERALL NOR DOES IT IMPACT THE THE THE PORTFOLIO OF TAX CREDITS BEING AUTHORIZED THROUGH MULTIPLE PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE AS WELL AS THE REGULAR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM FOR THINGS SUCH AS SPORTS FACILITIES.

SENATOR BROWN: I APPRECIATE THAT MS. MEL THANK YOU FOR THE UPDATE YOU KNOW THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS WE LOOK AT THAT IT'S ACTUALLY A A REALLY GOOD WIN-WIN SITU ATION ALL AROUND I THINK THE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY NOT THINK THEY HAVE THE SKILL SET TO GET TRAINED AND THEN GIVE THEM A JOB OPPORTUNITY THAT'S WAITING AND EMPLOYERS THAT DEFINITELY WANT TO HAVE THE YOU KNOW TRAINED SKILLED WORKFORCE THERE'S A PLUS ALL AROUND AND YOU KNOW IT'S GOOD TO HEAR FROM REMINDER FROM SENATOR JESSE THE ORIGINS OF OF THIS PARTICULAR LEGISLATION AND THEN ALSO JUST A CONTINUATION NOW ALL THESE YEARS LATER THAT IT'S A SUCCESS STORY AND TRUST ME WE'RE ALWAYS HAPPY TO HEAR BECAUSE EVERYTHING IN GOV GUAM ISN'T ALWAYS A SUCCESS STORY BUT THIS

PARTICULAR PROGRAM TO SEES CONTINUED EXPANSION AND LIKE I SAID JUST HAVE A MORE TRAIN SKILL WORKFORCE THAT WE CAN KEEP HOME I THINK ULTIMATELY THAT'S WHAT WE'D ALL LIKE TO SEE SO THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU M MR CHAIRMAN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN MADAME VICE SPEAKER YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR CHAIR FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS AND THANK THE PANEL MEMBERS FOR BEING HERE AND HOPE YOU GUYS HAVE A BLESSED BLESSED HOLIDAYS COMING UP YOU KNOW AS I WAS SHARING WITH MY COLLEAGUE THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY WHO WAS THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION THE IMPORTANCE OF OF KEEPING SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS ALIVE AND AND LOOKING AT EXTENSIONS TO SEE WHAT'S GOOD FOR GUAM RIGHT ON A WIN-WIN SITUATION I SAID WHAT BETTER WAY THAN TO TAKE SOMETHING THAT IS SUCCESSFUL AND AND AND CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT AND AND GIVE THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR THE TOOLS IT NEEDS TO TO BRING AND TRAIN AND AFFORD THE OPPORTUNITY OF OUR RESIDENTS AND AND OUR OUR WORKFORCE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAIN HERE BUT ALSO LIVE HERE AND BE WITH FAMILIES AND I KNOW HEARING FROM THE RETIRING TWO SENATORS AND AGREEING WITH THEM COULD SAY DITTO DITTO DITTO AND EVEN WORKING THE HISTORY I THINK THAT THIS IMPORTANT THIS THIS LEGISLATION IS KEY TO TO MOVING THE SUCCESS OF THE TRAINING FOR OUR RESIDENTS FOR IT MY QUESTION TO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR DAVE IS MR DAVE WHAT OCCUPATIONS IF ANY HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE LIST OF APPROVED JOBS THAT ARE ALLEGED ILE FOR THE GRAP SINCE THE LAST EXTENSION WAS APPROVED AND I KNOW THERE WAS A CHART THAT WAS SHOWN EARLIER BUT IS IS.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WITH GRAP UNFORTUNATELY THE LIST IS EXTENSIVE WE'VE HAD A HERE'S A LIST OF 38 DIFFERENT COMPANIES THAT PARTICIPATE THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED OR ARE PARTICIPATING IN GRAP AND SOME OF THESE POSITIONS GO ALL THE WAY DOWN TO A SECURITY ALL THE WAY UP TO CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS AND VARIOUS NUMBERS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF POSITIONS I I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE ANY NEW DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SO MAYBE IT'S.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THERE'S OVER 2,000 JOB OP OCCUPATIONS THAT ARE APPRENTICE AND WE GO INTO EACH INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS THAT IS LOOKING TO BE A NEW GRAP MEMBER AND LOOK AT THEIR JOBS THAT THEY HAVE AND WE TAKE THOSE AND CUSTOMIZE A APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM FOR EACH OF THOSE POSITIONS SO YOU CAN SEE HOW VOLUMINOUS THE NUMBER OF JOBS THAT CAN BE JUST IN ONE COMPANY ALONE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YEAH SO THAT'S WHY I WAS MY NEXT QUESTION WAS GOING TO BE CAN YOU SHARE FOR THE LISTENING AUDIENCE HOW NEW OCCUPATIONS ARE ADDED TO THE LIST OF ILLEGIBLE CAREERS AND IS THERE ANY PREREQUISITES THAT THAT NEED TO BE DONE AND BECAUSE I I THINK THAT AS WE LOOK AT COMPANIES THAT ARE HERE AND WANT TO ENGAGE IN THE PROGRAM WHAT WHAT DO THEY NEED TO DO.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: SO AND THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION AND A LOT OF BUSINESSES DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN THEY COME TO US AND FILL US AND OUR OUR APPRENTI IS A STATE APPREY APPRENTICE OFFICE WE CAN DESIGN AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM CUSTOM SO IF WE GO TO A CAR DEALERSHIP OR TO ONE OF THE IT COMPANIES WE CAN LOOK AT THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND CUSTOMIZE A APPRENTICE PROGRAM THAT'S GEARED TOWARDS THAT COMPANY SO ONE COMPANY'S SEE CUSTOMER SERVICE REP VERSUS ANOTHER COMPANY SERVICE REP IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT WHEN WE DESIGNED ONE FOR DUTYFREE THEIRS WAS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT AND SO WE'RE ABLE TO DO THAT AND WE'RE THE ONE OF THE IN THIS WHOLE PACIFIC AREA BEING A STATE APPRENTICE OFFICE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU I I THINK I'LL ADDRESS THIS NEXT QUESTION TO BOTH GEDA AND TO YOU MR DAVE HAVE THERE BEEN ANY PROJECTIONS ON THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND EXPECTED PARTICIPATION OF THE PROGRAM IS EXTENDED.

GEDA CEO - MENDIOLA: THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION MA'AM MADAM VICE SPEAKER NO THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY PROJECTION PROJECTIONS DONE BY GEDA HOWEVER WITH REGARD TO THE GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC

DIVERSIFICATION INITIATIVES INCLUDING ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING THEY ALL FIT INTO THESE EXISTING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS QUITE WELL SO WE DO SEE THEM BEING A GREAT BENEFIT TO CONTINUING THE PROGRAM.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: AND I'D LIKE TO EXTEND THAT THIS PROGRAM IS GOING TO TAKE OFF WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT GETTING SOME OF THE BEAD MONEY TO FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND EVEN LOOKING AT MAYBE TARGETING SOME OF THE SCHOOLS IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS AND BRINGING UP SOME OF THE KIDS WHO AREN'T GOING TO TAKE A A EDUCATION CAREER PATH LIKE COLLEGE AND TRYING TO MOVE THEM INTO APPRENTICE POSITIONS IN THE IT FIELDS NOW THAT WE GOT LIKE \$150 MILLION IN BEAD MONEY AND SO THAT'S JUST ONE OF MANY DIFFERENT THINGS THAT WE'RE PROJECTING AND WE WE HAVE ALREADY MADE MORE MORE THAN HALF OF OUR GOAL THIS YEAR AND WE'VE ONLY BEEN A COUPLE MONTHS INTO IT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THAT'S THAT'S REALLY GREAT SO I'M MY LAST QUESTION TO THE PANEL HERE MR CHAIR IF I MAY IS THIS IS A PROGRAM WE'VE EXTENDED SEVERAL TIMES OVER AND WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THAT DO YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON WHETHER THIS BODY THIS AUGUST BODY SHOULD CONTINUE PERMANIZING THIS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT I I KNOW THAT THIS IS AN EXTENSION FOR 5 YEARS AND I APPLAUD THE AUTHOR'S INTENT BUT IF IT'S IF THIS PROGRAM IS IS REALLY GREAT WHAT ABOUT PERMINIZING IT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YOU WOULDN'T GET ANY PROBLEMS WITH ME I THINK THIS PROGRAM IS THE BEST PROGRAM THAT WAS INTRODUCED I WAS I WAS A DIRECTOR AT AHRD WITH M MARIA CONNELLY WHEN WHEN THIS WAS BROUGHT ON SO I WAS AROUND WHEN THIS THING CAME ABOUT AND I LIKE I SAID I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST PROGRAMS IN EXISTENCE OF TRAINING OUR UNSKILLED WORKFORCE INTO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES GIVING THEM A HAND UP INSTEAD OF A HAND OUT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THAT'S RIGHT GEDA.

GEDA CEO - MENDIOLA: SEVERAL MONTHS AGO MA'AM THE THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DID A ROUND TABLE WITH OUR OVERSIGHT SENATOR QUINATA CONCERNING WHAT OUR COMPETITOR STATES WERE'RE DOING WITH REGARD TO TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAMS AND ONE OF THE PRIMARY THINGS THAT EMERGED WERE ALL COMPETITIVE STATES ALL OF OUR COMPETITORS MEANING STATES THAT WERE ALSO TRYING TO ATTRACT A TOP-NOTCH WORKFORCE WERE DOING SOME SORT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TAX INCENTIVE TYPE OF PROGRAM AND SO GEDA IS IN FAVOR OF NOT ONLY CONTINUING THIS PROGRAM BUT IF YOU I CERTAINLY THINK THAT THERE'S SOMETHING TO BE SAID ABOUT THE COMMENTS EARLIER BY SENATOR TAITAGUE WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO CAPTURE AND QUANTIFY THE POSITIVE IMPACT BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW I I THINK THAT WE CAN ALL WE ALL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS A TREMENDOUS POSITIVE IMPACT FROM THIS PROGRAM BUT I THINK IF THIS WAS A PERMANENT PROGRAM THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE COULD INCORPORATE INTO OUR ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS AS FAR AS WHAT THE ANN WHAT THE WHAT THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THIS THIS PROGRAM IS FOR FOR THE REST FOR ITS LIFETIME BUT EITHER WAY FIVE YEARS IS FINE PERMANENT MAKING THE PROGRAM PERMANENT IS FINE BUT IT SEEMS LIKE JUST YESTERDAY THAT I WAS HERE ALSO ENCOURAGING THAT WE EXTEND GRAP SO IT'S LIKE IT GOES BY SO FAST AND AND SO I I DON'T KNOW 10 10 YEARS MAYBE SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE YOU KNOW 10 15 YEARS WOULD BE COOL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MEL AND MR CHAIR WITH THAT BEING SAID I AGAIN I WANT TO THANK THE AUTHOR FOR MAKING ME A PART OF THE CO-SPONSORSHIP BUT AS YOU CAN HEAR FROM THE PANEL WITH THEIR PRESENTATION HERE THIS MORNING IS WHEN YOU HAVE A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND FOR THE COMMUNITY WHAT BETTER THE WAY THAN TO LOOK AT PUTTING A PERMANENT STRUCTURE IN PLACE AND I'M HOPING THAT THE GOOD AUTHOR COULD INSTEAD OF HAVING TO DO A NEW BILL IS MAYBE MAKE THAT CONSIDERATION SO THAT WE HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY I DID ASK ABOUT THE BENEFITS AND THE COMPILED DATA AND MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN ALSO LOOK AT BECAUSE DATA DRIVES EVERYTHING AND WITH DATA WE CAN MAYBE BE AFFORDED MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEDERAL GRANTS AND ALL THAT BUT IN ORDER TO GET FREE MONEY RIGHT YOU NEED DATA DATA DATA AND AND THAT'S SOMETHING MAYBE WE AS A GOVERNMENT NEED TO LOOK AT SO MR CHAIR AGAIN THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THE QUESTIONS I STILL GOT A MINUTE BUT THANK THE GOOD LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY FOR LETTING ME BE A PART OF THIS SPONSORSHIP THANK YOU *SAINA MA'ASE'*.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAME VICE SENATOR SHELTON DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR OKAY SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MR CHAIR AND GOOD MORNING TO EVERYBODY HERE I'M A BIG SUPPORTER OF THIS PROGRAM AND I'M SUPPORT THIS BILL AS WELL AND YOU KNOW WE HAD MANY DISCUSSIONS DIRECTOR DELIS SOLO ABOUT THIS AND AND MAKING SURE THAT ALSO WE CAN BUILD A A PIPELINE INTO OUR CIVIL SECTOR YOU KNOW ARE MANY AGENCIES THAT HAVE CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF WORKERS AND YOU KNOW WORKING WITH YOU I WANT TO CONTINUE THAT RELATIONSHIP AND CREATE CREATE A MORE ROBUST PIPELINE IT'S NOT JUST THE SHIP BUILDING BUT IT'S ALSO YOU KNOW ACCOUNTANTS IN DRT IT'S YOU KNOW INSPECTORS AT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OR GUAM GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SO YOU KNOW WE'RE DEALING WITH AN A LOSS OF INSTITUTION KNOWLEDGE AS MANY OF THESE EMPLOYEES RETIRE AND YOU KNOW PERHAPS MAYBE YOU CAN TALK ABOUT HOW CAN WE REALLY CREATE A STRONGER PIPELINE I THINK ONE OF THE CHALLENGES TOO IS THAT WE'RE COMPETING WITH HIGHER SALARIES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE TRAIN THEM THEY GO OFF TO OTHER PLACES WHETHER IT'S THE STATES OR TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HERE LOCALLY WHICH MEANS THAT WE MIGHT NEED TO EVEN PUT IN MORE EFFORTS TO RECRUIT MORE YOU KNOW WORKERS OR BUILD UP THAT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND I THINK ONE OF THE THE THINGS THAT I SEE TOO WHEN I LOOK AT THE GRAPH SORRY THE TAX CREDIT SUMMARY REPORTS YOU KNOW I THINK INITIALLY THE IDEA WAS TO BUILD A CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE AND THAT SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THE WEAKNESSES IN ENSURING THAT WE'RE BUILDING THAT UP THROUGH THIS PRO PROGRAM AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I LIKE I LIKE WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER IS THAT YOU KNOW WE WE NEED TO BRING IT INTO THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AND DIVERSIFY THE OFFERINGS BECAUSE I THINK YOU KNOW IF WE JUST FOCUS ON ONE PARTICULAR FIELD I THINK WE CAN GET MORE OUT OF IT IF WE CAN DIVERSIFY IT IN IN CO COLLABORATION OF GCC AND DOE AND YEAH I JUST DEFINITELY THERE'S MORE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE WITH THIS BUT YEAH IF YOU CAN MAYBE WEIGH IN ON THAT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: I COULDN'T AGREE MORE AS FAR AND WE'RE GETTING VERY AGGRESSIVE WITH THE GOVERNMENT TONIGHT I'M GOING TO ATTEND THE FIRST GRAD CLASS FOR CUSTOMS AND UNDER THEIR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THERE'S BEEN GPD THERE'S BEEN SEVERAL I THINK THE SEVENTH COHORT ALREADY AT GPA WE'VE DONE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH THE PARAMEDICS WE ARE LOOKING TO CONTINUOUSLY EXPAND AND HOPE THAT OUR DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTS CAN DO SECESSION TRAINING USING THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND WE PUBLIC WORKS WASN'T APPRENTICESHIP BUT WE DID THE BUS DRIVER CAMPS AND BOOT CAMPS SO WE ARE WORKING MORE AGGRESSIVELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO EXPAND THEIR TRAINING AND PROGRAMS TO HELP WITH THE THE FORCES THAT ARE IN SHORT DEMAND FOR SECESSION TRAINING I AGREE AND IF YOU LOOK AT JUST THE GUAM REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM LIST OF COMPANIES YOU'LL SEE A VERY DIVERSIFIED LIST FROM LIKE I SAID FROM TELECOMS TO SECURITY TO ACCOUNTING TO AUTO DUTYFREE I MEAN EVERYTHING IT'S A WHOLE GAMUT AND IT IS GOING TO BE EXPANDING MORE WE HAVE SEVERAL ALREADY IN THE WORKS THAT ARE GOING TO BE ADDED ON SO I I THINK A LOT OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPANIES ARE STARTING TO REALLY CATCH ON AND SEEING THE CHALLENGES OF HIRING PEOPLE QUALIFIED PEOPLE IS GOING TO BE THERE BUT YOU CAN HELP SOLVE THAT BY HIRING AND TRAINING THE PEOPLE THAT YOU HAVE AND MAKING THEM QUALIFIED USING THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND THAT'S HELPED SUPPLEMENTING A LOT OF OUR WORKFORCE.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH THANK YOU DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF HOW LONG ONCE THEY'RE TRAINED HOW LONG THEY STAY IN THAT COMPANY OR EMPLOYED.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THAT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU KNOW WITH SENATOR TAITAGUE AND SENATOR MUNA AND SENATOR BROWN MENTIONED I I THINK WE WE'RE GOING TO DO IS TRY TO IT'S CAN'T BE SCIENTIFIC BUT WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO THESE COMPANIES AND LOOK AT THEIR APPRENTICES AND WE CAN TRACK THEM THROUGH OUR RAPIDS PROGRAM AND HOW THEY STAY ON HOW LONG THEY'VE STAYED ON WHAT WE DON'T KNOW IS IF THEY MOVED ON DID THEY MOVE ON TO A DIFFERENT COMPANY LOCALLY OR DID THEY MOVE OFF ISLAND LIKE I'VE SAID APPRENTICESHIP WHEN YOU INVEST IN SOMEBODY AND YOU SCALE THEM UP FROM UNQUALIFIED TO A QUALIFIED CERTIFICATE PROGRAM THOSE PEOPLE WILL STAY WITH YOUR COMPANY 40% MORE THAN YOU JUST HIRE SOMEBODY RIGHT OFF THE BAT BECAUSE THEY WHEN YOU HIRE SOMEBODY RIGHT OFF THE BAT SOMEBODY OFFERS THEM A COUPLE DOLLARS MORE THEY'RE MORE WILLING TO JUMP WHEREAS APPRENTICE ARE MORE APPRECIATIVE OF THE INVESTMENT THAT THAT COMPANY MADE AND THAT'S WHAT'S SO STRONG ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THAT YOU BUILD A LOYAL WORKFORCE

SENATOR PEREZ: IS IT POSSIBLE TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SERVICE BY BEING PART OF THIS PROGRAM OR IS THAT ALREADY IN PLACE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THAT'S NOT IN PLACE AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WERE KIND OF JUST KICKING AROUND HOW THAT COULD WORK I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S A ONE SIZE FIT ALL THESE COMPANIES BUT YOU KNOW IF THIS GETS PASSED IN 5 YEARS THAT'S CERTAINLY IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS HOW WE CAN ALWAYS GO BACK AND TWEAK AND FIGURE OUT AND ADJUST THE PROGRAM TO FIT THE NEW THE NEW WAY THINGS ARE MOVING TOWARDS AND THAT'S CERTAINLY A GOOD IDEA TO LOOK AT BUT LET'S TALK TO THE BUSINESSES WE'LL TALK TO THE BUSINESS AND SEE DO THEY TRULY HAVE THAT KIND OF PROBLEM.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY YEAH SO LIKE MY BIG VISION RIGHT FOR THIS GRAP PROGRAM IS TO INCLUDE THE PRE-APPRENTICESHIP IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS POSSIBLY EVEN MIDDLE SCHOOLS RIGHT AND THE IDEA IS THAT ONCE THEY GRADUATE THEY CAN GET A JOB RIGHT THEY HAVE A JOB WAITING FOR THEM.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THAT'S WHAT WE'RE WORKING TOWARDS.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH SO THAT'S KIND OF LIKE THE BIG VISION AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN GET THAT DONE

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: I HOPE SO TOO SENATOR.

SENATOR PEREZ: ALL RIGHT I THINK THAT'S ALL MY QUESTIONS THANK YOU.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES THANK YOU I GUESS IF I COULD JUST FOLLOW UP MR. DELISOLA ABOUT HOW ARE YOU WORKING ON THAT THAT ESTABLISHING IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS THIS PROGRAM OR TRACKING THEM.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: ONE OF THE PERSONS WHO WE'VE BROUGHT ON IS DR JUAN FLORES HE'S WORKING WITH THE SCHOOLS AND WORKING WITH THE PRINCIPALS THE COUNSELORS AND TRYING TO WE'RE DOING WE'RE FIRST OFFERING A YEAR ROUND PROGRAM FOR SOME OF THE JUNIORS AND SENIORS AND WE'RE TRYING TO DEVELOP IT'S IT'S ALWAYS CHALLENGING WHEN YOU'RE WORKING WITH SCHOOLS AND SOMEBODY THAT I DON'T HAVE CONTROL OVER I LIKE TO BE CONTROLLING MY OWN DESTINY BUT IT'S A GOOD PROGRAM I THINK IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO WORK HARD AND WORK IN WE'LL WE'RE STARTING OUT IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS SO WE'RE WE'RE WE'RE IN THE INFANCY STAGES WE'RE STARTING TO TO TALK AND MEET AND DESIGN SOMETHING THAT OUR KIDS FROM JUNIORS AND SENIORS CAN START TAKING TRADE TYPE COURSES INSTEAD OF JUST ALL ACADEMIC COURSES SO THAT WHEN THEY GRADUATE WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER WITH GCC ON THIS TOO THAT THEY CAN JUST MOVE RIGHT INTO A APPRENTICE TRACK AND GO INTO A CAREER FIELD SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ARE GOING TO GET VERY WE ARE AGGRESSIVELY MOVING TOWARDS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RIGHT YEAH SO I WAS GOING TO ASK IS THAT DIFFERENT OR THE SAME AS GCC SO YOU'RE SAYING IT'S A.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER IN PARALLEL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY SO THE I THOUGHT THE VICE SPEAKER ASKED AN EXCELLENT QUESTION THAT WAS WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW ALSO IS FIRST OF ALL WHAT WAS THE LAST WHEN WAS THE LAST EXTENSION MADE MELANIE DIRECTOR YOU SAID YOU WERE JUST HERE REQUESTING FOR AN EXTENSION.

GEDA CEO - MENDIOLA: YES MA'AM I BELIEVE IT WAS 2019.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY 2019 TO 2024.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHAT AND SHE AND THE VICE SPEAKER HAD ASKED WHAT JOBS DIFFERENT JOBS DID YOU SEE IN THAT PERIOD FROM 2019 TO 2024.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: OH THERE WAS A BIG ADDITION OF JOBS I'VE BEEN VERY AGGRESSIVE IN GOING OUT A LOT OF THE AUTOMOTIVES A LOT OF THE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SORRY BUT WE HAVE NO DATA IN OUR COMMITTEE REPORT I DON'T SEE ANY OF THAT SO YOU KEEP READING FROM AISSA AND WE DON'T HAVE THAT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YOU CAN SEE THAT ON ALL ON OUR WEBSITE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO THOSE ARE THE ELIGIBLE POSITIONS RIGHT BUT THE ONES THAT WE'VE ACTUALLY DONE ON GUAM ARE THOSE ALSO LISTED THERE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES OKAY.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: IT'S ALL ON OUR WEBSITE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THEN WE HAVE TO GO THERE TO LOOK AT IT I GUESS CAN YOU READ IT TO US OR WHAT I REALLY WANT TO KNOW AND.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: DATA FILLED WEBSITE WITH THE WITH THE GRAP PROGRAM WITH LISTING OF ALL THE COMPANIES WHAT THEY DO HOW MUCH THEY GET IN TAX CREDITS BROKEN DOWN AND INDIVIDUALS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BECAUSE YOU SAID 38 COMPANIES ARE CURRENT BUT THE COMMITTEE REPORT SAYS 15 COMPANIES.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WELL I SAID 38 HAVE PARTICIPATED IN GRAP SINCE THE INCEPTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SINCE 2006.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YEAH SOME ARE SOME ARE STOP SOME ARE COMING BACK THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH A PRETTY INTENSIVE VETTING PROCESS TO GET BACK IN AND THAT'S WHAT PHYLLIS IS WORKING ON NOW WE HAVE LIKE ABOUT THREE COMPANIES NOW THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING VETTED OUT SO IT'S IT'S NOT A QUICK AND EASY THING TO START GETTING INTO INVOLVED IN THE TAX PROGRAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO I SAW IN THIS STATUTE THAT THE STATUTE ENCOURAGES CERTAIN I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CALL THEM PRIORITIES BUT IT ENCOURAGES CERTAIN THAT THAT THE DIRECTOR OF GEDA I THINK IS GOING TO LOOK AT WHAT DO THEY CALL IT EMPHASIZE OCCUPATIONS IN THESE DIFFERENT FIELDS THIS WAS PROBABLY SINCE 2006 BUT THE LIST AT THAT TIME WAS CHORAL CULTURAL PRACTICES HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT OFFICE TECHNOLOGY MEDICAL CODING AND BILLING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEBSITE CODING AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COSMETOLOGY AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING AGRICULTURE AND AQUACULTURE AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL WORK CONSTRUCTION AND TECHNICAL TRADES I WANTED TO KNOW BECAUSE WE HAD HAD THIS DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MDF FUNDS I THINK WITH GCC AS TO THEIR PRIORITIES AND WHAT PROGRAMS THEY'RE PUSHING AND WE WE WERE LOOKING AT HEALTHCARE AT THAT TIME HOW MANY EMPLOYERS WOULD YOU SAY YOU HAVE AS APPRENTICESHIP IN HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THERE IS HEALTH CARE IN THIS BUT AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ARE LOOKING TO EVEN APPROACH EVEN MORE BUT THE COMPANIES HAVE TO COME TO US AND I'M GOING OUT MORE TOWARDS THEM BUT THERE ARE HEALTH CARE AND REMEMBER THE MDF.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHAT TYPES OF HEALTHCARE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WHICH ONES ARE THE HEALTH NURSING ASSISTANT FROM WESTPAC AND YOU ALSO THIS IS JUST GRAP MDF IS DIFFERENT FROM GRAP.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: SO THAT MONEY GOES TO GCC FOR THEIR APPRENTICE PROGRAMS AND TRAININGS AND ALSO A LOT OF TIMES FOR THE SCHOOLING THAT IS REQUIRED THROUGH GRAP THE ADDITIONAL SCHOOLING THAT IS REQUIRED THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE APPRENTICE FREE OF CHARGE IF IT USING MDF DOLLARS SO THERE'S A MARRIAGE BETWEEN THE TWO AND A CLOSE PARTNERSHIP AND THAT'S CERTAIN CERTAINLY SOMETHING WE HAVE MARIANA'S TRAINING PROVIDER AS A ONE OF OUR SERVICE PROVIDERS THAT DOES TRAINING IN HEALTHCARE THAT WE UTILIZE ALSO SO THAT IS CERTAINLY

SOMETHING THAT I WISH WOULD THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WOULD COME MORE TO US AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AND I HAVE APPROACHED SEVERAL I DON'T WANT TO MENTION THEM UNTIL THEY ACTUALLY STEP IN COMPANIES CLINICS AND THINGS LIKE THAT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GRAP FOR THEIR PERSONNEL AND THEIR FRONTLINERS AND THINGS LIKE THAT AND THEY THEY'VE BEEN VERY INTERESTED IN SOMETHING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RIGHT WELL I'M INTERESTED HOW ARE WE PRIORITIZING WHO WE'RE GOING TO SEEK RIGHT OR WE KNOW ALREADY WE HAVE WHICH WHERE WE HAVE SHORTAGES I MEAN MAYBE IT'S EVERYWHERE BUT STILL IN FOR HEALTHCARE HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHICH FIELDS YOU WANT TO GO IF THEY'RE NOT COMING TO YOU YEAH HOW DO WE GROW THAT HEALTH CARE CAPACITY MAYBE GEDA CAN ALSO CHIME IN ON THIS BUT I I I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE TO HAVE A CONCERTED EFFORT AMONG THE THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES TO DO THAT TO GO AND I KNOW THERE'S A CNA PROGRAM BUT WHAT WHAT OTHER HEALTH CAPACITY ARE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: A LOT OF THOSE REQUIRE SCHOOLING AND DEGREES THEY'RE NOT ALWAYS APPRENTICE SOME OF THOSE PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE POSITIONS SO IT'S THE LOWER LEVEL POSITIONS THAT ARE SO WE HAVE PROGRAMS LIKE THE CNA REGISTERED NURSES WITH THE UOG THAT WE ASSIST WITH THE WHEN THEY GRADUATE BECOME TAKE THE TEST WE GIVE TUTORING CLASSES THIS AND THAT SO THAT THEY HELP THEM BECOME REGISTERED NURSES AND WE PROVIDE THAT SO THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF MIX THAT YOU CAN'T APPRENTICE IS FOR CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS WHAT DO EMPLOYER DRIVEN YEAH SO AS SHE WAS SAYING APPRENTICE IS EMPLOYER DRIVEN SO WHEN THE EMPLOYERS COME TO US WE THEY ASK US THESE ARE THE POSITIONS THAT WE NEED BUT YES I AGREE WITH YOU WE NEED TO TRY TO GET THOSE LOWER LEVEL HEALTH FIELD POSITIONS AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE APPRENTICE BUT AS FAR AS THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS A LOT OF THOSE A LOT OF THOSE HAVE TO GO THROUGH SCHOOLING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY AND SO THE LIST OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT YOU DISCUSSED EARLIER THAT HAD GONE THAT HAD UTILIZED THIS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM I REMEMBER GPD DOING IT AND GPA OF COURSE THEY ADVERTISE WHEN THEY HAVE THEIR GRADUATES BUT ARE THEY ALL CURRENTLY ACTIVE OR THEY COME IN AND THEY THEY LEAVE AND THEN YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH THEM AGAIN YOU HAD SAID CUSTOMS PARAMEDICS GFD THEY'RE STILL ACTIVE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY GREAT ALL RIGHT THE THE FISCAL NOTE SAID I CAN'T REMEMBER THE AMOUNT PER YEAR 6 MILLION 43 MILLION OVER THE COURSE OF SINCE 2006 BUT YOU SAID THIS PROGRAM IS GOING TO RAMP UP AND I'M I'M WONDERING IF THEIR ESTIMATE OR WHAT IS THE ESTIMATE THEN FOR THE IMPACTS FOR THE YEAR DO YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW MELANIE DO YOU THINK THAT IT'S TOO LOW WHAT OR DO YOU THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A GREATER IMPACT IN THE UPCOMING YEAR THAN IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST.

GEDA CEO - MENDIOLA: WELL THE GOOD THING ABOUT A THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION MA'AM THE GOOD THING ABOUT A AN APPRENTICESHIP TYPE PROGRAM IS PEOPLE GRADUATE THE PROGRAM AND THEN NEW PEOPLE COME IN AND SO IT'S A PROGRAM THAT WROTE YOU DON'T HAVE THE SAME PEOPLE LIKE UNLIKE OTHER OTHER TYPES OF LET'S IF WE WERE TO COMPARE IT TO SAY A PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHERE PEOPLE REMAIN ON SNAP FOR 20 30 YEARS THIS ONE YOU'RE MEANT TO BE IN AND OUT AND SO REALLY WHAT IT IT'S ABOUT IS THE NET IMPACT OF THE NET OVERALL GROWTH OF THE PROGRAM ONE THING I DO KNOW IS THAT THE DEMAND OF THE PROGRAM IS VERY HIGH BUT THE AVAILABILITY OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM AND GCC IT'S ALSO THE ABILITY TO DELIVER AN EFFECTIVE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM IS A FUNCTION OF MANY THINGS A DEMAND OF AN EMPLOYER BUT ALSO THE ABILITY FOR GCC UOG OR ANY OTHER EDUCATIONAL PARTNER TO DELIVER AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SO THE QUESTION YOU HAD ASKED EARLIER ABOUT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES I DON'T BELIEVE THEY'RE WITHIN GRAP BECAUSE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES DON'T PAY BPT AND THEN FOR THE GOVERNOR WHEN THE GOVERNOR FUNDED MEDICAL BILLING AND CODING UNDER ARP A LOT OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WENT TO WORK AT HOSPITALS HOSPITALS ALSO AREN'T GRAP PARTICIPANTS BECAUSE THEY DON'T PAY BPT AND SO IT REALLY BECOMES A FUNCTION OF WHERE ARE THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS WHETHER IT'S COVERED UNDER THE MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT FUND LOCAL FUNDING OR EMPLOYER FUNDING WHERE THESE APPRENTICES ARE COMING FROM AND WHEN THEIR END WHERE THEIR END DESTINATION IS IF IT'S THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IF IT'S THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IF IT'S A IF IT'S A AN ORGANIZATION THAT DOESN'T PAY BPT THEN IT'S THEN IT DOESN'T IMPACT THIS REALLY IT'S JUST ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE BPT BENEFIT AND AND SO RIGHT NOW I KNOW THAT THAT'S CONCENTRATED

IN CONSTRUCTION TELECOMMUNICATIONS IT'S EXPANDED IN TOURISM BUT IT IS ALSO LIMITED BY THE ABILITY FOR THE EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS TO DELIVER THE CURRICULUM SO I DON'T SEE IT GROWTH BEING I SEE POPULARITY GROWING BUT I DON'T SEE GROWTH BEING PARTICULARLY EXPLOSIVE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I SEE I APPRECIATE THAT SO THERE IS REALLY NO LIMIT TO IT HOWEVER WE ARE LIMITED BY OUR OWN CAPACITY SUCH AS EDUCATION ALL RIGHT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: LIKE SHE SAYS IN THE GRAPH I THINK THE AVERAGE APPRENTICE PROGRAM IS 2 YEARS SO YOU HAVE A EB AND FLOW PEOPLE A FULL PIPELINE OF PEOPLE COMING IN AND GOING OUT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I KNOW BUT YOU HAD SAID YOU WERE GOING TO EXPAND IT LIKE ACROSS MORE FIELDS AND SO WE DON'T HAVE A LIMIT THAT WAY WE CAN'T DO THAT TECHNICALLY RIGHT BUT THE REALITY IS WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO BUT YES ALL RIGHT WHAT WOULD YOU WHERE WOULD YOU FOCUS MELANIE DIRECTOR IF YOU YEAH WHERE DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD FOCUS ON LET'S SAY ONE FIELD THIS UPCOMING YEAR IF WE COULD BRING THEM IN.

GEDA CEO - MENDIOLA: I THINK UM I THINK MA'AM THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF GREAT MOMENTUM WITH CONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS SHIP REPAIR AND I THINK BUT IF I THINK YOU'RE ON THE MONEY I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO FOCUS ON HEALTHCARE BECAUSE WE'RE UNDERSERVED ACROSS WHAT WE FOUND FROM LOOKING AT THE LABOR STATISTICS IS THAT WE'RE UNDERSERVED ACROSS ALL LABOR OCC ACROSS ALL CLASSIFICATIONS NOT JUST DOCTORS NOT JUST NURSES BUT ALL THE WAY TO YOUR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND WE'VE BEEN DELIVERING MEDICAL ASSISTANT MEDICAL CODING MEDICAL BILLING WE'VE SEEN ALL THESE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS GO THROUGH BUT THERE JUST DOESN'T SEEM THERE'S IT'S IT'S NOT ENOUGH AND I THINK THE ONLY WAY FOR US TO GET THAT DONE IS BY REALLY EMPOWERING UOG AND GCC TO HAVE THE RESOURCES TO HIRE ENOUGH INSTRUCTORS AND DELIVER THE COURSES ON A REGULAR BASIS SO THAT WE CAN GRADUATE MORE PEOPLE FROM ANY VARIETY OF THESE PROGRAMS BUT I THINK YOU'RE I THINK YOU'RE YOU'RE I THINK YOU'RE SPOT ON THERE WITH HEALTHCARE BEING A PRIORITY ON THIS LIST I I DON'T I JUST DON'T KNOW IF IT'S TO ME I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GRAP IS THE PROPER VEHICLE OR THE MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT FUND OR JUST STRAIGHT YOU KNOW JUST REALLY SOMETHING REALLY QUICK TO TO JUST BOOST THIS BOOST THIS GROUP OF OF WORKERS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT APPRECIATE THAT AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR WORK IN THIS PROGRAM VERY MUCH MUCH APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE TODAY THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BERNETT DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MR CHAIR I'D LIKE TO SAY BANAN A DO TO THE PANEL THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT MR. DELISOLA IS REALLY ENCOURAGING TO HEAR ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIPS IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS AND I KNOW YOU SAID THAT IT'S KIND OF IN ITS INFANCY AND I'M SORRY I HOPE THIS IS STILL GERMAIN BUT HOW MUCH IS IT GOING TO TAKE TO GET THOSE PROGRAMS INTO THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS CUZ WHEN I KIND OF RESEARCH THIS I KNOW THAT THE APPRENTICE SHIPS ARE COMING YOUNGER AND YOUNGER WITH THE THOUGHT THAT WE GET THESE KIDS TRAINED UP YOU KNOW TWO YEARS VERSUS FOUR YEARS OR EVEN IN SOME CASES SIX YEARS THEY GRADUATE RIGHT INTO A YOU KNOW A GREAT PAYING JOB THAT COMES WITH A SPECIFIC SKILL SET SO IS THAT IS THAT PART OF YOUR LONG-TERM PLAN.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WELL WE FIRST LIKE TO GET THE HIGH SCHOOLS IN THERE FIRST AND BECAUSE THEY CAN GO IN MORE IN DIRECTLY IN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WITH THE AGE YOU GET A LOT OF RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT THEY CAN DO AND WHAT THEY CAN'T DO AS FAR AS GETTING ACTUAL EXPERIENCE AND THAT'S PRETTY MUCH KIND OF WHAT APPRENTICES IS ALL ABOUT THAT'S WHY WE ARE TARGETING MORE ON THE JUNIORS AND THE SENIORS THAT CAN ACTUALLY GO INTO THE WORKPLACE CAN ACTUALLY LEARN THEIR TRADE AND NOT BE SO RESTRICTED AS A MINOR AND PARENTS AND ALL THAT ALL THE RESTRICTIONS.

SENATOR BARNETT: RIGHT THANK YOU AND I AGREE WITH THE COMMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS SUPPORT THE BILLS SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT PROGRAM BUT BUT YEAH I GUESS TO ECHO THE RETIRING SPEAKER WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT TARGETED TO ADDRESS WHERE WE HAVE A LOT OF THESE CRITICAL SHORTAGES RIGHT LIKE THE MEDICAL CODERS AND THE BILLING I WE JUST HAD LILLIAN ACROSS THE HALL TALK ABOUT RIGHT THE NEED IS IS STILL GREAT ON THAT AND I DID GO ON YOUR WEBSITE AND SO JUST TO COMMEND SOME SOME OF THESE COMPANIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM WE HAVE COMPANIES LIKE ATKINS CROLL GUAM

DWIT OF COURSE GTA WHO SUBMITTED THE TESTIMONY AND SUPPORT OF THE MEASURE GIGHT GROUP G4S DOCOMO PACIFIC GUAM AUTOSPOT AND SOME OF THESE COMPANIES HAVE RECEIVED A SIGNIFICANT TAX BREAKS RIGHT SO WHAT CAN CAN YOU SO FOR EXAMPLE AN APPRENTICE AT A G4S ARE WE TALKING ABOUT A SECURITY GUARD.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YES AS THEY BECOME A BEFORE THEY JUST HIRE THEM AND THROW THEM OUT THERE AND AS YOU KNOW WHEN THERE'S A PROBLEM THEY NEED TO BE TRAINED SO YEAH THERE IS A SET CURRICULUM THAT THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH IN ORDER TO BE A CERTIFIED SECURITY OR THE DIFFERENT FIELDS THAT THEY HAVE INVOLVED AND SO IT IS TRAINING THEIR WORKFORCE TO BECOME MORE SKILLED IN DEALING WITH THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF SECURITY SITUATIONS THAT THEY HAVE.

SENATOR BARNETT: AND OBVIOUSLY THE THE GTA APPRENTICES ARE DEALING WITH LIKE TELECOMS AND.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YES AS YOU KNOW WHEN YOU CALL INTO THEIR CUSTOMER SERVICE THEY HANDLE 60 70% RIGHT BEFORE THEY EVEN SEND YOU TO A TECHNICIAN SO THEY HAVE TO BE WELL-ROUNDED IN THE TYPES OF PROBLEMS THAT YOU'RE HAVING AND TRYING TO RESOLVE THEM BEFORE YOU TIE UP A TECH SO THEY AREN'T JUST ANSWERING PHONES THEY'RE ACTUALLY SOLVING PROBLEMS AND THAT REQUIRES A LOT OF DIFFERENT TRAINING.

SENATOR BARNETT: WHAT ABOUT LIKE A GUAM AUTO SPOTTER ARE THESE APPRENTICE SHIPS RELATIVE TO SELLING CARS OR THEY LIKE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: MECHANICS TRAINING CARS ACCOUNTING THE WHOLE MIRED OF POSITIONS THAT IN TELL A AUTO RUNNING A DEALERSHIP THAT YOU KNOW A LOT OF THEM WHEN THEY GET HIRED ARE ALREADY TRAINED THIS BECOMES STRUCTURED AND FORMALIZED SO THAT THEY CAN BECOME LIKE I SAID GET A CERTIFICATE IN THOSE POSITIONS AND A LOT OF THAT CAN A CUSTOMER SERVICE A SALESPERSON IS TRAINED ON HOW THAT THE COMPANY WANTS THEM TO SELL THEIR TYPE OF CARS THEIR PHILOSOPHY CORPORATE CULTURE AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

SENATOR BARNETT: I I DON'T WANT THIS TO BE A LOADED QUESTION BUT IS THERE ARE THERE BUSINESSES WHO APPLY FOR A PROGRAM THAT IS EVERYBODY APPROVED OR THERE ANY IS THERE ANYONE WHO'S NOT APPROVED.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: I THINK MOST OF THEM IT TAKES SEVERAL MONTHS TO GET APPROVAL AND IT TAKES A LOT OF HURDLES FOR THEM TO JUMP OVER THAT IT IS AN INTENSIVE ENVIR INTENSIVE INVESTMENT FOR A COMPANY THAT IS JUST NOT SOMETHING THAT THEY GET OVERNIGHT IN FACT I ENCOURAGE THEM TO HIRE A PERSON AN ACCOUNTING PERSON TO GET ALL THE TAX FORM FORMS AND THE CREDITS FOR THE TRACKING OF ALL THE DIFFERENT LABORERS THE THEIR THE PR PEOPLE THAT TRAIN THEM THE EQUIPMENT THAT IT HAS TO BE VERY DETAILED FOR A NAVIS TO COME IN SCRUTINIZE IT PACKAGE IT BEFORE IT GOES TO REV AND TAX SO THIS IS SOME THIS IS A A MAJOR INVESTMENT FOR A COMPANY TO DO BEFORE THEY CAN REALIZE THE SAVINGS.

SENATOR BARNETT: II GUESS WHAT I I I WANT TO ASK IS MORE ABOUT MEETING THE DEMAND SO WHEN I WHEN I LOOK AT SOME OF THESE THE 2023 GRAP CREDITS LISTED ON YOUR WEBSITE YOU HAVE FOR EXAMPLE A MORO EQUIPMENT 203,000 CABAS MARINE WHICH YOU GUYS WORK YOU GUYS WORK VERY EXTENSIVE WITH THEM 2.1 ALMOST \$2.2 MILLION AND THEN GOING BACK TO LIKE AN AUTO SPOT 1.1 MILLION IS THAT ACCURATE LAST CABIS MARINE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: NO YOU SAID AND YEAH CABIS MARINE WHAT WAS THE ONE AFTER THAT.

SENATOR BARNETT: AUTO SPOT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: OH AUTO SPOT

SENATOR BARNETT: YEAH 1.1 MILLION SO IS THAT LIKE A FIELD THAT WE'RE REALLY DESPERATE TO HAVE PEOPLE WORKING IN WHEN I'M JUST I'M JUST SAYING IS THE NUMBER OF APPRENTICESHIPS IS IT JUSTIFIED

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: IT'S IT'S WHAT YOU CALL IT'S DEMAND DRIVEN EMPLOYERS DRIVEN SO WHEN THEY COME TO US WITH THE LACK AND OF PEOPLE THAT THEY CAN HIRE THAT THEY COME TO US AND THEY

WE IDENTIFY ALL POSITIONS THAT THEY LIKE TO HIRE WE DRAFT OUT A A APPRENTICE PLAN FOR THEM AND IT'S UP TO THEM TO HIRE THEM IN AND THEY HAVE TO FOLLOW THAT PLAN I I THINK AUTOMOBILE IS A NEW FIELD OF COMPANIES THAT ARE COMING IN SO YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LARGE BECAUSE THEY'RE BRINGING IN A LOT OF NEW PEOPLE AND THEN IN THE NEXT COUPLE YEARS THEY'RE GOING TO START GRADUATING OUT AND THAT NUMBER IS GOING TO GO DOWN SO AND ANY NEW VIRGIN FIELD THAT HAS TO HIRE A LOT OF NEW PEOPLE YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THAT NUMBER INCREASE BUT LIKE YOU SAID ONCE THEY GRADUATE THEN THEY'RE GOING TO BE OUT OF THE GRAP PROGRAM AND THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS.

SENATOR BARNETT: I MEAN LET ME JUST TO FOR THE SAKE OF COMPARISON YOU HAVE A AK GUAM AND MORACO EQUIPMENT 200,000 AND THEN AGAIN BACK TO THE AUTO SPOT 1.1 MILLION SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE CAR SALES CAR.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: AK AND MORACO ARE A LITTLE BIT MORE NEWER.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THEY'RE JUST STARTING INTO IT AUTOSPOT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST ONES TO STEP IN AND EVEN DURING COVID THEY STEPPED IN AND THEY GOT ALL THEIR DUCKS IN A ROW AND STARTED MOVING FASTER SO I I SUSPECT A LOT OF THESE COMP AUTOMOBILE AND I'M TALKING WITH SEVERAL OTHER AUTOMOBILE THEY'RE GOING TO STEP IN AND YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THEIR NUMBERS GROW.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU FOR THAT DAVE COULD I ASK SIR JUST REAL QUICK ABOUT THE DISPLACED WORKERS PROGRAM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR THE DISPLACED WORKERS PROGRAM SO.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THEY DON'T MIND I'M ALWAYS HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU APPRECIATE IT SO I WAS WE HAD A DOE OVERSIGHT HEARING AND THEY HAD TOLD ME THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO AVAIL OF SOME DISPLACED WORKERS WHO WERE SENT OUT TO THE SCHOOLS BUT THAT WAS KIND OF ALL THE INFORMATION I GOT ON IT SO CAN YOU YOU GIVE ANY MORE INFORMATION.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WELL YOU KNOW THE DISPLACE WORKERS AND I WANT TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE PARTNERING WITH FEMA BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO BE GETTING A LOT OF DISPLACED WORKERS TO HELP WITH SOME OF THEIR A FEMA PROJECTS SO WE CONTINUE TO HIRE WE WE WE'VE PLACED THEM ALL OUT TO THE THE MAYORS AND TO THE PARKS AND WRECKS PUBLIC WORKS A COUPLE OF THE OTHER AGENCIES THESE ARE ALL DOING MITIGATION AND CLEANUP WORK FOR MO MAWAR AND AND WE HAVE SOME COMPANIES THAT ARE COME TO US AND ASKING US WE WILL BRING THEM INTO THE FOLD AS THE BUDGET ALLOWS.

SENATOR BARNETT: CAN I JUST ASK A I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT TO CALL IT A FAVOR BUT GDOE HAS SAID THAT THEY'RE IN NEED OF SKILLED WORKERS LIKE ELECTRICIANS PLUMBERS CARPENTERS AND WE HAVE DONE WE'VE WE'VE INTRODUCED BILLS THAT HAVE BECOME LAWS THAT ALLOW THEM TO HIRE RETIRED MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL SO IF YOU COULD MAYBE PRIORITIZE MOVING SOME OF THOSE SKILLED LABORERS IF YOU HAVE ANY IN THE DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM TOWARDS DOE TO ASSIST WITH GETTING THE SCHOOLS READY FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS AND THE LIKE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: SURE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. CHAIRMAN AND CERTAINLY A WARM WELCOME TO THE PANEL GLAD TO SEE THEM HERE TODAY JUST A FEW COMMENTS AND A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS MR. CHAIRMAN YOU KNOW IN THIS BODY OF COURSE WE GRAPPLE BETWEEN OUR PHILOSOPHIES ON TAX BPT AND TAXES AND THE LIKE BUT I HAVE NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST INVESTMENTS THAT WE CAN EVER GIVE IS TAX ABATEMENTS FOR THE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR WORKFORCE ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS I KNOW DAVE YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THIS AS WELL AS I HEAR YOU IN THE MEDIA QUITE A BIT THERE'S THIS OLD ADAGE TRAIN THEM AND THEY MAY GO AWAY DON'T TRAIN THEM AND THEY MIGHT STAY SO SO CERTAINLY THIS YOU KNOW THIS ISSUE IS IS SO CRITICAL TO HAVING A A WORKFORCE THAT'S DEVELOPED AND THAT PROVIDES

GREAT RETURN TO OUR COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF THEIR SALARIES THAT ARE TAXED AND THE TAX DOLLARS THAT COME IN SO I PERSONALLY DON'T LOOK AT THIS AS A LOSS IN TAX REVENUE WHATSOEVER I LOOK AT IT AS ONE OF THE BEST INVESTMENTS ANY GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE AND I AGREE WITH SENATOR BARNES I THINK WE SHOULD JUST PERMANIZE IT AND IF IT EVER BECAME A PROBLEM FOR ANY REASON COULD REPEAL IT BUT I COULDN'T EVEN IMAGINE THAT DAY DAVE I HAD A CHANCE TO MEET A CHANCE ENCOUNTER OVER LUNCH WITH MARIE OKADA AND SHE MENTIONED THAT ONE OF THE EXCITING THINGS IN SAYING PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL IS THAT SHE'S GOING TO BE DOING WITH THE SHIPYARD SHIPYARD WORKERS ON STEROIDS ARE ARE YOU AWARE OF THAT AND HAS THAT APPLICATION COME ACROSS YOUR DESK.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YES LIKE I SAID TOMORROW I'M ATTENDING ANOTHER THE COHORT THAT IS GRADUATING INTO THE SHIPYARD THE SH SHIP REPAIR IS EXPLODING.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: AND THOSE ARE REALLY HIGH-PAYING CAREER JOBS AND THE SHIP CABRIS MARINE HAS MADE A INVESTMENT IN HELPING OUR OUR UNSKILLED PEOPLE STEP INTO THESE FIELDS AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING VERY VERY CLOSELY THEY'RE ONE OF OUR BEST PARTNERS AND I'VE TALKED TO THE WORKERS THERE THE THEY'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR A COUPLE YEARS NOW THEY'RE VERY HAPPY AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE THE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY HAVE THERE AND YOU KNOW SOME HAVE BEEN THERE FOR ALREADY A COUPLE OF YEARS AND THEY'RE ALL VERY HAPPY.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MR. CHAIRMAN YOU KNOW THE CONVERSATION THAT WE HAD WAS THERE THERE THERE COULD BE NOW WE ARE MAYBE ON THE CUSP OF AN SRF TYPE OF CAPABILITY ON GUAM ONCE AGAIN AND THE REASON IS BECAUSE OF THE GEOPOLITICAL SITUATION WE FIND OURSELVES IN AND WITH ALL THE MILITARY PRE-POSITIONING SHIPS THAT SUPPORT THE THE FORWARD DEPLOYED OF THE LARGER MILITARY SHIPS THAT ACTIVITY IS JUST INCREDIBLE BECAUSE THIS REGION IS FOR SOME TIME NOW GOING FORWARD MORE THAN LIKELY IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE A DANGEROUS PART OF THE WORLD AND THOSE VESSELS NEED TO BE REPAIRED WE'RE NOT ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT HAUL OUTS HERE A LOT OF TIMES WE'RE TALKING ABOUT JUST COMING IN AND RETROFITTING ELECTRONICS AND AND AND ALL KINDS OF OR OR JUST ANY OF THEIR THEIR ISSUES WITH THE WITH THE SHIP IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A A 6090 120-DAY REPAIR SOMETIMES IT'S JUST A WEEK OR TWO BUT IT'S BIG MONEY FOR THE FOR FOR OUR ISLAND SO I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT THAT SHIP REPAIR FOLKS ON STEROIDS IS IS SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO COME TO FRUITION I'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT OF GCC AND UOG TRADES ACADEMY HOW IS THE FEEDER OF TRADES ACADEMY WITH REGARD TO THOSE COMPANIES AVAILING OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WELL YOU KNOW TRADES IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GCC SO THAT THEY CAN AVAIL SOME OF THE MDF DOLLARS TOO SO THEY KIND OF KEEP THEIR OWN TRACK OF PEOPLE COMING IN GETTING TRAINED AND MOVING OUT INTO POSITIONS SO THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT THEM THEY DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO COME THROUGH US TO GET OVER TO THEM THEY CAN GO STRAIGHT THROUGH THE TRADES ACADEMY AND GET TRAINED GET PLACED AND GET HELPED AND WORKING WITH MARIE OCADA SO WE WORK HAND IN HAND WITH A LOT OF THINGS BUT YOU KNOW THE GOOD THING ABOUT TRADES IS THAT THEY ARE A LITTLE BIT MORE AUTONOMOUS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH CUZ I'M I'M ALSO UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A NEW DEVELOPMENT ONLINE THE FORMER TRADES ACADEMY IS NOW GOING TO REACTIVATE I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE ONE OF THE LARGER SHIPYARD APPRENTICE PROGRAM CAPABILITIES AS WELL SO IT'S DOING NOTHING BUT EXPANDING SO THE TIMING IS RIGHT AND AND AND GOOD ON YOU ONE OTHER THING IS I'M HEARING THE HIGH SCHOOLS HOW ABOUT THE OUTREACH TO THE CHARTER SCHOOLS I KNOW GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL I WAS DOWN THERE A COUPLE MONTHS AGO AND THEY ACTUALLY HAVE TWO MARITIME WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT MODULES WITHIN THEIR SCHOOL AND SO HAVE YOU HAVE YOU MADE A CONNECTION THERE YET CUZ I THINK IT'S VERY VITAL.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: NOT YET BUT THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH THEY THEY'RE THEY'RE JUST THAT SCHOOL.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: PROBABLY EASIER TO WORK WITH.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THEY'RE GROWING BY LEAVES AND BOUNDS AND TALKING ABOUT AND THE THING IS IS THAT'S A TARGET TARGET POPULATION BECAUSE THESE ARE NOT KIDS JUST BY CHANCE IN HIGH SCHOOL THAT MIGHT BE THINKING ABOUT IT THOSE KIDS ARE ALL REALLY ON TRACK FOR CAREER TECH ED THERE IS SOME HIGHER ED CAPABILITIES BUT BUT I I WANTED TO PUT IT ON THE RECORD FOR YOU TO TARGET THAT POPULATION BECAUSE THOSE KIDS ARE VERY ENERGETIC AND THE PROGRAMS ARE VERY VIBRANT WITH REGARD TO THAT SO AT THIS TIME REALLY NOTHING BUT ACCOLADES FOR YOU GUYS AND CONTINUE THE THE GREAT WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING WE APPRECIATE IT AND ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR YOUR WEBSITE I DID GO THERE AS WELL AND YOU'RE RIGHT IT IS LOADED WITH INFORMATION AND SO KUDOS TO YOU THANKS A LOT MEL FOR REALLY CONTINUING TO TO PUSH THIS PROGRAM I MEAN IT'S YOU KNOW WHEN WE ARE IN THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL USUALLY WE WE WE GET THESE QUESTIONS FROM UOG AND THE SCHOOLS WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THE REAL BREAD AND BUTTER THINGS AS WE EXPAND THESE PROGRAMS BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT JUST PIE IN THE SKY THEY'RE ACTUAL REAL JOBS THAT PEOPLE GO INTO AND IF WE LOSE THEM FOR SOME REASON WELL THEN WE JUST GET NEW ONES RIGHT SO ANYWAYS KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE AT THIS TIME MADAM CHAIR *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE!*

NOTE SENATOR TELO PRESIDES

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SENATOR MINORITY LEADER SENATOR BLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU TO THE PANEL FOR BEING HERE AND I SAT HERE LISTEN ATTENTLY BECAUSE I REMEMBER I USED TO BE THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE BOARD THAT OVERSAW THIS PROGRAM AND YOU KNOW I I REMEMBER BEING IN THE TRENCHES IN THIS AND AND PHYLLIS HAVING PHYLLIS PUT ME IN LINE A LOT OF TIMES AND SAYS NO SIR YOU CAN'T DO THAT WAY SO I APPRECIATE IT BUT YOU KNOW AND AND SO I HAVE TO AGREE WITH WITH SEVERAL OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT THIS IS A YOU MR DELISOLA I TELL YOU WHAT YOU'VE TAKEN THIS THIS THIS PROGRAM TO THE NEXT LEVEL AND I TRULY APPRECIATE THAT PHYLLIS YOU KNOW THANK YOU FOR KEEPING ON HIS STILL IT'S A BETTER HIM THAN ME ON THIS BUT YOU KNOW IN PERMINIZING THE PROGRAM THIS IS I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THE BRIGHT SPOTS THAT WE HAVE IN IN IN IN OUR GOVERNMENT TO BE ABLE TO TO WORK AND TO BUILD INDUSTRY ON GUAM BUT YOU KNOW AND I TELL YOU WHAT I I I THINK I NEED SOME CLARITY HERE BECAUSE THERE AS WHEN I SERVED AS CHAIRMAN THERE WAS THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT ALWAYS BOTHERED ME WITH REGARD TO WHEN IS IT THAT WE ASSIST AND BRING ON PEOPLE TO EMPLOY THEM AND WHEN DO WE LET THE NOW THE EMPLOYER CONTINUE ON WITH PROVIDING THE TRAINING TO MOVE UP THE LADDER OKAY AND I GUESS IT GOES BACK TO I GUESS THE BASIC CONCEPT A BASIC DEFINITION OF WHAT AN APPRENTICE IS IN RELATION TO THIS PROGRAM CAUSE WE CALL IT AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND YOUR COMMON DEFINITION IS BASICALLY TRAINING AN INDIVIDUAL TO GET INTO A FIELD GIVE HIM THE THE THE BASIC STEPS THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE TO BE ABLE TO TO OKAY AND THEN SET HIM FREE BUT IT APPEAR SOMETIMES THAT THIS PROGRAM IS UTILIZED SO THAT WE CAN BRING WE CAN MOVE PEOPLE UP THE LADDER INSTEAD OF JUST BEING ABLE TO STEP ON THE LADDER SO YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS I MEAN WHAT IS THE THE DEFINITION OF APPRENTICESHIP WHEN WE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THIS PROGRAM.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WELL I THINK MAJORITY OF THE APPRENTICES THAT ARE GOING ON ARE THE ONES THAT ARE STEPPING IN THE LADDER NOT STEPPING UP AND ANY MATURE COMPANY LIKE THE TELECOMS USE IT BOTH WAYS THE ONE THING ABOUT THE APPRENTICE IS THAT WE STANDARDIZE THE PROGRAM NOT THE COMPANY IF YOU'RE GOING TO PUT IN A CERTAIN OCCUPATION WE HAVE US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR STANDARD THAT WE START WITH AND THEN PHYLLIS CUSTOMIZED IT ACCORDING TO THE PERSONAL COMPANY'S NEED BUT IT IS STANDARDIZED SO THEY HAVE A DEFINITELY START AND THE END AND WHAT THEY NEED TO ACCOMPLISH IN THAT PERIOD OF TIME SO A MAJORITY OF THE APPRENTICES THAT WE USE ARE THE ONES THAT ARE STEPPING ON TO THE LADDER FOR THE FIRST TIME.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY AND I APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE THEN I I WANT WANT I KNOW THAT WHEN I WAS PART OF THIS THIS WAS TOURAMENT THE INFANCY OF IT AND WE THERE THERE WAS SOME LEARNING CURVES AND STUFF AND AND SO I APPRECIATE THAT THAT BUT AGAIN THAT WAS A CONCERN THAT I HAD THAT I YOU KNOW.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: I REMEMBER A LOT OF THE ONES THAT STEPPED ONTO THE LADDER AND HAVE BECOME AND GRADUATED HAVE MOVED UP NATURALLY BECAUSE OF THE TRAINING THAT THEY'VE RECEIVED AND HAVE YOU KNOW AND A LOT OF THEM ARE MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS NOW THAT HAVE BEEN INTO

THE PROGRAM FIRST STEPPED IN IT SEVERAL YEARS AGO SO IT'S IT IT HAS COME WELL ENTRENCHED IN A LOT OF THE COMPANIES.

SENATOR BLAS: AND I APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE I REMEMBER BRINGING THAT CONCERN UP TOO OF COURSE MANAGEMENT AT THE TIME AND SAID CAN WE LOOK INTO THIS SO THAT YOU KNOW WE WE THERE'S SOME FIDELITY WITH THE PROGRAM YOU KNOW AND I I I JUST DIDN'T WANT THIS PROGRAM WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO BE THE TRAINING DIVISION OF A COMPANY YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING THAT'S NOT OUR RESPONSIBILITY WE WE WE GIVE PEOPLE YOU KNOW TO BE A TO AT LEAST I HAVE THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE YOU TRAIN THEM UP TO BE ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING ELSE WITH REGARD TO THE HOW DO WE CAPTURE IN AS FAR AS TAX CREDITS HOW IT HOW HOW DO WE DISPERSE IT HOW WHAT WHAT WHAT'S THE FORMULA THAT WE USE IN THIS BECAUSE I I THINK THIS WHOLE THING IS IS IS TO BE ABLE TO EXTEND THIS THIS THIS PERIOD BUT HOW IS IT DISPERSED AND HOW IS IT MANAGED AND MAYBE JEROME FOR IN AS FAR AS THE THE PROGRAM HOW HOW HOW DO YOU SEE IN AS FAR AS REVENUE TAX HOW THIS THIS PROGRAM IS MANAGED IN AS FAR AS THE THE DISPERSEMENT OF THE OF THE CREDIT OR AND THE UTILIZATION OF IT.

DRT TAXPAYER SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR - AGUON: OKAY SO THE CREDITS ARE ACTUALLY ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR THROUGH THEIR I BELIEVE IT'S 50% OF THE COST AS IT SAYS IN THE BILL BUT ON OUR SIDE THERE'S A A FORM OF CERTIFICATION THAT FROM DEPARTMENT OF LABOR THAT YOU KNOW THIS IS THE CREDIT THAT THEY WERE TAKEN AND THEN THEY TAKE IT AS THEY FILE THEIR MONTHLY GRT RETURNS THEY TAKE IT AND THERE'S A FORM I BELIEVE IT'S CALLED FORM GRAPH THAT THEY ACTUALLY YOU KNOW HAVE THE AMOUNT THAT WAS ISSUED THE AMOUNT THEY'RE TAKING THAT TYPE OF THING THAT'S HOW WE SEE IT AND THEN WE APPLY IT AS LONG AS THEY'RE COMPLETE WITH EVERYTHING AND THAT'S HOW WE RECONCILE THE TAXPAYER ACTUALLY RECONCILES IT ALSO.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY THIS IS PROGRAMING WITH REGARD TO THE TAX CREDIT IS THERE A REQUIREMENT THAT THE CREDITS HAVE TO BE USED UP DATE CERTAIN OR IS CAN THEY EXTEND IT OVER TO.

DRT TAXPAYER SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR - AGUON: NO THERE ISN'T EXACTLY A DEADLINE AND AS IT STATES HERE EVEN EXISTING THAT HAVE NOT BEEN USED YOU KNOW THEY AS YOU EXTEND THE THE SUNSET PROVISION DOES EVERYTHING GETS EXTENDED ACCORDING TO THE LAW.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY WHICH BRINGS ME TO ANOTHER QUESTION I'M SORRY DAVE HE HASN'T TALKED FOR A LONG TIME I NEED FOR HIM TO TALK NOW OKAY SO IF IF THEY'VE GOT THE TAX CREDITS OKAY AND AND BRINGS A GOOD POINT BECAUSE THIS BILL INTENDS TO MOVE THE DATE FROM 2024 TO 2029 DOES IS THERE A SUNSET PROVISION ON TAX CREDITS THAT WERE GAINED OR THAT THEY RECEIVED LET'S SAY IN 2020 CAN THAT IS.

DRT TAXPAYER SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR - AGUON: RIGHT NOT IN THE BILL IT ACTUALLY SAYS THOSE THAT WEREN'T YOU KNOW TAKEN AS THE AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEY ARE TAKEN WITH THE EXPECT THE EXPIR EXPIRATION DATE WHICH IS YOU KNOW THE CHANGE WHICH WOULD BE 29 THERE IS.

SENATOR BLAS: SO I I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WHILE WE'RE EXTENDING THIS PROGRAM WE'RE EXTENDING ALSO THE BENEFITS OF THIS PROGRAM PASSED THAT FIRST DATE NOT JUST THE EXTENSION OF THE PROGRAM OKAY BECAUSE YOU KNOW I I I DON'T KNOW IF THE PAPERWORK YOU MAYBE WANT TO GO BACK AND CHECK THE PAPERWORK AND SAY YOUR TAX CREDITS ARE GOOD UP UNTIL CERTAIN DATE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: SO THE TAX CREDITS ARE TURNED IN AFTER THEY'RE REALIZED SO IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN TAKE IT FUTURE RIGHT SO AFTER THE PERSON'S WORKED AND THAT PAYROLL HAS BEEN DONE THEY FILL OUT THE PAPERWORK WITH ALL THOSE YOU KNOW THROUGH OUR TEMPLATES AND THE TAX CREDITS ARE GIVEN FOR THE WORK THAT'S ALREADY BEEN PAID.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY I APPRECIATE THAT IT'S JUST THAT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OKAY THAT THEY'RE NOT LOSING THAT AND AND YOU KNOW MR. AGUON SAYS IT DOESN'T APPEAR THAT WAY BUT APPEARANCE AND APPLICATION ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS SO WE CAN JUST MAKE SURE THAT AND IF WE HAVE TO WE CAN CLEAN UP THAT PART OF THE LAW TOO BUT I THINK MY TIME MY TIME'S UP MADAM CHAIR APPRECIATE IT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MINORITY LEADER SENATOR BLAS OKAY WE'VE EXHAUSTED OUR FIRST ROUND WE'RE GOING TO GO INTO THE SECOND ROUND AT THIS TIME IF YOU DON'T MIND I'M GOING TO START IN THE MIDDLE THIS TIME I'M GOING TO START WITH SENATOR PEREZ IF YOU'RE READY.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES THANK YOU MADAM YOU'RE WELCOME YEAH I JUST WANT TO FOLLOW THE QUESTION REGARDING WHAT DO WE PRIORITIZE IN REGARDS TO GRAB THE REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP SO I WAS TRYING TO FIND THE THE LISTING SO YOU DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REACHES OUT TO THE DIFFERENT BUSINESSES RIGHT ACCORDING TO LAW AND THEY SEEK WHAT'S CALLED A DEMAND OCCUPATION LISTING WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THAT WAS UPDATED.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: 2019.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY AND DO YOU SEE A NEED TO UPDATE IT TODAY.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: NOW THAT WE'RE COMING OUT OF RECOVERY AND GETTING BACK INTO HOPEFULLY SMOOTH SAILING THAT WE CAN START GOING BACK AND DOING SOME OF THE HOUSEKEEPING AND HOUSE CLEANING AS WOULD AS I SAID RIGHT NOW I'VE BEEN REACHING OUT I'VE BEEN SPEAKING AT ALL THESE DIFFERENT ROTARIES AND EVERY SINGLE PLACE THAT WOULD HAVE ME SPEAK TOUTING THIS PROGRAM PROG AND APPROACHING BUSINESSES TO UTILIZE THIS PROGRAM AS A WAY TO HELP WITH THEIR UNEMPLOYMENT INSIDE THE COMPANY AND HELP GET THOSE POSITIONS THAT ARE THEY'RE HAVING HARD TIME FILLING SO THIS RIGHT NOW WITH COMING OUT OF THE THE PANDEMIC AND COVID WE'RE JUST TRYING TO HELP ALL BUSINESSES TRY TO GET SKILLED LABORERS HIRED IN.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY SO IN LOOKING AT THE LAST 2019 DEMAND OCCUPATION LISTING I'M TRYING TO FIND LIKE MASON WORKERS I MEAN WHAT IS THE OTHER TERM FOR THAT BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE IDEA IS THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE TRYING TO BUILD UP ALSO OUR CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE HAVE HAVE THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ACTUALLY PUT OUT A DEMAND FOR THEIR THEIR POSITIONS IF YOU RECALL.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WELL LIKE I SAID CONSTRUCTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY CHALLENGING FOR APPRENTICES BECAUSE A LOT OF THE WORKERS ARE BUSY WORKING THEY'RE OUTSIDE THEY GOT CONTRACTS TIME CONSTRAINTS APPRENTICE ISN'T ALWAYS THE EASIEST THING TO FULFILL WHEN YOU'RE DOING A FEDERAL CONTRACT AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT'S MORE I FEEL FOR A LOCAL COMPANY TO HELP TRAIN SOME OF THE WORKERS UP AS THEY ARE WORKING ON PROJECTS OUTSIDE GUAM TRADES ACADEMY DOES MOST OF THE CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICE BECAUSE IT IS IT DOES REQUIRE A INTENSIVE SKILL TRAINING THAT GUAM TRADES PROVIDES VERSUS ON THE JOB TRAINING ONLY AND OTHER FIELDS IN PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES CAN PROVIDE THEIR SKILLED LABORERS ALONG WITH GCC THE SCHOOLING WHEREAS CONSTRUCTION ISN'T IS A TIRELY AND THAT'S MORE INTENSIVE THAT'S USUALLY A 4-YEAR.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH SO I UNDERSTAND THE THE CHALLENGES RIGHT BUT SHOULD THIS BE JUST ALREADY AN AUTOMATIC DEFAULT WHERE IT'S INCLUDED IN THE DEMAND OCCUPATION LISTING BECAUSE THERE'S THERE'S A LACK OF IT OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A LACK OF LABOR SO YEAH I DON'T SEE I DON'T KNOW IF THE CORRECT TERM IS MASONRY WHAT IS THE PROPER TERM FOR THAT TYPE OF TRADE IN THE DEMAND OCCUPATION LISTING I DON'T IF YOU KNOW PHYLLIS IS THERE A SPECIFIC APPRENTICE PROGRAM PERTAINING TO CEMENT WORK BECAUSE I DON'T SEE IT ON THE LISTING AND SO I GUESS THAT'S MY ASK IF AS YOU UPDATE THIS LIST TO INCLUDE AREAS THAT WE KNOW THERE'S SHORTAGES BECAUSE YOU KNOW IF WE DON'T HAVE THIS ON THE LIST YOU KNOW WE YOU KNOW WE'RE BASICALLY GIVING OURSELVES THAT BARRIER IT'S LIKE A SELF-INFLICTED BARRIER.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: ANYTHING THAT'S NOT ON THE LIST DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE'RE NOT DOING IT.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY BUT IT SHOULD BE ON THE DEMAND OCCUPATION LIST.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: I AGREE.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH OKAY YEAH BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE YOU KNOW THIS GRAP PROGRAM SHOULD BE REALLY TAILORED NOT JUST TO WHAT'S AVAILABLE OBVIOUSLY THAT'S ONE OF THE THE BARRIERS BUT ALSO YOU KNOW WHAT DO WE REALLY NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY SO IS THAT CONSIDERED AS IS THAT ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IN THE GRAP PROGRAM IS LOOKING AT THIS LISTING OR NOT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THAT'S ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS.

SENATOR PEREZ: AND IS IT A WEIGHTED CONSIDERATION OR IS IT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WELL AS IT STANDS NOW ANYBODY WHO'S INTERESTED IN GRAP WE WE ENTERTAIN AND WE TRY TO ASSIST THEM ESPECIALLY COMING OUT OF COVID AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES HAVE ALWAYS HAD A PRIORITY IF THEY WANTED TO AVAIL WITH GRAP.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH AND THAT THAT REMINDS ME ANOTHER ONE OF THE CHALLENGES LIKE YOU SAID THERE WAS NOT A LOT OF APPEAL OR RECRUITMENT LIKE I RECALL THERE WAS ONE ARTICLE IN THE PAPER WHERE THERE WAS LESS PEOPLE THAN WHAT WHAT WAS REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN ONE OF THESE TRADES AND SO YOU KNOW I'M I'M HOPING MAYBE AT ANOTHER CONVERSATION WE COULD TALK ABOUT HOW TO OVERCOME THOSE BARRIERS ONE OTHER THING I WOULD RECALL IS THAT ONE OF THE BARRIERS TO THE GRAAT PROGRAM FOR BUSINESSES THAT REALLY NEED THESE SERVICES FOR INSTANCE IF IT'S A SMALL BUSINESS RIGHT AND THEY DON'T HAVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY TO TO FILL OUT ALL THESE FORMS RIGHT SO IT'S A IT'S A CHALLENGE FOR SMALL COMPANIES TO TO PARTICIPATE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: AND WE'VE ADDRESSED IT AS BEST WE CAN BY STANDARDIZING THE FORMS WE HAVE TEMPLATES THAT KIND OF MAKE IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE THAT IT'S ALMOST LIKE FILL IN THE NUMBERS AND THAT'S WHAT NAVIS HAS DONE SHE'S BEEN DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB STANDARDIZING THE FORM SO THAT NOT ONLY FOR US BUT IT MAKES IT EASIER FOR EVERYBODY TO BE ABLE TO FILL IT OUT WHEN YOU HAVE ONE COMMON METHOD AND ONE STANDARDIZE THAT IT'S EASIER FOR HER TO ADMINISTER AND THEN MOVE IT TO REV AND TAX AND FOR THEM TO ALSO EVALUATE SO WE'VE TAKEN STEPS TO HELP THEM OUT BY STANDARDIZING THOSE FORMS.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY YEAH I MEAN IS THERE A WAY TO TIAR THE THE GRAP PROGRAM OR PRIORITIZE THE GRAP PROGRAM SO YOU KNOW WE'RE WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO FILL THESE DEMAND OCCUPATION APPRENTICESHIPS BEFORE OPENING IT UP TO LET'S SAY SERVICE I SEE THERE'S A LOT OF SERVICE APPRENTICES RIGHT YEAH I JUST FEEL LIKE THE THE WE NEED TO TARGET THIS PROGRAM TO REALLY THE SHORTAGES THAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING NOT TO SAY THAT SERVICE IS NOT NEEDED BUT I THINK THIS IS REALLY THE CRITICAL SHORTAGE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: I THINK THE BEST WAY I CAN ANSWER THAT RIGHT NOW IS THAT YOU KNOW ANY BUSINESSES THAT IS IN NEED OF TRYING TO HIGHER SKILLED LABORERS AND THEY WANT TO AVAIL OF THE GRAP PROGRAM WE ENTERTAIN ALL INSTEAD OF JUST THE DEMAND OCCUPATIONS OF COURSE ANY DEMAND OCCUPATION THAT APPROACHES US IS GIVEN A PRIORITY IT BUT AS WE ARE ECONOMICALLY TRYING TO REBOUND WE'RE TREATING EVERYBODY FAIRLY THE SAME THAT NEEDS IT AND MAKING IT MORE EMPLOYER DRIVEN THAN DEMAND DRIVEN ONLY YEAH BUT I AGREE THOSE THAT ARE IN BIG DEMAND ARE ALWAYS GIVEN A PRIORITY WITH US.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH ANOTHER CONVERSATION TOO I MEAN THERE'S THE EMPLOYERS BUT THERE'S ALSO THIS IDEA OF ENTREPRENEURS RIGHT SO YOU KNOW HOW CAN WE TAILOR IT TO THOSE THOSE GROUPS THAT WANT TO START THEIR OWN BUSINESS IS THERE A WAY TO TO BRIDGE THAT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THAT BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE AT APPRENTICE YOU GOT TO HAVE SOMEBODY THAT'S GOING TO TRAIN THE WORKERS AND IF SOMEBODY'S ENTREPRENEURING AND UNLESS THAT PERSON IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO TRAIN THAT PERSON THEY CAN STILL AVAIL BUT IT AND THAT'S WHY THE BEST WAY I CAN ANSWER THAT IS THAT'S WHY WE OFFER A CUSTOMIZED PROGRAM TOWARD TAILORED TOWARDS THE EMPLOYER OR THE ENTREPRENEUR.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY WHAT ABOUT THE USE OF INTERMEDIARIES SO LIKE THE GUAM CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION YOU KNOW IS THAT POSSIBLE TO UTILIZE THAT GROUP AS I SAY I GUESS THE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT AND AS A BRIDGE TOWARDS ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WE'D HAVE TO LOOK INTO THAT.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY OKAY.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THANK YOU.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: UHHUH.

SENATOR PEREZ: I THINK WELL ACTUALLY MAYBE ANOTHER QUESTION REGARDING THE TAX CREDITS JUST TO CONFIRM THIS IS FOR MEL YOU YOU DON'T YOU FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE THE CAP IS GOING TO ENSURE THAT YOU KNOW LET'S SAY THERE'S A HUGE EXPANSION OF THE GRAP PROGRAM THE CAP PROVIDED IN LAW IS SUFFICIENT TO HELP US BE FISCALLY SOUND.

GEDA CEO - MENDIOLA: MA'AM IF I MAY JUST REAL QUICK PUT A CLARIFICATION ON THE PREVIOUS COMMENT THAT MY COLLEAGUE MADE CONCERNING THE USE OR YOUR YOUR YOUR THOUGHT ABOUT THE USE OF AN INTER INTERMEDIARY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE DISCUSSED BECAUSE AGRICULTURE IS AN AREA THAT COULD UTILIZE APPRENTICES BUT THERE IS A FARMERS EXEMPTION SUCH THAT FARMERS DON'T PAY BPT SO GEDA DID SOME EXPLORATION AS TO THE TRANSFERABILITY OF THE W TAX CREDIT WHICH IS NOT CURRENTLY ALLOWED IN LEGISLATION SO IF THERE WAS THE IDEA TO UTILIZE AN INTERMEDIARY SUCH AS THE GUAM CHAMBER THE WOMEN'S CHAMBER OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT I WOULD URGE YOU TO CONSIDER CON CONSIDER LOOKING AT AN AMENDMENT RELATIVE TO THE CAP I WOULD JUST HAVE TO DOUBLE CHECK THE LEGISLATION IF THE LEGISLATION IS RELATIVE TO THE TAX CREDITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE THE COMMUN THE THE PROGRAMS THAT GEDA MANAGES BECAUSE GRAP TO US IS ALWAYS KIND OF EX IT'S GRAP IS NOT SOMETHING WE REPORT ON AND GRAP AND AS WELL AS THE THE TAX EXEMPTIONS THAT ARE GIVEN LIKE PROPERTY TAX TYPE EX YOU KNOW LIKE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND THINGS LIKE THAT AND SO I JUST HAVE TO DOUBLE CHECK THE LEGISLATION TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION ACCURATELY.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OH YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR PEREZ A VERY GOOD QUESTION I TOO WOULD LIKE TO GET THAT INFORMATION I KNOW I INTRODUCED THE LEGISLATION AND THAT WAS THE INTENT TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE TO ENSURE THAT THE TAX CREDITS DOESN'T EXCEED A CERTAIN AMOUNT SO THAT BEING SAID SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON NOTHING SENATOR VICE SPEAKER BARNES NOTHING SENATOR BROWN.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR I WANTED TO ASK HOW DO YOU DETERMINE THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY BECAUSE YOU HAVE A YOU HAVE A SET AMOUNT I'M SURE ANNUALLY THAT YOU HAVE HOW DO YOU DETERMINE HOW TO DISTRIBUTE AND TO WHAT LIMIT IS IT IS IT THESE COMPANIES THAT ARE COMING TO APPLY IS THAT THE BASIS THAT YOU LOOK AT IT OR IS THERE AN EVALUATION PROCESS OBVIOUSLY TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE CERTAIN COMPONENTS IN PLACE TO EXECUTE THE TRAINING BUT HOW DO YOU DETERMINE BETWEEN COMPANY A B C D E F G YOU KNOW I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU \$50,000 I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU \$100,000 I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU 2,000 I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A MILLION HOW DO YOU DETERMINE THE WELL IF YOU THE AMOUNT ANNUALLY FOR EXAMPLE EACH COMPANY WOULD GET FOR EXAMPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WE DON'T GIVE ANYTHING.

SENATOR BROWN: OKAY.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THIS IS A TAX CREDIT ON THEIR GRT SO.

SENATOR BROWN: I UNDERSTAND BUT HOW DO HOW DO WE DETERMINE THE AMOUNTS TO THAT TAX CRIT I UNDERSTAND THE DYNAMICS OF HOW THAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE TAX END BUT I ASSUME YOU GUYS HAVE TO CERTIFY AND VERIFY.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WE CERTIFY THE AMOUNT OF THAT TAX CREDIT WE GIVE IT TO REV AND TAX AND IF THE COMPANY HAS TO HAVE GRT TAXES IN ORDER FOR IT TO TAKE A CREDIT OF WE DON'T GET INTO THAT PART THAT'S WHAT GR THAT'S WHAT REV TAX IS. WE JUST APPROVED THE AMOUNT ACCORDINGLY TO ACCORDING TO THE GRAP PROGRAM WE AUTHORIZED THE 50% TAX CREDIT WHETHER OR NOT THE COMPANY

HAS THAT MUCH OR DOESN'T PAY TAXES OR HAS A LOT THAT'S FOR REV AND TAX TO DEDUCT FROM THE TAX CREDIT.

SENATOR BROWN: SO YOU GUYS AND AND GIVING THAT GETTING IT AUTHORIZED AT REVAN TAX HOW DO YOU DETERMINE WHAT THAT IS THERE A LIMIT FOR ANY COMPANY FOR EXAMPLE OR NO I MEAN I JUST SIMPLY COME IN I HAVE 10 APPRENTICES I HAVE IN MY PROGRAM SOMEONE ELSE HAS 20 THAT'S REALLY HOW IT RUNS IS THAT THEIR INITIATIVE VERSUS ANY TYPE OF ORGANIZED REQUIREMENT THAT WE NEED TO KNOW MORE PEOPLE IN THIS FIELD VERSUS THAT FIELD I MEAN IS IT DRIVING ITSELF OR YOU GUYS HELPING FACILITATE THE DRIVE BUT KNOWING WHAT THE DEMAND IS FOR EXAMPLE I MEAN ARE YOU APPROACHING COMPANIES IF THERE'S AN AREA THAT IT THERE'S MORE WORKERS SKILLED WORKERS NEEDED OR IS IT SIMPLY THEY THEY'RE COMING TO YOU VERSUS YOU HAVING SOME ORGANIZED OUTREACH.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: BOTH.

SENATOR BROWN: OKAY.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: BOTH AND WE WORK WITH THE COMPANIES INDIVIDUALLY LOOK AT EACH OF THE POSITIONS AND SAY THIS IS THE ONES THAT ARE APPRENTICE WHICH ONES AREN'T APPRENTICE WHICH ONES THAT WE CAN EVEN THE ONES THAT ARE THEY MAY BE THERE HAS TO BE A PROGRAM IN PLACE FOR THEM TO GET THE SKILLS AND THE EDUCATION AND IF THAT'S NOT AVAILABLE THEN OF COURSE THEY CAN'T AVAIL TO THAT AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH GCC AND WE'RE ALSO DOING EXPLORING CUSTOMIZED TRAINING PROGRAMS LIKE WHEN WE WORKED WITH ONE OF THE RETAILERS BIG RETAILERS THEY HAD A LOT OF MODULES ALREADY IN PLACE THROUGH THEIR PARENT COMPANY FOR TRAINING AND THAT WE REVIEWED AND LOOKED AT AND WE ALLOWED THAT TO BECOME PART OF THEIR TRAINING AS FAR AS THE EDUCATIONAL COMPONENTS AND SO THAT'S WHAT BEING A STATE APPRENTICE OFFICE GIVES US THE FLEXIBILITY TO TRY TO AVAIL TO THAT HEALTH CARE IS A LITTLE BIT MORE CHALLENGING YOU YOU HAVE TO HAVE CERTAIN TYPES OF TRAINING AND THAT'S WHAT THE SCHOOLS GCC AND UOG WOULD NEED TO HAVE IN ORDER FOR THAT POSITION TO BE APPRENTICE IF THEY DON'T HAVE IT THEN THAT POSITION WOULDN'T BE APPRENTICE.

SENATOR BROWN: AND THEN WHAT'S THE TIME FRAME I MEAN FOR THESE APPRENTICES PROGRAM YOU KNOW APPRENTICES TO GO THROUGH THE PROGRAM I MEAN ARE THEY IN FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME AND YOU LOOK AT A CERTAIN COMPLETION TO SAY YES YOU'VE MET THE CRITERIA I MEAN I DON'T KNOW SOME OF THIS TRAINING MAY BE FOR YOU KNOW SO MANY MONTHS AND MAYBE FOR A YEAR OR TWO I DON'T KNOW I GUESS DEPENDING ON WHAT

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THERE IS A STANDARD FORMAT THAT US DOL GIVES US AND EACH DIFFERENT POSITION AS YOU CAN IMAGINE HAS A DIFFERENT TIME COMPONENT THE P LIKE YOU SAID CONSTRUCTION IS TYPICALLY A 4YEAR BEFORE YOU CAN GET A JOURNEYMAN'S CERTIFICATE AND OTHER ONES SECURITY IS A LOT LESS AND SO IT VARIES DEPENDING ON THE APPRENTICABLE POSITION.

SENATOR BROWN: SO HOW DO YOU DETERMINE THAT A COMPANY SUCCESSFULLY ASSISTED THIS INDIVIDUAL IN GOING THROUGH THE PENANCE PROGRAM BECAUSE WHAT IF I YOU KNOW I'M IN THE PROGRAM AND I DROP OUT AND I DON'T COMPLETE IT IS DOES THE COMPANY STILL GET THAT CREDIT FOR THAT YEAR OR YOU KNOW HOW DO WE HOW DO YOU MEASURE AND AND CAN YOU VERIFY HOW MANY PEOPLE THEY STARTED HOW MANY ACTUALLY COMPLETE THE PROGRAM OR DO YOU HAVE SOME THAT ARE ONLY STARTING THERE FOR A SHORT TIME AND THEN THEY'RE BRINGING A NEW CROP AGAIN I MEAN HOW HOW DO YOU HOW DO YOU MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF OF THE YOU KNOW THE ACTUAL PROGRAM FOR THAT PARTICULAR BUSINESS.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WE MONITOR.

SENATOR BROWN: OKAY.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WE MONITOR EACH COMPANY IN THOSE POSITIONS THEY TURN IN THE TAX CREDITS THEY HAVE TO JUSTIFY WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED WHAT THEY'VE DONE HOW DO THEY GET THE TAX CREDIT AND HOW THEY PROGRESS AND IF THEY FINISH NOT ALL FINISH SOME AS ANYBODY YOU KNOW THEY EARN AND LEARN AT THE SAME TIME AND SOME PEOPLE MOVE ON BUT OVERALL WE'VE HAD PRETTY GOOD SUCCESS.

SENATOR BROWN: HOW MUCH PERCENTAGE WISE WOULD YOU SAY OVERALL FROM THOSE THAT ACTUALLY START THE PROGRAM TO ACTUALLY COMPLETE THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND ARE YOU KNOW GET THIS CERTIFICATION OF OF THAT SKILL SET.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: ANECDOTALLY WE SEE ABOUT AN 80% SUCCESS.

SENATOR BROWN: TO ACTUALLY COMPLETE THE ENTIRE PROGRAM WELL THAT'S THAT'S VERY GOOD.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YEAH I I I I FEEL VERY CONFIDENT THE SUCCESS RATES ANECDOTALLY THAT I'VE SEEN AND THAT WE'VE HEARD FROM THE BUSINESSES BECAUSE REMEMBER THE BUSINESSES ARE AND INVESTING A LOT OF MONEY EVEN THOUGH THEY GET A 50% TAX CREDIT THEY'RE STILL INVESTING THEIR TRAINED PEOPLE TO TRAIN THOSE PEOPLE TO GET THEM CAUGHT UP AND TO BECOME A VALUABLE SKILLED WORKFORCE IN IN THEIR COMPANY SO THEY'RE INVESTING TOO IT'S A SHARED COST.

SENATOR BROWN: DO THE COMPANIES REQUIRE ANY SERVICE FOR THE TIME THAT THEY'RE INVESTING IN THEIR EMPLOYEES AT ALL IS THERE ANY COMMITMENT YOU KNOW IF I'M GOING TO INVEST IN YOU IN A FOUR-YEAR TRAINING PROGRAM YOU KNOW THAT THERE'S THERE'S AN

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: AT THIS TIME NO.

SENATOR BROWN: EXPECTATION THAT YOU'RE GOING TO WORK FOR THAT COMPANY FOR THAT PERIOD OR DO THEY JUST YOU KNOW WHAT DO THEY DO IF THEY JUST BAIL AFTER COMPANY'S MADE ALL THAT INVESTMENT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YOU KNOW THAT'S THE LIKE YOU SAID YOU WOULD HOPE THAT A COMPANY INVESTING IN THOSE EMPLOYEES LIKE I SAID THEY HAVE A 40% BETTER CHANCE OF RETENTION JUST IF YOU TAKE THE CHANCE AND HIRE ME AND INVEST IN ME AND THAT YOU OFFER A GOOD WORKPLACE YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP THE EMPLOYER EMPLOYEES THERE AND THAT'S JUST THE NATURE OF OUR WORKFORCE IF YOU HAVE A GOOD WORKPLACE AND YOU TREAT THEM WELL THEY WILL STAY IF YOU DON'T THEN THEY WILL GO AND AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO WAY TO FORCE THEM TO STAY THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE COULD LOOK AT IF THAT IS A PROBLEM WE CAN ACTUALLY CERTAINLY LOOK INTO THAT AND TALK TO SOME OF THE EMPLOYERS AND SEE IF THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE WORTH DOING.

SENATOR BROWN: WELL YOU KNOW AS SENATOR TELO HAD MENTIONED EARLIER I THINK GETTING THE STATISTICS WOULD BE HELPFUL TO FIND OUT YOU KNOW WE'VE HAD X AMOUNT OF OF INDIVIDUALS HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS PROGRAM OVER THIS PERIOD OF TIME AND THEN WHAT IS THE SUCCESS RATE AFTER FOR EXAMPLE STAYING WITH A COMPANY OR STILL WORKING IN THAT PARTICULAR FIELD I THINK THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL ALSO TO ADD ON TO SEE WHAT THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME AND WHAT THE LONG-TERM IMPACT IS OF OF THESE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS I THINK THAT WOULD BE GOOD GOOD INFORM TO HAVE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: I THINK WE CAN LOOK INTO THAT AND SEE HOW WE CAN TRY TO TAILOR IT WE TRACK THEM UNTIL THEY GRADUATE SURE AND WHEN THEY GRADUATE THEY'RE HIRED ON FULL TIME THAT'S WHERE WE LOSE THEM FROM THERE.

SENATOR BROWN: BUT I BUT I THINK THAT INFORMATION MAY BE HELPFUL MAYBE WITHIN A YEAR OR TWOE PERIOD YOU KNOW TO TRACK AND SEE ARE THESE INDIVIDUALS STILL WORKING IN THE SAME COMPANY ARE STILL WORKING IN THIS PARTICULAR MAYBE NOT THE SAME COMPANY OR STILL WORKING IN THIS PARTICULAR FIELD AREA I THINK IT JUST WOULD BE HELPFUL SO WE KNOW WHAT THE LONG-TERM BENEFIT IS OF THE INVESTMENT I THINK WE WOULD ASSUME THAT IT'S A GOOD THING A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION BUT YOU KNOW ARE ARE THEY STAYING WITH THOSE COMPANIES YOU KNOW ARE THEY GETTING ON A PLANE AND MOVING TO LAS VEGAS OR WORKING FOR UNITED I DON'T KNOW BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL SO THAT YOU KNOW IT SELLS THE PROJECT EVEN MORE AND THE PROGRAM EVEN MORE IF WE KNOW WHAT THE LONG-TERM INVESTMENT IS AND AND ARE THEY REINVESTING BACK IN GUAM THAT THAT TO ME IS IMPORTANT I I THINK WE ALL WANT TO SEE THAT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: I AGREE I LET ME SEE WHAT WE CAN TRY TO DO.

SENATOR BROWN: I APPRECIATE IT I'M SURE NEXT ROUND WILL NEXT YEAR AND YOU COME YOU KNOW COME BEFORE US I THINK BE GOOD TO MAY SEE WHAT YOU PUT IN PLACE AND WHAT DATA WE'RE ABLE TO GET FEEDBACK ON I APPRECIATE IT THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR BROWN SENATOR JESSE LUJAN.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR AGAIN JUST A KUDOS AGAIN TO FOLKS UP THERE IN IN REGARDS TO THESE BUSINESSES PROSPERING AND LIKEWISE THE EMPLOYEES BUT ONE ONE QUESTION DAVE ARE YOU GUYS WORKING WITH THE AIRPORT ANY IN REGARDS TO CAUSE I KNOW AS THE VICE CHAIR OF OF AVIATION AS WELL THAT I KNOW THAT COMPANIES HAVE BEEN INQUIRING WITH THE AIRPORT IN REGARDS TO AIRLINE RELATED INDUSTRIES I KNOW SOME OF THE THE NEGATIVE FEEDBACK THAT BEEN GETTING IS OF COURSE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THESE INDUSTRIES THESE INDUSTRIES ARE HAVING TO SHED OUT AND OF COURSE HAVING ONLY BE ABLE TO HAVE A FIVE YEAR LEASE IN PROPERTIES FOR THE INITIAL INVESTMENT BUT I KNOW THAT AIRLINES HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN INVESTING YOU KNOW QUITE A FEW BUCKS TO BE ABLE TO HAVE AIRLINE RELATED INDUSTRIES LIKE TRAINING THEIR ME HAVE US TRAIN MECHANICS OUT HERE IN GUAM BUT IF WE WERE ABLE TO PUT HOLISTICALLY PUT PROGRAMS TOGETHER LIKE AGAIN TO TO HAVE A EMPLOYEE POOL THINGS OF THAT NATURE YOU KNOW TO TO BE ABLE TO ENTICE THEM I KNOW ONE OF THE BIGGEST DRAWBACKS IN IN THAT IS AGAIN THE INITIAL INVESTMENT THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO PUT OUT AND THEN NOT TO BE ABLE TO GET OR YOU KNOW AND HAVE A SHORTER TERM LEASE I MEAN WE'RE SEEING THIS IN THE THE THE THE THE PORT AUTHORITY AS WELL BECAUSE THE THESE ARE INDUSTRIES THAT INVEST HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS YOU KNOW INTO INTO FACILITIES AND AGAIN THEY THEY LIKE THE IDEA THAT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE US TRAINED MECHANICS AND AND WHAT HAVE YOU AND THESE ARE FOREIGN AIRLINES INQUIRING BUT THESE ARE PART OF THE THINGS THAT HOPEFULLY THAT WE CAN PUT PUT A PACKAGE TOGETHER YOU KNOW WITH YOURSELVES AND THE AIRPORT AND MAYBE WITH GEDA AS WELL AND PRESENT SOMETHING THAT THAT THE LEGISLATURE CAN CAN AGREE UPON AND HOPEFULLY THAT THE BE ABLE TO ENTICE AGAIN COMPANIES TO TO TO TO INVEST IN GUAM SO I'M JUST WONDERING IF IF YOU HAVE A CURRENT PROGRAM WORKING WITH WITH THE AIRPORT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: NOT THE AIRPORT ITSELF BUT THE AIRLINES.

SENATOR LUJAN: AIRLINES.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WE DO HAVE WORK AND BUT THEY'RE WE'RE LIMITED IN THE FACILITIES THE EQUIPMENT AND THE TRAINING THAT IS LOCALLY BUT YES WE ARE WORKING WITH SOME OF THE AIRLINES.

SENATOR LUJAN: YEAH OKAY YEAH BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE INQUIRIES ARE ARE COMING TO THE AIRPORT AND YOU KNOW THESE ARE AIRLINES BUT YOU KNOW THE AGAIN THE BIGGEST NEGATIVITY IN IN IN IN THE INVESTMENT IS JUST THE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THEY HAVE TO INVEST AND THE AMOUNT OF TIME THEY'LL BE ABLE TO GET ON A ON A A PROPERTY LEASE AND ALL THAT RIGHT SO IF WE SAY HEY WELL WE HAVE A YOU KNOW WE HAVE A POOL OF EMPLOYEES YOU YOU YOU BE ABLE TO TO HAVE AS WELL YOU KNOW SO IF WE CAN PACKAGE THAT PREPACKAGE THAT AND THEN A LEGISLATURE LOOK AT AGAIN RELOOK AT PROGRAMS THAT THAT WE CAN ENHANCE TO ENTICE MORE COMPANIES TO TO COME IN TO GO ON BECAUSE WE' WE'VE BUILT OUT THE AIRPORT THE RUNWAYS LONG ENOUGH ALREADY AND HOPEFULLY ONE DAY SOON WE BECOME A AIRLINE CARGO HUB SO AND I KNOW YOU KNOW WE'VE BEEN WORKING HARD AND THE THE THE CHAIR OF OF AVIATION IS WORKING REALLY HARD WITH THIS THE GUAM VISITORS BUREAU IS WORKING HARD TO TRY TO DO THAT AS WELL SO YOU KNOW WE GOT TO BE ON THE SAME PAGE TO BE ABLE TO ENHANCE THESE COMPANIES BECAUSE I MEAN WE ARE A AGAIN A US DESTINATION VERY CLOSE TO TO TO ASIA AND IT'S VERY ENTICING FOR THESE COMPANIES BUT YOU KNOW THE THE THE NEGATIVITY OF THAT IS AGAIN THE THE THE AMOUNT OF V INVESTMENT VERSUS THE THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT OR THE THE LENGTH OF THE LEASE SO IF WE CAN START WORKING ON A HOLISTIC PACKAGE THAT MAYBE AGAIN THE THE THE LEGISLATURE CAN CAN DIGEST AND AND ACCEPT AND SOMETHING THAT AGAIN AND THE AIRPORT AND G CAN GO OUT AND AND MARKET SO BUT ANYWAY JUST A COMMENT BUT CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN AND AGAIN I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF OF THIS BILL AND AGAIN PERMANENCY OF OF THIS BILL THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR LUJAN MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU CAN YOU JUST EXPLAIN AGAIN SO THE PROGRAM IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAKES A LIST OF ELIGIBLE JOBS RIGHT AND THEN BUT DO THEY GIVE YOU MONEY FOR THIS PROGRAM.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HAS A REGISTRY OF POSITIONS THAT ARE APPRENTICE WITH A TEMPLATE OF HOW WHAT THEY NEED TO DO SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE IT UP SO THAT FOR ALL THE STATES TO TRY TO FOLLOW AND YOU HAVE TO BE A STATE APPRENTICE OFFICE IN ORDER TO DO THAT GUAM IS DESIGNATED THE ONLY ONE IN THE PACIFIC OTHER THAN HAWAII I BELIEVE SO WE TAKE THAT AS THE TEMPLATE TO START AND THEN WE LOOK AT THE COMPANY AND WORK WITH THEM FROM THERE TO TRY TO TAILOR IT TO FIT THEIR NEEDS AND THAT'S MAKES IT WORTHWHILE FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE IF WE DESIGN SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T TRAIN THEIR PEOPLE INTO WAY THE CERTAIN COMPANY DOES IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT BUT THIS IS A TOTALLY GUAM PAID BENEFIT OR PROGRAM RIGHT AND SO THE BENEFIT IS THAT COMPANIES WHO AVAIL CAN HIRE EMPLOYEES OR APPRENTICES FOR UP TO TWO YEARS IT LOOKS LIKE IN A IN CERTAIN POSITIONS AND THE COST THAT THAT THAT EMPLOYER PAYS FOR WAGES AND FOR TRAINING THOSE ARE THOSE COSTS CAN BE WAVED IN GRTS ARE THERE OTHER COSTS THAT ARE ALSO APPLY OH 50% OF THOSE COSTS CORRECT YEAH ARE THERE OTHER COST BESIDES TRAINING AND WAGES.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THE EQUIPMENT SAFETY EQUIPMENT THE WHAT'S NEEDED TO DO THE JOB DEPENDING ON WHAT THE TYPE OF JOBS ARE CAN BE HELP WRITTEN OFF AND ALSO THE TRAINER WHAT IS REQUIRED FROM THE TRAINER CAN ALSO THE TIMES THAT THEY ARE TOUCHING THE APPRENTICE WORKING WITH THEM TRAINING THEM THAT TIME CAN ALSO BE WRITTEN UP THOSE ARE THE MAIN RELATED TRAINING EQUIP INSTRUCTOR EQUIPMENT YEAH SO THOSE ARE THE MAIN THINGS THAT OTHER THAN THEIR SALARY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY AND IF IF WE CAN THEY CAN BE IN AN APPRENTICESHIP FOR OVER FOR 2 YEARS RIGHT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: DEPENDING ON THE POSITION YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY AND THEN WHAT IF THEY GET PROMOTED CAN THEY ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A PRO APPRENTICESHIP IN THAT PROMOTED POSITION AS WELL.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES OKAY.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: IF THEY HAVE THAT POSITION WORKED WITH US TO GET A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY ALL RIGHT SO I JUST HAD I I PRINTED THE LIST FROM THE WEBSITE NOW THANKS TO HELP YOUR SUGGESTION AND SO NOW I'M ABLE TO REVIEW IN DETAIL THE DIFFERENT COMPANIES THAT ARE AVAILING OF THIS PROGRAM AND HOW MUCH IN FACT IT'S SO DETAILED YOU CAN EVEN SEE THE NAMES OF THE EMPLOYEES HOW MUCH THEY ARE GETTING IN THIS APPRENTICESHIP OR NOW ARE THESE AMOUNTS THE 50% OR WHAT ARE THESE AMOUNTS REFLECT IT SAYS EMPLOYEE APPRENTICE TITLE AND THEN AMOUNT.T

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THAT'S 50%

SPEAKER TERLAJE: 50% OKAY AND WOULD THIS BE FOR LIKE ONE YEAR PERIOD

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: FISCAL YEAR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: FISCAL YEAR ALL RIGHT AND SO FOR EXAMPLE THE TOTAL FOR DUTY FREE APPRENTICESHIPS AND THESE ARE ALL FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS THE TOTAL IS \$894,000 AND I GUESS FOR THAT ONE CEO OF GEDA I JUST WANT TO ASK SO THIS IS WE'RE GIVING.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: ONE THING I WANTED TO POINT OUT IS THAT NUMBER IS A LITTLE DECEIVING BECAUSE OF COVID A LOT OF THE ACCOUNTING WAS DELAYED SO THAT WAS A THREE-YEAR CATCHUP SO YOU SAID IT WASN'T ALL DONE FOR WORK IN 2023 IT WAS FOR THREE YEARS WORTH OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS SO IF YOU NOTICE IN 2023 IT WAS LIKE 10 MILLION WHICH IS A LOT THAT WASN'T ALL MONEYS THAT OCCURRED IN 2023 THAT WAS FOR BECAUSE OF COVID AND A LOT OF BUSINESSES WERE SHUT DOWN A LOT OF THEM HAD TO CATCH UP WITH THEIR PAPERWORK FILED IT IN 2023 FOR 22 21 AND THAT'S WHY THAT IT WAS REALIZED IN 2023.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WHICH IS UNDERSTANDABLE SO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I CAN'T TELL FOR FOR THIS ONE FOR EXAMPLE HOW MUCH OF THIS IS FOR ONE YEAR VERSUS THREE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WELL I THINK MOST OF THE CAUGHT UP IN 2023.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: AND NOW MOVING FORWARD YOU'RE GOING TO SEE MORE REALISTICALLY WHAT THOSE NUMBERS ARE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO OUR QUESTION FOR TAX CREDITS FOR THE LEGISLATURE IT'S A POLICY THING RIGHT WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE ASKING OURSELVES IS IT WORTH IT TO GIVE A TAX CREDIT WHERE WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE RECEIVING GRTS BECAUSE WE WANT THIS OR YOU KNOW AND THAT'S HOW WE CAN GET IT VERSUS RECEIVING THE GRT AND TAKING THAT MONEY AND PAYING FOR WHAT WE REALLY WANT RIGHT AND I GUESS THAT'S THAT'S THE ONLY QUESTION I HAVE ON THESE CERTAIN THINGS FOR EXAMPLE CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS WE'RE PAYING JUST ONE COMPANY THERE'S OTHERS OF COURSE \$894,000 NOT SURE NOW WHETHER ONE YEAR OR THREE YEARS BUT LET'S JUST SAY THAT \$1 MILLION IF WE TOOK IT AND PUT IT TOWARDS UOG SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NURSES INSTEAD RIGHT THAT'S US DIRECTING WHERE WE WANT OUR TAXES TO GO AND A LOT OF THE TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAMS WE ARE VERY SPECIFIC AS TO JOBS OR VERY SPECIFIC AS TO CATEGORY OF INDUSTRY BECAUSE WE NEED THOSE AND WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE SURE WE GET THOSE BUT I GUESS THAT'S NOT A QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED RIGHT NOW UNLESS WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE THIS PROGRAM TODAY AND I'M NOT PREPARED TO DO THAT SO I'M JUST I JUST WANT TO PUT THAT OUT THERE THERE IS NO LIMIT AS TO WHICH CATEGORIES OF OF OF JOBS THAT WE ARE GOING TO COVER WITH OUR TAX CREDITS I GUESS THAT'S THE POINT I'M MAKING AND THERE'S THERE'S NO LIMIT TO IT THERE'S NO AMOUNT LIMIT AND THERE'S NO TYPE OF JOB LIMIT RIGHT EXCEPT FOR YOUR LIST SO EVERYTHING ON YOUR LIST IS ELIGIBLE SO THERE ARE SOME OTHERS AND AND I GUESS MAYBE THE THREE YEARS IS GOING TO EXPLAIN MY NEXT QUESTION THAT IS SO ONE BUSINESS HAS AN ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN AND THE AMOUNTS LIKE OVER 100,000 IS THAT A SALARY 50% OF US 50% OF SALARY AND TRAINING FOR THERE ARE OTHERS LET ME JUST GO THROUGH THEM THERE'S ANOTHER ONE 122,000 AND THEN THERE ARE NURSE CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANCE 256,000 AND I'M TRYING TO THINK THEY'RE NOT GETTING PAID THAT MUCH FOR SURE SO THEIR WAGES SO THIS MIGHT INCLUDE THEIR TRAINING COST I'M NOT SURE I JUST WANT TO GET SOME KIND OF PERSPECTIVE ON THIS BECAUSE IT DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT IF THEY WERE ALL GOING TO MAKE THAT MUCH WE WOULD HAVE A LOT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: IF YOU'RE GETTING INTO THE WEEDS AND WHAT YOU'RE SEEING IS NOT ONLY THE SALARY OF THE PERSON BUT ALSO OF THE JOURNEYMAN SO LIKE THE DOCTOR OR THE PERSON THAT'S TRAINING THAT PERSON EXTENSIVELY GETS 50% OF THAT WRITE OFF TIED TO THAT PERSON SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SEEING THAT INCREASE AND LIKE I SAID THAT COULD BE OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME SO THE ONE THING I AGREE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IN CERTAIN EXTENTS BUT YOU GOT TO REMEMBER EVERY ONE OF THOSE PERSONS ARE UNSKILLED GUAM WORKERS THAT WERE HIRED AND ARE NOW CERTIFIED AND ARE IN A CAREER SO ALTHOUGH WE ALWAYS WANT TO GO AFTER THE DEMAND TO THE HEALTH CARE AND ALL THOSE NOT EVERY ONE OF OUR POPULATION CAN BE HEALTHCARE WORKERS BUT A LOT OF THEM CAN BE CSRS OR TECHNICIANS OR ACCOUNTANTS OR IN AUTO MECHANICS AND THAT AND THAT'S WHAT THIS GRAP PROGRAM LOOKS IT JUST DOESN'T TAKE THOSE WHO WANT TO BE A HEALTHCARE THERE ARE PLENTY OF PROGRAMS TO HELP THEM GET INTO HEALTHCARE AND IF THEY NEED IT AND THEY NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THERE'S A LOT THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM BUT TO THE ONES THAT WHO AREN'T ALWAYS IN THAT HIGH AS SKILLED YOU KNOW WE'RE HELPING HUNDREDS AND THOUSAND GET INTO JOB FIELDS THAT ARE GEARED TOWARDS THAT PERSON AND TO OUR POPULATION WHO NORMALLY WOULDN'T BE HIRED SO I THINK IT YOU KNOW I AGREE WITH YOU THAT WE ALWAYS NEED TO HELP THOSE THAT GO INTO HEALTH CARE BUT WE ALSO NEED TO HELP THOSE WHO GET INTO OTHER FIELDS OTHER MECHANICS OTHER TYPES OF BUSINESSES AND GET THEM STARTED INTO A CAREER PATH NOT EVERYBODY'S GEARED TOWARDS HEALTHCARE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU CEO MENDIOLA IS DO YOU THINK THERE'S ANY WAY WE CAN TWEAK THIS SO THAT WE CAN PRIORITIZE CREDITS FOR THOSE COMPANIES THAT WE DO HAVE HIGHER NEED FOR.

GEDA CEO - MENDIOLA: MA'AM AT THE MY I WOULD RESPECTFULLY SAY AT THE POLICY LEVEL I DON'T THINK SO BEYOND I THINK ONCE A YEAR THE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR COULD EVALUATE ALL OF THE

DIFFERENT COMPANIES THAT THEY GRANT THESE TAX CREDITS TO AND SET OUT THEIR PRIORITIES FOR THE GIVEN YEAR AND IN THOSE PRIORITIES SAY THESE ARE THE THESE ARE THE PRIORITY WELL THERE'S MULTIPLE THERE'S MULTIPLE LAYERS MULTIPLE WAYS I'LL ANSWER THIS QUESTION THE FIRST IS BACK TO WHEN IT COMES TO GEDA'S POSITION ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS THIS IS AN ENTICEMENT FOR OFF ISLAND DEVELOPMENT AND SO ANY WAY SHAPE INFORMED THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT OR TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM WE ARE HEAVILY IN FAVOR OF THAT'S THE FIRST THING AS TO THE OVERSIGHT AS TO THE IMPACT SO EARLIER YOUR QUESTION YOUR COMMENT WAS HOW DO WE BALANCE HOW MUCH BPT WE'RE GRANTING ABATEMENTS ON VERSUS HOW MUCH WE'RE COLLECTING HISTORICALLY 43 MILLION OVER THE COURSE OF 13 YEARS IS NOT IT TO ME MATERIAL ENOUGH TO TO TO THAT POINT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SORRY THAT'S NOT EXACTLY MY QUESTION MY QUESTION IS IS IF WE ARE GIVING UP A MILLION DOLLARS IN CREDIT FOR FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS TRAINING VERSUS A MILLION DOLLARS TAKING IT AND USING IT TO TRAIN MORE NURSES THAT'S THE QUESTION.

GEDA CEO - MENDIOLA: I THINK WELL THE LENS WITH WHICH I LOOK AT THE THE JOB EXPERIENCE FOR SOMEONE LIKE MYSELF I MIGHT DISMISS THE ABILITY TO THAT THE NEED FOR FORMAL TRAINING TO BE A CUSTOMER SERVICE PERSON BUT FOR SOMEONE WHO IS OF A VERY LOW SOCIOECONOMIC BACKGROUND THEY REALLY MIGHT NEED FORMAL TRAINING THAT INVOLVES A CLASSROOM THAT INVOLVES A MENTOR AND COST BEYOND HIRING SO A CUSTOMER SERVICE REP IF YOU'RE AT A COMPANY AND YOU'RE HIRING A CUSTOMER SERVICE REP THAT GRADUATED FROM HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY YOU MIGHT GET A VASTLY DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE THAN IF YOU HIRED A CUSTOMER SERVICE REP FROM FROM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MAYBE DON'T ANSWER THAT.

GEDA CEO - MENDIOLA: ANOTHER SCHOOL AND SO I GUESS MY THOUGHTS ARE JUST MY SO I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS I DON'T THINK WE CAN JUDGE THE THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE OF THE OCCUPATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S NOT THE QUESTION EITHER IT'S NOT I'M TRYING TO JUDGE I AGREE THERE'S A WHOLE LIST OF JOBS THAT THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS DEEMED ELIGIBLE FOR APPRENTICE PROGRAMS MEANING THOSE ARE KIND OF NEEDED EVERYWHERE YEAH BUT I'M JUST ASKING YOU FOR GUAM AND WE'VE TRIED TO DO THIS IN SO MANY WAYS AND I'M JUST ASKING YOU YOU DON'T SEE A BENEFIT IN DOING THAT AND TWEAKING THIS AT ALL LIKE I WOULD THINK THAT WE COULD BE MORE AGGRESSIVE IN IN DIRECTING THESE DOLLARS OR THESE CREDITS TOWARDS THE THE ONES THAT THAT WE REALLY NEED.

GEDA CEO - MENDIOLA: I WOULD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BUT IT WOULD TAKE YOU WORKING TOGETHER WITH DO I WOULD THINK.

GEDA CEO - MENDIOLA: CERTAINLY I WOULD I WOULD CERTAINLY ASK WHAT I WOULD SAY MA'AM IS I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE REPORTING IS ON THIS PROGRAM AND WHAT I WOULD SHARE IS THAT EVERY YEAR THERE BE PRIORITIES SET FORTH WITH REGARD TO WHAT STRATEGIC PRIORITIES BECAUSE I THINK THE GRAP PROGRAM WHEN YOU'RE WHEN YOU'RE GETTING A PROGRAM OFF THE GROUND YOU'RE LARGELY RESPONSIVE TO WHO WANTS TO PARTICIPATE WHO WANTS TO GO THROUGH THE STEPS BUT THIS PROGRAM IS A LITTLE MORE MATURE THAN THAT SO MAYBE GOING FORWARD YOU CAN TAILOR IT AT THE AGENCY LEVEL WHERE YOU CAN GIVE THEM THE FLEXIBILITY TO SAY THIS YEAR WE'RE GOING TO AUTHORIZE THIS MANY APPRENTICES IN THE HEALTHCARE OCCUPATION OR THIS IS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE'D AUTHORIZE IN HEALTHCARE VERSUS THIS MUCH MONEY IN THESE OTHER AREAS AND THEN FROM THERE IF THEY REPORT THAT TO YOU ON AN ANNUAL OR BIENNIAL BASIS THEN YOU CAN THEN GIVE THEM FEEDBACK ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THAT'S WORKING AND AND FULFILLING THE NEED THAT YOU THINK THAT IT NEEDS TO FULFILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I UNDERSTAND I DON'T THINK THEY CAN DO THAT ALONE BECAUSE FOR THEM ALL THESE JOBS ARE EQUAL BUT FOR GEDA I WOULD THINK THAT'S WHERE THAT YOU'VE MADE ALREADY THESE DETERMINATION FOR DIFFERENT PROGRAMS INCLUDING FEDERAL PROGRAMS AS TO WHAT YOU KNOW GUAM'S GREATEST NEEDS ARE AND ALL RIGHT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SPEAKER SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR FIRST LIKE TO ASK ABOUT BUS DRIVERS I GOT A LOT OF BUS DRIVER FRIENDS AND WITH THE DOUBLE SESSIONS OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A SHORTAGE AND I KNOW THAT THEY

HAD I DON'T KNOW IF THESE WERE DISPLACED WORKERS WHO WERE WHO ARE OVER AT DPW NOW BUT ARE WE IN ANY WAY ENTERTAINING THIS TYPE OF APPRENTICESHIP OR FOR BUS DRIVERS.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WELL BUS DRIVERS AREN'T APPRENTICESHIPS WHAT WE DID WAS BOOT CAMPS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO GET THEIR LICENSE I FORGOT D LICENSE OR WHATEVER IT IS THEY NEED TO HAVE A CERTAIN LICENSE SO WE PUT THEM IN WORK AND WE PUT THEM IN THE TRAINING IN ORDER FOR THEM TO GET THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE WE HAD TWO COHORTS ALREADY THAT WE GRADUATED AND GAVE TO DPW SO THAT THAT WAS MORE LIKE NOT APPRENTICE BUT MORE OF A BOOT CAMP FOR A BUS DRIVER'S LICENSE.

SENATOR BARNETT: DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS TO HAVE ANOTHER ONE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WE WILL DO WE'LL KEEP DOING THAT AS LONG AS THE CHALLENGE WAS TRYING TO GET MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD A BUS FOR THEM TO WORK WITH AND AND GETTING THEM SCHEMATICS WE WERE WORKING WITH GCC WE'RE WORKING SO YES WE CAN DO MORE AND I HOPE TO DO MORE BECAUSE I KNOW THERE'S A NEED FOR MORE.

SENATOR BARNETT: RIGHT IT'S BEEN VERY ENGAGING DISCUSSION THAT WE'VE HEARD HERE THIS MORNING AND I AND I THINK A LOT OF IT IS LEANING TOWARDS ARE WE GETTING THE I MEAN IN MY MY INTERPRETATION OF THE DISCUSSION IS ARE WE GETTING THE MOST BANG FOR OUR BUCK AND ARE WE UTILIZING THIS PROGRAM TO FILL GAPS IN AREAS WHERE WE'RE SHORT OR WE'RE IN DEMAND AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY WE PRINTED OUT THE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE WHICH I I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE HAD BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE STARTED BUT I'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF THIS BECAUSE IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOU HAVE SOME COMPANIES WHO ARE ABLE TO AVAIL OF VERY HIGH NUMBERS OF APPRENTICESHIPS AND THEN YOU HAVE OTHERS THAT ARE LOWER AND JUST GOING COMPANY TO COMPANY TO KIND OF ECHO THE WHAT THE SPEAKER HAD SAID I MEAN WE GET ALL KINDS AGENCIES COMING IN HERE ASKING FOR FOR MONEY RIGHT AND TIMES ARE TOUGH BUT WHEN WE'RE SUBSIDIZING \$1.1 MILLION FOR A 69 APPRENTICESHIPS AT A AUTO DEALERSHIP AND WE AREN'T DOING THAT WITH ANY OTHER ONE I JUST DON'T KNOW IT IT JUST KIND OF LOOKS LIKE POLITICS WITH ALL DUE RESPECT AND AND SO.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: EVERY ONE OF THOSE POSITIONS ARE JOBS RIGHT I KNOW GRADUATE AFTER 2 YEARS THEY WILL STAY ON AND HAVE A JOB BUT FOR CONTINUING.

SENATOR BARNETT: I UNDERSTAND THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT I'M JUST SAYING FOR ME WHEN WE LOOK AT THE DEMAND I DON'T I DON'T I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS A DEMAND FOR AUTO DEALERSHIP WORKERS I KNOW THERE'S A DEMAND FOR NURSES AND AND YOU KNOW BUS DRIVERS AND A LOT OF THESE POSITIONS THAT KEEP COMING UP BUT IN LOOKING AT THIS LIST BEING FROM GUAM I SEE NAMES ON HERE OF EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE WORKED AT AUTOSPOT FOR MANY YEARS SO I DON'T KNOW IF IF THE THESE COMPANIES IF THERE'S A POTENTIAL FOR ABUSE FOR THESE COMPANIES TO KEEP ROLLING OVER THIS 2-YEAR PERIOD BECAUSE IT IS A GREAT PROGRAM AND THESE COMPANIES IT'S A IT'S A HUGE BENEFIT FOR THEM TO HAVE HALF OF OF THESE EMPLOYEES SUBSIDIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUT IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TO JUSTIFY DOING THAT TO THE TUNE OF OVER A MILLION DOLLARS WHEN YOU KNOW WE HAVE STUDENTS AT UOG WHO ARE TRYING TO GET SCHOLARSHIPS WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH NEED ACROSS THE GOVERNMENT AND AND THEN YOU THESE CASHIERS FOR DUTY-FREE SHOPPERS I MEAN THIS IS A A WORLDWIDE BILLION DOLLAR COMPANY AND SO I I I THINK WE DO NEED TO REHASH THIS PROGRAM I THINK SPEAKER RIGHT I DON'T THINK WE COULD DO IT IN THIS SITTING OBVIOUSLY BUT I DON'T KNOW IF IF THERE SHOULD BE A THRESHOLD WHERE WE WE KIND OF OR YOU KNOW MORE CRITERIA WHERE WE CAN BE SURGICAL IN IN WHAT WE'RE DOING INSTEAD OF JUST HOOKING UP PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY'RE SOMEBODY'S PARTY CAUSE I JUST DON'T SEE THE RHYME OR REASON UNLESS YOU CAN JUSTIFY IT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT EVERY ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THERE WERE HIRED THEY'RE SKILLED THEY GO THROUGH THE TRAINING PROGRAM AND THEN AFTER THEY GRADUATE THEY THEY HAVE JOBS ESPECIALLY COMING OUT OF THE COVID A LOT OF COMPANIES ARE LOOKING FOR THEY CAN'T FIND THE THE LABORERS THAT ARE SKILLED IN ORDER TO FULFILL THEIR JOBS SO I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING YEAH I MEAN.

SENATOR BARNETT: IT JUST SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVE THIS PARTICULAR CAR DEALERSHIP HAS 69 APPRENTICES THAT SEEMS LIKE THEIR WHOLE PAYROLL I MEAN I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY EMPLOYEES THEY HAVE BUT I I I CAN'T IMAGINE A CAR DEALERSHIP HAS MUCH MORE THAN 70 EMPLOYEES AND SO WHEN I LOOK AT THIS IN THE

BLACK AND WHITE OF IT IT JUST SEEMS LIKE ABUSE OR FAVORITISM AND THAT'S SOMETHING I DON'T WANT TO CONDONE AND SO I I THINK WE HAVE TO SURGICAL WITH THIS PROGRAM I AGREE WITH ALL THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AND I THINK WHEN WE HAVE THE INFORMATION IN FRONT OF US I MEAN CITADEL PACIFIC 62 APPRENTICES AND SO YOU IN YOUR OPINION IT'S JUSTIFIED.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YES AND I I THINK IF YOU LOOKED BEFORE COVID YOU SEE A LOT OF THE OTHER COMPETITOR COMPANIES HAD VERY HIGH NUMBERS THEY'VE START TO MATURE CITADEL IS A LITTLE NEWER AND JUMPING IN SO YOU'RE GOING TO SEE A HIGH AS THEY START LAUNCHING OFF AND THEN AS THEY MATURE THE NUMBERS WILL GO DOWN AS THEY GRADUATE OUT.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'M JUST NOT COMFORTABLE BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW WHO THE POLITICAL PLAYERS ARE ON THIS ISLAND AND WHEN I SEE A POLITICAL PLAYER AT IN THESE DOCUMENTS AND I SEE THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO GET TENS YOU KNOW DOZENS OF APPRENTICES VERSUS OTHER COMPANIES AND AND OTHER NEEDS THAT AREN'T BEING FILLED TO ME IT JUST RAISES A WHOLE LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT AGAIN I DON'T THINK WE CAN ADDRESS IN THIS SITTING OR IN THIS BILL SO NOTHING FURTHER MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT AND FOR THOSE THOSE QUESTIONS THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR DAVE MAYBE I WANT TO JUST GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECAUSE IT'S BEEN AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AND I MEAN YOU DON'T DISCRIMINATE CORRECT MEAN THOSE COMPANIES THAT ARE INDUSTRY SPECIFIC IF THEY AVAIL OF IT THEY AVAIL OF IT CAN YOU COMMEN.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: ON THAT I PROMOTE THIS PROGRAM VIGOROUSLY TO ALL COMPANIES I CAN WHOLEHEARTEDLY TELL YOU THERE'S NO POLITICS I I ALWAYS BELIEVE ANY COMPANY THAT'S WILLING TO HIRE A PERSON AND TRAIN THEM UP YOU STILL GOT TO INVEST IN THEM YOU GET 50% OFF I MY STAFF RUN THIS THEY DO AN EXCELLENT JOB AND I WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE IT TO ALL COMPANIES WHETHER THEY'RE POLITICALLY ALIGNED OR NOT I'VE NEVER BEEN MUCH FOR POLITICS IN MY DEPARTMENT AND I THINK YOU'VE SEEN THAT IN THE WAY I'VE RUN THE PUA DUA AND EVERYBODY EVERYBODY DESERVES EVERYTHING THAT I CAN PROVIDE A SERVICE AND I'LL CONTINUE TO RUN IT THAT WAY AND IF IT LOOKS LIKE SOME THINGS ARE POLITICS OR NOT THEN AND IT IT JUST LOOKS THAT WAY I'VE NEVER BEEN MUCH FOR THAT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH DAVE I I DON'T WANT TO USE NAMES YEAH BUT I'M JUST GOING TO DO THIS SO LET'S SAY AUTO COMPANY A YOU KNOW AVAILS OF THE PROGRAM TO THE TUNE OF \$500,000 IN TAX BREAKS AND AUTO COMPANY B JUST PUTS \$100,000 WORTH OF TAX BREAKS TRAINEES THROUGH THAT THAT THAT'S YOU DON'T DRIVE THAT THE COMPANY AVAILING OF THE BENEFIT DRIVES IT RIGHT.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: NO BUT I CAN TELL YOU IF YOU GO TO TALK TO ANY OF THE OTHER CAR DEALERS THEY WILL ALL TELL YOU THAT I'M ALL IN THEIR FACES TELLING THEM THAT THEY NEED TO AVAIL TO THIS PROGRAM AND A LOT OF THEM ARE REALIZING IT NOW BECAUSE SOME OF THEM DIDN'T WANT TO BE THE FIRST ONE YOU KNOW HOW IT IS BUT ONCE THEY SEE ONE COMPANY DO IT THEN THEY STEP IN AND SAY WOW I CAN DO THAT TOO SO A LOT OF THE OTHER DEALERS ARE GETTING VERY AGGRESSIVE AND JUMPING IN AND DOING THIS NOW AND THERE'S NO POLITICAL AFFILIATION THERE ARE ALL I'VE BEEN IN THIS ISLAND FOR ALL MY LIFE PRACTICALLY AND I KNOW EVERYBODY SO THEY'RE ALL EQUALLY TREATED AND WITH THE SAME VIGOR THAT I WANT THEM TO GET TO HIRE OUR LOCAL PEOPLE.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH YOU SEE THE REASON WHY I HAVE A DIFFERENCE PHILOSOPHICALLY WITH THIS IS THE FACT THAT TRAINED WORKFORCE GENERATE TAX REVENUE.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YES.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: SO WHILE WE SAY YES THIS ABATEMENT SEEMS TO BE SUCH A GIANT NUMBER I DON'T THINK WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE TAXES THAT THOSE PEOPLE ARE PAYING WHEN THEY HAVE A GOOD JOB BUYING GROCERIES HAVING A MORTGAGE TAKING CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES AND PAYING THEIR INCOME TAXES AND EVERYTHING ELSE I MEAN THAT'S COMING TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT COULD POSSIBLY TAKE LESS IF WE'RE NOT INVESTING AND HELPING THESE COMPANIES INVEST IN THE WORKFORCE THEN WE'RE

ALSO HELPING THESE COMPANIES SUSTAIN THEMSELVES AND GROW WHICH MEANS THEY'RE HIRING MORE EMPLOYEES WHEN THEY'RE CAPABLE TO HAVE THE THE MONEY THAT THEY WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE PAID IN TAXES TO REINVEST IN THEIR COMPANIES TO GROW AND TO GIVE SALARY INCREASES TO THEIR EMPLOYEES AND I AGREE WITH WHAT YOU SAID IN A WORKPLACE 99% OF THE TIME THE EMPLOYEES DECISION TO STAY OR LEAVE IS HOW MUCH HOW WELL THEY'RE TREATED AND WHAT THEIR STATION IN LIFE IS IN TERMS OF QUALITY OF LIFE AND WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE BUT YOU'RE RIGHT I MEAN A COMPANY WILL NOT SUCCEED AND JERRY ROBERTS WILL TELL YOU THIS A COMPANY WILL NOT SUCCEED UNLESS THEY HAVE A CULTURE AND A COMMITMENT TO THEIR EMPLOYEES AND GOING FORWARD NOW YOU KNOW ONE OF THE THINGS WE CONTEMPLATED WHEN THE DISCUSSION OF THE EXTENDING YOU KNOW THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEASES ON THE CABLES COMING INTO GUAM WAS THE THE HOPE AND ONE OF THE OF COURSE ONE OF THE COMPANIES PARTICULARLY PUT OUT A RELEASE THAT YOU KNOW THEY'RE THEY'RE ASKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND AND AND FOR THIS YOU KNOW OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THERE IS A POTENTIAL OF NEW INDUSTRIES PARTICULARLY IN IN TECH AND IN AND IN THOSE OTHER AREAS DEALING WITH INTERNET BASED AND THE LIKE A NEW INDUSTRY FOR GUAM HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO CONTEMPLATE MARKETING THIS ALONG WITH THAT AS WELL THAT THESE BIG COMPANIES THE GOOGLES AND THE OTHERS THAT MIGHT LOOK AT GUAM THEY COME HERE AND THEY SAY MAN YOU KNOW I CAN GO TO A PLACE WHERE I'M GOING TO GET A GREAT TAX BREAK ON YOU KNOW DEVELOPING THE WORKFORCE WITHIN THIS ISLAND OF GUAM HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO TO WORK ON WORK WITH YOUR TEAM ON MARKETING THAT.

GEDA CEO - MENDIOLA: YES SIR SO WHEN WHEN GEDA GOES OUT AND MARKETS THE THE IN IN INCENTIVES TO COMING TO THE ISLAND OF GUAM WE LOOK RELATIVE TO OUR PEERS WHAT'S EVERYONE ELSE DOING AS WELL AND SO AS AN EXAMPLE RIGHT NOW IN THE STATE OF TEXAS THEY'RE GIVING WORKFORCE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS TARGETED WORKFORCE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS IN TECHNOLOGY THEY'RE ALSO GIVING VERY LONG LEASES AND THEY'RE ALSO GIVING AWAY BASICALLY FREE LAND AND AND ALL THE STATE LEVEL TAXES ARE BEING ABATED OR REBATED RIGHT NOW WE'LL NEVER THAT'S NOT EVEN APPLES THAT'S NOT EVEN AN APPLES TO APPLES COMPARISON WE'RE NEVER GOING TO GIVE AWAY FREE LAND RIGHT THAT'S NEVER GOING TO HAPPEN BUT WE DO TRY TO GO OUT WITH THERE WITH SOMETHING COMPETITIVE THERE ARE NUANCES TO ALL OF THESE TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS THAT YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND A QC RECIPIENT CANNOT ALSO BE A GRAP RECIPIENT OKAY SO IF WE'RE PLUGGING A QC IF WE'RE PROMOTING THE QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM WE'RE NOT ALSO QUALIF WE'RE IT'S WE'RE INTRODUCING THE CONCEPT OF BOTH BUT WE ALSO TRY TO MAKE THE DISTINCTION THAT ELIGIBILITY FOR ONE MAY NEGATE ELIGIB OR RECE RECEIVING ONE MAY NEGATE RECEIVING ANOTHER SO CURRENTLY THE QC HOLDER IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY IS SUBAKI HOTEL SUBAKI WOULD NOT ALSO BE ABLE TO DO GRAP OKAY OKAY AND SO WE WE THINK A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Q SEE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS WHETHER IT'S SPECIFIC AND CALLED OUT OR WHETHER IT'S A BLANKETED PROGRAM THAT HAND DOES ALL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TYPES OF THAT'S THAT'S A GREAT INCENTIVE FOR FOR AN INVESTOR TO MAKE ITS WAY TO OUR ISLAND I THINK WE NEED IT TO BE REMAIN COMPETITIVE AMONG OTHER STATES AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT ALL STATES ARE DOING RIGHT NOW THEY'RE COMPETING FOR DOLLARS FROM TAIWAN FROM KOREA FROM JAPAN AND FROM OTHER STATES RIGHT AND SO INCENTIVIZING THE GOOGLES TO COME TO GUAM THEY MAY NOT BE TURNED ON BY OUR QC BUT THEY MIGHT BE TURNED ON BY THE THE GRAP PROGRAM AND VICE VERSA IT REALLY JUST DEPENDS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH I KNOW SENATOR LUJAN WAS MENTIONING THAT BECAUSE WHEN WE WERE IN TAIWAN BY INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT WE DID FIND OUT THAT THERE IS INTEREST AND HIS WORK AT THE AIRPORT IN YOU KNOW POSSIBLY DEVELOPING IN THE FUTURE AIRCRAFT YOU KNOW MAINTENANCE AND THE LIKE HERE AND OF COURSE THEY'RE TRYING TO START UP ONCE AGAIN THEIR DIRECT FLIGHTS WITH TAIWAN AND THAT'S KIND OF A YOU KNOW SORT OF A SYNERGY SO WE THIS IS ANOTHER AREA WHERE OF COURSE MUCH LIKE THE SHIPYARD AND AND ITS EXPANSION WHERE WE CAN CREATE GOOD JOBS SO ONCE AGAIN THANKS A LOT FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND I THINK THAT YOU KNOW WE WE WE CANNOT EVER STOP TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD TO CREATE JOBS THAT ARE OUTSIDE OF JUST THE SERVICE INDUSTRY I MEAN WE'VE GOT TO GET MORE MORE TECH JOBS IN TO GUAM AND I JUST SEE THIS AS THE DRIVER I MEAN THERE'S NOTHING BIGGER TO A COMPANY THINKING ABOUT TAKING A RISK YOU KNOW IN A IN A PLACE WAY OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PACIFIC YOU KNOW WHEN THEY CAN DO IT SOMEWHERE ELSE THAT'S A LITTLE BIT MORE COMFORTABLE A LITTLE BIT MORE PREDICTABLE THAN HAVING THESE TYPES OF INCENTIVES SO ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ALL OF YOU AND I HAVE FORMALLY PUT IN MY REQUEST AND RECEIVED A FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO BE A CO-SPONSOR TO THIS BILL SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MINORITY LEADER SENATOR BLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND TO THE PANEL AGAIN ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR DELL'ISOLA AT THIS JUNCTURE WHAT WHAT WHAT'S PROBABLY YOUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE WITH REGARD TO THIS PROGRAM.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: TRYING TO STREAMLINE THE COMPANIES TO GET THEM ON BOARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE OKAY IT'S VERY LABOR INTENSIVE FOR THEM TO DO ALL THE PAPERWORK TO LOOK AT EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL OCCUPATIONS THAT THEY HAVE DESIGN A PROGRAM AND GET IT IN A QUICK MANNER TAKES A COUPLE MONTHS AND THE GOOD THING IS IS THE MORE THAT WE DO THE MORE POSITIONS THAT WE ALREADY HAVE STANDARDIZED SO IF ONE AUTO COMPANY ANOTHER AUTO COMPANY COMES IN AND WANTS SIMILAR TYPES OF JOBS WE ALREADY HAVE IT FAIRLY CUSTOMIZED FOR THEM SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO REINVENT THE WHEEL OF THOSE EACH OF THOSE POSITIONS AND AS MORE SIMILAR COMPANIES COME IN WE ALREADY HAVE TAILORED OCCUPATIONS DESIGNED FOR THOSE TYPES OF BUSINESSES SO THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE ADDING ON ANOTHER PERSON SO THAT WE CAN HELP GROW IT THIS IS EXP EXPANDING VERY QUICKLY AND SO WE'RE WORKING TO GET THE PROCESS TO BE DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THERE IS A A LOT OF SEVERAL MONTHS FOR A COMPANY TO GET FROM INTEREST TO ACTUALLY GET THEM ON.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY SO YOU KNOW THAT'S THE CHALLENGE NOW.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THAT'S THE CHALLENGE I'M TAKING.

SENATOR BLAS: THAT'S CHALLENGE I WANT TO SEPARATE THIS BECAUSE SOMETIMES IT CAN BE VERY YOU CAN INTERCHANGE THE YOU KNOW THE THE THE LANGUAGE OR THE MEANING IN THIS THING THAT'S THE CHALLENGE WHAT ARE YOUR LIMITATIONS TO TO THE PROGRAM.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: WHAT AM I.

SENATOR BLAS: THE LIMITATION.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: I GUESS THE LIMITATIONS IS SOME OF THESE SMALL COMPANIES DON'T HAVE THE EXPERTISE INHOUSE TO BE ABLE TO TRACK THE PROPERLY DOCUMENT THE TAX CREDITS SO THAT IS A CHALLENGE BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO GET IT AWAY NOT ONLY FOR THIS MIDDLE THE BIG BUSINESSES BUT ALSO FOR THE SMALLER BUSINESSES FOR THE ONES THAT TWO YOU KNOW OCCUPATIONS THAT THEY MAY REQUIRE BUT THEY DON'T YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE TAKING TAX CREDITS WE HAVE TO BE VERY DETAILED AND AND AND AND MAKE SURE THAT WE FOLLOW A LOT OF INFORMATION AND THAT COULD BE LABOR INTENSIVE TO A SMALL BUSINESS.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY AND AND AND I THINK THAT AS WE I GRANTED THAT THIS LEGISLATION IS TO EXTEND THE PROGRAM I THINK THAT IN THIS PROCESS AS WE MOVE FORWARD WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS AGAIN THE CHALLENGES AND THE LIMITATIONS OF THE PROGRAM SO THAT IN THE EXTENSION OF THE PROGRAM WE CAN ENHANCE THE PROGRAM WE CAN GROW THE PROGRAM.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: AND I AND I THINK NAVIS IS DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB STARTING TO PRESENT TEMPLATES BECAUSE BEFORE COMPANIES HAD TO JUST DO IT ON THEIR OWN BUT NOW THERE'S A TEMPLATE FOR YOU TO HOW TO TRACK THE HOURS HOW TO TAKE THE TAX CREDITS AND AS WE START DEVELOPING MORE AND MORE OF THOSE STANDARDIZED APPROACHES FOR THE COMPANIES IT BECOMES LESS EXPERTISE REQUIRED AND LABOR INTENSIVE FOR THEM THEY'RE NOT REINVENTING THE WHEEL BUT THEY'RE JUST FOLLOWING A CERTAIN FORMAT AND WE CONTINUALLY MATURE THAT AND GROW THAT TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE AND THERE MAY BE OTHER WAYS WE CAN DO IT AS WE GROW MAYBE THE DEPARTMENT WE CAN OFFER MORE SERVICES BUT THAT IS WHAT I'M LOOKING AT AS OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY AND LASTLY GOING BACK TO YOU MR. AGUON DON'T WORRY I THINK I'M THE THE ONE'S GOING TO ASK YOU THE QUESTION SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT DO WE TRACK YOU KNOW BECAUSE YOU KNOW EVERY YEAR WE'VE GOT WE'VE GOT TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE THE FINANCES OF THE GOVERNMENT BUT ARE HOW ARE WE IN BEING ABLE TO TRACK THE TAX CREDITS AND AND HOW IT'S GOING TO AFFECT THE REVENUES THAT WE HAVE IN AS FAR AS THE RE WHAT REVENUES WE GAIN IN THE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND WHAT REVENUES WE HAVE TO SET ASIDE BECAUSE OF A TAX CREDIT.

DRT TAXPAYER SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR - AGUON: I'M NOT SURE IF THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE ASKING BUT AS THE AS WE DISCUSSED EARLIER RIGHT THESE BUSINESSES THEY PRETTY MUCH TAKE THE CREDITS AFTER THEIR ISSUED AND WHEN THEY CHOOSE TO IT'S NOT A SET SO WHAT WE DO TRACK IS THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS THAT ARE ACTUALLY TAKEN AND ALLOWED AT REV AND TAX THAT'S HOW HOW WE TRACK.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY SO THAT THAT'S EXACTLY THE QUESTION.

DRT TAXPAYER SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR - AGUON: OKAY.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY THE ANSWER SO THERE IS THERE IS THAT METHOD AND WE'RE FAIRLY CONFIDENT WE'RE ABLE TO KEEP ON TOP OF THAT.

DRT TAXPAYER SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR - AGUON: YES.

SENATOR BLAS: SEE BECAUSE AT A POINT IN TIME AS AS WE GROW THIS OKAY.

DRT TAXPAYER SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR - AGUON: RIGHT.

SENATOR BLAS: OBVIOUSLY WE'RE GOING TO BE GIVING MORE CREDIT AND MORE CREDIT BASICALLY MEANS LESS REVENUE AND THERE'S GOT TO BE A BALANCE OKAY YOU KNOW AND MAKING SURE THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT GIVING AWAY THE FARM YOU KNOW SO WE CAN GROW THE CHICKENS OKAY SO WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU KNOW WE SAVE THE FARM OKAY SO I THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO BE ASSURED OF AND EVERYTHING BUT AGAIN CONGRATULATIONS THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME MINORITY LEADER SENATOR BLAS FRANK BLAS SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: NO I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THIS BILL AND I HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH IT IT'S GOOD FOR IT'S GOOD FOR BUSINESS GOOD FOR GOOD FOR THE FOSTERING GOOD TALENT AND GOOD FOR OUR SOCIETY AND I APPLAUD THE AUTHOR SHE'S SO WONDERFUL THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR QUINATA NONE SENATOR FISHER IS NOT THERE AND NOW SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN THE CHAIR OF THE OVERSIGHT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM MADAM CHAIR JUST SIMPLE QUESTION FOR DAVE IS THERE ANY OTHER STATE THAT OFFERS THIS BREAK THAT WE'RE DOING YOU KNOW WE OFFER THIS INCENTIVE WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR YEARS.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: YES THERE ARE OTHER STATES THAT I'VE WHEN I ASKED THAT ARE OFFERING SIMILAR TYPES OF TAX INCENTIVES NOW I I I DIDN'T GET INTO SPECIFICS OR HOW THEY'RE DOING IT BUT I DID ASKED THAT TO APPRENTICE PERSON OVER AT USDOL IF ARE WE THE ONLY ONE DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS AND HE SAID NO WE'RE NOT I DIDN'T GET SPECIFICS SO IF YOU' LIKE TO I CAN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY OKAY WELL IF IF YOU CAN GET THAT JUST SEND US A COPY JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: BUT I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME MR. CHAIR OKAY SINCE WE'VE EXHAUSTED THE SECOND ROUND I'M GOING TO OFFER THE CLOSING REMARKS TO SENATOR SHELTON THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND AGAIN THANK YOU TO THE PANEL FOR YOUR TIME TODAY THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND I WANT TO THANK THE COMPANIES THAT ALSO PROVIDED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL DURING THE HEARING AND EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE AS WELL TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT MARY OKADA WHO BROUGHT THIS NEED FOR AN EXTENSION TO OUR ATTENTION SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WITH THE IMPENDING TERMINATION NEXT YEAR I ALSO WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND YOUR TEAM FOR CARRYING OUT THIS PROGRAM AND

DOING ALL OF THE WORK BEHIND THE SCENES AND GEDA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION AS WELL AS ALL OF THE CO-SPONSORS WHO SEE THE NEED FOR THIS ASSISTANCE TO OUR ECONOMY TO OUR WORKING PEOPLE INTO OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND I WANT TO MOVE AT THIS TIME TO ADD CO-SPONSORS TO THE BILL SENATOR FISHER AND SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THERE'S BEEN A MOTION TO ADD CO-SPONSORS ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS SO ORDERED.

SENATOR SHELTON: AND MADAM CHAIR IF WE CAN TAKE A BRIEF RECESS I HAVE A AMENDMENT LOADING TO THE DRIVE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OH AMENDMENT TO THE OKAY.

SENATOR SHELTON: TO THE DRIVE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: TO SO WE'RE GOING GOING TO TAKE JUST A SHORT RECESS.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY.

RECESS

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS I'M GOING TO AT THIS TIME EXCUSE THE PANEL THAT ARE HERE TODAY AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES ENJOY THANK YOU.

DOL DIRECTOR - DELL'ISOLA: THANK YOU SENATORS I APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY WE'RE BACK TO RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS IT IS LOADING AT THIS TIME THOUGH BECAUSE OF TIME I'M GOING TO HAVE SENATOR SHELTON TO GO AHEAD AND READ YOUR AMENDMENT AND WHILE THEY'RE LOADING IT ONTO THE DRIVE OKAY.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR THIS IS A VERY SIMPLE AMENDMENT THAT ADDS A NOTWITHSTANDING CLAUSE TO THE BILL SO IT READS IN SECTION 2 LETTER A BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE PARAGRAPH NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW AND THEN AGAIN IN SECTION B OF THE BILL NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THAT AMENDMENT DOES ANYBODY NEED A HARD COPY OF THAT AMENDMENT OKAY THAT BEING SAID IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THIS AMENDMENT NO OBJECTIONS OKAY SO ORDERED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY MADAM SECRETARY DO YOU WANT TO CLOSE OR.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR IF YOU I DON'T KNOW IF YOU RULED ON MY LAST AMENDMENT TO ADD CO-SPONSORS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YES ALREADY.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND AGAIN JUST THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL FOR OUR WORKING PEOPLE IN OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SO.

SENATOR SHELTON: OKAY AND I MOVE NOW AT THIS TIME MADAM CHAIR TO I MOVE THAT BILL NUMBER 120-37 COR AS AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO BE PLACED ON THE THIRD READING FILE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THERE HAS BEEN A MOTION TO MOVE TO THE THIRD READING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION NO OBJECTION SO ORDERED.

SENATOR SHELTON: AND MADAM SPEAKER I ALSO MOVE TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT BILL NUMBER 120-37 COR AS AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OH TO RISE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM CHAIR POINT OF.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YES I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE SENATOR CHAIRMAN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I BEFORE WE RISE I'D LIKE TO FIRST MAKE A MOTION THAT WE SET BILL 107 SET ASIDE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SO SENATOR SHELTON IF I MAY ACTUALLY YOU KNOW TAKE CARE OF HIS HIS MOTION FIRST SO SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SHELTON: I WITHDRAW MY MOTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY THANK YOU SO MUCH ANY OBJECTIONS OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF HER MOTION SO WE CAN DO THIS IN ORDER NONE OKAY SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN MADE A MOTION TO SET ASIDE HIS BILL 107-37 IS THERE ANY OBJECTIONS THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS SO ORDERS SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON YOU CAN NOW MOVE YOUR BILL TO THE THIRD READING FILE.

SENATOR SHELTON: OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR I MOVE TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I MEANT RISE YEAH.

SENATOR SHELTON: WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT BILL NUMBER 120-37 AS AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE PLACED IN THE THIRD READING FILE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION THERE IS NO OBJECTION SO ORDERED WE ARE NOW GOING TO RECESS AND WE WILL BE BACK AT 2:00 P.M. LATER TODAY TO ADDRESS ONE MORE BILL AND THIS IS THE BODY CAMERA BILL AND THAT WILL BE ALL FOR FOR THE DAY SO PLEASE IF WE CAN ALL BE HERE ON TIME AT 2:00 I APPRECIATE IT AND WE'LL SEE YOU THEN WE ARE IN RECESS UNTIL 2.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS WE ARE NOW RISEN BACK TO THE SECOND READING ON BILL NO. 120 COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS CHAIRPERSON SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WISH TO REPORT BACK TO THE BODY AFTER DELIBERATION ON BILL NO. 120-37 (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.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO ACCEPTING THE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES BILL 107 SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN CAN YOU RESTATE YOUR MOTION ON BILL 107.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO SET ASIDE BILL 107.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NO. 181 SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON BILL NO. 181 ALL RIGHT WE'RE BACK ON BILL NO. 181 WHEN WE LEFT OFF YESTERDAY WHEN WE LEFT OFF YESTERDAY SENATOR FISHER HAD CONCLUDED SPEAKING ON THE AND SO NOW I'M ASKING IF THERE'S ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL ON BILL 181 IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL WE'RE BACK ON SECOND READING BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE ON BILL NO. 181-37 (COR) BEFORE I RECOGNIZE THE SPONSOR TO CLOSE IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR YOU MAY CLOSE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR PATIENCE TODAY AND ALSO FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE BILL I ENJOYED VERY MUCH THE DEBATE AND DISCUSSION AND ALL OF THE INSIGHT AND SUGGESTIONS THAT WERE OFFERED THAT LED TO THIS AMENDMENT I'M GOING TO PROFFER IT'S IN THE SESSION DRIVE AND IT'S TO AMEND SECTION 77404 OF THE BILL TO READ AND I'M AMENDING LINE SEVEN THROUGH TWENTY-ONE SUBSECTION 77404 BODY CAM RECORDINGS RELEASE BODY CAM RECORDINGS ARE NOT PUBLIC INFORMATION AS DEFINED BY CHAPTER 10 5 GCA AND THERE'S A STRIKETHROUGH THERE AND IT CONTINUES TO READ HOWEVER BODY CAM RECORDINGS SHALL BE RELEASED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES UPON A A COURT ORDER INCLUDING WARRANTS SUBPOENAS SUMMONS OR DISCOVERY SUCH RECORDINGS SHALL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL AND POSSESSION OR THE CUSTODY OF THE RECEIVING PARTY UNLESS ORDERED BY A COURT AND THEN I STRUCK THROUGH SECTION B THERE AND REPLACED IT WITH A NEW SECTION B NO RECORDINGS WHICH READS NO RECORDINGS OF INCIDENTS THAT ARE SUBJECT OF AN INVESTIGATION SHALL BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL AFTER COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION NO RECORDINGS OF INCIDENTS THAT ARE SUBJECT OF AN INVESTIGATION THAT RESULTS IN A CRIMINAL CHARGE OR AN INDICTMENT SHALL BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL AFTER THE CASE IS ADJUDICATED OR C FOR USE IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS OR D FOR USE IN INTERNAL GPD INVESTIGATIONS OR E FOR USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF DISCOVERY AND THEN I STRUCK THROUGH THE LAST SECTION F AND WHAT THIS AMENDMENT ACCOMPLISHES BASICALLY IS IT LIMITS THE USE THE POSSIBLE PURPOSE IS THAT THE BODY CAM FOOTAGE CAN BE RELEASED IT REALLY NARROWS IT AND SO THAT IT PRIMARILY FOR EVIDENTIARY PURPOSES AND AGAIN FOR USE IN CONDUCTING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND IT DOES ALLOW THAT AVENUE FOR FOOTAGE TO BE RELEASED UPON A COMPLETION OF AN INVESTIGATION OR UPON ADJUDICATION OF A COURT CASE I KNOW IT IS A LENGTHY AMENDMENT BUT WE JUST TIDIED IT UP AND AGAIN I THANK MY COLLEAGUES TO INCLUDE SENATOR BLAS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AND SENATOR FISHER FOR THEIR SUGGESTIONS IN AMENDING THE BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I ALSO HUMBLY ASK FOR THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS AMENDMENT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT ALL RIGHT IF NOT THEN SENATOR BARNETT YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND AGAIN I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR PATIENCE AND ALSO MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR THEIR INPUT I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF WISE GRIZZLED ELECTED LEADERS IN THIS BODY SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH THANK YOU THANK YOU AND MA'AM I'D LIKE TO ALSO MOVE TO PLACE THE BILL IN THE THIRD READING FILE FOR VOTING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WAIT SO ON THE AMENDMENT OF OKAY.

SENATOR BARNETT: YEAH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WAIT ALL IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT SEEING NONE MOTION AMENDMENT PASSES ALL RIGHT YOU MAY CONTINUE TO CLOSE ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU YEAH I JUST WANT TO REITERATE AGAIN MY THANKFULNESS TO MY COLLEAGUES AND I APPRECIATE THEIR SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT AND THE BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND NOW I WOULD LIKE TO MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL IN THE THIRD READING FILE FOR VOTING *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NO. 181-37 (COR) AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'VE NOW EXHAUSTED OUR SECOND READING WE ARE SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO BACK TO MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX MOTION CARRIES SO WE'RE IN MOTIONS UNDER MOTIONS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: MADAM SPEAKER I WAS ASKED BY GPA TO TRY AND HELP THEM GET ON A EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT BILL SO THAT WE CAN PUT AN END TO THIS LOAD SHEDDING THAT WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING AND SO NOTWITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES I MOTION TO PLACE BILL 201-37 (COR) ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE YOU CAN YOU PLEASE TELL US THE STATUS OF THE BILL AND READ THE TITLE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YES MA'AM THE STATUS OF THE BILL IS WE HAVE HAD A PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE BILL THE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS FILED YESTERDAY WE CHECKED TODAY IT IS NOT YET ON THE WEBSITE BUT THE COMMITTEE REPORT HAS BEEN FILED AND A PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN HELD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN YOU READ THE TITLE PLEASE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: STANDBY MA'AM THE TITLE OF THAT BILL IS AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 8113.15 TO CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 12 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO PROVIDING I'M SORRY MAY I HAVE A MOMENT'S RECESS MA'AM JUST TO GET MY TITLE IN ORDER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BY NOW WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE ARE ON A MOTION BY SENATOR PARKINSON TO PLACE BILL 201 ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA SENATOR PARKINSON CAN YOU PLEASE READ THE TITLE OF THE BILL.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YES MA'AM AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION 8113.15 TO ARTICLE 1 CHAPTER 8 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO PROVIDING MAINTENANCE OPERATION AND OVERHAUL OF DIESEL GENERATORS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE AGRICULTURE POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES PUBLIC TRANSIT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SO THE CLERKS HAVE ALSO UPLOADED THIS ONTO THE DRIVE FOR YOU TO REVIEW AND THE COMMITTEE REPORT IS ALSO THERE IT'S BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES JUST NOT UPLOADED BY MIS YET SO MAJORITY LEADER DID YOU ALL RIGHT SO ON THAT MOTION THERE'S A MOTION I'M SORRY SENATOR TAITAGUE DO YOU ON A POINT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER JUST A POINT OF INFORMATION I WAS TOLD THAT THE BILL HAS ONLY BEEN ON THE YOU JUST SAID IT HASN'T BEEN LOADED ON THE MIS HASN'T LOADED ON THE WEBSITE YET THE COMMITTEE REPORT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THEY JUST DID.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THEY JUST DID NOW YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I'VE ALWAYS TRIED TO BE TRANSPARENT TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SO THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO YOU KNOW LOOK AT THE BILL AND PROVIDE THEIR INPUT FIVE DAYS I WISH IT COULD BE LONGER BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE DON'T YOU KNOW HAVE THE LUXURY THAT WE DO FOR IT NOT TO BE ON THE WEBSITE AT ALL UNTIL NOW I'M SORRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: POINT OF INFORMATION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH SO THE POINT OF INFORMATION IS THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OUT THERE AND I STAND IN OBJECTION OF PLACING THIS ON THE FLOOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF PLACING THE BILL ONTO THE AGENDA NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS WE'RE STILL IN MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 2:00 P.M. FOR VOTING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M. PARDON 3:00 P.M. IS THERE CAN IS MAJORITY LEADER.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU I AMEND THE MOTION TO COME BACK AT 3:00 P.M. TOMORROW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAVE A.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OH OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THIS MOTION ALL RIGHT IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION SO ORDERED WE WILL RECESS UNTIL 3:00 P.M. TOMORROW *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* COLLEAGUES SEE YOU AT 3:00 P.M. TOMORROW.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS CALLED BACK INTO SESSION FROM OUR RECESS SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER NOT WITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF GOING BACK TO MOTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND 12345678 MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: MADAME SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESPONSE MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS BORDER SAFETY AND MAYOR'S COUNCIL THE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL W CRUZ TO SERVE AS THE AGITANT GENERAL AND DIRECTOR THE GUAM NATIONAL GUARD AND DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS ON SESSION AGENDA

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO PLACE THAT NOMINATION ON THE SESSION AGENDA THERE IS THERE AN OBJECTION SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE MOTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER JUST A POINT OF INQUIRY ABOUT THE MOTION AND THAT IS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE COULD ALSO DEBATE THIS MOTION AT THIS POINT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: RIGHT I JUST A POINT OF INQUIRY MADAM SPEAKER AND TO ASK IF THIS NOMINEE WAS PLACED ON THE WEBSITE ON THE LEGISLATIVE WEBSITE MEETING THE 5-DAY OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW JUST CHECKING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ACCORDING TO THE CLERK'S GAVE ME REPORT THAT THE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS FILED ON NOVEMBER 29TH AT 10:01 A.M. AND UPLOADED ON NOVEMBER 29TH AT 3:02 P.M.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO IT HAS NOT MET THE 5D OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I OBJECT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S AN OBJECTION ON THE ON THE MOTION IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE MOTION IF NOT THEN THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF OF THE MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF MICHAEL W CRUZ WHO SERVE AS THE AGITANT GENERAL AND DIRECTOR GUAM NATIONAL GUARD DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND 12345678 MOTION CARRIES SO WE'RE NOW ON ALL RIGHT SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS WE ARE NOW ON LEGIS ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS IF NOT WE ARE PROCEEDING TO LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY EMERGENCY RESPONSE MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS BORDER SAFETY AND MIRRORS COUNCIL THE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL W CRUZ TO SERVE AS THE AGITANT GENERAL AND DIRECTOR OF THE GUAM NATIONAL GUARD DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS WITH RECOMMENDATION TO DO TO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE HAVE EXHAUSTED LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCES THERE IS NOTHING IN THE SECOND READING WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE AND WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE THIRD READING FILE FIRST BILL IN OUR THIRD READING FOLDER IS BILL NUMBER TWO CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 2-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS INTRODUCED BY TELO T TAITAGUE THERESE M TERLAJE FRANK BLAS JR SABINA FLORES PEREZ JOANNE BROWN CHRIS BARNETT THOMAS J FISER DWAYNE TD SAN NICHOLAS AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 13108 A TO CHAPTER 13 OF TITLE 2 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CREATING A SPECIAL COST OF LIVING ECONOMIC TASK FORCE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 2-37 CO RECEIVED 15 I AND DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY NEXT BILL IS BILL NUMBER 36-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 36-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING SUBSTITUTED AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY SABINA FLORES PEREZ CHRIS BARNETT ROY AB QUINATA JOANNE BROWN WILLIAM A PARKINSON JESSE A LUJAN JOE S SAN AGUSTINE TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES TELO T TAITAGUE AN ACT TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 5428 AND 5429 TO SUB ARTICLE A OF ARTICLE 9 CHAPTER 5 TITLE 5 GUAM CO ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT OF OF GUAM CRITICAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACT DECISIONS REASONABLY EXPECTED TO COST \$5 MILLION OR MORE USING FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLANT ACT AND OR THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (PASS) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (PASS) 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). SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (NAY)

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 36-37 COR RECEIVED 14 I AND ONE NAY BILL NUMBER 36-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 99-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 99- 37COR AS SUBSTITUTED BY THE THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE INTRODUCED BY TELO T TAITAGUE FRANK BLAS JR JESSE A. LUJAN JOANNE BROWN DWAYNE TD SAN NICHOLAS CHRIS BARNETT WILLIAM A PARKINSON AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4637 A OF ARTICLE 6 CHAPTER 4 DIVISION 1 TITLE 26 WHILE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIFEGUARDS AT SWIMMING POOLS.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 99- 37 COR RECEIVED 14 EYES AND ONE NAY BILL NUMBER 99- 37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THE BODY WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS THANK YOU COLLEAGUES WE'RE BACK ON THIRD READING WE'RE ON BILL NUMBER 122-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 122-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING AND SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY SABINA FLORES PEREZ THERESE M TERLAJE JOANNE BROWN AN ACT TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 1531 0.1 1531 0.2 AND 153 10.3 TO ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 15 TITLE 22 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE DECLARATION OF INSURANCE DIVIDENDS LOANS AND ADVANCES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 122-37 COR RECEIVED 10 EYES AND FIVE NAYS BILL NUMBER 122-37 COR DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 123-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 123-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING AND SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY SABINA FLORES PEREZ THERESE M TERLAJE JOANNE BROWN AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 15 OF TITLE 22 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING INSURANCE ADJUSTER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

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 (NAY) 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 123-37 COR RECEIVED 14 I AND ONE NAY BILL NUMBER 123-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 143-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 143-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY ROY AB QUINATA AMANDA L SHELTON TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES WILLIAM A PARKINSON DWAYNE TD SAN NICHOLAS JOE S SAN AGUSTIN CHRIS BARNETT AND ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 96106 TO CHAPTER 96 OF TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THE AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AT ALL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OFFICES BY DECEMBER 31 2024.

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 143-37 LS RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY RESOLUTION NUMBER 226-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: RESOLUTION NUMBER 226-37 COR INTRODUCED BY TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES RELATIVE TO EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF PETITION PURSUE TO SECTION 1423 K OF 48 USC CHAPTER 8 RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING STATEHOOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON DC AND SPECIFICALLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS HR 51 AND S51.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RESOLUTION NUMBER 226-37 COR RECEIVED 14 I AND ONE NAY RESOLUTION NUMBER 226-37 COR IS DULY ADOPTED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 120- 37COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 120-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS AND FURTHER AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALL INTRODUCED BY AMANDA L SHELTON ROY AB QUINATA JOE S SAN AGUSTIN JESSE A LUJAN TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES SABINA FLORES PEREZ DWAYNE TD SAN NICHOLAS WILLIAM A PARKINSON THOMAS J FISHER CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS AND ACT TO AMEND SECTION 10113 OF ARTICLE 1 CHAPTER 10 TITLE 22 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO STRENGTHENING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BY EXTENDING THE SUNSET PROVISION OF THE GUAM REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS PROGRAM FOR ADDITIONAL 5 YEARS.

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 120-37 COR RECEIVED 15 I AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 181-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 18137 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS AND FURTHER AMEND IT ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCE BY CHRIS BARNETT TELO T TAITAGUE WILLIAM A PARKINSON ROY AB QUINATA CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS JOE S SAN AGUSTIN AMANDA L SHELTON DWAYNE TD SAN NICHOLAS THOMAS J FISER TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 77 OF TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ALLOWING THE USE OF BODY WARN CAMERAS BY UNIFORM OFFICERS OF THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (PASS) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (PASS) 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). SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE)

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 120-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE PROCEEDING TO THE VOTING FILE BEGINNING WITH THE NOMINATION OF EDGAR T. AGUILAR TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY GMHA BOARD OF TRUSTEES ALL IN FAVOR OF THE NOMINATION OF EDGAR T. AGUILAR 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: EDGAR T. AGUILAR RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE NOMINATION OF FRED E. BORDALLO, JR. TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ALL IN FAVOR OF THAT NOMINATION I MEAN SORRY ROLL CALL 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 (PASS) 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: FRED E. BORDALLO, JR. RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY CONFIRMED IS UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY YEAH I GOT IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION ON THE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL W. CRUZ TO SERVE AS THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND DIRECTOR GUAM NATIONAL GUARD AND DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS 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: MICHAEL W CRUZ RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ALL RIGHT JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS IF NOT THEN WE WILL MOVE TO BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M SORRY SENATOR PARKINSON COULD YOU GIVE US A WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS MY MY APOLOGIES.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE ARE BACK FROM RECESS AND MY APOLOGIES SENATORS WE ARE GOING TO GO BACK TO THE THIRD READING I WANT TO REANNOUNCE ONE OF THE VOTES I MISTAKENLY ANNOUNCED THE INCORRECT BILL NUMBER SO ON THE VOTE FOR BILL NUMBER 181-37 COR THAT BILL RECEIVED ONE 15 AYES AND IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY 181 UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND JUST TO BE CLEAR BILL NUMBER 120 RIGHT BEFORE THAT ONE WAS THE VOTE THE VOTE ON BILL NUMBER 120-37 COR WAS SIMILARLY UNANIMOUSLY PASSED 15 AYES UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY ALL RIGHT AGAIN MY APOLOGIES SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED UNDER BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M DISAPPOINTED THAT BILL 201-37 WAS NOT PUT ON THE AGENDA I AM ALSO DISAPPOINTED THAT WHILE SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BILL THAT I ALONE ATTENDED THE HEARING TO ASK QUESTIONS IN A RECENT POLL ON THE GUAM DAILY POST PEOPLE WERE ASKED WHAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR OUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS TO RESOLVE AND THE NUMBER TWO ANSWER WAS TO RESOLVE LOAD SHEDDING I HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF GPA AND THEIR MANAGEMENT DECISIONS BUT AT THE SAME TIME I HAVE PLEDGED TO THEM TO BE A PARTNER IN PROBLEM SOLVING WHILE BEING AN ADVOCATE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND THAT IS WHAT BILL 201-37 AIMED TO DO WE HAVE DIESEL GENERATORS RIGHT NOW THAT CAN AVERT LOAD SHEDDING WHEN ONE OF OUR BASE LOAD GENERATORS ARE DOWN TWO OF THOSE BASE LOAD GENERATORS ARE NEARLY 50 YEARS OLD AND YOU CAN BET YOUR BOTTOM DOLLAR THAT THEY WILL GO DOWN IN THE COMING WEEKS OR MONTHS WHEN THE POWER IS OUT NEXT MONTH I WANT YOU TO THINK IN THE DARK ABOUT HOW THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED TODAY HOW WE COULD HAVE BEEN PROBLEM SOLVERS BUT CHOSE NOT TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE BUT IN INSTEAD TO SUPPORT LOAD SHEDDING WE HAD GPA AT THE HEARING VETERANS MAYORS ASKING PLEADING TO PASS THIS BILL AND I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT FELL ON DEAF EARS BUT I DO NOT GIVE UP AND I WILL NOT GIVE UP FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM I KNOW WE DO NOT HAVE A REGULARLY SCHEDULED SESSION IN DECEMBER BUT I THINK WHILE LOAD SHEDDING IS A PROBLEM WE DON'T GET A BREAK I AM ASKING THAT WE HAVE A DECEMBER SESSION TO ADDRESS THE GPA BILL AND END LOAD SHEDDING WITH THE HOPES THAT BILL 201-37 COULD PROVIDE THE MEANS TO DO SO I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES THAT VOTED IN SUPPORT TO TRY AND GET

IT ON THE AGENDA AND TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT DIDN'T WHISKEY TANGO FOX TROT WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS SENATOR BROWN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I OTHERWISE WOULD NOT SPEAK BUT SINCE OUR GOOD COLLEAGUE PRIOR FELT A NEED TO ATTACK OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS BODY I WAS AROUND AS A NUMBER OF US WERE DURING THE VERY FIRST ROUND OF LOAD SHEDDING I ACTUALLY HAD TO WORK WITH JOHN BENAVENTE BACK THEN TO ADDRESS THE PERMITTING OF THE FASTTRACK GENERATORS INCLUDING GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO AND WORKING WITH US FEDERAL EPA TO GRANT THOSE WAIVERS SO THAT WE COULD ACTUALLY OPERATE FAST TRACK WHICH WERE VERY EXPENSIVE BUT AT THE TIME WE ALMOST HAD NO ALTERNATIVE WITH REGARDS TO THE CAPACITY OF GPA TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE SO WE ALL KNOW WHAT LOAD SHEDDING AT LEAST MOST OF US SENIOR ONES KNOW WHAT LOAD SHEDDING IS AND ACTUALLY DO THE HEAVY LIFTING I DON'T MIND IF ANY COLLEAGUE WANTS TO COME HERE AND CRITICIZE OTHERS BECAUSE WHY THEY DID OR DID NOT VOTE FOR A PARTICULAR BILL BUT YOU KNOW WHEN THESE COLLEAGUES DON'T SHOW UP REGULARLY TO SESSION WHEN WE GET TOLD WHY THEY'RE NOT THEIRS THAT THEY'RE ILL ONLY TO FIND OUT FROM THE MEDIA THEY'RE OUT AT A CHESS TOURNAMENT AND THEN COME HERE AT THE LAST MINUTE WITHOUT WORKING THIS ISSUE AMONG THE BODY MAYBE HE DID TO SOME I DON'T RECALL BEING APPROACHED AND RELAYED THAT THERE WAS A CONCERN OR AN INTEREST IN WANTING TO MOVE THIS BILL THAT COLLEAGUE REALLY WASN'T HERE CONSISTENTLY EARLIER THIS WEEK SO YOU KNOW WHEN WE WANT TO THROW STONES AND LET'S MAKE SURE WE'RE PREPARED TO HAVE THOSE STONES THROWN BACK BECAUSE I DON'T NEED A JUNIOR COLLEAGUE HERE TO COME IN AND ADVISE ME ON HOW TO DO MY JOB WHEN I HAVE MEMBERS OF A CCU CALLING UP AND ASKING WHAT REALLY HAPPENED WHAT'S THE TRUE STORY WELL I TOLD THAT CCU MEMBER WHAT THE TRUE STORY WAS I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM COMING TO SESSION I DON'T THINK I'VE MISSED A SESSION IN THE NOW THREE YEARS I'VE BEEN BACK IN THIS BODY SO TO HAVE SOMEONE COME IN HERE AND TRY TO MAKE THESE ACCUSATIONS AND TRY TO SAY OH WE'RE GOING TO BE THE REASON WHY THERE'S LOAD SHEDDING BECAUSE WE DIDN'T DECIDE AT THE ABSOLUTE LAST MINUTE WHEN WE'D ALREADY DELIBERATED ALL THE BILLS ON THE SESSION AGENDA TO NOT PUT A BILL THAT HE COMES FORTH AT THE LAST MINUTE TO BRING UP TO US AND NOW SAY THAT HE IS THE CHAMPION OF ADDRESSING POWER FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND THOSE OF US THAT DIDN'T ALLOW THE BILL ARE INCONSIDERATE AND UNCARING AND SUPPORT LOAD SHEDDING WHO SUPPORTS LOAD SHEDDING THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF REASONS THAT WE CAN EXPLAIN AS TO WHY WE ARE HERE BUT YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER TIME AND TIME AGAIN INCLUDING FOR A NOMINATION OF SOMEONE AGAIN IT'S LAST MINUTE IT I'M GOING TO SAY THIS ONE MORE TIME MEMBERS OF THE MAJORITY HAVE THE RESOURCES AND THE STAFF CAPABILITY IF YOU WANT TO GET A BILL ON THE AGENDA YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO GET A BILL ON THE AGENDA AND GO THROUGH THE PROPER PROCESS AND GO THROUGH THE PROPER PUBLIC NOTICE PROCESS AND IF IT IS SO CRITICAL AND SO IMPORTANT THEN WHY IS OUR DEAR COLLEAGUE NOT HERE ON A REGULAR BASIS TO MOVE THESE ISSUES FORWARD WHY WHY DO I KNOW BECAUSE I'M HERE AT SESSION LIKE I SAID EXCEPT FOR THE DEATH OF A FAMILY MEMBER IN ONE MORNING I'VE BEEN HERE AND I HAVE NO PROBLEM ADDRESSING APPROPRIATE ISSUES THAT ARE BEFORE US BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE ISSUES PUT FORTH IN A TIMELY MANNER AND NOT THE CONTINUED CHAOS OF ALL THESE LAST MINUTE MOTIONS TO PUT BILLS ON THE AGENDA THAT DON'T REPEATEDLY DON'T OR NOMINATIONS THAT ONCE AGAIN DO NOT MEET THE PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S NO REASON WHY THAT NEEDS TO BE THE CASE THERE'S NO REASON BUT THAT SEEMS TO BE THE CONTINUOUS TREND OF THIS CURRENT LEGISLATURE AND SOME OF THE MEMBERS THAT WANT TO TALK BIG BECAUSE BOY TALK IS CHEAP TALK IS REAL CHEAP CARRYING THE HEAVY LOAD AND DOING THE WORK WITHOUT RUNNING FOR THE CONSTANT PUBLICITY AND ATTENTION WHENEVER ONE THINKS IT'S IMPORTANT AND APPROPRIATE FOR THEM I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM DEBATING LEGISLATION HERE I'M HERE I'M HERE CONSISTENTLY SO I YOU KNOW WHAT I GET TO TALK SO MAYBE THERE'S SOME LESSONS THERE FOR OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS WHO WANT TO COME IN HERE AND MAKE IT SEEM LIKE THEY ARE THE SAVIOR OF GUAM GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER GET YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS TOGETHER AND DO SOMETHING YOU KNOW THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN CONFER WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE NOT PREPARED AND I DIDN'T GET THE IMPRESSION YESTERDAY THAT OUR GOOD COLLEAGUE WAS PREPARED TO MOVE THIS BILL SO PLEASE LET'S NOT PUT THIS GUISE UP THAT HEY WE GOT ALL TOGETHER AND MY COLLEAGUES DIDN'T VOTE FOR IT OH MAYBE I NEED TO GO STAND BEHIND A BUSH AND MAKE MY STATEMENTS HERE BUT YOU KNOW WHAT GUYS AND GALS WE'RE IN THE BIG LEAGUE

HERE NOW IF WE WANT TO GO PERFORM IN THE CIRCUS LET'S GO TO THE CIRCUS THIS IS NOT THE CIRCUS IF YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE AND YOU DO THINGS IN A TIMELY MANNER AND YOU WORK WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES AND YOU'RE PREPARED AND YOU KNOW YOUR STUFF THEN HEY LET'S PLAY BALL WE'RE READY IF YOU'RE NOT THEN DON'T COME UP HERE AND TRY TO TELL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT YOU'RE THE GREAT SAVIOR WHEN YOU YOURSELF HAVE YET TO DEMONSTRATE CONSISTENCY IN SHOWING UP TO SESSION AND CARRYING THE HEAVY LOAD AND ADDRESSING THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WHEN WE WERE HERE ADDRESSING THE EMERGENCY LEGISLATION FOR DOE WHERE WAS OUR GOOD COLLEAGUE WHAT WERE WE TOLD OH OUR COLLEAGUE IS ILL WELL THAT'S A LEGITIMATE REASON BUT WHEN YOU HAVE THE MEDIA COMING UP AFTER AND TELLING US A DIFFERENT STORY ABOUT WHERE THAT COL IS AND WHAT THAT COLLEAGUE IS DOING WHAT IS THAT WE'RE NOT HERE TO PLAY IN PLAY IN THE SANDBOX WE'RE NOT HERE TO PLAY IN THE PLAYGROUND.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR BROWN: SO WHEN YOU'RE WHEN YOU'RE READY TO BE RESPONSIBLE THEN HEY WE'RE READY TO LISTEN AND WE'RE READY TO ADDRESS LEGISLATION WHEN IT'S PROPERLY BROUGHT BEFORE US SO THAT MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN I WILL ADDRESS SENATOR TAITAGUE I WILL ADDRESS YOU AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *HÁFA ADAI* MADAM SPEAKER AND COLLEAGUES WELL THIS YEAR HAS GONE BY SO QUICKLY AND IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WE'RE ALREADY IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND THE YEAR IS ALMOST FINISHED COLLEAGUES I KNOW WE HAVEN'T ALWAYS AGREED ON MEASURES SOLUTIONS AND IDEAS WE BRING TO THE FLOOR HOWEVER I WANT TO TAKE THE TIME I WANT TO TAKE THE TIME AND THANK THOSE SENATORS WHO WORK HARD AND ATTEND AT LEAST 90% AT LEAST 90% OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SESSION THOSE WHO STRIVE TO BETTER OUR ISLAND AND THE PEOPLE'S BEST INTEREST THOSE COLLEAGUES ARE REALLY WANTING TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR OUR PEOPLE AND NOT THEIR OWN SELF-INTEREST AND YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE YOUR WORK HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED AND TO THOSE WHO FAILED OUR PEOPLE I WILL CONTINUE I WILL CONTINUE AND I WILL PRAY THAT YOU WILL REALIZE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE NOT SLEEPING THEY ARE WATCHING US AND THEY DESERVE THE BEST LET'S NOT FORGET WHY THIS DISTINGUISHED BODY IS HERE WHY IT EXISTS NOW MADAM SPEAKER TO THE TRUE HEROES OF OUR ISLAND THE PEOPLE THE PEOPLE WE SERVE OUR WATCHFUL COMMUNITY WHO CONTINUES TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS TO US THEY NEVER TURNED A BLIND EYE ESPECIALLY KNOWINGLY THERE COULD BE REPERCUSSIONS THERE ARE CONSTITUENTS THEY ARE OUR CONSTITUENTS THE VOTERS WHO STAY INFORMED BY WATCHING OUR SESSION HELLO TO THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING THEY LISTEN AND THEY KNOW WHO AMONG US PUTS THE PEOPLE FIRST THEY WATCH US IN ACTION MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS ON WHO BEST REPRESENTS THEIR INTEREST TO THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING AND SHARING THEIR KNOWLEDGE INFORMING THEIR FRIENDS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT THE REALITIES OF THIS BODY THANK YOU U DANGKOLO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* FOR BEING DILIGENT CITIZENS THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR HELPING US IN THIS FIGHT FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND THANK YOU FOR GUIDING THE 15 OF US IN DOING WHAT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST FOR THE FUTURE AND SAFETY AND SUCCESS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL ISLAND AND HER PEOPLE THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN TO OUR SESSIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TO KNOW AMONG US WHO TRULY DESERVES YOUR TRUST MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL WHO CALL GUAM HOME AND TO THE LEGISLATIVE STAFF AND YOUR FAMILIES MAY YOU ALL HAVE A SAFE CHRISTMAS SEASON AS WE PREPARE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR AHEAD AND LASTLY TO MY STAFF TO ROWENA NATALIE PETE AND MARK THANK YOU SO MUCH AND A BLESSED MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE EXTENSION OF REMARKS YOU MAY PROCEED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT LOAD SHEDDING WE HAVE A SENATOR WHO WANTS TO TELL US NOW THAT IT'S THE LEGISLATURE'S PROBLEM THAT WE'RE HAVING LOAD SHEDDING HOW DID THAT HAPPEN THAT SENATOR IS NOT EVEN HERE RIGHT NOW I'LL TELL YOU HOW IT HAPPENED FIRST OF ALL I LISTEN TO EVERY WORD AT THAT HEARING AND YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT GPA

SAID ABOUT LOADSHEDDING GPA SAID EVEN IF WE PASSED EVERY ONE OF THEIR HAIL MARRY BILLS WE ARE GOING TO HAVE 6 TO 9 MONTHS OF LOAD SHEDDING UNTIL MAY EVEN IF ALL THESE BILLS PASSED THAT'S WHAT GPA SAID AND I LIKE MY COLLEAGUES WHO SPOKE PREVIOUSLY HAVE BEEN HERE IN SESSION WORKING AS HARD AS WE CAN TO FIGURE OUT THESE BILLS AND MAKE A VERY GOOD DILIGENT RESPONSIBLE DECISION ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO FIGHT FOR WE ARE GOING TO GET IN HERE AND WORK FOR THAT AND LET ME TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE BILL THAT MY COLLEAGUE SAYS WAS THE SOLUTION TO LOAD SHEDDING CONTRARY TO WHAT GPA SAID HE MADE A MOTION YESTERDAY TO PUT THE BILL ON THE AGENDA AND THAT MOTION DID NOT PASS HE DID NOT GET ENOUGH VOTES THAT'S A BASIC TENANT OF WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IN HERE IS GET ENOUGH VOTES I COULDN'T EVEN GET MY QUESTIONS ANSWERED ARE WE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE QUESTIONS AFTER THE HEARINGS BECAUSE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST BILL EVER THAT HAD NO QUESTIONS AFTER A HEARING ESPECIALLY ONE SO COMPLEX AS TO WHERE GAVE ALL THE PROCUREMENT LAW FOR GPA ALL OF IT EVEN MORE THAN WHAT WAS ASKED FOR IN BILL NUMBER 36 AND BILL NUMBER 36 BECAUSE OF THE HARD WORK OF THE SPONSOR HAS BEEN PASSED PASSED BUT EVEN THAT IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE LOAD SHEDDING SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE NOT GETTING GAS LIT PUN INTENDED AND I AM A LITTLE BIT YOU KNOW I DON'T EVEN WANT TO SPEAK BECAUSE HONESTLY IT'S A LITTLE BIT RIDICULOUS BUT I JUST DON'T LIKE PEOPLE COMING IN HERE AND SAYING THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS NOT WORKING HARD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IF WE COULD STOP LOAD SHEDDING WE WOULD STOP IT RIGHT NOW THAT IS A PURVIEW OF GPA AND WE HAVE GIVEN THEM RESOURCE AFTER RESOURCE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT SPECIAL PROCUREMENT WAIVING ALL PROTESTS WAIVING STAYS MEANING HOLDS ON THE PROCUREMENT AND SO AFTER THE MOTION DID NOT PASS TO PUT BILL NUMBER 201 ONTO THE AGENDA YESTERDAY MY COLLEAGUE WROTE ME A LETTER IT'S ONE SENTENCE IT SAYS AS YOU KNOW WE ARE CONSISTENTLY GETTING LOADSHEDDING FOR THE PAST DAYS EVEN MONTHS I AM KINDLY REQUESTING THAT YOU CALL AN EMERGENCY SESSION TOMORROW THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. FOR THE PURPOSE TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING AND THEN HE PUTS BILL NUMBER 201 IN THE TITLE AND BILL NUMBER 201 FOR THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING IS TO WAIVE ALL THE PROCUREMENT LAW RELATIVE TO THE MAINTENANCE OPERATION AND OVERHAUL OF DIESEL GENERATORS SO THEY CAN GET A CONTRACTOR TO DO THOSE THINGS WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE REGULAR PROCUREMENT LAW I DIDN'T WANT TO REALLY CRITICIZE BUT I DID TELL MY COLLEAGUE THAT THERE ARE STANDING RULES THAT LAY OUT EXACTLY WHAT YOU SHOULD ATTACH TO A REQUEST FOR AN EMERGENCY SESSION THAT WE'RE NOT COMPLIED WITH BUT THE BULK OF MY RESPONSE WAS THIS I WILL NOT BE CALLING ANY EMERGENCY SESSION AS WE ARE ALREADY CONVENED IN A REGULAR SESSION AND AS YOU KNOW THE LEGISLATURE IS CURRENTLY CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION WHERE A MOTION WAS MADE TO CONSIDER BILL 201 BUT IT DID NOT GARNER ENOUGH VOTES TODAY'S SESSION WAS THEN RECESSED THIS WAS WRITTEN YESTERDAY THAT SESSION WAS THEN RECESSED PURSUANT TO A MOTION WITHOUT OBJECTION BY THE SENATOR WHO WANTED TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 201 ONTO SESSION TO RESUME TODAY AT 3:00 WHICH WE DID WHILE IN SESSION MOTIONS REGARDING BILLS CAN BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR STANDING RULES SUBJECT TO THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF VOTES SO I SENT THIS TO HIM LAST NIGHT IN RESPONSE TO HIS LETTER AT THREE OR HIS LETTER TO ME WAS AT 8:56 NO HIS LETTER TO ME I DON'T KNOW IT WAS YESTERDAY EVENING MINE WAS TO HIM LATE YESTERDAY NIGHT AND THAT'S WHY I ASKED SEVERAL TIMES TODAY MADAM SPEAKER FOR IF THERE IS ANY MOTION AND THERE WAS NONE NONE BY THE SPONSOR OF THIS BILL TO PUT THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR TO THE PEOPLE GUAM AND IN THAT REGARD MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 201 ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION THAT'S NOT DEBATABLE PLACE 201 ON THE SESSION AGENDA ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS THERE IS AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF PLACING BILL SO COLLEAGUES ON THE MOTION TO PLACE 201-37 ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA THERE WAS AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN EIGHT NINE TEN THERE'S MOTION CARRIES MADAM SPEAKER WE ON THE MOTION BILL 201-37 IS ON THE AGENDA WE ARE BACK WE ARE BACK ON THE THIRD READING THERE WAS AN OBJECTION IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN AND THERE IS A MOTION WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS SO I CAN CLARIFY WITH THE CLERK BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE WENT BACK TO MOTIONS ONE MOMENT PLEASE.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS COLLEAGUES THERE WAS A VOTE NOTWITHSTANDING ON BILL 201-37 THERE WAS AN OBJECTION THE MOTION

WAS PASSED IF YOU WANT TO OVERRULE THE VOTE ASK FOR THE MOTION I WILL RECOGNIZE SENATOR WILL PARKINSON ON THE BILL 201.

SENATOR PARKINSON: MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WAIT HOLD ON A SECOND WE ARE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO RECONVENE TOMORROW IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BECAUSE I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS BILL SO I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO BRING IN GPA TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OBJECTION.

SENATOR FISHER: OBJECTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THERE THERE IS AN OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE ARE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS.

RECESS

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT COLLEAGUES WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE ARE UNDER EXTENSION OF REMARKS IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK SENATOR VICE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY ON A POINT OF ORDER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: POINT PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF ORDER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON A POINT OF ORDER MADAM SPEAKER AS AS THE PREVIOUS PRESIDING OFFICER THERE WAS A MOTION MADE NOTWITHSTANDING AND AN OBJECTION WAS MADE ON THAT VOTE THE RULING TO MOVE A BILL FORWARD WAS PROVIDED AND THAT MOTION WON ON EVEN ON THE EXTENSION OF REMARKS MADAM SPEAKER THERE WAS A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING WHICH GIVES AN AVENUE FOR THE VOTE TO HAPPEN AND I'M JUST ASKING MADAM SPEAKER IF IF THERE IS A QUESTION ON THAT I'D ASK THAT THE PRESIDER THAT A MOTION BE MADE TO CLARIFY THE BILL ON 201 THAT WAS VOTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THIS BODY TO PUT ON SESSION AGENDA THAT IS MY POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE ON THIS INQUIRY BECAUSE THERE WAS A MOTION MADE NOTWITHSTANDING BY YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT.

SENATOR BLAS: POINT OF INQUIRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR POINT OF ORDER IS.

SENATOR BLAS: POINT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BLAS.

SENATOR BLAS: YES MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED UNDER EXTENSION OF REMARKS.

SENATOR BLAS: POINT OF INQUIRY MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: POINT OF INFORMATION OR POINT OF ORDER.

SENATOR BLAS: WELL POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKEAR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE:

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW THE LEGISLATION THE SESSION HAS A CERTAIN PROCESS WITH SPECIFIC AREAS AS TO WHAT CAN HAPPEN YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER THE BRIEF EXTENSION OF THE REMARK IS AN UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL MATTERS ALL BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AND THE BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARK WHICH IS BASICALLY DOES NOT HAVE ANY IF IT FOLLOWED THE RULES YOU'RE GOING TO THE BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSISTENT GERMANE WITH THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WERE ON THE FLOOR BUT THE BRIEF EXTENSION OF MARKS PROVIDES YOU A LATITUDE TO SPEAK OF OTHER THINGS UNDERSTANDING THAT BUSINESS HAD ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED SO I THINK THAT THERE'S A MATTER BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD A MATTER OF OF DEFINING THE PROCEDURE AND I RECOGNIZE AND I UNDERSTAND AND I'M NOT ARGUING THAT NOTWITHSTANDING HOWEVER IT WAS THE THE IT APPEARED AS THE MOTION WAS IN A BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS WHICH IS AN EXTENSION OF REMARKS IT IS NOT A MOTION OR IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ABILITY FOR A MOTION OUR BUSINESSES HAD BEEN COMPLETED SO YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER JUST LET'S THROW OUT THE BATH LET'S THROW OUT THE BABY WITH THE BATH WATER BECAUSE THAT'S WHY FOR GENERATIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE YOU STILL ON A POINT OF ORDER.

SENATOR BLAS: YES I'M STILL ON MY POINT OF YES AND I'M MAKING THE POINT OF THIS IS THAT THERE IS CERTAIN PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES THAT WE HAVE TO FOLLOW AND IN THOSE PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES YOU RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN PARAMETERS RESTRICTIONS THAT NEED TO APPLY SO I THINK ALONG WITH THIS POINT OF INFORMATION TO THE POINT OF INQUIRY I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON WHETHER OR NOT IN THE EXTENSION OF REMARKS WE CAN CONTINUE THE BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATURE BECAUSE THE BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATURE HAD BEEN COMPLETED THERE IS NOTHING IN THE SECTION EXTENSION THAT REQUIRES US TO BE IN HERE OR REQUIRES A QUORUM BUSINESSES WERE DONE SO I'M ASKING FOR LEGAL BUSINESSES WERE DONE SO I AM ASKING FOR LEGAL COUNSEL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BLAS YES THANK YOU FOR YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION YOU MAY CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL THE PREVIOUS PRESIDING OFFICER MADE A RULING BASED ON A NOTWITHSTANDING MOTION IF THERE'S BEEN NO CHALLENGE TO THAT RULING WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR FISHER UNDER BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: NO UNDER MOTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: UNDER THE MOTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH.

SENATOR FISHER: NOTWITHSTANDING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD JUST ASK THE BODY TO LOOK AT STANDING RULE 4.01.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THIS ARE YOU MAKING.

SENATOR FISHER: IF YOU'RE GOING TO IF YOU'RE GOING TO STAND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE YOU MAKING A MOTION SENATOR I'M SORRY COULD YOU RE RESTATE IS THAT A MOTION.

SENATOR FISHER: A MOTION TO ASK THE BODY TO NO I'M JUST YOU KNOW HEY FOLKS JUST LOOK AT 4.01.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: POINT OF INFORMATION.

SENATOR FISHER: NO MA'AM THIS IS I THINK WE'RE ON ARE WE MOTIONS A BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS I DON'T KNOW I WANT TO I DON'T WANT TO GET TANGLED UP IN THAT PROCEDURAL MESS ALL I'M DOING IS SAYING 4.01 REQUIRES AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF EIGHT MEMBERS TO SUSPEND A RULE YOU CAN'T JUST STAND UP AND USE A MAGIC WORD NOTWITHSTANDING ALL THE RULES GO OUT THE WINDOW IT'S AT 4.01 IT COULD NOT BE MORE EXPLICIT AND IF WE THINK THAT THERE IS AN AMBIGUITY IN CONTAINED WITHIN 4.01 THEN WE

LOOK AT MASON'S MANUAL AND WE GO TO SECTION 268 AND WE DISCOVER THAT YOU CAN'T JUST USE A MAGIC WORD AND SUSPEND THE RULES FOR EVERYONE THANK YOU MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR MOTION SENATOR FISHER THE CLERK REPORTS THERE WERE 10 AYE VOTES ON THE MOTION ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION IS THERE ANY OTHER EXTENSION OF REMARKS SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU WERE RECOGNIZED ALREADY UNDER EXTENSION ON THE MOTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH I'M HERE ON A MOTION MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE YOU MAKING A POINT OF ORDER YES PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I'M HERE ON A MOTION TO ASK THIS BODY TO RECONSIDER RECONSIDER THE FINDINGS OF HOW THIS IS BEING TRANSPIRED IN A WAY THAT'S TOTALLY UNORTHODOX WHEN WE'RE STANDING HERE ENDING OUR SESSION WE ENDED IT AND SPOKE OUR BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS MADAM SPEAKER AND ABSOLUTELY I UNDERSTAND YOUR PASSION TOO MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M SORRY SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHEN YOU WERE SPEAKING ABOUT THE PREVIOUS ISSUE MY MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN YOU PLEASE SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MY MOTION OH I'M SORRY YOU'RE SPEAKING WITH SOMEONE I'M MAKING A MOTION FOR THIS BODY TO RECONSIDER THE LAST VOTE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ON THAT MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: CONSIDERING THAT WHEN WE'RE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO RECONSIDER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WE'RE GOING OVER AGAINST THE STANDING RULES WE'RE NOT ABIDING BY THAT SECONDLY THE AUTHOR OF ONE 120 DIDN'T EVEN REQUEST FOR TO GO ON THE SESSION FLOR AND I UNDERSTAND YOUR PASSION SPEAKING ABOUT THIS BUT WE WERE IN EXTENSION OF REMARKS ALREADY ENDING THIS SESSION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THERE WAS NO MOTION TO GO TO MOTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO RECONSIDER THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 201 ONTO THE AGENDA COLLEAGUES COLLEAGUES THERE IS A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO RECONSIDER THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 201 ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA THIS MOTION WILL TAKE EIGHT VOTES TO RECONSIDER WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ON THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER AND THEN IF IT PASSES WE WILL HAVE TO VOTE ON THE MOTION AGAIN THE BILL 201 MOTION AGAIN ALL RIGHT SO ON THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER ALL IN FAVOR THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS SENATOR QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: MADAM SPEAKER I MAKE A MOTION TO RECESS TILL 9 BUT CAN WE PUT BILL 201 BACK ON TO THE I MAKE A MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS AND TO ADD BILL 201 TO THE AGENDA OH SO WHAT OKAY JUST RECESS TO 9.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OBJECTION.

SENATOR FISHER: OBJECTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY HAVE APPOINTMENTS THAT ALREADY MADE MADAM SPEAKER DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS OTHER OBLIGATIONS SO I'M ASKING MADAM SPEAKER THAT RECONSIDER ON THE TIME IF YOU TAKE A SHORT RECESS TO FIND OUT NOW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'LL TAKE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THAT THIS IS A NEW THING IN TOWN.

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

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE WERE ON RECESS AT THE REQUEST OF SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MAKE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO ADJOURN SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER IS THERE ANY OBJECTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

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