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**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS CALLED TO ORDER PURSUANT TO SPEAKER'S CALL TO EMERGENCY SESSION ISSUED ON MARCH 17TH IN LIGHT OF THE URGENT CONDITIONS RELATED TO SCHOOL FACILITIES THAT POSE A THREAT TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND PERSONNEL OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS REPORTED BY THE COMMUNITY THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVED TO ADOPT TODAY'S SESSION AGENDA DATED MARCH 20 2023.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO ADOPT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON THE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO WAIVE SESSION AGENDAS ITEMS TWO THROUGH SIX.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THAT'S A MOTION TO WAIVE THE PRAYER THE RECOGNITION OF A RECIPIENT OF *I MILÅYAN MÅS TAKHILO NA SAKRAFISU* THE INIFRESI THE SINGING OF THE GUAM HYMN AND THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL HYMN IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

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

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO WAIVE SESSION AGENDAS ITEMS 8 THROUGH 13.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I'M SORRY WE'RE GONNA WE'LL DO ROLL CALL.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** OKAY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ITEM SEVENS ROLL CALL CLERK PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN 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'ÅSE'* ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I'M SORRY I'M SORRY SENATOR IF THE CLERK COULD PLEASE RESCIND THEIR.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR LUJAN MADAM SPEAKER THERE IS A QUORUM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *DISPENSA* SENATOR THANK YOU CLERK.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** *TI ANNOK NI DIKIKEÑA*

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT SO THERE IS A QUORUM WE WILL PROCEED ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO WAIVE SESSION AGENDAS ITEMS 8 THROUGH 13.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION TO WAIVE THE CALL FOR APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE JOURNALS COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN* REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES AND INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION TO WAIVE THOSE ITEMS SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE ON MOTIONS ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADERS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO EXCUSE SENATORS NOT PRESENT FOR TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO EXCUSE SENATORS NOT PRESENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL UNDER MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** I STILL GOT ONE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ANY OTHER MOTIONS SENATOR BARNETT.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEMS 15 THROUGH 16.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT I'M WE'LL GET TO ITEM 15 IN JUST A SECOND UNDER MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MA'AM I MOTION TO PLACE BILL 29-37 COR ON THE SESSION AGENDA.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** AS SUBSTITUTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** AS SUBSTITUTED YES BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SENATOR SABINA PEREZ SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR ROY QUINATA SENATOR WILLIAM A PARKINSON SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE SENATOR FRANK BLAS, JR. SENATOR TOM FISHER SENATOR JOANNE BROWN SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AND SENATOR AMANDA L SHELTON IT'S AN ACT TO RENUMBER SUBSECTION 4721 ENTITLED VARIANTS AND TO AMEND SUBSECTION 4719 AND 4721 IN TITLE VARIANTS ALL OF DIVISION ONE ARTICLE 7 CHAPTER 4 TITLE 26 OF GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGS RELATIVE TO UPDATING SANITATION REGULATIONS TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR SCHOOLS MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR I THINK IT SHOULD BE AS SUBSTITUTED AND FURTHER AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MA'AM BILL NO. 29-37 COR AS SUBSTITUTED AND FURTHER AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION TO ADD BILL NO. 29-37 COR ONTO THE AGENDA AS SUBSTITUTED AND FURTHER AMENDED SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** UNDER MOTIONS ANY OTHER MOTIONS SENATOR SABINA PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** *SI YU'OS MA'ĀSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NO. 46-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING SPONSORED BY MYSELF SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ AND CO-SPONSORED BY SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT IT'S AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 5425.2 TO PART A OF ARTICLE 9 CHAPTER 5 TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO PROVIDING TEMPORARY EXPEDITED PROCUREMENT PROTEST PROCEDURES FOR THE ACQUISITIONS FUNDED WITH AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND OR HEAD START GRANT MONIES ALLOTTED TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO ADDING BILL NO. 46-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** FOR ANY OTHER MOTIONS SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE BILL NO. 32-37 CORE AS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE 30 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE I'VE MOVE TO PLACE THIS BILL 32-37 COR ON THE SESSION AGENDA.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE BILL NO. 37 COR SORRY SORRY BILL NO. 32-37 COR ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALRIGHT COLLEAGUES ALRIGHT WE ARE IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION IF NOT ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** I'D JUST LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S APPROPRIATE BUT ON EACH OF THE BILL THAT'S BEEN IDENTIFIED TO BE ADDED THAT THEY'D BE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BY THE APPROPRIATE CHAIRS BECAUSE THERE'S MANY ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED IN EACH BILL THANK YOU AND NOW YOU WANT ME TO GO AHEAD AND MOVE TO THE NEXT ADDRESS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION CAN WE ADDRESS THOSE MOTIONS ON EACH BILL WHEN WE GET THERE.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OR IF WE CAN DO IT NOW THERE'S A MOTION TO WHEN WE GET TO THE AGENDA ITEM ON SECOND READING OF OF BILL 29-37 TO RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THAT MOTION TO RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WHEN WE GET TO BILL NO. 29-37 COR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION SENATE THERE'S AN OBJECTION SO ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND TO TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WHEN WE REACHED BILL 29-37 ON THE SECOND READING FOLDER IT'S NOT AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL SO IT'S NOT AUTOMATIC ALRIGHT MOTION FAILS THERE'S A MOTION THAT WHEN WE REACH BILL NO. 46-37 COR ON THE SESSION ON THE SECOND READING THAT WE RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THAT BILL THAT IS NOT AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL SO IT IS NOT AUTOMATIC ON THAT MOTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF RESOLVING INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR BILL NO. 46-37 COR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ALRIGHT OKAY ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS ALL ON THE MOTION I'M SORRY COLLEAGUES WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO I'M JUST RECEIVING WORD FROM MY OFFICE THAT WE HAVE NOW FORMALLY RECEIVED A A CALL INTO SPECIAL SESSION SO I THINK PURSUANT TO THE ORGANIC ACT AND OUR RULES WE NEED TO RESOLVE INTO THAT SPECIAL SESSION AND ADDRESS IT SO WE ARE RIGHT NOW IN OUR EMERGENCY SESSION IS THERE A MOTION SENATOR TAITAGUE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** MADAM SPEAKER IT'S JUST A POINT OF INQUIRY WE ARE AN EMERGENCY SESSION CURRENTLY RIGHT NOW BASED ON THE LETTER WE RECEIVED FOR THE SECOND WE CALL IT THE SPECIAL SESSION THERE'S NOTHING INDICATING THAT WHEN WE ARE IN EMERGENCY SESSION THAT WE HAVE TO STALL AND ADDRESS THAT ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION AND I MEAN THAT'S MY INTERPRETATION I COULD BE WRONG BUT I WOULD LIKE LEGAL TO GIVE US THE HER INTERPRETATION ON THAT BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** MADAM SPEAKER I THINK THE SECOND WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING LEGAL ADVICE IF THE SPECIAL SESSION BY VIRTUE OF THE ORGANIC ACT TRUMPS YOUR EMERGENCY SESSION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** POINT OF INQUIRY MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR BARNETT STATE YOUR POINT OF INQUIRY.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU I I KNOW YOU KNOW I'M I'M NEW TO THIS BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY ALREADY UNDER A SPECIAL SESSION CALLED THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION CALL WHICH WE WE MET UNDER THAT SPECIAL SESSION AND WE RECESSED THAT SPECIAL SESSION UNTIL 2 P.M. TOMORROW SO I'M JUST A LITTLE CONFUSED WITH ALL OF THESE SPECIAL SESSION CALLS BECAUSE I SAID IT THIS MORNING WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED OUR HELP AFTER WHICH WE CAN BE MORE THAN HAPPY WE'VE ALREADY SAID WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THE PAY RAISES BY RECESSING UNTIL 2 P.M. TOMORROW SO I WOULD JUST LIKE TO NOTE THAT MA'AM THAT THAT IN THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER SHE SAID THAT WE ARE USING PROCEDURAL RULES TO CIRCUMVENT ADDRESSING THE ISSUE I STRONGLY DISAGREE WE'RE NOT CIRCUMVENTING ANYTHING IN FACT WE'VE CONFIRMED THAT WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE WHEN WE COME BACK FROM RECESS ON THAT FIRST SPECIAL SESSION CALL AT 2 P.M. TOMORROW SO WE'RE NOT SHIRKING ANY RESPONSIBILITIES HERE I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PAY RAISES BUT RIGHT NOW ON OUR PLATE IS THIS EMERGENCY SESSION TO ADDRESS THE THE DIRE STATE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS THANK YOU MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON YOUR POINT OF INQUIRY THAT IS CORRECT WE ARE WE ARE UNDER RECESS ON THIS FIRST SPECIAL SESSION WE ADJOURNED A SECOND SPECIAL SESSION WE ARE UNDER RECESS UNDER THE FIRST UNTIL TOMORROW AT 2 P.M.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BUT THERE'S BEEN A NEW LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR FOR A THIRD SPECIAL SESSION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** DO I HAVE TO READ THAT TOO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WHERE WHEN WE GET THERE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** OKAY I MEAN I'M JUST SAYING WE'RE TRYING TO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR YEAH.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** WE'RE TRYING TO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR YEAH.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** ADDRESS THE EMERGENCY IN OUR SCHOOLS AND I WOULD JUST ASK THAT YOU KNOW THEY WITH WITHHOLD FROM SENDING A SPECIAL SESSION REQUEST EVERY FIVE MINUTES AND JUST LET US CONDUCT THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** OF THE LEGISLATURE IN THIS EMERGENCY SESSION MA'AM THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE UNDER MOTIONS SENATOR TAITAGUE HAVE YOU HAVE YOU SO WE ARE NOW I'M ASKING IF THERE'S A MOTION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** NO MADAM SPEAKER YOU ASKED IF I RESOLVED MY ISSUES NO I ASKED FOR A SHORT RECESS SO WE CAN CONFER WITH LEGAL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** CAN YOU PLEASE CONFER IF LEGAL.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** RIGHT I DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE SHORT RECESS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE AN A MOTION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** ARE WE IN IS OKAY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR FISHER.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I HAVEN'T RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS THIRD LETTER IS THAT BEING PUBLISHED NOW.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SHOULD BE.

**SENATOR FISHER:** WELL I.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE JUST RECEIVED IT AS WELL SO I'M JUST.

**SENATOR FISHER:** I'M SORRY MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE JUST RECEIVED IT AS WELL SO I'M GOING TO SEE IF IT'S BEEN PUT UP.

**SENATOR FISHER:** COULD WE HAVE A SHORT RECESS UNTIL IT'S PUBLISHED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** MADAM SPEAKER BEFORE WE GO TO RECESS I'D LIKE TO ASK.

**SENATOR FISHER:** I THINK I'VE GOT A MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** POINT OF INQUIRY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IT IS BEING PROCESSED RIGHT NOW TO MESSAGES AND COMMS ALRIGHT THANK YOU SENATOR.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN IS A POINT OF INQUIRY.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** I HAVE AN INQUIRY NUMBER ONE WE ARE ON RECESS FOR THE FIRST SESSION AND I LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR LEGAL ADVISES US CAN WE GO INTO ANOTHER SESSION WHEN WE STILL HAVE A SESSION PENDING YOU CAN'T HAVE SESSIONS OVERLAP EACH OTHER AND I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE LEGAL COMES UP WITH THAT THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU WE'RE ON A TWO-MINUTE RECESS.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OUR RECESS UNDER IN OUR EMERGENCY SESSION I BELIEVE COPIES HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED DURING OUR EMERGENCY SESSION IS THERE A MOTION.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** MADAM SPEAKER I'M STILL WAITING FOR THE RESPONSE TO LEGAL OPINION SO IT'S BEING SET TO THE BODY SHE DID TELL ME ADVISE ME ABOUT THE MOTION I MEAN I THE POINT OF INQUIRY I ASKED I LIKE IT TO BE ANNOUNCED EXACTLY IF WE'RE LEGALLY RIGHT TO HAVE TO BE IN RECESS AND THEN HAVE A SESSION IN BETWEEN WHEN WE'RE IN RECESS BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE IN RECESS EVERYTHING PAUSES UNTIL YOU GET BACK AND YOU FINISH OFF YOUR RECESS AND YOU ADJOURN THAT ONE THEN YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SESSION RIGHT NOW WE'RE IN AN EMERGENCY SESSION WHEN WE RECESS FROM SESSION I I I ONLY ASK THAT BECAUSE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE IN AN EMERGENCY SESSION RIGHT NOW WE ARE ALSO IN RECESS FROM A SPECIAL SESSION NUMBER ONE YES.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** SO SO YOUR OPINION IS WE CAN HAVE RECESS FROM A SESSION AND GO INTO ANOTHER SESSION IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** RECESS FROM A SPECIAL SESSION AND AND RESUME OUR EMERGE AND BE IN OUR EMERGE AND BE IN A.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** OKAY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** EMERGENCY SESSION YOU MEAN THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT YES.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THAT'S WHAT THE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IS THERE A CONTRARY ADVICE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM OUR LEGAL COUNSEL.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** NO I'M I'M ASKING FOR LEGAL TO GIVE US THAT OFFICIAL LEGAL OPINION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OKAY.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** AND THAT'S WHAT I WAS WAITING FOR.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT IS THERE AND THERE'S NO MOTION.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** NO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR PARKINSON.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO RECESS TILL 3 P.M. TOMORROW WHILE WE FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS A LEGALLY ALLOWED SESSION AND WHETHER WE SQUARE AWAY ALL THESE SPECIAL SESSIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO RECESS THE EMERGENCY SESSION UNTIL 3 PM TOMORROW IS THERE AN OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ALL OPPOSED I MEAN NEVER MIND ALL MOTION FAILS ALRIGHT WE ARE GOING TO RECESS OUR EMERGENCY SESSION TEMPORARILY UNTIL WE CONCLUDE THE SPECIAL SESSION THE GOVERNOR'S CALL INTO THE THIRD SPECIAL SESSION AND SHE IS CALLING US INTO A THIRD SPECIAL SESSION PURSUANT TO HER POWERS UNDER THE ORGANIC ACT SO.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** POINT POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY BECAUSE WE ASKED THE SAME THING FROM THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS THIS MORNING OF LEGAL COUNSEL WHETHER OR NOT WE COULD BE RECESSED FROM THE FIRST CALL TO SPECIAL SESSION AND RECESS THAT SESSION AND CONDUCT

OUR BUSINESS UNDER THE EMERGENCY SESSION AND THAT WAS CON CONURRED THAT THAT IS ABSOLUTELY DOABLE AND ALLOWABLE SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW IS BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR HAS CALLED A THIRD SPECIAL SESSION MEANWHILE WE ARE IN A FIRST SPECIAL SESSION RECESS WE WILL DISPOSE OF THE GOVERNOR'S THIRD CALL BUT IT IS PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE FOR US TO BE IN THE GOVERNOR'S FIRST CALL TO SPECIAL SESSION HAVING RECESSED UNTIL 2 P.M. TOMORROW AND CONDUCT OUR EMERGENCY SESSION CONCURRENT SO THAT IS THE LEGAL COUNCIL'S ADVICE THAT I GOT THIS MORNING AND I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S NO CONFUSION IN TERMS OF QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE FLOOR *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* ALRIGHT WE'RE GOING TO RECESS UNTIL 310 P.M.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS OF ITS EMERGENCY SESSION SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ACTING MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER NOT NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVED TO WAVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA'S ITEM 15 AND 16.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO WAVE THOSE AGENDA ITEMS WHICH ARE LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE AND CONSENT CALENDAR ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES THAT BRINGS US TO THE SECOND READING FILE WE WILL BEGIN WITH BILL NO. 29-37 COR SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE BILL NO. 29-37 COR WHICH WELL THE VERSION HERE IS A SUBSTITUTED AND AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE INTRODUCED BY MYSELF SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT AND AS CO-SPONSOR BY SENATOR SABINA PEREZ SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR ROY QUINATA SENATOR WILL PARKINSON SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE SENATOR FRANK BLAS, JR. SENATOR TOM FISHER SENATOR JOANNE BROWN SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AND SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON REGRETTABLY I I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE IT TO THE THIRD READING FILE YES PLEASE THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO DISCUSS IT SENATOR.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OKAY PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** OKAY WELL AS I WAS SAYING I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO NOTE IN THE INSTANCE OF MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS I APOLOGIZE I HAD SENT THE BILL FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP TO THE WRONG PHONE NUMBER AND I'M HOPING HE CAN ADD HIS CO-SPONSORSHIP HERE ON THE FLOOR BUT IT'S NO SECRET MADAM SPEAKER AND COLLEAGUES THAT WE'RE HERE IN THIS EMERGENCY SESSION BECAUSE IT IS TRULY AN EMERGENCY SITUATION IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS I KNOW THAT SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES HAD BEEN ASKING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM BUT WHEN I HEARD THE STATE OF THE ISLAND ADDRESS RIGHT HERE IN THIS SESSION HALL AND THE GOVERNOR PUT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THEIR SAD STATE SQUARELY IN THE COURT OF THE LEGISLATURE I DECIDED THAT IT WAS THEN A TIME TO TO REQUEST THIS EMERGENCY SESSION TO HEAR NOT JUST THIS MEASURE BUT A COUPLE OTHER MEASURES I BELIEVE THAT ARE GOING TO GREATLY BENEFIT OUR EFFORT TO ONCE AND FOR ALL PUT OUR SCHOOLS IN IN A BETTER STATE YOU KNOW WE HAD A ROUND TABLE A FRIDAY NIGHT A PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION ROUNDTABLE AND WE HEARD OVER FIVE HOURS OF COMPELLING TESTIMONY A TESTIMONY FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM JUST ABOUT I WOULD SAY EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL ON THE ISLAND I THOUGHT IT WAS INTERESTING THAT AS EACH ONE TESTIFIED THEY WOULD SAY THINGS LIKE I THOUGHT OUR SCHOOL WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT HAD THIS PROBLEM AND BY THE END OF THE NIGHT IT WAS VERY CLEAR THAT ALMOST EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ON THIS ISLAND IS SUFFERING FROM THE SAME CONDITIONS I WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND TESTIMONY DURING THIS THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR BILL 29-37 THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAD MR. TOM NADEAU HAD SAID THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

WERE TO INSPECT THE SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT THAT MOST IF NOT ALL WOULD FAIL TO MEET BASIC HEALTH AND SANITATION SAFETY GUIDELINES AND I FELT LIKE THAT WAS A REAL WAKE-UP CALL AND WHAT THIS BILL DOES IS REALLY FORCE THE ISSUE BECAUSE I THINK THAT THAT THE PUBLIC THE THE STUDENTS THE STAKEHOLDERS KNOW THAT YOU KNOW WE HAVE GIVEN THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND AND EVEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WHEN THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM YEARS DECADES TO COME CORRECT AND I BELIEVE WE'RE FACED WITH A PERFECT STORM OF YOU KNOW AGING FACILITIES YOU KNOW LACK OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE ALSO NEGLECT INCOMPETENCE AND SO WHAT THIS BILL DOES IS IT AMENDS HEALTH AND SAFETY SANITATION RULE RULE GUIDELINES WHICH I WOULD JUST GO BACK TO THE PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY NOW AT THE TIME THESE RULES AND REGS WERE PROFFERED IT WAS THE YEAR 2019 AND WE HEARD TESTIMONY DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR BILL 29-37 THAT THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAD INITIALLY WANTED 20 YEARS 20 YEARS TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THESE HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES FORTUNATELY THE COOLER HEADS OPTED FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS SO THESE RULES WENT INTO EFFECT IN 2019 AND EXISTING SCHOOL FACILITIES WE'RE GIVEN FIVE YEARS TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THEM WELL THAT FIVE YEARS IS UP AT THE START OF THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE CHILDREN OF GUAM DESERVE TO WAIT ANOTHER DAY QUITE FRANKLY AND I THINK THAT WAS THE A BIG PART OF WHY SO MANY OF THE COLLEAGUES HERE IN THE BODY SIGNED ON TO CO-SPONSOR THIS MEASURE EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN CALLED DRASTIC BUT WHEN IT COMES TO SAVING OUR SCHOOLS I BELIEVE THAT DRASTIC IS EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED TO DO FROM RODENT INFESTATION AT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL WHICH RECEIVED A D RATING TO PREVALENT YOU KNOW STRUCTURAL ISSUES AND AND MOLD ALL OVER SOUTHERN HIGH WHICH ALSO RECEIVED A D RATING TO FLEA INFESTATION AT DL PEREZ YOU KNOW THE AWNINGS THAT AREN'T REALLY AWNINGS AT ALL WE HEARD TESTIMONY FROM JUANA GUERRERO PTO THAT THE ONE AND ONLY AWNING THAT'S IN FRONT OF WHERE THE KIDS GET LET OUT ON THE BUS HAS BEEN ROPED OFF WITH CAUTION TAPE NOT FOR ONE YEAR NOT FOR TWO YEARS NOT EVEN FOR THREE YEARS FIVE YEARS AND SO THERE ARE THE STUDENTS WHO ARE WHEELCHAIR BOUND STUDENTS WHO HAVE DISABILITIES ARE FORCED TO WALK IN THE RAIN THROUGH THE MUD WHEN THEY GET OFF THE BUS BECAUSE OUR GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED TO ACT AND THIS THIS SAME GOVERNMENT IS ASKING US TO TRUST THEM MADAM SPEAKER AND I THINK THAT YOU KNOW I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES WILL AGREE AS INDICATED BY THEIR CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THIS MEASURE THAT THAT DOING IT THE SAME OLD WAY JUST ISN'T GOING TO WORK AND SO AGAIN WE HEARD TESTIMONY FROM SO MANY OF THESE PTO'S TALKING ABOUT A LACK OF TOILET TISSUE DIRTY BATHROOMS LEAKY FAUCETS AIRCONS BEING DOWN AND I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD DISAGREE IN FACT THE GOVERNOR IN THE STATE OF THE ISLAND AND THEN EVEN IN HER CORRESPONDENCE OF THIS BODY IN THE THE RECENT DAYS ALSO SAID THAT SHE FEELS LIKE THE SCHOOLS ARE DEFINITELY IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES US TO ACT AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THIS EMERGENCY SESSION THESE MEASURES AND SPECIFICALLY THIS BILL DOES YOU KNOW IF THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SAVE OUR SCHOOLS OF FALLS SQUARELY ON THE SHOULDERS OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* AND IF THE GOVERNOR AGAIN IN HER STATE OF THE ISLAND ADDRESS HAS TOLD THE SENATORS THAT WE ARE TO USE EXCESS FUNDS TO HELP SAVE OUR SCHOOLS THEN IN THIS EMERGENCY SESSION I BELIEVE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING AND I DON'T APPRECIATE THE POLITICAL GAMESMANSHIP THAT'S THAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW WE'RE TRYING TO HAVE THIS EMERGENCY SESSION TO ADDRESS THE SAD STATE OF OUR SCHOOLS ONCE AND FOR ALL I DON'T APPRECIATE BEING PESTERED AND BOTHERED TO ADDRESS A MEASURE THAT WE HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED TO ADDRESS AND IT'S A FRUSTRATING MA'AM BUT AGAIN THERE'S THE INTENT OF THIS BILL SOME PEOPLE HAVE SAID THAT THIS THIS BILL WILL SHUT DOWN THE SCHOOLS BUT I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT THIS BILL CONTAINS A MECHANISM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO GRANT A VARIANCE WE ALSO HEARD TESTIMONY FROM ACTING SUPERINTENDENT JUDY WON PAT THAT SHE HAS A GREAT PLAN IN PLACE AND I AGREE IT IS A GREAT PLAN AND I THINK THAT PLAN IS GOING TO WORK GREATLY TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THIS BILL SHOULD IT BECOME LAW AND I BELIEVE THAT I HOPE AND PRAY THAT IT WILL AND I'M JUST GOING TO READ THIS SECTION HERE 4722 IN THE EVENT THAT A SCHOOL OR AN OPERATOR IS UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS UPON US SHOWING A GOOD CAUSE WHICH IS NOT THE RESULT OF NEGLIGENCE OR MALFEASANCE AND IF CORRECTIVE ACTION IS IN PROGRESS THE DIRECTOR MAY GRANT A VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF A PARTICULAR ROLE BY MAKING A WRITTEN DETERMINATION SO I BELIEVE THAT ALTHOUGH SOME HAVE CALLED THIS BILL DRASTIC AND I DO BELIEVE IN MANY WAYS IT IS IT IS ALSO REASONABLE THAT WE'RE JUST ASKING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP EVEN TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION WHAT MANY WOULD CALL THEIR DISMAL TRACK RECORD WHEN IT COMES TO KEEPING PROMISES RELATIVE TO FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE NOW WE'RE JUST ASKING THEM TO TO START THESE EFFORTS AND IN GOOD FAITH IF IF THESE EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY AND IN PROGRESS



A CORRECTIVE ACTION IS IS BEING ADDRESSED THEN THEY CAN GET THAT VARIANCE AND REMAIN OPEN BUT WHAT I'M NOT COMFORTABLE WITH IS THIS IDEA THAT WE HAVE TO ALLOW OUR SCHOOLS TO REMAIN OPEN NO MATTER WHAT THAT IS AN INSULT NOT JUST TO OUR STUDENTS WHO YOU KNOW EVERY ELECTION YEAR HEAR THE SAME OLD THING ABOUT EDUCATION FIRST EDUCATION FIRST IT'S ALSO INSULTING TO THE THE PARENTS AND THE TEACHERS AND THE STAFF AND THE STAKEHOLDERS BECAUSE THEY'RE BASICALLY TELLING THEM THAT WE DON'T CARE WE DON'T CARE IF THE ROOF IS FALLING DOWN AROUND THEIR HEAD WE DON'T CARE IF STUDENTS ARE COMING TO CLASS AND FINDING A LIVE RAT AND A STICKY TRAP WE DON'T CARE IF STUDENTS ARE GETTING BITTEN BY FLEAS WE DON'T CARE IF STUDENTS WHO ARE WHEELCHAIR BOUND OR GETTING RAINED ON AND BEING ROLLED THROUGH THE MUD TO GET TO CLASS THAT FOR SOME REASON ALLOWING OUR KIDS TO GO TO SCHOOLS IN THESE CONDITIONS IS ACCEPTABLE WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND ITS LEADERSHIP OVER THE YEARS I FEEL SHOULD HAVE WELL FIRST OF ALL KNOWN ABOUT THESE CONDITIONS AND AND SECOND OF ALL COME UP WITH A PLAN IN THE EVENT THAT THESE SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED ALL WE HEARD DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS THAT IN THE EVENT OF SCHOOL IS CLOSED WE'RE GOING TO RUSH RIGHT BACK TO ONLINE LEARNING AND WE DID ASK THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING BETTER RIGHT BECAUSE WE DO WANT LEARNING TO CONTINUE THEY HAVE SAID IN TESTIMONY THAT SHUTTING DOWN THE SCHOOLS IS DISRUPTIVE IT'S A DISRUPTION TO LEARNING AND WHILE THAT MAY BE TRUE I'M NOT A TEACHER I THINK WHAT'S MORE DISRUPTIVE TO LEARNING IS CONTINUING TO SHOW OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN DAY AFTER DAY THAT WE'RE COMFORTABLE WITH DELIVERING THESE EMPTY PROMISES THAT WE DON'T BELIEVE THEY'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO FIX THE SITUATIONS IN THE SCHOOLS AND THE THING ABOUT KIDS IS IF YOU SHOW THEM THAT YOU REALLY BELIEVE IN THEM THE SKY IS THE LIMIT AND THERE'S SO MANY BRIGHT SPOTS IN THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SO MANY BUT IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY AGAIN TO PARAPHRASE THE GOVERNOR TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE KIDS ARE GOING TO SCHOOL IN A FACILITY THAT AT THE VERY LEAST WE'RE NOT TRYING TO BE FANCY WE'RE NOT TRYING TO BE FANCY WE'RE JUST TRYING TO TO DO OUR PART AND TO SHOW THESE KIDS WE BELIEVE IN THEM TO LET THEM GO TO SCHOOL IN A FACILITY WHERE THEY HAVE WORKING AIR CONDITIONERS WHERE WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHAT KIND OF MOLD THEY'RE INHALING WHERE THE CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOOL ARE ARE GOOD ENOUGH THAT IF INSPECTED THEY WOULDN'T GET A D RATING BECAUSE THIS IDEA THAT ALL WE WE DON'T WANT PUBLIC HEALTH TO INSPECT THE SCHOOLS BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL GOING TO CLOSE DOWN I THINK THE THE TIME FOR DENIAL IS OVER AND I JUST AGAIN WANT TO COMMEND MY COLLEAGUES BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE WITH THIS MEASURE WE'VE ALL AGREED THAT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH THAT WAS ANOTHER PIECE OF THE TESTIMONY WE HAD FRIDAY NIGHT WHEN IS ENOUGH ENOUGH YOU KNOW THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT AND HER TESTIMONY HAD ASKED FOR ANOTHER YEAR BUT AGAIN I DON'T THINK OUR KIDS AND OUR TEACHERS AND OUR STAFF WHO WORK AND ALSO IN THESE CONDITIONS DESERVE TO WAIT ANOTHER DAY AND SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL AND HUMBLED FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I'M ALSO VERY GRATEFUL THAT YOU GRANTED THE REQUEST FOR AN EMERGENCY SESSION AND I JUST AGAIN WOULD ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE IT'S NO SECRET I HAVE SKIN IN THE GAME SOME HAVE BEEN CRITICAL BECAUSE I HAVE THREE CHILDREN WHO ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM BUT THIS ISN'T ABOUT THEM THIS IS ABOUT EVERY SINGLE CHILD WHO CALLS THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HOME DESERVING OUR BEST EFFORT IT SHOULDN'T BE A QUESTION OF STUDENTS GETTING A BACK SEAT BECAUSE PEOPLE NEED RAISES RIGHT PEOPLE DO NEED RAISES WE UNDERSTAND THAT BUT I THINK THE MORE PRESSING ISSUE TODAY IS THAT WE ADDRESS THESE MEASURES IN FRONT OF US WE'VE ALREADY COMMITTED I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WATCHING A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE GENERAL PAY PLAN WE HAVE COMMITTED TO DEAL WITH THESE RAISES BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST LET'S FIRST ADDRESS THE VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE THE STATE OF OUR SCHOOLS AND I DON'T KNOW REALLY WHAT ELSE TO SAY MADAM I FEEL VERY CONFIDENT IN THIS MEASURE I'M AGAIN VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND I JUST ASK THAT WE IF THERE IS DEBATE OR YOU KNOW ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS BILL THAT WE DO IT EXPEDITIOUSLY BECAUSE THIS IS AN EMERGENCY SESSION MA'AM AND I BELIEVE THAT THESE THESE NOT JUST THIS MEASURE BUT THE OTHER COUPLE ON THE AGENDA HERE ARE GONNA AGAIN DO GREAT THINGS TO ADDRESS THE EMERGENCY STATE THAT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IS IN BECAUSE I BELIEVE ENOUGH IS ENOUGH THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE MOTION ON THE BILL SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION IN FULL SUPPORT MADAM SPEAKER ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY THOSE WERE THE

WORDS FROM OUR ACTING SUPERINTENDENT WHEN THE SEVERAL ROUND TABLES THAT WE'VE HAD SHE AND HER TEAM WERE VERY GRACIOUS TO COME DOWN TO THIS LEGISLATURE AND YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I I KIND OF OBSERVED WHAT YOU DID OF COURSE IT WAS TOUGH OF COURSE THERE WERE TOUGH QUESTIONS THEY HAD SOME ANSWERS FOR SOME AND NOT NECESSARILY ANSWERED FOR ANSWERS FOR OTHERS I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE THE TIME MADAM SPEAKER TO GO OVER WHAT OUR PEOPLE OF GUAM ALREADY KNOW BY LISTING THE NUMEROUS DEFICIENCIES AND REALLY WHAT THIS BILL CALLS FOR BECAUSE MADAM SPEAKER PARTICULARLY WITH THE WAY THAT THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT LAID OUT THAT SHE HAS PHASES THAT SHE'S READY TO MOVE ON PHASE ONE PHASE TWO PHASE THREE AND YOU KNOW WHAT SENATOR BARNETT'S REALLY DEALING WITH HERE AND MOST OF THE BODY AND I THINK THAT'S WHY MOST OF US OR ALL OF US SIGNED ON TO IT WAS THE THINGS THAT WERE TALKED ABOUT IN TIER ONE AND TIER TWO THE THINGS LIKE ADDRESSING THE MOLD THE INSECTS THE RATS THE THINGS THAT ACTUALLY YOU AND I AND ALL OF US EXPECT OF ESTABLISHMENTS THAT WE PATRONIZE WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIX EVERY SINGLE DOOR IN THE NEXT THREE FOUR FIVE SIX MONTHS WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO BE ABLE TO CONSTRUCT MAJOR CONSTRUCTION MAYBE IN THAT TIME ALTHOUGH WE'LL BE HOPEFUL BUT WE KNOW WHAT THIS CALLS FOR PRIMARILY IS ALL HANDS ON DECK TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE KEY SAFETY ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED SAFETY AND SANITATION YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I'M I WAS OLD ENOUGH DURING THE TIME TO REMEMBER THE TIME OF GOVERNOR ADA AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FRANK BLAS HE WAS DURING HIS TERM BECAUSE MY DAD SUMMONED ME QUITE A BIT TO HELP ON WHAT THEY CALLED HAPPY LABOR AND WE WOULD OFTENTIMES NOT JUST DURING THE SUMMER BUT EVEN DURING BREAKS DURING THE YEAR DO WHAT WE COULD TO PITCH IN AND HELP OUT WITH THE SCHOOLS BUT MADAM SPEAKER THEY'RE IN THEIR TERM THERE WAS ONE TIME AND YOU MIGHT REMEMBER THIS I'M SURE SENATOR FRANK DOES THAT THERE WAS A START OF A SCHOOL YEAR AND THE TEACHERS AND I BELIEVE IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN LED BY SOME UNION FOLKS AND THE LIKE THE MANAGEMENT HAD SAID WE'RE READY FOR SCHOOLS AND THEY SAID NO WE'RE NOT AND I REMEMBER DURING THAT TIME BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE THAT I KNOW CAME TO THE RESCUE THOSE THAT WORKED FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER AREAS GOVERNOR ADA LOU PANGELINAN THE CHIEF OF STAFF FOR GOVERNOR ADA MARSHALED EVERY SINGLE AGENCY THAT HAD ANY CAPABILITY TO REPAIR TO CONSTRUCT TO DO WHATEVER IT TOOK MADAM SPEAKER I BELIEVE IT WAS 72 HOURS WHERE MARSHALING THOSE RESOURCES FROM OUR GOVERNMENT WERE DONE TO THE FULL SATISFACTION OF ALL THE FACULTY STAFF TEACHERS AND EVERYONE THAT ENSURED THAT COULD HAPPEN MADAM SPEAKER THAT'S NOT THE ONLY TIME MANY OF US IN THIS LEGISLATURE AND OTHERWISE DURING SUMMER TIME AND THE LIKE HAVE JOINED IN THAT AS WELL ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND EVEN ON AN EMERGENT BASIS MANY ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE MARSHALED THOSE RESOURCES THAT'S WHY I'M CONCERNED MADAM SPEAKER AND THAT'S WHY I'M SO GLAD WE'RE IN THIS SPECIAL SESSION BECAUSE I SHARE SENATOR BARNETT'S DISAPPOINTMENT IN THIS VERY HALLOWED HALL WHEN WE WERE CLEARLY GIVEN THE CLEAR LINES OF DELINEATION IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY LEGISLATURE LOOK BACK TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY LIES TO ENSURE THAT THESE SCHOOLS ARE SAFE SANITARY AND READY TO SERVE OUR CHILDREN AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE MADAM SPEAKER WE TOOK THAT CHALLENGE AND I AGREE WITH SENATOR BARNETT THE THREE BILLS THAT WE HAVE PUT FORWARD CAN ARE GOING TO PUT US ON THE PATH TO MAKING SURE THAT WE ACCEPT THAT CHALLENGE BUT THAT WE ALSO CONTINUE NOW IF WE HAVE TO ASK WE'LL ASK I DON'T THINK I KNOW MANY GOVERNORS AFTER THAT AUTHORITY HAD SHIFTED THEY WOULD STILL MARSHAL THE RESOURCES AS A MATTER OF FACT THERE WAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT OVER A WEEK AGO MADAM SPEAKER THAT A WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT EFFORT WAS COMING TOGETHER I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT PLAN YET SO IT WENT FROM WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT TO WHOLE OF THE LEGISLATURE SO WE'RE READY BUT WE'RE STILL GOING TO ASK BECAUSE I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH THAT WHEN ASKED THEY'LL STEP UP THEY'LL DO IT ON THEIR OWN THEY DON'T NEED ORDERS TO TRY TO HELP SO MADAM SPEAKER LIKE I SAID I'M NOT GOING TO BELABOR THE POINTS WITH REGARD TO GOING OVER ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT WE ALREADY KNOW BUT I'M GOING TO CELEBRATE TODAY MAYBE FOR THE NEXT 45 SECONDS BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A MOTION FOR ANOTHER SESSION NOT SURPRISED BUT I'M GONNA RELISH THE FACT THAT WE'RE HERE NOW DOING WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING PAY RAISES WILL BE ENTERTAINED I'M SURE THERE'LL BE SOME DISCUSSION IN TERMS OF HOW TO MOVE THAT FORWARD BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR TODAY WE'RE NOW DOING OUR JOB AS CALLED FOR AND EVEN WITH THAT CHANGE MADAM SPEAKER IN CLOSING THE CHANGE WAS FROM THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUT I CAN'T IMAGINE ANY GOVERNOR THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN OUR LAND WOULD SAY I AM NOT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AS A MATTER OF FACT I THINK FOR THREE YEARS OF AN EMERGENCY WE WERE MADE CLEAR THAT WE KNEW WHO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WAS SO MADAM SPEAKER ABSOLUTELY AS ONE OF

MY COLLEAGUES MENTIONED THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND I THINK THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM IS THE EMBODIMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WITH THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF RESOURCES THAT CAN BE MARSHALED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE PARTICULARLY IN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCE SO I'M GLAD WE'RE IN THIS SESSION MADAM SPEAKER AND I PROUDLY PROUDLY I'M A CO-SPONSOR AND FULLY SUPPORT BILL 2937 AND I ASKED THIS BODY TO PASS IT EXPEDITIOUSLY SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE' MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR BROWN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY RISE AND SUPPORT BILL 29 YOU KNOW WE UNDERSTAND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS MANY CHALLENGES AND CERTAINLY WITH REGARDS TO MAINTENANCE HAVING BEEN AROUND LONG ENOUGH I'VE SEEN OVER THE YEARS THE CONTINUED CHALLENGES THEY'VE HAD I'M HOPING THROUGH THIS PROCESS AND WANTING TO ASSIST THEM AND HELP THEM ALONG THAT WE CAN FINALLY ADDRESS SOME OF THESE CRITICAL ISSUES THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE FACED WITH IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT ARE REPEATED PROBLEMS BUT I THINK WE ALL AGREE THAT THESE ARE NOT PROBLEMS WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO SEE IN OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM AT BEST WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO BE WELL EDUCATED AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY ULTIMATELY CERTAINLY FOR THOSE OF US THAT ARE PARENTS YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR CHILDREN HAVE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR A GOOD FUTURE PARTICULARLY WHEN WE'RE NO LONGER HERE TO HELP THEM SO THEY WILL HAVE THAT EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND BE ABLE TO PURSUE OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREERS THAT WILL HELP THEM GROW AND HOPEFULLY IN MANY WAYS CONTRIBUTE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY FROM WHICH THEY'VE COME IT'S UNFORTUNATE YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T THINK I CAN PASS THE OPPORTUNITY BUT TO SEE WHAT HAS HAPPENED THIS AFTERNOON WHEN WE'RE HERE WANTING TO SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN WHICH MANY INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR HERSELF WHEN SHE RAN FOR OFFICE ONCE AGAIN YOU KNOW YOU REMEMBER ALL THOSE CAMPAIGN ADS WITH THE SMILES OF HOLDING UP OUR CHILDREN AND PROMISING ALL THESE WONDERFUL THINGS WE WANT TO SUPPORT FOR THEM BUT WHEN THE TIME COMES OTHER PRIORITIES SEEM TO BE WHERE THE FOCUS IS BUT I THINK WE SHOULDN'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE FOCUS OF WHERE WE'RE AT AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHO'S ADVISING THE GOVERNOR WHO THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORS MAY BE I THINK THEY'RE FALLING SHORT FOR HER UNFORTUNATELY AND NOT PUTTING HER IN A VERY GOOD POSITION TO PIN THE WHOLE ISSUE OF OUR CHILDREN AND WANTING TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE A SAFE CLEAN ENVIRONMENT TO BE EDUCATED IN AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES I THINK SHE'S VERY GETTING REALLY BAD ADVICE AND THE FACT THAT SHE'S LISTENING TO IT I MEAN THIS IS SHE'S BETTER THAN THIS SHE REALLY IS AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE TO SEE WHAT HAS HAPPENED THIS AFTERNOON TO TRY TO INTERCEDE TO NOT ALLOW THIS SPECIAL SESSION THAT WE HAVE THIS EMERGENCY SESSION HAS BEEN CALLED FORTH TO ADDRESS SEVERAL BILLS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDING THIS IMPORTANT ONE THIS VERY FIRST ONE THAT WILL HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AND I KNOW THERE'S MANY CHALLENGES FACING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND I THINK AND I'M HOPEFUL IN THIS TERM AND CERTAINLY WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR GOOD COLLEAGUE OUR NEW COLLEAGUE SENATOR BARNETT THAT WE'RE GOING TO SPEND A LITTLE MORE TIME GOING THROUGH THESE ISSUES BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE WANT TO GET TO THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM WE WANT TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT WE WANT TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING BUT WE ALSO WANT TO ENSURE BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY IT'S NOT ALWAYS JUST THE MONEY WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THESE RESOURCES THAT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS BEING ENTRUSTED WITH IS BEING PROPERLY MANAGED SO WE DON'T END UP WITH THESE HABITUAL PROBLEMS BECAUSE WE ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO DO MANY THINGS BUT ARE PEOPLE ALWAYS AT THE TOP OF THEIR LIST EDUCATIONS THERE PUBLIC SAFETY IS THERE OF COURSE OUR HEALTH CARE AND OUR WELL-BEING IS AT THE TOP OF THE LIST BEING HERE TODAY TO ADDRESS THIS BILL IS TO PRIORITIZE THAT AND I SAW YOU KNOW SITTING THROUGH THESE MEETINGS AND I APPRECIATE THE ADDITIONAL FORUMS IT'S NICE TO SEE THE LEGISLATURE BACK ON THE BALL WITH REGARDS TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO HAVE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT OVERSIGHT IN THE GOVERNMENT PARTICULARLY WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT TO SEE THAT THESE PROBLEMS HAVE EXISTED FOR SO LONG AND CONTINUE TO EXIST IS UNACCEPTABLE AND CERTAINLY WHEN WE HAD THE PARENTS AND THE PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATIONS FRIDAY FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ATTENDED THAT PARTICULAR MEETING YOU CAN SEE THE CONCERN THE PARENTS HAVE PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY THEMSELVES HAVE CONTRIBUTED AND VOLUNTEERED SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME CONTRIBUTED THEIR PERSONAL RESOURCES TO WANT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THEIR CHILDREN AND MANY OF THEM FEEL THAT

THEIR CONCERNS HAVE NOT BEEN FACILITATED TO WHERE THEY NEED TO BE TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION SO THAT THESE CORRECTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN THERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME CAN BE PROPERLY ADDRESSED I THINK WE NEED TO STAY ON THEM WE NEED TO STAY ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF DOE TO ENSURE THAT THEY PROPERLY ADDRESS THESE ISSUES SO THAT THERE AREN'T ANY MORE REASONS FOR EXCUSES I'VE BEEN A PRODUCT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM I SPENT NINE YEARS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL ON GUAM MOST OF MY EDUCATION ACTUALLY IS HOMEGROWN AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU BACK THEN I DID NOT EXIST IN THOSE SCHOOLS IN ADVERSE CONDITIONS ESPECIALLY SOME OF THE ONES THAT WERE BROUGHT UP AT PRICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY THE PARENTS THERE I WENT TO PRICE I WENT TO *BARRIGADA* JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED MY EXPERIENCE AS A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT IT'S ONLY WHEN I SPENT ONE WEEK AT GW THAT MY WHOLE EDUCATION DIRECTION CHANGED BUT YOU KNOW SENATOR MY COLLEAGUE HAD BROUGHT UP SENATOR DUEÑAS WITH REGARDS TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS DOING THE ADA BLAS ADMINISTRATION I WAS VERY FORTUNATE TO BE A PART OF THAT CABINET BACK IN THE TIME OF AS WE REFER TO THE DAYS OF *TIEMPO* ADA BLAS I'VE BEEN ON THE ROOF OF SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL BACK THEN WHEN THEY HAD TO ADDRESS THE REPAIRS OF THE ROOF BECAUSE GOVERNOR ADA ASKED US ALL HANDS ON DECK WE HAVE THESE PROBLEMS BE IT YOUR EVENING YOUR WEEKENDS I NEED YOU TO GO OUT TO THE SCHOOLS AND ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AND SURE ENOUGH WE DID AND I'M SURE EVERYONE ELSE PROBABLY SINCE THEN HAS HAD TO DO THAT AND NO PROBLEM I MEAN WE'VE BEEN THERE TO HELP BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AND ADDRESS THEM EVERY DAY BECAUSE THERE'S NO REASON OUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE IN CLASSROOMS THAT HAVE MOLD OR LEAKS OR FLEAS OR NOT EVEN BEING SURE AS A RESULT OF THESE MEETINGS TO HEAR THAT THESE SANITATION PERMITS ARE ISSUED WHEN NO PROPER INSPECTIONS HAVE OCCURRED AND GRANTED PUBLIC HEALTH HAS LIMITED RESOURCES THEY SAID THEY'VE ORIENTATED REPRESENTED SOME DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROPERLY NOTE WHEN ISSUES OF CONCERNED SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BUT THAT'S NOT YOU KNOW WHY DOES THAT NEED TO BE NECESSARY WE NEED TO ENSURE PROPER SANITATION INSPECTIONS ARE OCCURRING I MEAN THAT'S WHAT WE EXPECT WHEN WE GO INTO A RESTAURANT EVEN THOUGH NOW WE'RE FINDING OUT WE'RE PROBABLY LUCKY THAT RESTAURANT'S BEEN INSPECTED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE SAFE BECAUSE WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WHEN THEY EAT THEIR FOOD THAT THEIR FOOD IS CLEAN AND SAFE FOR THEM TO EAT THAT THE ENVIRONMENT THEY'RE IN IS SAFE WHY SHOULD THEY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GOING TO A SAFE BATHROOM HAVING BASIC THINGS OF HAND SOAP PAPER TOWELS TOILET PAPER GOODNESS HAVEN'T WE HEARD THIS STORY OVER AND OVER AND OVER AND OVER AND OH IT'S ALMOST LIKE THE GOVERNOR CALLING US INTO A SPECIAL SESSION OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND I THINK THE TIME HAS TO STOP MAYBE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ISN'T ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING EXCEPTIONALLY WELL BUT IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE BECAUSE OUR CHILDREN ARE ENTRUSTED TO US WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE ISSUES ARE BEING ADDRESSED AND YES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRANTED THEY HAVE THE LARGEST BUDGET AND CONTINUE TO HAVE THE LARGEST BUDGET AS I MENTIONED TO THE CURRENT ACTING SUPERINTENDENT SINCE HER AND I SERVED HERE TOGETHER THE BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS TRIPLED TRIPLED AND YET AS SHE RELAYED TO US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS EDUCATING 10000 LESS CHILDREN TODAY THAN THEY PREVIOUSLY WERE SO THOSE ARE THE BIGGER AND DEEPER ISSUES I'M SURE WE NEED TO GET INTO I'M SURE UNDER CURRENT LEADERSHIP OF SENATOR BARNETT WE WILL GET INTO THOSE ISSUES AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BECAUSE I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM IS WE KNOW WHAT THE SOLUTIONS ARE WHAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED MOST BASIC TO ENSURE OUR CHILDREN HAVE AN ADEQUATELY EDUCATION YES COLLEAGUES I WAS THERE TO VOTE FOR THAT TOO A LOT OF THESE KEY MILESTONES THAT WE WANT TO REFERENCE YES THEY HAPPEN IN A TIME THAT PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES HAD THE FORESIGHT TO PUT IN PLACE THESE ARE VERY BASIC THINGS THESE ARE WHAT WE SAY ARE OUR PRIORITIES WHEN WE GO OUT THERE ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL TO OUR PEOPLE OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE WELL THEN WE NEED TO PRIORITIZE THAT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE THIS AFTERNOON WE'RE SAYING THAT THIS IS THE PRIORITY THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS AND I KNOW WHEN ONE OF THE OTHER BILLS THAT WE WILL DISCUSS THIS AFTERNOON WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THE FUNDING OF THAT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE SPENT BECAUSE I THINK THE TIME HAS COME AT SOME POINT THIS SHOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE WE SHOULD BE UP IN ARMS WE SHOULD BE UP IN ARMS ABOUT THIS CONDITIONS AND THE FACT THAT THEY'VE ALLOWED TO EXIST AND HOW AND WHY WHERE DOES THE BUCK STOP YOU THINK IT SHOULD STOP AT THE PRINCIPALS BECAUSE THE PRINCIPALS ARE THE ONES THERE RUNNING THE SCHOOL AND THE PRINCIPAL SAY WELL WE KEEP PUTTING OUR CONCERNS TO DOE CENTRAL DOE CENTRAL DOESN'T RESPOND AND THEN WHAT DOES DOE CENTRAL SAY WHAT'S THEIR EXCUSE WHAT'S THEIR ANSWER WELL I

THINK WHEN WE PROVIDE THE RESOURCES THEN WE HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO EXPECT AN ANSWER BECAUSE THIS IS A JOB THAT THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TASKED TO DO EVERY SINGLE DAY ULTIMATELY ALL OF THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN PLACE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN THE TEACHERS IN THE CLASSROOM THAT ARE TEACHING THOSE CHILDREN AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE CHILDREN ARE IN A SAFE CLEAN AND PRODUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT'S THE MOST BASIC REQUIREMENT THAT WE SHOULD SEE THE FACT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WANTS TO STRETCH OUT ANOTHER YEAR I THINK WE'RE GOING TO SEE THE SAME THING THEY'RE NOT GOING TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES TO THE LAST MINUTE AND IN SOME CASES NOT AT ALL ONE OF THE KEY THINGS THAT JUMPED OUT AT ME WHEN I READ THE PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT WAS THE REFERENCE TO APATHY THAT'S VERY CONCERNING BECAUSE I THINK ARE WE GETTING TO THE POINT THAT THIS HAS BEEN THIS WAY FOR SO LONG THAT WE JUST DON'T EVEN NOTICE IT ANYMORE THAT IT'S ACCEPTABLE TO WALK INTO A RESTROOM AND NOT HAVE OPERABLE SINKS AS THEY SAY THAT ARE COVERED WITH PLASTIC HAVE UNSAFE UNCLEAN BATHROOMS GOSH THAT IS NOT ENVIRONMENT ANY ONE OF US WOULD WANT TO SEE CERTAINLY IF THAT HAPPENED HERE I THINK WE'D HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT ON TOP OF THAT I'M SURE WE'D DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE HECK I'VE CLEANED MANY A BATHROOM WE GO HOME AND CLEAN OUR BATHROOMS FAIRLY REGULARLY WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE SAFE IF WE CAN ADDRESS THIS ISSUE THEN MY GOODNESS I THINK EVERYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TO ADDRESS BUT THIS ISSUE AND THE FACT THAT IT'S EXISTED FOR SO LONG THAT'S THAT'S THAT'S THE NEXT LEVEL WE NEED TO GET INTO IS WHY LIKE MY SON ALWAYS ASKS THAT'S THE INFAMOUS MILLION DOLLAR BILLION DOLLAR QUESTION ABOUT EVERYTHING WHY I HOPE WE GET TO THAT THIS TERM BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO GET TO THAT LEVEL SO WE CAN MOVE ON TO BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS AND WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I TOO STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL HOWEVER I DO HAVE TO SAY THAT I AM A LITTLE BIT SURPRISED BY SOME OF THE RHETORIC IN THIS CHAMBER BECAUSE WHEN I READ THIS BILL THE FIRST THING I THOUGHT WAS THIS WAS THE COURAGEOUS BILL BY SENATOR BARNETT TO DO WHAT NOBODY HAD THE COURAGE TO DO AND THAT'S MOVE US ON THE PATH TOWARDS CLOSING THESE SCHOOLS THAT ARE UNFIT FOR OUR CHILDREN I BELIEVE THAT IF WE WERE TO LOWER THE THE DUE DATE TO THIS SUMMER OR EVEN KEEP IT TILL NEXT YEAR THAT THESE SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE IN COMPLIANCE AND WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE AND YOU'RE TALKING TO SOME OF THE FOLKS OVER AT GDOE THEY HAD MENTIONED THAT IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS THAT THEY EXPECT THAT WE WILL HAVE NOT ENOUGH STUDENTS IN SOME OF THESE SCHOOLS SO IF THAT'S THE CASE IF THAT'S THE CASE THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH STUDENTS TO FILL THESE SCHOOLS THEN I BELIEVE THAT THIS BILL THAT SENATOR BARNETT HAS PROFFERED TO CLOSE SCHOOLS MIGHT BE WHILE RADICAL MIGHT BE THE RIGHT WAY TO GO CLOSE THESE SCHOOLS THAT ARE UNWORTHY OF OUR CHILDREN AND LET'S CONSOLIDATE THEM AND PUT OUR BEST RESOURCES AND MANPOWER BEHIND THE SCHOOLS THAT CAN BE SALVAGED TO BE VERY CLEAR I WANT TO BE CRYSTAL CLEAR WITH EVERYBODY IN THIS BODY SO THAT THEY GO IN WITH EYES WIDE OPEN THIS BILL WHETHER IT'S THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR WILL LEAD TO SCHOOL CLOSURES BUT THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY A BAD THING OUR STUDENT POPULATION IS DROPPING AND PERHAPS THE MOST USEFUL THING WE CAN DO TO STRETCH OUR RESOURCES IS TO CLOSE SCHOOLS AND CONSOLIDATE OUR STUDENTS SO I'D LIKE TO COMMEND SENATOR BARNETT FOR THE COURAGE TO PROFFER A BILL THAT WOULD CLOSE THESE SCHOOLS AND DO WHAT NOBODY BEFORE HAS EVER HAD THE COURAGE TO DO EXCEPT KICK THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD SO I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION AND MY ONLY CONCERN IS IF WE DO CLOSE THESE SCHOOLS WE MUST TALK TO GDOE AND WE MUST HAVE A PROPER PLAN TO GIVE THESE STUDENTS A PROPER FACE-TO-FACE EDUCATION SO THAT THEY ARE NOT DISQUALIFIED FROM PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I YIELD MY TIME.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M NOT GOING TO BE TOO LONG I JUST WANT TO STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE I'VE BEEN TO ALL THE PUBLIC HEARINGS THE ROUNDTABLES AND I JUST WANT TO COMMEND ESPECIALLY THE PTO ESPECIALLY THE PARENTS OF THESE STUDENTS WHO ARE DOING

EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO TRY AND MAKE THEIR CHILDREN SCHOOL A SAFER PLACE TO GO TO WHERE THEY'RE THERE LIKE EIGHT HOURS SEVEN HOURS A DAY ALL DAY LONG I JUST WANT TO COMMEND THEM AND THANK THEM SO MUCH PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP WE'RE TRYING TO DO OUR DO WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU TO HELP.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** POINT OF ORDER SPEAKER.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SO I THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THAT THIS BILL IS ACTUALLY GOING TO DO WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE DONE YEARS AGO YEARS AGO TO HEAR ABOUT A CHILD HAVING TO CALL THEIR MOTHER TO COME PICK THEM UP BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO RELIEVE THEMSELVES THAT'S CRAZY THAT'S LUDICROUS HOW MANY OF THAT HAPPENED THROUGHOUT THE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR OR AT A PARTICULAR SCHOOL BECAUSE THE STUDENT CANNOT RELIEVE THEMSELF YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY HOLD THAT IN WE ALL KNOW WHAT COULD HAPPEN WHEN YOU HOLD THAT IN IT'S A MIDDLE THEN BECOMES A MEDICAL ISSUE FOREIGN SPEAKER WE TALK ABOUT OH CLOSING THE SCHOOLS WELL DIDN'T WE JUST COME THROUGH A PANDEMIC WHEN THE SCHOOLS WERE ALREADY CLOSED AND OUR KIDS WERE STILL LEARNING ONLINE WE CAN STILL DO THAT WHILE REPAIRING OUR SCHOOLS SO DON'T I DON'T THINK THIS WHOLE YOU KNOW THEATRICALS OF YOU KNOW WE'RE GOING TO SHUT DOWN OUR SCHOOLS OUR KIDS ARE NOT GOING TO LEARN ANYTHING WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A WHOLE SITUATION WHERE THE SCHOOL WAS SHUT DOWN AND THE KIDS WERE LEARNING ONLINE AND IF IT TAKES AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER TO CONTINUE ON TO GET THESE SCHOOLS REPAIRED THEN THEY CAN DO THIS ONLINE THERE ARE WAYS AROUND IT BUT THERE IS NO WAY AROUND IT WHEN A CHILD GETS HURT BECAUSE WE WERE NOT RESPONSIBLE ENOUGH TO PUT THEM IN A PLACE THAT WAS SAFE IS THAT WHAT WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR ONE OF OUR CHILDREN GETS SERIOUSLY HURT I THINK THERE WOULD BE MORE OF US HERE TODAY IF WE HAD CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM RIGHT NOW I THINK WE ONLY GOT ONE SENATOR WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IF THERE WERE MORE SENATORS WITH CHILDREN GOING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALL OF US WOULD BE STANDING IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL ALL OF US WOULD CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD AND ALL OF US WOULD SUPPORT THE MONEY THAT IS GOING TO BE NEEDED TO REPAIR THESE SCHOOLS AGAIN I THANK THE PTO I THANK THE PARENTS FOR STEPPING UP WHEN WE CAN'T WE CAN'T LET THEM DOWN NOT THE PARENTS AND NOT OUR CHILDREN THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I SUPPORT THE RAISE I MEAN THIS MEASURE BUT WITH SOME RESERVATION I USED TO BE A SCHOOL COUNSELOR DOWN AT SOUTHERN HIGH AND ONE OF THE FIRST ROOMS THEY ACTUALLY PUT ME IN WAS A THE TILES WERE FALLING FROM THE ROOF EVERY TIME IT RAINED I I WAS A KIND OF A SURPRISE FROM GOING FROM THE AIRPORT BEING A CUSTOMS OFFICER AND BEING PUT INTO A CLASSROOM WHERE THE ROOF WAS FALLING DOWN I WENT FROM WORKING FROM THE AIRPORT AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT TO SOUTHERN HIGH MY ONLY RESERVATION WAS THIS AND I SUPPORT IT IS THAT THE UNDO OR THE THE TIMELINE AND THE TIMELINESS I WOULDN'T WANT TO IMPOSE SOMETHING THAT YOU KNOW WITH A LIMITED TIME ON SOMETHING THAT YOU OBVIOUSLY NEEDS TIME TO GET FIXED SO JUST WANT TO BE A LITTLE BIT CAUTIOUS AND AND JUST MAKE SURE THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING WE'RE GOING TO DO IT RIGHT AND ALTHOUGH I SEE THE NEED TO TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOLS CONDITIONS I I WOULDN'T WANT TO IMPOSE SUCH A STRINGENT TIMELINE ON THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE TO MAKE THE CHANGES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER CAN I UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT I DID RESPOND TO SENATOR BARNETT'S CALL FOR SUPPORT OF THIS SURPRISE WE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT IT THAT I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON THE LIST BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE HOW MY COLLEAGUE TALKED ABOUT IF YOU HAVE KIDS SOME OF YOU ARE STILL AT THE AGE WHERE YOU SHOULD HAVE KIDS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL OR YOU COULD HAVE KIDS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL IF WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY OF THE SCHOOLS I WAS ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WHEN WE WHEN SCHOOLS WERE SHUT DOWN THIS IS ABOUT MAYBE 12 YEARS AGO 14 YEARS AGO AND WHAT DID WE DO ON THE BOARD WE FIRED THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR ALLOWING THE SCHOOLS TO FALL APART I'M SURPRISED THAT AS THE YEARS HAVE GONE BY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN FALLING APART BUT NOBODY'S ADDRESSED IT OR NOBODY IN DOE HAS ADDRESSED IT TO THE BODY WHEN WE WANT TO

TALK ABOUT ENSURING THAT THE SCHOOLS ARE SAFE FOR CHILDREN YES I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THAT BUT I ALSO LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT MY COLLEAGUES UNDERSTAND OR WHEN WE DO GET TO THE BILL THAT TALKS ABOUT FUNDING THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY THAT DOE HAS I ONLY QUESTION THEM IS THAT LET'S MAKE SURE THEY SPEND IT THEY DO FIX THE SCHOOLS OR ADDRESS WHERE THE MONEY HAS BEEN BECAUSE IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS NOW IT'S GOING TO BE THREE YEARS AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY SCHOOLS FIXED YET AND THAT'S THE AMAZING PART BECAUSE IT WAS DURING THE PANDEMIC WHEN THE SCHOOLS WEREN'T OPEN WHEN THE SCHOOLS SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIXED AND THE ONLY RESERVATION I HAVE FOR THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL IS THAT WE SHOULDN'T WAIT A DAY WE ARE WAITING A DAY WAITING ON UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR I BELIEVE THAT MAYBE THE AUTHOR WOULD MAKE THE AMENDMENT THAT IT GOES IN EFFECT IMMEDIATELY SO THAT THE SCHOOLS CAN START REPORTING THE VARIANCE OF GETTING IT FIXED NOT THE EXCUSE OF WE GOTTA WAIT UNTIL AUGUST OR NO TELL US TODAY IF THIS BILL PASSES OF WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO FOR EVERY SCHOOL THAT COULD BE CLOSE HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIX IT AND WHAT ARE THE STEPS BECAUSE THERE'S THREE BILLS HERE TODAY ONE OF THEM IS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE PROCUREMENT PART BUT IF THEY DON'T HAVE A TRUE PLAN AND IT DOESN'T MATTER WE CHANGE IT SCHOOL CLOSES WE GO E WE GO THROUGH WAS THAT THE ELECTRONIC LEARNING NO BIGGIE WE'VE DONE IT IN DURING THE PANDEMIC NOT AN ISSUE BUT WE JUST GOT TO BE CONCERNED IS THAT THEY'RE TRUE TO WHAT THIS BILL DOES YOU WANT TO PUT A VARIANCE TELL US EXACTLY HOW YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT SHOW IT PUT IT IN WRITING SHOW US AN RFP SHOW US THE FUNDING THAT'S GOING TO COVER IT NOT THE EXCUSE OF WE GOT THIS GUAM AND NOTHING HAPPENS AND EVERY ONE OF US ARE SITTING HERE SAYING I THOUGHT THIS BILL WOULD FIX IT I BELIEVE THIS BILL COULD FIX IT BUT I THINK WE NEED TO SPEED UP THE TIME AND MAYBE THE AUTHOR WOULD AGREE WITH ME ON THAT ONE AND THEN WE JUST MOVE ON BUT I AM IN FULL SPORT OF CHANGING THIS DATE BUT I PREFER TO MOVE IT UP IT'LL ACTUALLY PUT THE DENT ON THE HEADS OF THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE AND IF NOT THEN WE CALL UPON THE BOARD TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION THE BOARD IS A POLICY BOARD THEY HIRE THE SUPERINTENDENT THEY SHOULD HAVE FIXED IT THEN WE GOT A NEW SUPERINTENDENT COMING IN IF THEY WANT TO CONTINUE TO BE ON THE BOARD THEN TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION WRITE THE POLICY THAT FIXES THE SCHOOLS NOT MAKE THE EXCUSE OF WHY THE DELAY THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL ANY OTHER SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM REQUIRES AN ALL HANDS ON DECK APPROACH AND I THINK BILL 29-37 IS ONE OF THOSE VERY FIRST MEASURES THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL BECAUSE WHAT THIS BILL DOES IT SPEEDS UP THE TIMELINE SO OTHERWISE THESE REGULATIONS THAT WERES WERE COMPILED AND INTO THE COMPILERS OR INTO OUR REGULATIONS HAD A DELAYED ENACTMENT OF 2024 JULY 2024 AND SO WHAT THIS BILL WOULD DO IT WOULD ENSURE THAT THESE REGULATIONS ARE APPLY APPLY A YEAR EARLIER ROUGHLY A YEAR EARLIER BEFORE THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND JUST TO KIND OF SHARE WITH YOU WHAT SOME OF THOSE RULE REGULATIONS SAY AND IT SHOULD BE COMMON SENSE RIGHT IT SAYS A SCHOOL SITE SHOULD BE FREE OF POTENTIAL PEST BREEDING SITES SUCH AS OPEN DUMPS SWAMPS AND SHOULD BE LOCATED AWAY FROM SWAMPY AREAS THE SCHOOL SITE SHOULD BE KEPT CLEAN FREE OF RUBBISH AND OVERGROWN VEGETATION EXTERIORS OF BUILDINGS WALKWAYS AWNINGS PICNIC TABLES BENCHES AND OTHER OUTSIDE STRUCTURES SHALL BE KEPT CLEAN AND IN GOOD REPAIR ALL STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS SHALL INCLUDE A GUTTER OF LEADER DOWN LEADER DOWNSPOUT SPLASH BLOCK DRAIN OPENING AND ALL EQUIPMENT STRUCTURES AND FIXTURES THAT ARE NO LONGER BEING USED SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE BUILDING AND PROPERLY DISPOSED SO THIS IS JUST ONE OF MANY REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOOL TO PASS MUSTER AND IT'S YOU KNOW IT'S REALLY MAYBE IT'S NOT SHOCKING BUT AFTER BEING A PART OF THAT THE PTO MEETING ON FRIDAY A LOT OF THESE THINGS A LOT OF THE SCHOOLS ALL OF THE A LOT OF THE PTO MEMBERS CAME AND TESTIFIED THAT MANY OF THESE THINGS WERE NOT HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS AND I THINK EVERY DAY THAT WE AND DO NOT ENSURE THAT OUR OUR STUDENTS ARE ARE IN A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT YOU KNOW REALLY WE REALLY PUT OUR STUDENTS AT RISK OF HARM WHICH COULD BE AVOIDED AND LIKE MY COLLEAGUE SAID WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE FOR US TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE SAFE AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN AVOID ANY ACCIDENTS LUCKILY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN AVOIDING OUR TEACHERS IN THE IN THE GREATER COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN REALLY TRYING VERY HARD TO PROTECT OUR STUDENTS WITH THE RESOURCES BUT I THINK WHAT THIS MEASURE DOES IT'S REALLY A WAKE-UP CALL THAT WE REALLY NEED TO PRIORITIZE OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR COMMUNITY YOU KNOW

EDUCATION IS SHOULD BE NUMBER ONE NO WE ARE YOU KNOW CULTIVATING LEADERS OF TOMORROW WE'RE CULTIVATING THE PEOPLE THAT WE'RE GOING TO DEPEND UPON IN THE FUTURE WE REALLY NEED TO PRIORITIZE THIS AND AS A TEACHER AS A FORMER TEACHER I SEE NOW I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CHANGES AND SUPPORTING THIS BILL AMONG MANY OF THE BILLS AND I THANK THE GOOD SPONSOR FOR ADDING ME AS A CO-SPONSOR *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR FISHER:** MADAM SPEAKER I RISE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR FISHER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH I RISE TO ASK THE SENATOR WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL AUTHOR OF THIS BILL A QUESTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THAT QUESTION BEING REFERRING TO THE BODY OF THE BILL VERY SPECIFICALLY TO SECTION 3 VARIANCE WOULD THE AUTHOR EXPLAIN THE INTENT BEHIND LINES 10 THROUGH 16 OF THE BILL SHE'S GOT TO CALL YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WHICH PAGE SENATOR.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THAT WOULD BE ON THE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ARE YOU.

**SENATOR FISHER:** ON THE BILL ITSELF.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YEAH.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THAT WOULD BE PAGE THREE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON PAGE THREE AND ARE YOU LOOKING AT THE SUBSTITUTED AND FURTHER AMENDED VERSION.

**SENATOR FISHER:** I BELIEVE I AM IT'S ENTITLED VARIANCE 4224 VARIANCE AND THAT DESIGNATION BEGINS ON LINE NINE OF PAGE THREE OF THE BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THAT DOESN'T MATCH WITH MY VERSION MAY.

**SENATOR FISHER:** OKAY MAY I APPROACH FOR THE PURPOSE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES.

**SENATOR FISHER:** OF LOOKING AT YOUR VERSION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS AND MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE CORRECT VERSION ONE MINUTE RECESS.

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

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER WITH THE CHAIRS PERMISSION I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THE QUESTION THAT I WOULD PUT TO THE SENATOR.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THE QUESTION WOULD BE MA'AM REFERRING TO PAGE THREE OF THE BILL LINES 14 THROUGH 20 UNDER SECTION 3 ENTITLED VARIANCE COULD THE WOULD THE SENATOR EXPLAIN THE INTENT BEHIND THAT PARAGRAPH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** JUST TO NOTE SENATOR SO THE VARIANCE SECTION ALSO GOES TO PAGE FOUR AS WELL IN THE TOP.



**SENATOR FISHER:** I'VE GOT IT ON PAGE THREE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** AND AND PAGE FOUR.

**SENATOR FISHER:** WELL YEAH IT GOES TO PAGE FOUR.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES.

**SENATOR FISHER:** BUT I'M ONLY CURIOUS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OKAY.

**SENATOR FISHER:** ABOUT THE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT WILL THE WILL THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL YIELD TO THIS QUESTION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES THE SPONSOR WOULD MADAM SPEAKER BUT JUST FOR CLARIFE CLARIFICATION COULD YOU ASK THE ASKER OF THE QUESTION AGAIN WHICH LINES BECAUSE I DIDN'T HEAR.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** RESPONDING TO PAGE THREE AND THE WHOLE BUT WOULD YOU RESTATE YOUR QUESTION PLEASE.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES THANK YOU SPEAKER I AM REFERRING AND ASKING THE GENTLEMAN ABOUT LINES 15 THROUGH 20.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MAY I.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER OKAY LINE 15 BEFORE A VARIANCE FROM A REQUIREMENT OF THESE RULES IS APPROVED THE SCHOOL OR THE OPERATOR SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE PROPOSED VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS CITING THE RELEVANT RULES SECTION NUMBERS THE WRITTEN STATEMENT SHALL INCLUDE AN ALTERNATE PLAN TO ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS AND NUISANCES UNDER THE RELEVANT ROLE SECTION SO BASICALLY MADAM SPEAKER THE GRANTING OF THE VARIANTS ALLOWS YOU KNOW CONSIDERING THE IT'S IN IT'S GOOD FAITH AND IF CORRECTION CORRECTIVE ACTION IS ALREADY IN PROGRESS THEN THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH CAN GRANT A VARIANCE WHICH IS IN SOME WAYS A PASS FROM COMPLYING WITH A CERTAIN RULE UNLESS IF YOU READ FURTHER DOWN THAT PASS OR VARIANCE WILL RESULT IN THE CLOSURE CONDEMNATION OF A SCHOOL SO WE'RE REALLY THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION WAS TO GIVE GDOE A LITTLE BIT OF BREATHING ROOM ON MAYBE SOME OF THE INFRACTIONS THAT THEY COULDN'T COME CORRECT ON IMMEDIATELY BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT DOESN'T ALLOW THEM TO GET A VARIANCE OR A PASS ON A AN INFRACTION OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE CLOSER CLOSURE CONDEMNATION OF A SCHOOL MA'AM.

**SENATOR FISHER:** IT'S NOT DIFFERENT RESULTS.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I PRAY THAT THAT SATISFIES THE CURIOSITY OF.

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

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MA'AM I GUESS THE AUTHOR WILL HAVE TO PARDON MY DIMNESS ON THIS ONE BUT IF HE COULD STATE THAT AGAIN IF IN THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE EVENT THAT A SCHOOL CANNOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS YET IS IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING CORRECTIVE ACTIONS WILL THAT SCHOOL HAVE TO CLOSE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** NO NO THE SCHOOL WILL NOT HAVE TO CLOSE UNLESS IT'S A VIOLATION THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE CLOSURE OR CONDEMNATION OF A SCHOOL DO YOU KNOW THE INTENT OF THIS REALLY IS THERE'S A LOT OF RULES AND REGS WITH IN IN TERMS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR EXAMPLE YOU NEED TO HAVE A CERTAIN SHADE OF LIGHT BULB OR WINDOW COVER OR YOU KNOW THE THE BATHROOM STALL DOOR HAS TO BE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF INCHES ABOVE THE GROUND SO IF YOU KNOW GDOE IS HAS INITIATED CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR THESE TYPES OF VIOLATIONS WHICH I'M NOT SAYING ARE MINOR BUT ARE LESS SERIOUS THAN A VIOLATION THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE CLOSURE OR CONDEMNATION THEN THE DIRECTOR MAY GRANT A VARIANCE BUT A WRITTEN STATEMENT SHALL INCLUDE AN ALTERNATE PLAN TO ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS THAT THAT VARIANCE MAY GRANT AND THEN THEY REPORT ALL OF THESE THINGS IF YOU READ FURTHER TO THIS BODY *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* AND ALSO THE GUAM EDUCATION BOARD AND THESE REPORTS ARE GOING TO BE FILED MONTHLY I WOULD ALSO JUST SAY THAT THE ACTING

SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION HAS ALSO COMMITTED TO MONTHLY CHECK-INS WITH THIS BODY WHETHER OR NOT THIS BILL BECOMES LAW THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT HAS A PLEDGE THAT SHE'LL BE DOWN HERE GIVING US STATUS REPORTS ON ALL OF THE WORK TO BRING OUR SCHOOLS INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE BASIC HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND IF YOU WOULD ALLOW ME TO THANK THE GENTLEMAN FOR HIS ANSWER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ALL RIGHT ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE SENATOR LUJAN I DIDN'T SEE YOUR HAND YOU MAY SPEAK ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND YOU KNOW A IT'S JUST REALLY CRAZY THAT WE'RE HAVING TO DEBATE THIS ISSUE BECAUSE THE STUDENTS AND THE PARENTS AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM DESERVE MORE THE STATUS QUO IS DEFINITELY NOT ACCEPTABLE YOU KNOW I HEARD ABOUT CLOSURE VERSUS NOT WE'RE JUST COMING OUT OF A OF A CLOSURE BASED ON SOMETHING WE HAVE NOT SEEN WE CANNOT SEE A VIRUS WE SEE THE CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOOLS WE SEE THE PHYSICAL NATURE OF THE SCHOOLS THERE'S A SAYING THAT SAY THAT SAYS SEEING IS BELIEVING THERE'S FIVE HOURS OF TESTIMONY ON FRIDAY OF PEOP PEOPLE EVERY DAY WHO SEE THESE THINGS THE PHYSICAL NATURE OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE SCHOOL FALLING APART YET THE GOVERNOR SAID IT DEEMED ITS NOT OF HER HER AUTHORITY IT'S ON THE LEGISLATURE'S SHOULDER OKAY HERE WE ARE IT'S ON OUR SHOULDER LET'S WORK TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNOR AND THE SCHOOL LEADERS IT'S TIME TO BE ABLE TO GET THIS DONE LET'S FIX THE SCHOOLS NOW YOU KNOW WHAT EVEN BOTHERS ME EVEN MORE IS WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF THESE SCHOOLS AND THE FIVE-HOUR TESTIMONY AND THE AND THE PREVIOUS ROUNDTABLES THAT WE HAD AND THINKING THAT WITHIN OUR SCHOOLS WE HAVE CHILDREN THAT ARE CHALLENGED BE IT PHYSICALLY MENTALLY CHALLENGED THAT HAVE TO ATTEND TO OUR SCHOOLS AND CAN YOU IMAGINE THESE KIDS WHO WHO HAVE GREATER CHALLENGES THAN THE REGULAR CHALLENGE OF THE OTHER KIDS IMAGINE WHAT THEY HAVE TO ENDURE IMAGINE WHAT THEY HAVE TO ENDURE ESPECIALLY THE KIDS WHO MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE OR MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SPEAK AND THEY HAVE TO BE IN THIS CONDITIONS ON A DAILY BASIS I JUST WANT TO SAY AGAIN THAT WE NEED TO ACT WITH ALL URGENCY IT'S BEEN MENTIONED MORE THAN ONCE ALL HANDS ON DECK WELL THE GOVERNOR SAID IT'S THE SHOULDERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OKAY HERE WE ARE ADDRESSING IT THIS BILL WILL PASS GOVERNOR YOU'VE GOT TO SIGN THIS AND THEN THE SCHOOL LEADERS GET GOING AS WELL BECAUSE AGAIN THE CONDITIONS IN THE SCHOOLS SOME MORE THAN OTHERS ARE MORE DEPLORABLE THAN OTHERS AND THIS IS NOTHING NEW IT'S BEEN SINCE EVER SINCE SO I ASK EACH EVERY ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES AGAIN AS WE GET READY TO VOTE IN THIS BILL IMAGINE THE STUDENTS WHO ARE CHALLENGED THAT ARE GOING TO OUR SCHOOLS IMAGINE THEM AS WELL AND IF A REGULAR STUDENT HAS GREAT CHALLENGES AND SEES ALL THESE THINGS THAT ARE GOING THEM AROUND THEM IMAGINE THE ONES THAT CAN'T SEE OR CAN'T SPEAK ABOUT IT OR EVEN THEIR ACCESSIBILITY SITUATION HAS BEEN GREATLY COMPROMISED WE NEED TO FIX THIS IN TOTALITY AND WE NEED TO ACT WITH URGENCY AND AGAIN I APPLAUD THE THE AUTHOR THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF THE BILL I LOOK FORWARD TO VOTING ON THIS BILL AND PASSING IT AND GOVERNOR SIGNING INTO LAW AND SCHOOL LEADERS AND THEN FOR SURE IT'LL BE ALL HANDS ON DECK WITH THAT THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER.

**NOTE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN PRESIDES**

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN MADAM SPEAKER YOU WANTED TO SPEAK ON THE BILL MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH I SUR RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL I SHARE MANY OF THE CONCERNS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS THE CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY THE CONCERNS OF OUR TEACHERS OUR PRINCIPLES AND MOST ESPECIALLY OUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS AND THEY HAVE VOICED THESE TO US VERY VERY CLEARLY I THINK THERE SHOULD BE NO DEBATE AND THAT THE CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOOL REQUIRE IMMEDIATE FIXING AND WHEN TRYING TO COME UP WITH THE SOLUTION OF HOW DO WE MOVE ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO US IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO FIX THE SCHOOLS REALLY MY FAVORITE PART OF THIS BILL IS THAT IT DOES THAT IT SAYS THAT *I MAGA'HÅGAN* MAY TRANSFER *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* MAY TRANSFER PERSONNEL AND OTHER RESOURCES FROM BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ASSIST WITH PREPARING PROCUREMENT RELATED SCOPE OF WORK PREPARATION REPAIRS OR OTHER ACTIONS DEEM NECESSARY TO OBTAIN GDOE PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPLIANCE WITH SANITARY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS IT'S THAT ALL HANDS ON DECK APPROACH THAT THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT DESCRIBED THAT I THINK WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITHOUT THAT WE ABSOLUTELY NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK THE GOVERNOR DURING OUR STATE OF THE ISLAND POINTED BACK TO US THE LEGISLATURE SHE WANTS US TO ACT WE WILL ACT AND WE ARE TRYING OUR BEST TO ACT THROUGH THIS EMERGENCY SESSION AND THROUGH THE CONTINUED WORK HOWEVER I JUST DON'T THINK THE SOLUTION IS GOING TO BE WAITING AND WAITING FOR THE HIRING OF PROCUREMENT SPECIALISTS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WHEN WE NEED PROCUREMENT SPECIALISTS TODAY IN ORDER TO SPEND THE 120 MILLION DOLLARS IN ARP MONEY THAT THEY HAVE AND IF WE WANT TO MOVE THAT WE NEED THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST OF OUR PROCUREMENT OFFICERS ACROSS OUR GOVERNMENT TO COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF DOE AND WE HAVE SEEN DURING THE PANDEMIC THAT THIS IS WHAT OUR GOVERNMENT CAN DO COME TO THE AID OF THE AGENCY THE HOSPITAL WHICHEVER NEEDS IT THE MOST IMMEDIATELY WHICHEVER IS URGENT AND BRING IN YOUR ENGINEERS YOUR PROCUREMENT SPECIALISTS YOUR AIR CONDITION REPAIR PERSONS WHATEVER IS NEEDED THAT WE CAN DO THIS WE CAN HELP THEM SO WE DO NOT HAVE TO CLOSE SCHOOLS MY KIDS LIVE THROUGH CLOSED SCHOOLS AND THAT IS NOT AT ALL WHAT WE SHOULD DO BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN WE LET THEM LIVE WITH RAT INFESTATION I MEAN IF YOU READ THE REPORTS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH IT'S IT'S GROSS AND IF YOU HEAR THE PLEAS FROM THE PARENTS IT MAKES YOU WANT TO CRY IT'S LIKE NO OUR KIDS SHOULD NOT LIVE IN THAT NO KIDS SHOULD LIVE LIKE THAT TEACHERS WE TRIED WITH TEACHER RAISES TO SUPPORT TEACHERS AND TELL THEM WE VALUE YOU PLEASE DON'T QUIT ON US WE VALUE YOU YET OUR CONDITIONS AND THEY HAVE BEEN SO PATIENT AND YOU WOULD HEAR IT WAS A LITTLE SAD DURING THE PTO HEARING THAT WE HAD THE OTHER NIGHT THAT WENT VERY LATE EXCELLENT TESTIMONY YOU CAN TELL THESE THESE PARENTS IN THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND TEACHERS IN THESE ORGANIZATIONS THEY HAVE A LOT OF LOVE NOT JUST FOR THEIR OWN CHILDREN BUT FOR ALL THE CHILDREN IN THOSE SCHOOLS AND THEY PUT IN A LOT OF TIME THEY PUT IN THEIR OWN MONEY RESOURCES TO REALLY ASSIST THEY'VE BEEN SO FORGIVING AND THEY SAID I KNOW WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY BUT YOU KNOW BUT REALLY THAT'S NOT OUR CASE RIGHT NOW WE HAVE MONEY WE NEED TO MOVE THIS MONEY WE NEED TO MOVE OUR PERSONNEL IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THESE THINGS THE SUPERINTENDENT THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT SAID THAT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT SHE'S GOING TO DO AND I BELIEVE HER BECAUSE I HAVE WORKED WITH HER AND SHE WILL DO THAT IF SHE SAYS SHE'S GOING TO DO IT AND ACTUALLY SHE TOLD US OF THE EFFORTS AND HOW THEY HAVE SOME RFPS I THINK IT WAS READY TO GO HOPEFULLY SHE'S PUTTING THOSE OUT IN APRIL THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID I JUST WANT TO SEE IF IT'S RFP OR IFB I ANYWAY SHE SAID SHE'S PREPARED TO PUT BIDS OUT IN APRIL TO SECURE CONTRACTS FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN JULY AND SEPTEMBER 2024 BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE FUNDING OF THE ARP IN ORDER TO DO THAT YES SHE NEEDED SOME ENGINEERS RIGHT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SPECS AND SHE GOT SOME AND I WANT TO COMMEND FOR EXAMPLE GPA THEY CAME IN AND THEY HELPED ACCORDING TO THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT THAT'S WHAT SHE REPORTED TO US AND THAT'S WHAT WE'VE SEEN GPA DO FOR THE HOSPITAL WE'VE SEEN THEM DO THIS FOR GDOE AND I THANK THEM FOR USING THEIR EXPERTISE TO HELP ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SECTION 4 OF THIS BILL ALSO JUST REALLY PUTS THE FIRE UNDER GDOE ONCE AND FOR ALL AND SAYS THAT THEY SHALL CONDUCT IMMEDIATE SITE INSPECTIONS OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ASSESS AND MONITOR CORRECTIVE ACTION TO MEET COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS THE REPORTS OF THOSE ARE GOING TO BE MADE PUBLIC THE REPORTS AND THE INSPECTION AND GRADING REPORTS THAT ARE CONDUCTED BY PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ARE ALSO GOING TO BE MADE PUBLIC AND THAT WAY EVERYONE IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW ALONG AND SEE WHERE THE RESOURCES ARE NEEDED MOST URGENTLY ON THE ON PRETTY MUCH A VERY REGULAR BASIS PUBLIC HEALTH IS MANDATED IN HERE DESPITE THEIR PERSONNEL SHORTAGE TO CONDUCT SITE INSPECTIONS BEFORE THE ISSUANCE A RENEWAL OF SANITARY PERMITS FOR THE SCHOOL YEARS 2023-2024 AND THEY KNEW THAT THIS WOULD BE TOUGH THEY KNEW THAT MANY OF THESE SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO HAVE A HARD TIME PASSING THEY ALSO HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO GIVE TO THE SCHOOLS SOME GUIDES LINES TO HELP THEM AND HOW TO GET THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY INVOLVED AND THEY CALL IT THERE'S A LIKE A MANUAL THAT THEY ALSO PASSED OUT AND ASSET ALL THE SCHOOLS ALSO USE IT IT'S CALLED THIS COMMUNITY SUPPORTED SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM WHICH PUBLIC HEALTH PROVIDED TO ASSIST SCHOOLS WITH UTILIZING COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO ASSIST WITH IMPROVING SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND WE'VE HEARD FROM OTHER SOURCES ABOUT THE OTHER TYPES OF FUNDING THAT ARE AVAILABLE AND SO HOPEFULLY THIS IS THE PERFECT STORM THAT WE'VE GOT THE MONEY AND WE'VE GOT THE MOTIVATION AND WE'VE HAD PATIENCE FOR ALL THESE YEARS BUT NO MORE AND THAT WE WE MOVE OUR

ENTIRE GOVERNMENT TO THE AID OF GDOE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LIVING CONDITIONS THERE ARE REALLY SANITARY AND SUITABLE FOR OUR MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE ON GUAM THAT IS OUR CHILDREN *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. CHAIR.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR PARKINSON YOU HAVE A POINT OF ORDER OR POINT OF INQUIRY BECAUSE YOU ALREADY SPOKE EARLIER.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YES I'D LIKE TO ALL I'D LIKE TO PROFFER AN AMENDMENT TO THIS BILL I'D LIKE TO AMEND SECTION TWO SUB.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** SENATOR PARKINSON YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO BECAUSE YOU ALREADY SPOKE DURING THE TIME YOU SPOKE IT'S THE ONLY TIME YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER AN AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** ALL RIGHT.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU ANY OTHER COLLEAGUE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE ON THE ON THE BILL THERE BEING NONE SENATOR RORY ROY.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** MR. SPEAKER CAN I YIELD FIVE MINUTES TO SENATOR PARKINSON TWO SAY NO OVER HERE ONE SAYS YES OVER THERE AND I'M WE'LL REQUEST FOR LEGAL COUNSEL I GUESS.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** SEN SENATOR ROY YOU CAN PROFFER THE AMENDMENT THAT HE WANTED TO INTRODUCE BUT HE ALREADY SPOKE SO IT WOULD END HIS HIS PART IN SPEECH.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** OKAY WELL GIVE ME YOUR AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** OKAY LET'S JUST TAKE A.

**SENATOR:** SENATOR.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** A QUICK ONE MINUTE

RECESS WHILE YOU GUYS PUT IT TOGETHER ALL RIGHT.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** OKAY.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** ONE MINUTE RECESS.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** ONE MINUTE.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** WHILE YOU PUT IT TOGETHER.

**RECESS**

**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR KANATA YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** I WITHDRAW MY INTENT TO DRAFT AN AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF SENATOR PARKINSON AND WE'VE COME TO THE CONCLUSION IT'S NOT NEEDED BUT I WANTED TO STRESS MY *YAHU BAI SUPOTTE ESTE NA PRINIPONI GINEN AS SENATOR BARNETT YAHU NA SAÑGANI TODUS HAMYU DÁNGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' PU NA' USA ESTE NA TIEMPO PU NA' AYUDA I FAMAGUON YAN TODO I TÁOTÁO SIHA NOH PUET ANTES ESTUDANTEN SIMON SANCHEZ IN 2013 WE CHALLENGED THE SENATORS AND THE GOVERNOR AND THE MAYORS AND LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO GO TO OUR SCHOOL AND IN 2013 THE RELATIVENESS OF ALL OF THESE CHALLENGES THAT WE SEE ACROSS OUR OUR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES HAS BEEN EVIDENT IT'S IT'S BEEN THERE FOR GENERATIONS AND I HOPE THAT WITH THIS LEGISLATION THAT WE ACTUALLY SEE SOME MORE PROGRESS VERSUS YOU KNOW WE NEED MORE TIME WE NEED TO EXTEND THIS WE NEED TO EXTEND THAT YOU KNOW BASICALLY 2013 MEANS THAT MY MY CLASS REUNION IS LITERALLY NEXT YEAR AND THAT IS VERY UNFORTUNATE SENATOR PEREZ WAS MY TEACHER FOR PERMACULTURE AND WE WERE BOTH YOU KNOW WE WE WERE YOU KNOW WE WERE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE STUDIES BETWEEN I GUESS RODENTS AND RATS IN OUR SCHOOL HOW CAN WE WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO CONTINUE TO GO TO SCHOOL WITH FLOODING AND THOSE THINGS NOT BEING MITIGATED BETWEEN STUDENTS SPITTING IN BETWEEN HALLWAY POCKETS BECAUSE OF ONE STUDENT HAVE ANGER MANAGEMENT ISSUES BETWEEN DOORKNOBS BEING BROKEN BECAUSE ONE CHILD THINKS THAT THEY'RE STRONGER THAN HULK SO YOU KNOW I I STRESS THE IMPORTANCE FOR THIS LEGISLATION'S PASSAGE I I STRESS THE IMPORTANCE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND OUR *NEMIS* AND TO OUR *NANAS* HAVING BETTER*

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES BUT I DON'T THINK WE REALLY NEEDED THIS EMERGENCY SESSION TO ADDRESS THIS DOE HAS 183 MILLION DOLLARS THAT HASN'T BEEN EXHAUSTED SO THE WHOLE THREE YEARS OF A PANDEMIC CONTRACTUAL WORK WASN'T PAUSED PERMITS WERE STILL BEING PROCESSED SO IT'S NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DOCTOR SPEAKER WON PAT SENATOR SHE HAS PLENTY TITLES BUT YOU KNOW I I DON'T THINK THAT SHE'S THE PERSON TO BLAME MORE OR LESS ANYONE IS TO BLAME FOR THIS BECAUSE IT'S BEEN GENERATIONS PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THIS BODY LONGER THAN ME YOU KNOW I'M AND THAT'S ONE OF THE BIGGEST REASONS I STEPPED UP TO RUN FOR OFFICE IS TO MAKE SURE THAT MY SCHOOL IS REBUILT IT'S BIASED OR WHATEVER BUT THANK YOU TO THE COR CHAIR AND THE LEADERSHIP FOR GIVING ME SIMON SANCHEZ SPECIFICALLY ON THE BUILDUP FOCUS BECAUSE MY SCHOOL ISN'T JUST DIDN'T JUST HAVE ALL THOSE PROBLEMS YESTERDAY IT'S YEARS AND THE SAME ISSUE CONTINUES TO BE RELEVANT IN ALL OUR GOV GUAM FACILITIES IT'S NOT JUST DOE BUT IT COMES DOWN TO FISCAL MANAGEMENT OUR BUILDING ITSELF HAS AIRCON PROBLEMS LAST YEAR *LAÑIA KALANA* AND WE WE WE HAD LIKE EIGHT EIGHT TIMES OUR AIRCON WAS DOWN IN OUR BUILDING BUT WE'RE VERY FAST TO FIX IT SO WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET AT IS PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE NEEDS TO BE OUR GOAL AND FUNDING MAINTENANCE NEEDS TO BE OUR GOAL ENSURING THAT THOSE POSITIONS ARE ARE KEPT AND PEOPLE WANT TO STAY WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BECAUSE WHY ARE WE GOING TO GPA TO GET ENGINEER SUPPORT GPA IS GUAM POWER AUTHORITY GWA IS GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY NOT DOE'S MAINTENANCE SUPPORT SERVICES AND I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE ALSO HAVE SOME KIND OF FINANCIAL MECHANISM TO TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF I MEAN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY BUT ALSO THAT THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS HAS BEEN VERY MUCH FLAWED AND IT'S IT'S CAUSED SO MUCH DELAY SO THAT'S ANOTHER REASON FOR NUMEROUS DELAYS WE LOVE PROCUREMENT BUT WHEN PROCUREMENTS CAUSING MORE DELAYS I DON'T THINK IT'S AS GOOD AS IT ONCE WAS SO YOU KNOW BASED ON THE SEVERITY OF OUR OF OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR CLASSROOMS IT'S VERY IMPERATIVE THAT WE PASS THIS LEGISLATION AND I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR BARNETT FOR HAVING THREE KIDS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL TO FINALLY GET THIS DONE UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T HAVE MY OWN KIDS BUT THAT IS NOT MY PRIORITY TO HAVE KIDS TO PROFFER GOOD LEGISLATION WHETHER MY CHILD WENT TO A FATHER DUEÑAS ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OR WHATNOT YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE KIDS TO DO GOOD BY OUR PEOPLE AND THAT THAT'S JUST NOT FOR DOE WHETHER IT'S EPA EPA LOOKS LIKE ITS OWN VIOLATION INSIDE ITS BUILDING IT HAS BLACK MOLD ON THE CEILING THE ISSUES OF SIMON SANCHEZ I WENT THERE I DIDN'T NEED A PRESS RELEASE TO GO TO MY SCHOOL I WENT THERE I AM AN *HALU'U* I AM A SHARK BUT A LOT OF THE CONCERNS THAT THE REASON THEY GOT A D WAS BECAUSE OF CEILING TILES CEILING TILES THAT ARE NOT FLAT BECAUSE OF THE REASONING THAT IT NEEDED TO HAVE PINHOLES AND CRACKS ON IT SPECIFICALLY FOR ACOUSTIC REASONS SO AGAIN UPDATES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMES WITH IT BUT YOU KNOW A LOT OF THESE THINGS ARE WAY OUTDATED OUR SCHOOLS ARE ARE IN DISREPAIR BECAUSE OF THEIR AGING FACILITIES AND BECAUSE WE'VE ALSO FAILED TO FUND THE MAINTENANCE PLATFORM FAIRLY AND JUSTLY OUR PRIVATE ARE YOU KNOW THE OTHERS I MEAN NOT TO STRESS THAT WE HAVE A BRACKET OF TECHNICALLY PRIVATE FUNDED PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES THEIR MAINTENANCE FUNDING VERY GOOD BUT THE GENERAL PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OUT THERE ALL THE OTHER SCHOOLS IN *MERIZO YIGO* AND WHATNOT THAT DON'T HAVE SPECIF SPECIFIC CURRICULAR STRUCTURE AREN'T WELL FUNDED OUR NEW SCHOOLS MILLION DOLLAR MAINTENANCE PLAN SO YOU KNOW AGAIN I ECHO MY SUPPORT FOR THIS LEGISLATION THANK GOD CHRIS BARNETT HAS PUBLIC SCHOOL KIDS AND CALL FOR THE VOTE THANK YOU *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* HAVE A GREAT EVENING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR QUINATA ON THE BILL THERE'S NO ONE ELSE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL WE WILL RECOGNIZE A SPONSOR WHO MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER BEFORE I CLOSE I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF MOTIONS I WOULD FIRST MOVE TO THIS IS A TECHNICAL MOTION TO ADD SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN TO THE LIST OF CO-SPONSORS HE WAS ON THE ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED BILL AND HIS NAME WOULD GO BEFORE SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON AS WAS INTRODUCED.

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

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D ALSO LIKE TO MOTION MOVE TO ADD SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS AS A CO-SPONSOR AND I THANK HIM FOR THAT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO ADD SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AS A CO-SPONSOR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MAY I CLOSE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YOU MAY CLOSE.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OH SORRY IS THERE A YOU MAY CLOSE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU AGAIN TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR UNANIMOUS CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THIS MEASURE I WANTED TO FIRST START YOU KNOW AND I SAID WE'RE NOT TRYING TO DO ANYTHING FANCY WE'RE TRYING TO GO FOR ADEQUATE BUT I DID WANT TO POINT OUT SOME OF THE THE POINTS LISTED UNDER THE ADEQUATE PUBLIC EDUCATION LAW AND OF COURSE I'M SURE YOU GUYS KNOW THIS LAWS BASICALLY ESTABLISHES THE MINIMUM STANDARD THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS MUST PROVIDE TO THE STUDENTS NUMBER SIX AIR CONDITIONER PROPERLY VENTILATED CLASSROOMS IN WHICH THE SENSIBLE AIR TEMPERATURE IS NO GREATER THAN 78 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT FAIL NUMBER SEVEN POTABLE WATER SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE EACH STUDENT A DAILY RATION OF DRINKING AND WASHING WATER WE HEARD NUMEROUS TESTIMONY SINKS AND BATHROOMS NOT WORKING TOILET'S NOT WORKING SOME SCHOOLS OF ONE WORKING BATHROOM FOR THE ENTIRE STUDENT POPULATION NUMBER SEVEN FAILED NUMBER EIGHT A RELIABLE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY WE HEARD TESTIMONY FRIDAY IN THE CAFETERIA YOU PLUG IN THE FAN THE LIGHT GOES OUT YOU UNPLUG THE FAN THE LIGHT COMES ON FAIL PROPER SANITATION NUMBER NINE TO INCLUDE FLUSHABLE TOILETS CLEAN RESTROOMS DINING AREAS AND CLASSROOMS AGAIN FAIL NUMBER 12 A HEALTHFUL SAFE SANITARY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT'S A NO-BRAINER AND I'M JUST SURPRISED THAT WE HAVEN'T HAD ANYBODY SUE BECAUSE OF OUR FAILURE TO MEET THE ADEQUATE EDUCATION STANDARDS AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS BILL SHOULD BE PASSED INTO LAW AND I'M PRAYING THAT THE GOVERNOR WILL SIGN IT THAT WE COME A LONG WAY IN ENSURING THAT OUR STUDENTS AT THE VERY LEAST GET THE ADEQUATE EDUCATION THAT THAT THEY THEY DESERVE I ALSO WANTED TO ADDRESS ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES CONCERNS ABOUT THE TIMELINE THAT WERE AND AND AGAIN THIS BILL WHAT IT DOES IS IT SPEEDS UP THE COMPLIANCE TIMELINE FROM NEXT SCHOOL YEAR TO THE START OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR WE HEARD TESTIMONY ON THIS BILL DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING A REVISED TESTIMONY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND I'M JUST GOING TO QUOTE DIRECTLY FROM A DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH THE HEAD TOM NADEAU'S TESTIMONY CONSIDERING THE RECENT INSPECTIONS OF A HANDFUL OF GDOE SCHOOLS IT IS EVIDENT THAT GDOE IS NOT ADDRESSING THE MANY STRUCTURAL AND SANITATION DEFICIENCIES OF ITS SCHOOLS THIS SUGGESTS THAT ACTIVE REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT MAY BE THE ONLY MEANS TO GET GDOE TO COMPLY WITH THE SANITATION REQUIREMENTS AND AGAIN MA'AM THAT'S WHY WE PROFFER THIS BILL TO FORCE THIS ISSUE SO THAT THEY CAN COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS SO THAT THEY REMAIN OPEN AND REMAIN ABLE TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN THERE WAS ALSO SOME SOME GREAT THINGS SAID ABOUT THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT JUDI WON PAT AND I AGREE SHE CAME DOWN HERE AND SHE TOLD US THAT SHE HAD BIG PLANS RIGHT BIG PLANS THAT I DEFINITELY APPRECIATE AND I THINK IN HER TESTIMONY IS SHE WAS TRYING TO IMPLY THAT SOMEHOW HER PLANS WHICH ARE GREAT WOULD BE A MEANINGFUL SUBSTITUTE FOR MY BILL AND I WOULD JUST RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE BECAUSE I WORRY ABOUT THE CONTINUITY WE KNOW THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT IS AS GREAT A JOB AS MANY PEOPLE FEEL SHE IS DOING IS NOT THE FULL-TIME PERMANENT SUPERINTENDENT IN FACT HER TIME EXPIRES IN JUST A COUPLE MONTHS AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO GET A NEW SUPERINTENDENT AND WHO KNOWS WHAT HIS PRIORITIES ARE GOING TO BE SO THAT'S WHY I AGAIN URGE THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF THIS BILL AND THIS BILL IT'S GOING OUT TO TO ALL THE STUDENTS IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM BUT YOU KNOW MOST ESPECIALLY TO THE STUDENTS AT OCEANVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL WHO WANT TO KEEP ATTENDING CLASSES AT OCEANVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL BUT BECAUSE OF THE MANY HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS THEY'RE NOW FACING THE VERY REAL POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE TO GO TO CLASS NEXT SCHOOL YEAR AT SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL AND WE ALL KNOW SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL WHICH IS IS FACING ITS OWN ISSUES SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVED A D RATING AND SO THIS BILL ALSO GOES OUT TO SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL HOME OF THE DOLPHINS I'M A SON OF THE SOUTH IT BREAKS MY HEART THAT WE HAVE THIS WELL WE HAD THIS WORLD-CLASS FACILITY IN SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL REALLY JUST DECREPIT NOW THE FOOTBALL FIELD WE JUST GOT A LETTER FROM THE FOOTBALL TEAM THEY'RE ASKING FOR OUR HELP TO BUSH CUT THE FOOTBALL FIELD THEY GOT A WORLD-CLASS AUDITORIUM THAT YOU KNOW IS FULL OF PIGEON CRAP BECAUSE THERE'S PIGEONS THERE MOLD EVERYWHERE SO DOLPHINS THIS IS FOR YOU GEORGE WASHINGTON GECKOS I ALSO PROFFER THIS BILL FOR EVERYONE IS GOING OVER AT GEORGE WASHINGTON MY ALMA MATER WHERE THEY HAVEN'T HAD A GYM IN YEARS WHERE THERE ARE CLASSROOMS THAT HAVE

EXPOSED ASBESTOS OR THE THE STUDENTS THE THE PARENTS THE TEACHERS THE STAFF ALL THE TEACHERS AND STAFF MAY HAVE KNOWN ABOUT IT IT WAS NEVER RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC IT'S ALSO GOING OUT TO DL PEREZ WHERE THE BROKEN DOWN AWNING IS THE ONLY WAY FOR THESE KIDS TO GET TO THEIR CLASSROOM AND SO DURING THE RAINY SEASON THEY GET RAINED ON WHILE THEY'RE WALKING UNDER AN AWNING WE ALL READ ABOUT THE FLEA INFESTATION AT DL PEREZ WHERE NOW IT'S BECOME A RUNNING JOKE DO YOU HAVE FLEAS SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL I'M SENDING THIS OUT TO THE STUDENTS THE FORMER STUDENTS LIKE MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR ROY OR YES THE CEILING IS FALLING DOWN THE TOILETS ARE BROKEN THE RATS ARE INFESTING JUST THE GENERAL DECREPIT STATE OF THAT SCHOOL AND WE HAVE WE HAVE BEEN LIKE A BROKEN RECORD LIKE THESE CALLS TO SPECIAL SESSION PROMISING THE STUDENTS AT SANCHEZ THAT NEXT YEAR IS THEIR YEAR WE'VE BEEN SAYING THAT FOR OVER 10 YEARS IT'S ALSO GOING OUT TO THE THE STUDENTS AND THE PEOPLE AT JUAN M. GUERRERO SCHOOL IN HARMON WHERE AGAIN CHILDREN WHO ARE IN WHEELCHAIRS THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM DISABILITIES HAVE TO WALK THROUGH THE MUD IN THE GRASS WHEN IT'S RAINING JUST TO GET TO CLASS WHERE THEY HAVE MOUNTAINS MOUNTAINS OF CONSTRUCTION WASTE DEBRIS SITTING IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR CAMPUS BECAUSE THEY HIRED A CONTRACTOR TO DEMOLISH TEMPORARY BUILDINGS AND THAT CONTRACTOR DID JUST THAT BUT THEY PILED THE WASTE UP IN IN ABOUT THREE BIG MOUNTAINS AT THAT SCHOOL AND THEY WERE TOLD BY GUAM EPA THAT THEY CAN'T MOVE THESE PILES BECAUSE THEY NEED A PERMIT WHY DO THEY NEED A PERMIT YOU MIGHT ASK WELL LET ME ANSWER BECAUSE IT'S HAZARDOUS WASTE MOUNTAINS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE SITTING IN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SCHOOLYARD AND I'M TIRED OF US JUST ACCEPTING THIS YOU KNOW THE TESTIMONY FROM THE THE PTO PRESIDENT OF JUAN M. GUERRERO SAID OH WE PUT THE CAUTION TAPE THEY KNOW NOT TO GO THERE I DON'T LIKE THAT WE'VE BECOME COMFORTABLE WITH THE SAD REALITY THAT IS THE STATE OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINEGAYAN AND WHERE THEY SWEAT BECAUSE OF A BROKEN DOWN AIRCON IN THE CAFETERIA THAT HAS GONE UNADDRESSED SINCE THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR *ORDOT CHALAN PAGO* ELEMENTARY SCHOOL I WAS ABLE TO ATTEND A PTO MEETING THERE I TOLD THEM WOW YOUR SCHOOL LOOKS REALLY NICE THEY SAID SENATOR BARNETT OUR AIRCON HAS BEEN DOWN IN THE CAFETERIA PRICE ELEMENTARY AGAIN WHERE THE STUDENTS CAN'T PERFORM BECAUSE WHEN THEY GO TO PLUG IN SOMETHING SOMETHING ELSE DIES BECAUSE THERE'S LEAKS THAT ARE RUNNING RIGHT INTO THE OUTLET FB LEON GUERRERO RIGHT AND IF WE SHUT DOWN FB LEON GUERRERO BECAUSE A CHUNK OF CEILING FELL DOWN I JUST WONDER WHY WE HAVEN'T SHUT DOWN MORE OF THESE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE MORE EGREGIOUS VIOLATIONS AND PLAY EVERY SINGLE DAY BUT AGAIN TO THE STUDENTS AND THE STAFF AT FB LEON GUERRERO WHO ARE NOW ATTENDING DOUBLE SESSION AT OKKODO HIGH SCHOOL MEANING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS DON'T EVEN GET OUT OF CLASS UNTIL 6:30 IN THE EVENING MANY OF THESE PTO REPRESENTATIVES PARENTS WE EVEN HAD SOME STUDENTS TESTIFY FRIDAY THEY WERE SURPRISED AT HOW MUCH IN COMMON ALL OF THEIR SCHOOLS HAD MANY OF THEM SAID OH I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST OUR SCHOOL THAT HAD A FALLING DOWN CEILING OR YOU KNOW ONE WORKING TOILET FOR HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS ANOTHER THING THAT WAS SAID THROUGHOUT THE HEARING WAS THAT THEY JUST WANTED TO BE HEARD THEY TRIED TELLING DOWNTOWN THEY GET THE RUN AROUND THE REQUESTS GO TO DOE CENTRAL TO DIE AND SO AGAIN IN THIS HEARING THEY SAID IT'S NICE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK AND TO BE HEARD AND TO KNOW THAT WE ARE WE'RE BEING LISTENED TO AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THIS BILL 29 DOES IS WE HEAR YOU WE HEAR YOU STUDENTS WE HEAR YOU TEACHERS WE HEAR YOU STAFF WE HEAR YOU PARENTS GUARDIANS WE HEAR YOU THAT YES IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY BUT TODAY I'M JUST SO HUMBLLED THAT MY COLLEAGUES WOULD STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE SO THAT WE CAN REALLY AND FINALLY MAKE THE CHANGES THAT OUR STUDENTS DESERVE SO THAT NEXT ELECTION WHEN WE SAY THE CHILDREN COME FIRST THAT EDUCATION IS THE PRIORITY THEN THEY'LL KNOW THAT WE REALLY MEAN IT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TO MY COLLEAGUES AND AGAIN I'M JUST HUMBLLED THAT WE WOULD HEAR THE CONCERNS OF THE ISLAND AND ACT ON THEM THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU AGAIN TO MY COLLEAGUES OH YES STANDBY I ALSO DID HAVE ANOTHER MOTION HERE I WOULD MOVE TO PLACE BILL NO. 29-37 COR AS SUBSTITUTED AND AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND AND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED WELL NOT ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING FILE FOR VOTING MA'AM IF THAT'S OKAY THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THAT'S OKAY ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT COLLEAGUES I HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE HAND DELIVERED BUT WE DID RECEIVE BY EMAIL ANOTHER CALL TO SESSION A FOURTH CALL SO I'M GOING TO RECESS OUR EMERGENCY SESSION AGAIN FOR 10 MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE EMERGENCY CALL OF THE GOVERNOR SO RECESS FOR 10 MINUTES THIS EMERGENCY SESSION.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS CALLED IS RETURNED WE'RE NOW CALLED BACK TO ORDER IN THE EMERGENCY SESSION THAT WE BEGAN EARLIER WE ARE BACK FROM RECESS SO WE ARE NOW ON SECOND READING BILL NO. 46-37 COR SENATOR PEREZ AS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE BILL NO. 46-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENT REVENUE TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING SPONSORED BY MYSELF AND SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT ON INTO THE THIRD READING INTO THE 3<sup>RD</sup> READING FILE AND I WISH TO DISCUSS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** BILL NO. 46-37 PROPOSES A TEMPORARY EXPEDITED PROTEST PROCEDURE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PARTICULARLY FOR THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE EVENT OF A PROTEST THE PROTESTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC AUDITOR WHO SHALL EXPEDITE THE HEARING AND DECISION WITHIN 20 DAYS DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING THE PUBLIC AUDITOR TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AND HIGHLIGHTED THAT SIMILAR IF NOT THE SAME TEMPORARY EXPEDITED PROTEST PROCEDURES WERE USED DURING THE AMERICAN RECOVERY REINVESTMENT ACT IN 2011 FOR GDOE WITH OVERWHELMING SUCCESS ALTHOUGH PROTESTS ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS GUAM'S CURRENT PROTEST PROCESS CAN OFTEN LEAD TO LENGTHY DELAYS AND PROCUREMENT AND POTENTIAL LEAD TO THE INABILITY FOR GDOE TO EXPEND THE FUNDS WITHIN THE REQUIRED DEADLINES OR CAN LEAD TO THEIR INABILITY TO SECURE THE BEST POSSIBLE PROCUREMENT COST TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM OR TO UNDERGO URGENTLY NEEDED FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS GDOE'S 10-YEAR FACILITIES MASTER PLAN WHICH GUIDES INVESTMENT INTO OUR SCHOOLS IDENTIFIED MUCH NEEDED CONSTRUCTION AND MODERNIZATION WORK AND ESTIMATED THE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE THROUGHOUT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS THIS DECADES-LONG DEFERMENT OF MAINTENANCE HAS RESULTED IN THE DETERIORATION OF AGING FACILITIES AND AN URGENT NEED TO REPAIR EXISTING OR CONSTRUCT NEW FACILITIES TO ENSURE A SAFE AND HEALTHY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS GDOE HAS BEEN PROVIDED A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF THE FEDERAL FUNDS OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 100 MILLION DOLLARS ADDITIONALLY PROVIDED THAT THERE ARE NO EXTENSIONS THE TIMELINES TO EXPEND ARPA FUNDS ENDS DECEMBER 2024 ALONG WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACCOMPLISH THE DEFERRED BUT URGENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING ACTING SUPERINTENDENT WON PAT TESTIFIED THAT OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS WILL EXPIRE SOON WITH LITTLE TO NO CHANCE TO CARRY OVER WHICH INCLUDES HEAD START GRANTS DUE TO EXPIRE JUNE 2023 AND THE EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND SET TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 30TH 2023. WHICH HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE AMENDED BILL DURING THE HEARING ATTORNEY CAMACHO WHO WAS THE HEARING OFFICER DURING THE ARA ERA TESTIFIED THE SUCCESS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS AT THE PUBLIC AUDITOR'S OFFICE AND SHARED HIS EXPERIENCE THAT THE AUTOMATIC STATE THROUGHOUT THE JUDICIAL PROCESS WAS OVERKILL AND PREJUDICIAL TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM BILL 46-37 WILL OMIT THE JUDICIAL REVIEW FOR GDOE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROCUREMENT UNTIL THE EXPIRATION DATE OF DECEMBER 2024 WHEN THIS LAW WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE REPEALED ALTHOUGH THIS BILL ADDRESSES PROCUREMENT PROTESTS FOR GDOE IT IS ASSURING TO HEAR THAT THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT WON PAT TESTIFIED THAT SHE IS WORKING WITH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS TO ENSURE PROCUREMENT PROCESS RUNS SMOOTHLY AND GDOE CAN EXECUTE DELAYED EXECUTE DELAYED THE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITH MINIMAL DELAY AT THIS TIME IT HUMBLY REQUESTS THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES IN PASSING THIS CRITICAL PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT MIMICS WHAT WAS THAT TOOK PLACE IN 31ST GUAM LEGISLATURE AND WHICH WAS A SUCCESSFUL PRECEDENT THAT WAS SET OVER 10 YEARS AGO WITH THE ARA FUNDS FOR THE SAKE OF ENSURING THAT NO MONEY IS LEFT ON THE TABLE WHEN IT COMES TO ADDRESSING THE EDUCATION NEEDS OF OUR OF OUR CHILDREN *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

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

**SENATOR PEREZ:** SORRY ONE MORE THING I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PROFFERAN AMENDMENT SO THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC AUDITOR'S WHEN HE TESTIFIED AND THAT HE IS WILLING TO EVEN PROMULGATE REGULATIONS SOONER THAN 90 DAYS IF GIVEN THE AUTHORITY SO WHAT THIS AMENDMENT IS ON PAGE 3 LINE 12 IT'S IN THE THE FOLDER I BELIEVE AND SO WHAT DOES AMENDMENT WOULD DO IT WOULD BASICALLY CHANGE THE PROMULGATION TO BE WITHIN 60 CALENDAR DAYS INSTEAD OF 90 60 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* THE EXPEDITED PROCEDURE SHALL BE PROMINENTLY DESIGNATED AS SUCH IN THE NOTICE AND THE SOLICITATION SO THIS WAS BASICALLY IN RESPONSE TO SOME OF THE TESTIMONY PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC AUDITOR TO ENSURE



THAT THAT THE EXPEDITED PROCEDURES ARE UP FRONT AND VERY PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN THE NOTICE AND SOLICITATION AND THAT ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS OFFERS CONTRACTORS ARE AWARE AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES FOR THE EXPEDITED PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT AGAIN TO TO PROVIDE THE A FAIR PROCESS AND AN EXPEDITED PROCESS SO THIS IS THE AMENDMENT I'D LIKE TO PROFFER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT SENATOR YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT RIGHT SHE YIELDS CLOSING ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT IF NOT AMENDMENT PASSES ON THE BILL SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT AND THE BILL THAT WAS PROFFERED EARLIER YOU KNOW TO HAVE OPA ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING AND PROVIDE HIS INPUT AND HIS ENTHUSIASM TO MOVE FORWARD ON SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT THEY HAVE AND ONE OF THEM IS ALWAYS IF SOMEONE IF A BIDDER COMES UP AND THEY DIDN'T WIN THE BID THEN THE NEXT THING THEY DO IS THEY PROTEST AND IT STOPS THE BID FROM MOVING FORWARD AND THIS IS THE BOTTLENECK THAT WE'VE ALWAYS HAD TO DEAL WITH AND RIGHT NOW LOSING THESE FEDERAL FUNDS IS NOT IN OUR BEST INTEREST AT THIS POINT BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW ARP IS GOING TO DRY UP ASK THE CNMI THEY'RE DEALING WITH IT RIGHT NOW A LOT OF FEDERAL FUNDS ARE DRYING UP SO NOW IS THE TIME THAT WE ACT EXPEDITIOUSLY AND MOVING FORWARD ON STOPPING SOME OF THESE THINGS THAT REALLY ARE JUST MEANT TO DERAIL PROGRESS BECAUSE SOMEONE WASN'T ABLE TO GET THE GIG YOU KNOW SO I I TOTALLY STAND IN FULL SUPPORT AND ASKED TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF THIS MEASURE AS WELL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL ANYONE LIKE TO BE A SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I JUST A FEW BRIEF COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE 46 37 YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER JUST TWO POINTS I WANTED TO MAKE I FIRST OF ALL THIS IS TESTED LEGISLATION AND WHAT THE GOOD AUTHOR IS DOING IS UPDATING TO ENSURE THAT IT IS YOU KNOW UNDER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CURRENT MOVEMENT WITH THE CONSIDERATION OF THE MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WE HAVE TO MOVE IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER WITH THE PUBLIC AUDITOR'S EYES ON THIS I'M VERY CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL SEE THROUGH AND AND BE EVEN THOUGH IT'S EXPEDITED WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THE UTMOST SCRUTINY IN TERMS OF FOLLOWING OUR LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND SETTING UP THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THAT EXPEDITED PROCESS MADAM SPEAKER I CAN I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T JUST RECOGNIZE YOUR REMARKS ON THE LAST BILL THAT I THINK THAT THIS IS THE TOOL TO DO A LOT OF WHAT YOU SAID AND MANY OF US HAVE BEEN MENTIONING IN DIFFERENT MEDIA FORUMS THAT THIS IS A TIME YOU KNOW TO ONCE AGAIN I CALL UPON YOU KNOW ALL THE AGENCIES THAT HAVE THIS OPERA THIS OF YOU KNOW CRITICAL ABILITY IN TERMS OF PROCUREMENT THAT IS VERY YOU KNOW IT'S VERY METICULOUS AND AND IT'S VERY YOU KNOW DETAILED BUT THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE IN OUR GOVERNMENT MADAM SPEAKER THAT ARE VERY GOOD AT IT I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS AT GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION YOU KNOW A LOT OF OUR EMPLOYEES WERE ACTUALLY DETAIL OR EXCUSE ME NOT DETAILED BUT CONDUCTED TRAININGS IN COORDINATION WITH GHURA IN TERMS OF PROCUREMENT TRAINING THAT WAS THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WERE AVAILD UNDER GSA AND I TELL YOU YOU KNOW EVERY YEAR WE WOULD SEND A COUPLE MORE PEOPLE AND PROCUREMENT JUST START GETTING BETTER AND BETTER AND BETTER AND AND SO YOU KNOW THE TWO HOUSING AGENCIES HAVE DONE A NUMBER OF YOU KNOW EFFORTS TOGETHER SO THEY HAD TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WERE CLEAR AND HOW THEY WERE MANEUVERING AND IT WAS THAT TRAINING AND THAT ABILITY FOR THEM TO COME TOGETHER THAT MOVE THINGS A LOT FASTER SO IT'S NOT UNPRECEDENTED IN OUR GOVERNMENT BUT NOW WE HAVE ANOTHER TOOL IN THE TOOLBOX TO DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU WERE MENTIONING EARLIER ON THE PRIOR BILL THIS IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE AND THIS IS THESE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS MADAM SPEAKER THAT ARE GOING TO ALLOW FOR THE PREVIOUS BILL THAT I HOPE WILL PASS AND YOU KNOW IN ORDER TO BRING IT TO FRUITION IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE AND WE DON'T HAVE TO SHUT DOWN SCHOOLS IF WE ARE GOING TO DO IT FOR POPULATION IF ISSUES AND RESTRUCTURING WELL YOU KNOW THAT'S ONE THING BUT I DON'T THINK IT HAS TO BE DONE SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE MOVING IN THIS FASHION YOU KNOW AND AND IF IT AND IF THERE IS THAT OPPORTUNITY MAYBE THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS IS WE CAN FULLY SHUT DOWN A SCHOOL FROM TIME TO TIME TO COMPLETELY REFURBISH IT AND THEN USE THAT AS A ROTATIONAL SCHOOL TO HANDLE THE SITUATIONS THOSE ARE JUST IDEAS BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS IT'S NOT AS THOUGH WE DON'T HAVE THE EXPERTISE THAT IF EVERYBODY PULLS TOGETHER WITH TOOLS SUCH AS THIS BILL WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THIS MOVE FAST AND I THINK OUR COMMUNITY WILL BE REALLY HAPPY TO SEE US MOVING THAT IN THAT DIRECTION TO FINALLY SET THIS RIGHT AND THEN KEEP IT RIGHT WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT WE'RE GOING TO HEAR LATER IN THIS SESSION *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND I'M CERTAINLY APPRECIATIVE

OF THE AUTHOR FOR PROSPERING THIS LEGISLATION AND I TOO WOULD LIKE TO BE A CO-SPONSOR *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THE BILL ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I THANK THE AUTHOR FOR THIS BILL AND AND IF IF I COULD BE A CO-SPONSOR ALSO I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL ONLY THING I'M ONLY QUESTIONING IS THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ALWAYS GETS INVOLVED IN ANY ANY OF THE THE BIDS WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO GO OUT I'M JUST WONDERING IF IF THE AUTHOR WILL LOOK INTO THAT YOU KNOW AFTER THIS BILL TO MAKE SURE THAT THE AG'S OFFICE IS PARTICIPATING SO IT DOESN'T BECOME THAT OFFICE SLOWING DOWN THE PROCESS BECAUSE THIS ONE'S GOING TO SPEED IT UP ON ONE SIDE BUT IF THE AG GETS INVOLVED AND THERE'S A SLOWDOWN THIS IS ONLY CAN GO AS FAST AS IT GETS CLEAR THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ANY ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I TOO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE WELL I NEVER SAID THAT BEFORE BUT I DEFINITELY SUPPORT THIS BILL THAT'S WHERE MY CO-SPONSORED AND I THANK SENATOR PEREZ WHO HAS REALLY BECOME THE PROCUREMENT PRINCESS OF THE GUAM LEGISLATURE I MEAN ANYTHING WITH PROCUREMENT SHE'S ON IT AND SO I'M JUST VERY GRATEFUL THAT WE WERE ABLE TO INTRODUCE THIS MEASURE IT IS TRIED AND TRUE I WOULD SAY IT'S TRIED AND TRUE LEGISLATION EVEN THOUGH IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN PASSED INTO LAW YET BECAUSE IT CAME WITH A SUGGESTION OF A FORMER SPEAKER OF OF THIS BODY AND AGAIN IT IT'S PROOF POSITIVE THAT WE'RE NOT JUST DROPPING MANDATES ON PEOPLE'S HEADS WE'RE ALSO LISTENING OUT FOR THEIR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE TYPES OF TOOLS THAT THEY NEED TO TO REALLY NAVIGATES OUT OF THIS SITUATION WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM SO IF I COULD VOTE FOR THIS BILL TWICE IWOULD THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU ON THE BILL ANY OTHER SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT I JUST HAVE ONE AMENDMENT TO ADD CO-SPONSORS AND SO I GUESS THE FIRST CO-SPONSOR SENATOR TAITAGUE I'M SORRY THE CO-SPONSOR AFTER SENATOR BARNETT IS SENATOR TAITAGUE EXCUSE ME SENATOR TOM FISHER SO THEY WERE BOTH AT MY PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS BILL AND THEY ASKED TO BE CO-SPONSOR SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN ALSO SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS AND I THINK IF EVERYBODY WOULD LIKE TO BE A CO-SPONSOR AS WELL I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THEM IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO IT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE MOTION TO ADD CO-SPONSORS SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES PLEASE PROCEED SENATOR PEREZ.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL 46-37 AS AMENDED AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTO THE THIRD READING FILE FOR VOTING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL AS AMENDED INTO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING AN OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES OKAY COLLEAGUES WE'RE STILL ON SECOND READING AND NOW WE'RE ON BILL NO. 32-37 COR THIS IS AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL SO WE ARE SUPPOSED TO GO INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** MADAM SPEAKER THAT THAT WAS OBEJECTED SO WE'RE NOT.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** MADAM SPEAKER IF WE GO BACK TO THE RECORD THAT WAS NOT OBJECTED TO IN FACT I WOULD LIKE THIS BILL TO HAVE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IT'S MY BILL AND I AND AND IF I COULD JUST INTRODUCE IT RIGHT NOW AND SPEAK BRIEFLY ON IT AND THEN CALL FOR THE COMMITTEE THE WHOLE TOMORROW MORNING AS I'M SURE IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO GET DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HERE IN THE EVENING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WELL WE ARE EXPECTING THAT THEY'RE STILL HERE BECAUSE THEY WERE CALLED SINCE THIS MORNING BUT OKAY WELL IF YOU GIVE ME ONE MINUTE RECESS I'D LIKE TO JUST CHECK THE RECORD ONE MINUTE RECESS.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS SO COLLEAGUES JUST TO RECAP WE WERE ON RECESS BUT WE WERE ON BILL NO. 32-37 COR UNDER THE SECOND READING WE CHECKED THE RECORD THERE WAS NO MOTION IN REGARDS TO THIS BILL SO ACCORDING TO OUR STANDING RULES WE WILL RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THIS BILL IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE APPROPRIATIONS CHAIRPERSON AND HE HAS AGREED TO GET THE GDOE OFFICIALS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN HERE BY 8:30 A.M. IF WE YEAH SO WE WILL RECESS OUR EMERGENCY SESSION UNTIL 8:30 A.M. PLEASE BE PROMPT.

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**NOTE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** GOOD MORNING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED TO ORDER MATERIALS FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ARE IN THE SHARED GOOGLE DRIVE ALL RIGHT LABEL 3.20 .23 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED WRITING TO THE CLERK VIA EMAIL [SESSIONDRIVE@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG](mailto:SESSIONDRIVE@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG) AMENDMENT'S NOT IN WRITING WILL BE CALLED OUT OF ORDER MY COLLEAGUES SHOULD HAVE HAD ENOUGH TIME ALREADY RULES OF ENGAGEMENT THREE ROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION WE WILL HAVE TWO ROUNDS OF QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL WITH EACH SENATOR ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES FOR QUESTIONS NOT INCLUDING RESPONSES TIME TO SPEAK MAY BE YIELDED FROM ONE FROM MORE THAN ONE MEMBER TO ANOTHER A MEMBER WHO YIELDS THE MEMBERS TIME ON A QUESTION USE ALL THAT MEMBERS TIME ON THAT QUESTION MAY NOT LATER SPEAK EVEN IF ALL THE TIME YIELDED WAS NOT USED THAT'S FOUND IN THE STANDING RULES SECTION 1.02 D3 AT THE COMPLETION OF THE TWO ROUNDS OF QUESTIONS PANELISTS WILL BE EXCUSED THIRD ROUND FOR AMENDMENTS OR COMMENTS TO SPEAK ON THE BILL AFTER WE COMPLETE THE DISCUSSION BILL I WILL ALLOW THE SPONSOR TO CLOSE AND I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOLLOWED BY A MOTIONS RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AT WHICH TIME I WILL REPORT ALL THE BILLS FOR RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY OF THE WHOLE I WILL NOW READ THE BILL NUMBER IS 32-37 COR I'D ASK THE SPONSOR TO SPEAK ON THE BILL BUT AT THIS POINT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THAT REPRESENTATIVE DOE ARE NOT PRESENT THEY WERE ASKED TO ATTEND AT 8:30 WHICH WE ALL WAITED SINCE 8 30 AND THEY'RE STILL NOT HERE BUT I WILL WE WILL HAVE A QUICK RECESS SO WE CAN GET THE SPONSOR TO COME AND INTRODUCE HIS BILL AND TALK ABOUT HIS BILL BEFORE WE BEGIN THE ROUND OF OF QUESTIONS AND WHEN WE BEGIN WE WILL START WITH SENATOR WILL AND PROCEED TO HIS LEFT MY RIGHT AND WILL GO AROUND UNTIL WE COMPLETE AND THEN WE'LL START THE SECOND ROUND ALL RIGHT SO WHY DON'T WE HAVE A QUICK RECESS WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR THE SPONSOR TO ADDRESS HIS ANNOUNCE HIS BILL THANK YOU.

**RECESS**

**NOTE SENATOR TAITAGUE PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THE COMMITTEE ON WHOLE IS BACK IN ORDER I'LL RECOGNIZE MINORITY LEADER SENATOR BLAS PLEASE GO AHEAD.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MADAM CHAIR I APPRECIATE THAT THE RULES WERE SET EARLIER WITH REGARD TO HOW THIS IS GOING TO BE CONDUCTED THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER AND EVERYTHING AND I THINK TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING NOTWITHSTANDING WHAT WAS SAID IS THE RULES THAT IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF THOSE THINGS THAT MEMBERS BE ALLOWED OTHER THAN FIVE MINUTES TEN MINUTES PER ROUND TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY NO PROBLEM DO WE HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTION SO ORDERED SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON YOUR BILL PLEASE.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS AND OPEN ON BILL 32-37 IN THIS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MADAM CHAIR SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THERE WAS ANNOUNCEMENT BY OUR GOVERNOR THAT WE WOULD BE IMPLEMENTING A PLAN THAT WAS APPROVED BY DOA FOR A 22 PERCENT PAY RAISE FOR THE GENERAL PAY PLAN OR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM UPON SEEING THAT MADAM CHAIR AND SEEING WHAT HAPPENED BASICALLY LAST YEAR IN JUNE WHERE THE TEACHER PAY RAISE IS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WERE SUBSIDIZED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN THAT WAS

DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR COVID RELIEF TO PROVIDE FOR MITIGATION ISSUES SURROUNDING OUR SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE FOR NOW WHAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED MAINTENANCE RENOVATIONS UPKEEP ASSISTING WITH SANITATION AND ALL THE DEFICIENCIES THAT OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM HAS BUT YET WE REMAINED THE FACT THAT THE ARP MONIES LAST YEAR WERE USED FOR SALARY INCREASE MADAM CHAIR WHAT I OBSERVED AND I THINK WHAT MANY OF US OBSERVED IN THIS HALL WAS THE FACT THAT NOW WE'VE SEEN MULTIPLE PAY RAISES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED OUTSIDE OF THE BUDGETARY PROCESS MADAM CHAIR I BELIEVE THAT WHEN WE DO PAY RAISES AND THIS KIND OF MASSIVE FISCAL IMPACT TO OUR GENERAL FUND WHICH IS SUBSIDIZED OF COURSE BY OUR TAXPAYERS THEY PAY THE BILLS THESE THINGS SHOULD BE CONTEMPLATED WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF THE BUDGETARY PROCESS BECAUSE MADAM CHAIR THAT IS WHERE AND WHEN WE DECIDE WHAT MONIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE OPERATIONS OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO FUND THE TRUE PRIORITIES OF OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND OF COURSE THE GENERAL SERVICES THAT THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDES SO MADAM CHAIR I BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS TWO THINGS THAT NEEDED TO HAPPEN GOING FORWARD FOR THIS AUGUST BODY TO SPEAK AND THAT WAS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD STOP THIS PROCESS FROM ARBITRARY TIMING WITH REGARD TO PAY RAISES AND ALSO CURE THE ORIGINAL SIN I BELIEVE THAT THE ORIGINAL SIN WAS EVEN THOUGH THE MONIES WERE OUT OF OUR CONTROL TO ALLOW FOR PAY RAISES TO BE IMPLEMENTED USING MONEY THAT WAS DESIGNED AND INTENDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS SUPPORTING MITIGATION FOR COVID ISSUES SUPPORTING THE ISSUES NOW SURROUNDING THE ISSUES OF MAINTENANCE UPKEEP AND THE MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT EXIST THAT ARE REQUIRED THAT TO HAPPEN GOING FORWARD MADAM CHAIR I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO GIVE THE BACKDROP TO THIS BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO BE DISCUSSING THIS BILL WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON THE BASIS FOR THE INTENTION OF THE APPROPRIATION PUT FORWARD IN THIS BILL THERE HAVE BEEN REPRESENTATIONS THAT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS MULTIPLE SOURCES OF REVENUE WE WILL HAVE THAT QUESTION ANSWERED BUT HERE'S THE THREE QUESTIONS I WANT TO GET ANSWERED MADAM CHAIR IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH WHAT THIS BILL CALLS FOR THIS BILL CALLS FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF 30 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND IN THE FINDINGS AND INTENT THAT 30 MILLION DOLLARS IS DESIGNED TO AS I MENTIONED EARLIER MADAM CHAIR CORRECT THE ORIGINAL SIN OF FUNDING PAY RAISES WITH FEDERAL ARP MONEY AND TO ENSURE THAT IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER OBLIGATIONS THAT EXIST WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WHEREBY OTHER ARP MONIES OR ANY OTHER ISSUES WHERE THEY WERE NOT FUNDED PROPERLY SUCH AS UTILITIES OR THE LIKE THAT THIS REVENUE WOULD BE WHAT THIS BILL IS CALLING FOR MADAM CHAIR THE THREE QUESTIONS THAT I THINK THAT I KNOW THE ANSWER TO BASED ON THE TESTIMONY FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS THAT 22 MILLION DOLLARS WAS USED TO FUND PAY RAISES MADAM CHAIR WHAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO US IS THAT PROPOSALS THAT ARE COMING FORWARD WITH REGARD TO ADDITIONAL PAY RAISES UNDER THE GPP THERE'S A REQUIREMENT FOR THAT I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S BEEN FUNDED OR NOT FUNDED BUT IT HAS BEEN PRESENTED IN TESTIMONY THAT HAS BEEN PUT BEFORE US AND THE THIRD QUESTION MADAM CHAIR THAT I BELIEVE THAT I KNOW THE ANSWER BUT WE HAVE TO PUT ON THE RECORD IS THAT THERE ARE UTILITIES AND OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS THAT HAVE BEEN CHARGED OR MAY BE CHARGED AGAINST ARP FUNDS IF THAT IS THE TRUTH MADAM CHAIR THEN I BELIEVE WE WILL BE DOING THE RIGHT THING WE WILL BE DOING THE RIGHT THING TO PASS THIS BILL TO RETURN THAT MONEY WHICH WOULD SHOULD HAVE BEEN COME SHOULD HAVE BEEN ORIGINATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO BEGIN WITH I BELIEVE MADAM CHAIR THAT THE 130 MILLION DOLLARS IN ARP FUNDING THAT'S BEEN REPRESENTED WILL BE REALIZED THROUGH THIS BILL TO ENSURE THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OUTSIDE OF THAT 130 IN CLOSING MADAM CHAIR IN AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE REPRESENTATIONS THAT THEY WILL BE MAKING TO US TODAY AND I'M CERTAINLY HOPING THAT THERE SOME OF THEIR FISCAL MEMBERS WILL BE HERE OR THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT CAN CAN RESTATE THIS IS THAT THE PERENNIAL ISSUES WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD TO US BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NOW AND NO LESS THAN FOUR HEARINGS THAT WE'VE CONDUCTED THAT OUR GOOD CHAIRMAN AND MANY OF US HAVE ATTENDED THROUGHOUT THE THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS AND MONTHS IS THAT WHAT REALLY EXISTS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS A LACK OF A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE FOR EDUCATION FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS AND UPKEEP OF THE SCHOOLS THAT HAS BEEN WHAT HAS LED TO THE PERENNIAL ISSUE OF OUR SCHOOLS BEING IN THE CONDITION THAT THEY ARE RIGHT NOW FOUR YEARS AGO THEY DID A STUDY OF WHAT THE TOTAL COST OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE WAS OVER THE YEARS AND IT CAME OUT TO 98 MILLION DOLLARS MADAM CHAIR FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND THAT HAS NEVER BEEN FUNDED OUR GOOD ACTING SUPERINTENDENT SAYS THIS IS THE ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE MANY OF US RIGHTLY SO HAVE BEEN CHIDED FOR NOT ACCOMPLISHING THE MISSION OF PROPERLY BRINGING THE

SCHOOLS TO WHERE THEY NEED TO BE THIS IS THE TURNING POINT THIS IS THE ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE WHILE MANY OF US DID FALL SHORT WHAT REALLY FELT SHORT TRUTHFULLY WAS FINANCES THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM NOW MADAM CHAIR THERE IS FINANCES I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU THAT HAVE DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO SUPPORT THIS I WANT TO ALSO STATE MADAM SPEAKER THAT THERE IS AN AMENDMENT BEING PREPARED FOR THE BILL THAT WILL TRANSFORM IT INTO A BUDGET FORMAT AND WE'LL BE MOVING THAT DURING THE THIRD ROUND BUT SO THAT WILL CONCLUDE MY OPENING ON THE BILL AND HOPEFULLY WE HAVE A VERY FRUITFUL SPIRITED DIALOGUE ON THIS AND YOU KNOW HAVE OUR EDUCATION OFFICIALS CONFIRM WHAT THEY'VE BEEN SPEAKING TO OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS WHEN THEY'VE APPEARED BEFORE US FOR OTHER FORMS AND FORMATS TO DISCUSS THE PERENNIAL ISSUES PLAGUING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MADAM CHAIR I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN ON THE BILL AND TO BE ABLE TO GIVE A BACKGROUND THAT I BELIEVE IS ABSOLUTELY IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT THE REASON WHY WE'RE HERE IN LIGHT ALSO OF THE OTHER TWO BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN VOTE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THIS SESSION MADAM SPEAKER OR MADAM CHAIR THAT WILL REALLY BRING TO FRUITION TRANSFORMATIONAL TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR DUEÑAS FOR YOUR OPENING REMARKS AT THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO JUST TAKE A SHORT RECESS AS WE WELCOME IN ON ZOOM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT JUDI WON PAT AS WELL AS FRANK COOPER NURSE WHO'S ALSO HERE FROM DOE SO WE'RE JUST GOING TO TAKE A SHORT RECESS TO BRING THEM IN AND SWEAR THEM IN AND WE'LL GET STARTED THANK YOU.

#### **RECESS**

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THE COMMITTEE ON WHOLE IS BACK IN ORDER BEFORE WE GET STARTED WE'RE GOING TO SWEAR IN OUR OUR PANEL AND ALSO SWEAR IN ASSISTANT ACTING NOT ASSISTANT BUT ACTING SUPERINTENDENT SPEAKER JUDI WON PAT.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** UNDER PENALTY OF PREJURY DO YOU ALL AFFIRM THAT ANY AND ALL INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE TODAY WHETHER IT BE VERBALLY ELECTRONICALLY AND IN WRITING BE THE TRUTH THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH WILL HELP YOU GOD MADAM CHAIR THEY ARE UNDER OATH YOU MAY PROCEED.

#### **NOTE PANEL SWORN IN**

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SERGEANT AT ARMS AND I'M GOING TO HAVE A OFB FIRST INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.

**VANESSA VALENCIA – OFB:** VANESSA VALENCIA OFB.

**FRANKLIN COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:** *HÁFA ADAI* GOOD MORNING EVERYONE ACTING DEPUTY OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FRANKLIN COOPER-NURSE.

**CELINI HIGA – PROGRAM COORDINATOR IV GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-** CELINI HIGA GDOE PROGRAM COORDINATOR.

**PHILIP TOVES – FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE MANAGER GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:** PHILIP TOVES FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE MANAGER.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** ON OUR ZOOM WE HAVE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT PLEASE RECOGNIZE YOURSELF JUDI CAN YOU SAY SOMETHING PLEASE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT CAN YOU HEAR US OKAY AND IF YOU CAN PLEASE RECOGNIZE YOURSELF OKAY WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A SHORT RECESS.

#### **RECESS**

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** COMMITTEE ON RULES IS BACK IN SESSION WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE ON ZOOM IN HER INTRODUCTION ACTING SUPERINTENDENT JUDI WON PAT.

**JUDITH WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** CAN YOU HEAR ME.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES WE CAN JUDI.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** JUST RECOGNIZE WHO YOU ARE AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON YOUR NAME.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** YES *HÅFA ADAI* I AM I'M JUDITH WON PAT ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY THANK YOU SO MUCH ACTING SUPERINTENDENT THANK YOU FOR JOINING US ON ZOOM NEXT I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN TO GIVE THE BODY SOME INFORMATION FOR US TO FOLLOW GO AHEAD.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MY COLLEAGUES AND TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT ARE THAT ARE WATCHING ON THE GOOGLE DRIVE YOU'LL FIND TWO SETS OF DOCUMENTS ONE OF THEM IS THE THE GRANT STATUS REPORT ON ARP THAT U.S. AT GUAM DOE HAS IT WILL IDENTIFY THE 183 MILLION THAT THEY HAVE TO ALSO IDENTIFY ON THIS ON THE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED IS 122 MILLION HAS BEEN EARMARKED BUT ONLY 71 MILLION DOLLARS HAVE BEEN ENCUMBERED SO I JUST WANTED MY COLLEAGUES TO TO KNOW AND SEE THE DOCUMENT BECAUSE THIS IS GOING TO BE A VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT WHEN WE DISCUSS ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FOR DOE AND ANOTHER INFORMATION JUST SO THAT MY COLLEAGUES ARE AWARE OF WHEN THE ARP WAS USED THIS WAS ALL DONE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT THEN BUT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WAS USED WAS 10 MILLION 880 458.3 I'LL PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO MY COLLEAGUES AND THEN 9 MILLION WAS USED FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RETENTION PAY TOTALING OF 20.792 459 ARP FUNDS THAT WAS USE SO IF ANYTHING NEEDS TO BE REPLENISHED OR GIVEN TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO DOE THAT WOULD BE THE AMOUNT BECAUSE ARP WAS USED THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOLS THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I HAVE NOTHING ELSE FURTHER.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN AND BEFORE WE GET STARTED WITH OUR QUESTIONS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN OPENING REMARKS FROM ACTING SUPERINTENDENT SPEAKER JUDI WON PAT PLEASE GO AHEAD JUDI.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** ALRIGHT OKAY THANKS THANK YOU *BUENAS* AND *HÅFA ADAI* MADAM SPEAKER AND SENATORS OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE I AM DR. JUDITH WON PAT AND I'M THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION AND MY APOLOGIES I'M CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR A MEETING WITH U.S. ED AND THE COUNCIL OF CHIEF STATE OFFICERS THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY REGARDING BILL 32-37 THOUGH A SINGLE BILL I AM AWARE THAT IT IS PART OF A SET OF BILLS THAT ARE GEARED TOWARDS ASSISTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH FIXING OUR AGING FACILITIES BY SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS TO MAXIMIZE THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS ARP WE SEE AND APPRECIATE THE ENORMOUS EFFORTS EFFORT THAT IS BEING MADE HERE AND SUPPORT THE INTENT OF THESE BILLS ADDITIONALLY SINCE I'VE BEEN THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT WHICH IS NOW JUST OVER A MONTH I'VE BEEN HERE AT THE LEGISLATURE FOUR TIMES AND NOW TWO TIMES ON ZOOM OR OR WITH ANOTHER MEMBER REPRESENTING ME AND HAD NUMEROUS MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS BOTH IN PERSON AND ON THE PHONE WITH MANY OF YOU REGARDING OUR PLANS FOR FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE PROCUREMENT AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITH REGARDS TO THE PAY RAISES I WAS ABLE TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORT TO PROVIDE OUR ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPPORT STAFF WITH AN INCREASE IN THEIR SALARIES IN THE HOPES OF RETAINING STRONG EMPLOYEES WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ATTRACTING NEW TALENT UNFORTUNATELY WE APPEAR TO BE IN THE SITUATION WHERE SOME IN THE COMMUNITY VIEW THESE BILLS AND THEIR RELATED PRIORITIES AS AN EITHER OR SCENARIO ONE WHERE WE HAVE TO PICK ONE OVER THE OTHER I BELIEVE THIS IS NOT THE CASE AND THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT EACH CATEGORY EACH PRIORITY AS SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN FIRSHTHAND HAVE SEEN FIRSHTHAND THE CONDITION OF OUR SCHOOLS AND HAS HURT THE POLICE OF OUR STUDENTS PARENTS TEACHERS STAFF ADMINISTRATORS AND COMMUNITY I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE INTENT OF PROVIDING MORE RESOURCES TO FACILITIES AND CIP BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN DO THIS WITHOUT SACRIFICING OUR EMPLOYEE PAY RAISES WE'RE ALL DEDICATED TO OUR CHILDREN AND WANT THE BEST EDUCATION WE CAN PROVIDE THEM THIS OF COURSE INCLUDES CLEAN AND SAFE SCHOOL FACILITIES THAT ARE CONDUCIVE TO TEACHING AND LEARNING AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARD WORK OF OUR EMPLOYEES BY ENSURING THAT THEIR WAGES ARE COMPETITIVE SO WE CAN BOTH MAINTAIN AND RECRUIT HIGH QUALITY WORKFORCE A WORKFORCE THAT WILL RESULT IN IMPROVED SERVICES TO NOT ONLY OUR STUDENTS BUT THEIR FAMILIES AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WE CAN SUPPORT BOTH WITH THE REPRIORITIZING OF OUR GRANT ACTIVITIES WE BELIEVE THAT WE'VE

ALLOCATED A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDING TO FACILITIES AND CIP OVER THE LAST MONTH AS YOU KNOW I'VE TASKED MY MANAGEMENT TEAM TO REVIEW AND RE-PRIORITIZE OUR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO PRIORITIZE FACILITY CITIES AND CIP USING ARP MONIES THROUGH THE EFFORTS THROUGH THESE EFFORTS WHAT WAS ONCE A 79 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET HAS INCREASED TO APPROXIMATELY 114 MILLION WHICH IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF 35 MILLION AN AMOUNT THAT WE FEEL IS ADEQUATE TO ADDRESS OUR IMMEDIATE FACILITIES AND CIP NEEDS AS YOU SEE WE ARE ALREADY UTILIZING ARP FUNDS TO ADDRESS CRITICAL CIP NEEDS AT THE SCHOOLS CAN WE BENEFIT FROM MORE MONEY FROM FOR CIP ABSOLUTELY WE CAN ALWAYS BENEFIT FROM MORE BUT AT THIS TIME WE ARE IN A POSITION TO ADDRESS OUR FACILITIES AND CIP NEEDS THROUGH THE CURRENT FEDERAL FUNDING WE HAVE THIS WOULD IN TURN FREE UP THE FUNDS IN THIS BILL TO SUPPORT THE PAY RACES BOTH PRIORITY AREAS ARE MUCH NEEDED AND BOTH WILL HAVE A LASTING IMPACT IN THE YEARS TO COME I PROPOSE RATHER THAN HAVING A ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION FOR FACILITIES WHICH WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT EMPLOYEES PAY WE ASK THAT THE LEGISLATURE CONSIDER A LONG-TERM STRATEGY TO FUND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE THROUGH ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AS AN EXAMPLE BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATES WE ASK THAT THE LEGISLATURE CONSIDER AN ANNUAL APPROACH APPROPRIATION OF 5 MILLION DOLLARS TO SUPPORT A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO MANAGE THE MAINTENANCE OF ALL OUR FACILITIES I MEAN THAT IS THE 35 SCHOOLS THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY AND FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS MR. COOPER SMITH IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY FINANCE QUESTIONS AND MR. PHIL TOVES IS ALSO THERE TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS REGARDING FACILITIES AND CIP PLANS AND I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE TWO OTHER STAFF MEMBERS WHO HANDLE ARP FUNDS *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* ACTING SUPERINTENDENT IS THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE BEFORE WE START GOING FOR QUESTIONS.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** MAYBE THE ONE THING THAT SOME WERE ASKING I KNOW IN MR. SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WAS MENTIONING ABOUT WHAT ALREADY HAS BEEN ENCUMBERED JUST TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I'VE SIGNED OFF ALREADY SEVERAL DOCUMENTS TO GO TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL JOURNEY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE NOW FOR REVIEW FOR WE DID SEVERAL FOR FBLG GW GYM AND ABOUT 80 MILLION FOR THE 35 SCHOOLS.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** SO WE ARE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YEAH.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** SO WE ARE ON TRACK WHEN IT COMES TO REMEMBER WHEN I GAVE YOU GUYS THE PLAN SO WE ARE ON TRACK AND AND FOLLOWING THROUGH AND GETTING ALL OF THE IFBS OUT BEFORE WE PUBLISH AND THEN BEFORE WE YOU KNOW EVALUATE AND BEFORE WE AWARD.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY THANK YOU SO MUCH OKAY WE'RE GONNA GET STARTED WITH SOME QUESTIONS AS YOU JUST A REFUNDING FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT YOU EACH HAVE 10 MINUTES BUT IT'S NOT COUNTING THE QUEST THE RESPONSE THAT YOU RECEIVE FROM THE PANEL OKAY WE'RE GOING TO START OFF WITH SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE FIRST.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR JUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE WATCHING WHEN DID THE ARP MONIES BECOME AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ANYBODY ONE ANYONE CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** SO WE JUST VERIFIED ON THE GRANT OF OUR NOTICE IT'S APRIL 8 2021.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** APRIL 8 2021 ALL RIGHT I HAVE TO NOTE THAT YOU KNOW WE ARE IN 2023 HERE AND I SEE THAT A VAST MAJORITY OF THE MONEY AS LAID OUT IN THE GRANT STATUS REPORT HAS NOT BEEN SPENT CAN YOU PLEASE GIVE ME SOME BACKGROUND AND AS TO WHY THAT MONEY HAS NOT BEEN SPENT.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** SO A LARGE PORTION OF THE FUNDS RIGHT NOW AS OUR ACTING SUPERINTENDENT INDICATED HAS BEEN REPRIORITIZED AND PUSHED INTO OUR FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE AND CIP TWO THINGS OCCURRED THAT WAS SIGNIFICANT ONE IS A TRANSFER THE GRANT AND THE REPR



REPRIORITIZATION OF THESE ACTIVITIES AND THEN TWO WAS ACTUALLY HAVING THE TECHNICAL ABILITY INTERNALLY AND THE CAPACITY TO DO THE LARGE-SCALE SCOPE OF WORKS TO GET US TO A STAGE WHERE GDOE CAN ACTUALLY DEVELOP THE PROCUREMENT PACKAGES TO GO OUT AND DO THESE CONSTRUCTION BIDS IN THE PROCESS OF OF PUTTING THESE PACKAGES TOGETHER WE REALIZED THAT THAT TECHNICAL EXPERTISE DID NOT EXIST IN THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THEREFORE THE PREVIOUS ACTING SUPERINTENDENT FRANCIS SANTOS AND ACTUALLY EVEN BEFORE THEN ARE OUR SUPERINTENDENT JOHN FERNANDEZ DEVELOPED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GPA TO BRING OVER SOME ENGINEERS AND I BELIEVE SENATOR YOU SAW IN THE LAST MEETINGS WHERE GPA TAKES A BIG PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION WITH GDOE AND ACTUALLY ASSISTING US WITH THE ENGINEERS PROVIDING US THOSE ENGINEERS ON A DAILY BASIS AND DOING THE TECHNICAL WORK TO GET US TO A POINT WHERE WE'RE ABLE TO EXECUTE PROPER PROCUREMENT AND AND SOME OF THE CIP LARGER SCALE PROJECTS THAT WE PUSH ALONG FOR CONTRACTING SO ONE OF IT WAS A TRANSFER OF THE GRANT REPRIORITIZATION HAVING THE TECHNICAL ABILITY AND THEN PUSHING THESE ALONG TO CONSTRUCTION AND CIP PROJECTS.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OKAY AND IS THIS ALSO WHY THIS REPAIR WORK WAS NOT DONE DURING THE PANDEMIC BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WOULD BE AN IDEAL TIME TO HAVE DONE ALL THIS WORK WHEN WE'RE SITTING ON THIS GIANT PILE OF MONEY IS THIS ALSO WHY THIS WASN'T DONE DURING THE PANDEMIC.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** I CAN'T ANSWER AS TO WHY IT WASN'T DONE IN THE PREP PANDEMIC I KNOW THERE WERE SEVERAL EFFORTS AT THE SCHOOLS THAT STARTED WITH SMALLER ASSISTANCE FROM OUR FACILITIES AND CIP TEAM BUT I DO KNOW THAT IN WORKING WITH THE TEAM THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE GOING THROUGH USING THE HHF PLAN MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE A PROPERLY APPROVED FACILITIES AND MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND THAT WE USE THAT AS THE ROADMAP TO IDENTIFYING THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS WHICH WAS THEN ADOPTED PROVIDED TO PHIL IN HIS TEAM WITH GPA TO USE TO DEVELOP THE SCOPES OF WORK FOR THE CRITICAL CIP PROJECTS SO IT CAME IN PHASES COULD IT HAVE BEEN DONE SOONER AND EARLIER I POSSIBLY RIGHT AND BETTER PLANNING HINDSIGHT'S ALWAYS 2020 BUT WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION THAT WE WERE OPERATING WITH WE WERE WORKING ALONGSIDE HHF AND THEN WE HAD TO HAVE THE INTERNAL CAPACITY TO DO DO SO THE PEOPLE THAT WE ORIGINALLY HAD DURING THAT TIME PERIOD ARE NOT SITTING AT THE TABLE IN TERMS OF CIP AND FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE WHICH IS AGAIN WHY WE HAD TO DEVELOP AN MOU TO GET THAT TECHNICAL CAPABILITY IN-HOUSE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OKAY I'M NOTING HERE ON THE GRANT OF STATUS REPORT THAT SO FAR 55 MILLION DOLLARS ROUGHLY ABOUT HAS BEEN ENCUMBERED OR SPENT ABOUT 22 MIL OR ABOUT 20 MILLION ON PAY RAISES AND 35 MILLION SPENT AS PART OF THE BUDGET FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND THAT LEAVES A BALANCE OF ABOUT 183 MILLION DOLLARS ACCORDING TO THE GRANT STATUS REPORT IS THERE ANY DANGER OF YOU GUYS NOT SPENDING ALL OF THAT MONEY BEFORE THE DEADLINE WILL YOU BE ABLE TO SPEND THIS GIANT HORDE OF 183 MILLION YOU GUYS ARE SITTING ON.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** LET ME GO THROUGH THE THE NUMBERS AND GET YOU AN UPDATED GRANT STATUS REPORT I KNOW THAT THE ONE THAT YOU HAVE WAS PROBABLY THE THE LATEST DATA THAT WAS PROVIDED TO THE EFSC BUT IF I CAN FOR THE RECORD JUST GO THROUGH THE ARP CURRENT BUDGET CURRENT EXPENDITURES INCUMBRANCE REQUISITIONS AND THEN THE REMAINING BALANCES SO YOU CAN SEE CURRENT PROGRESS CURRENT BUDGET WITH THE GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IS 239.4 MILLION EXPENDED IS 46.9 ENCUMBRANCE IS 8.8 MILLION REQUISITIONS IS NEARLY 80 MILLION LEAVING A REMAINING BALANCE TO THE GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AT 103.8 MILLION DOLLARS TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION SENATOR I THINK YOU YOU ASK IS THERE ANY DANGER THAT WE DO NOT SPEND THIS MONEY THERE'S ALWAYS THAT RISK WHEN YOU'RE GIVING FUNDS THAT THAT HAVE A OBLIGATION DATE THAT'S PRIMARILY TIED TO CONTRACTING AND AND LARGE-SCALE CIP PROJECTS THERE'S ALWAYS THAT RISK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO AND AND PLACED A LOT OF EMPHASIS AND TIME AND RESOURCE IN IS MAKING SURE THAT WE PLAN THIS APPROPRIATELY SO THE SUPERINTENDENT AND OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM HAS BEEN DEVELOPING AND WORKING WITH OUR FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE AND CIP TO DEVELOP NOT ONLY OUR CIP AND CRITICAL AREAS AND CRITICAL NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS BUT DEVELOPING A PROCUREMENT STRATEGY TO GET US TO A SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION AND EXPENDITURE OF THESE GRANTS SO TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION THERE'S ALWAYS THAT RISK WE FEEL LIKE RIGHT NOW WE'RE IN POSITION AND YOU CAN SEE THAT WITH THE RECENT REQUISITIONS AND AS OUR SUPERINTENDENT INDICATED JUST LAST WEEK WE WERE ABLE TO RELEASE FROM OUR TEAM APPROXIMATELY 80 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE GENERAL REFURBISHMENT OF ALL 35 SCHOOLS

THAT IS A LARGE-SCALE CONTRACT THAT WE'RE HOPING TO EXECUTE HAVE IN PLACE BY THE SUMMER AND MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN FULLY EXPEND THOSE FUNDS PRIOR TO NEXT YEAR NOT PRIOR TO NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OKAY AND SO JUST FOR THE RECORD THE THE UPDATED AMOUNT OF UNSPENT OR UNACCOUNTED FOR FUNDS IS 103 MILLION 103.8 MILLION IS WHAT YOU HAVE AVAILABLE UNSPENT UNACCOUNTED FOR ARE UNENCUMBERED.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** SO YES I I WOULD SAY THAT THAT'S THE CURRENT REMAINING BALANCE BUT THAT DOES INCLUDE REQUISITIONS REQUISITIONS DOESN'T ALWAYS EQUAL AN EXPENDITURE SO YES 103 RIGHT NOW IS REMAINING THAT'S UNENCUMBERED BUT INCLUSIVE OF REQUISITIONS.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** IF I MAY SENATOR EVERYONE I SENT IT ON THE WHATSAPP CHAT THE NUMBERS THAT WERE JUST SPOKEN FOR ON THE WAS PROVIDED WE'LL GET COPIES BUT JUST FOR YOU KNOW TO BE FASTER YOU KNOW IT I PUT IT ON YOUR WHATSAPP.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** MAY I TAKE HER MAY WE HAVE A ONE-MINUTE RECENT SO I COULD REVIEW THE UPDATED VERSION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY I'LL GIVE YOU GUYS ALL IN ONE MINUTE AND THEN WE'LL ACTUALLY MAKE A COPY JUST JUST ONE MINUTE OKAY BECAUSE I SENT IT ON EVERYBODY'S WHATSAPP SO YOU HAVE THE LATEST VERSION THAT MR. COOPER NURSE WAS SPEAKING ABOUT OKAY.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK THANK YOU MA'AM MY QUESTIONS ARE BASED ON THESE NUMBERS SO I WOULD LIKE TO GET THE UPDATED VERSION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY JUST ONE MINUTE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** SURE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY JUST ONE MINUTE.

**RECESS**

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** IN SESSION GO AHEAD SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE STILL UP.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** SO I HEARD TESTIMONY FROM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT THAT IT WOULD ACTUALLY NOT BE IN COMPETITION IF WE WERE TO HAVE THE PAY RAISES AND AS WELL AS THE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOLS I WOULD ASK WOULD THERE BE ANY UTILITY FOR THE SCHOOLS IN THE PAY RAISES LIKE WOULD THAT HELP WITH YOUR HIRING AT ALL IF THE PAY RAISES WERE ENACTED.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** ABSOLUTELY I I THINK WHAT WE LEARNED NOT ONLY DURING THE PANDEMIC BUT OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AND EVEN JUST WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THIS GRANT AND AND THE EXPERIENCE I'VE HAD WITH BEING THE ACTING DEPUTY IS WE'VE SEEN A LOT OF OF GOOD PEOPLE AND TALENT LEAVE OUR DEPARTMENT I'M AN ACTING DEPUTY BECAUSE YOUR PREVIOUS DEPUTIES LEFT FOR FOR HIGHER PAYING POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT PHIL IS AN ACT HE WAS THE ACTING FACILITIES AND CIP MANAGER HE NOW HAS TAKEN THAT ROLE FULL TIME AND AGAIN HIS PREDECESSORS HAVE LEFT FOR GREENER PASTURES WE ABSOLUTELY SEE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH IT'S BOTH ARE CRITICAL BOTH ARE NECESSARY FOR THE FOR THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AND FOR ABSOLUTELY SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM AND OUR STUDENTS.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THE MAINTENANCE STAFF WAS GIVEN A RAISE THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE GPP.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** SO GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOLLOWS THE GPP I BELIEVE THE LAST TIME ANY OF OUR EMPLOYEES UNDER THE GPP SAW ANY RAISE WAS DURING THE 2014 CWA ASSESSMENT WHEN THAT WAS IMPLEMENTED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OKAY AND SO WITH AN ADJUSTMENT BY THE GPP WOULD THAT INCLUDE JANITORS AND BUS DRIVERS AND MAINTENANCE WORKERS OF THE SCHOOLS.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** IT INCLUDES EVERYONE COVERED UNDER THE GENERAL PAY PLAN YES ABSOLUTELY.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OKAY AND I'VE SEEN YOU KNOW THE THE THE TESTIMONY OF THE SUPERINTENDENT SAYING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RATHER THAN HAVING THIS ONE GIANT LUMP SUM THAT COMPROMISES THE GOVERNMENT GPP PAY RAISES IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO HAVE A YEARLY APPROPRIATION WOULD IT BETTER SERVE THE NEEDS IF THIS LUMP SUM WAS BROKEN UP INTO A SMALLER YEARLY APPROPRIATION BECAUSE YOU KNOW I KIND OF THINK THAT MAINTENANCE IS NOT A ONCE A ONE LUMP SUM THING I THINK MAINTENANCE SHOULD BE DONE EVERY YEAR SO IS IT THE OPINION OF THE PEOPLE ON THIS PANEL THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER SERVED TO HAVE A SMALLER LUMP SUM RATHER THAN DOING THIS BECAUSE YOU KNOW I'M WILLING TO THROW YOU GUYS ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD BUT IF YOU GUYS WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY A SMALLER AMOUNT ON A MORE REGULAR BASIS WOULD THAT BE MORE HELPFUL TO YOU.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** SO IN HER TESTIMONY AND WHAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS STRATEGIZED IS A DIRECT SOURCE FUNDING FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE THAT THAT IS PROVIDED IN CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS WILL WE BENEFIT FOR ANY INFUSION IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THE ANSWER WAS YES BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE NEED IS THAT CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FOR OUR FACILITIES SIMILAR TO THE LEASE SCHOOLS WE'VE LEARNED THAT OUR LEASE GOALS THAT ARE TIED TO A FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OVER THE TERM OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT WAS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO ITS FACILITIES AND UPKEEP SO THAT IS THE STRATEGY THAT WE THINK BEST FEELS AND IT'S ALL IT'S ALSO STRATEGICALLY ALIGNED TO HOW WE WANT TO EXECUTE AND USE OUR FEDERAL FUNDS YOU JUST MENTIONED IT SENATOR THAT ARE YOU AT RISK THERE'S ALWAYS A RISK RIGHT NOW WE ARE AGAIN TIME IS AGAINST US IN SPENDING THE UPWARDS OF 120 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CIP RIGHT AND IF WE NEED TO SPEND THAT BY NEXT YEAR SEPTEMBER 24TH AND IF YOU INFUSE THAT FUNDS HE'S GOING TO HAVE TO DO ADDITIONAL SCOPES OF WORK MARRIED AT GO BACK TO OUR OUR PLANNING SO YES IT DOES HELP TO HAVE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS STRATEGICALLY WE ARE ASKING THAT THAT BE CONTINUOUS NOT A ONE-TIME SOMETHING THAT ALWAYS PROVIDES A NECESSARY SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** RIGHT ON SO IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU AS A REGULAR FUNDING SOURCE SO THAT WE CAN GO TO THIS WILL EVERY YEAR RATHER THAN JUST.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** ABSOLUTELY ABSOLUTELY FRONT LINE AND PRIORITIZE THE USE OF OUR FEDERAL FUNDS WHICH HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE BY AND THEN GO AHEAD AND BREAK DOWN THE THE AMOUNT THAT THE BODY IS WILLING TO PROVIDE US IN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** IF WE WERE TO CONTINUE WITH THE GENERAL PAY PLAN AND GIVE JANITORS AND BUS DRIVERS AND FRONT LINE WORK FRONTLINE MAINTENANCE WORKERS A PAY RAISE WOULD THAT ENDANGER OR STOP ANY CURRENT MAINTENANCE THAT'S CURRENTLY ONGOING.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** I DON'T SEE THAT IT WOULD I I THINK AGAIN YOU CAN'T HAVE A FACILITY WITHOUT THE EMPLOYEES THERE TO RUN THE FACILITIES YOU CAN'T RUN A DEPARTMENT WITHOUT THE TRAINED PROFESSIONALS NEEDED TO PROPERLY EXECUTE AT VARIOUS LEVELS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION SO AGAIN THE STRATEGY THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS IS IS REALLY LOOKING AT BOTH OF COURSE AS THE SUPERINTENDENT INDICATED AN INFUSION OF OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WILL GO STRAIGHT TO OUR CIP PROJECTS WOULD BE HELPFUL BUT WE ALSO NEED THAT MARRIED TO HAVING THE DEDICATED WORKFORCE AND RETAINING THE THE NECESSARY SKILLED PROFESSIONALS BECAUSE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** SO IT SO IT WOULD SERVE THE BEST INTEREST OF DOE IF THE WAGES WERE MORE COMPETITIVE FOR JANITORS MAINTENANCE WORKERS.

**SENATOR BLAS:** POINT OF ORDER MADAM CHAIR POINT OF ORDER MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** STATE YOUR POINT OF ORDER.

**SENATOR BLAS:** YOU KNOW IN DEFERENCE AND RECOGNIZING IT'S BEEN A GENERAL RULE THAT WE DO NOT DISCUSS YOU KNOW PENDING MATTERS OR MATTERS THAT HASN'T BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE THE BODY I

UNDERSTAND AND THIS IS A MATTER OF THE CIP AND THE MAINTENANCE THE DISCUSSION OF THE PAY RAISES AND IS A MATTER THAT WILL BE TAKEN UP IN SESSION IN IN DUE TIME BUT IT IS NOT A PART OF THIS.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** MADAM CHAIR THE THE NEEDS OF THE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARE DIRECTLY GERMANE TO THIS CONVERSATION AND IF ADDRESSING THE GPP WOULD ACTUALLY ADDRESS THEIR NEEDS I THINK IT SHOULD BELONG IN THE SCOPE OF THIS CONVERSATION.

**SENATOR BLAS:** GPP HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED BY THIS BODY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THEY JUST TESTIFIED THAT IT WOULD HELP THEM.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY ORDER ORDER SENATOR PARKINSON LET'S STICK AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO THE CIP THIS IS ABOUT YOU KNOW INFRASTRUCTURE WHATEVER PAYMENTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE MADE TO ARP IT'S GOING TO BE REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE IF THERE'S ANY PAYBACK FOR ANYTHING THEY'VE TAKEN OUT PRIOR FOR ANY SALARIES THAT'S FOR ANOTHER BILL SO LET'S JUST TRY AND STAY ON THE ON COURSE ON THE REPAIRS OF THE SCHOOLS FACILITIES OKAY.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OKAY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY THANK YOU.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** JUST ANOTHER QUESTION WHEN WE HAD THE PREVIOUS TEACHER'S ADJUSTMENT WAS ANY MAINTENANCE DEFERRED BECAUSE OF THAT THAT WE HAVE TO STOP ANY MAINTENANCE BECAUSE OF ANY PREVIOUS PAY RAISES.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** I THINK TECHNICALLY TO ANSWER THAT YOU'RE ASKING IF WE STOPPED MAINTENANCE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YEAH BECAUSE BECAUSE WE GAVE THE BECAUSE WE GAVE 22 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE TEACHERS OR WHATEVER IT WAS WE HAVE TO STOP ANY PROJECTS.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** MAINTENANCE NO WE DIDN'T STOP PROJECTS WE ALLOCATED BUDGETS SO WHAT HAPPENED WAS IN THE ALLOCATION OF APPROVED BUDGET LINE ITEMS IN THE ARP WE HAD AN AMOUNT OF ABOUT 130 MILLION WHEN WE WANTED TO IMPLEMENT RETENTION AND RECOGNIZE THE TEACHERS FOR THEIR FOR THEIR PAY THEY REALLOCATED THOSE LINE ITEMS IN THE BUDGET AS OUR SUPERINTENDENT JUST TESTIFIED WE WERE ABLE INTERNALLY BECAUSE OF THE STATE OF WHERE WE'RE AT WITH WITH THE RECOVERY FUNDS AND WHAT WE'RE THE STATE OF AT I MEAN WE'RE AT THE STATE WITH EDUCATION WE WERE ABLE TO INTERNALLY TO RESTORE THOSE ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS THAT WE REALLOCATED SO DID MAINTENANCE STOP THE ANSWER IS NO WE ALWAYS HAD A MAINTENANCE BUT THE BUDGETS ORIGINALLY WHEN WE IMPLEMENTED THAT WAS TAKEN FROM A CIP AND THEN LATER RESTORED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** ALL RIGHT AND I GUESS MY OTHER THING IS YOU KNOW WE GOT TO COME BACK AROUND TO IT WE HAVE THIS HUGE STOCKPILE OF MONEY THAT YOU GUYS ARE SITTING ON RIGHT NOW WHY SHOULD WE GIVE YOU GUYS THAT MONEY RATHER THAN YOU KNOW THESE PAY WORKERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN A RAISE SINCE 2014 WHEN WHEN YOU'RE TELLING ME AS YOUR TESTIMONY THAT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING SOME OF THIS FUNDING BY THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** CAN YOU REPEAT THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SENATOR PARKINSON CAN WE CAN YOU STICK TO INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRYING TO VEER AWAY FROM THE SALARY SCENARIO HERE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MONEY THAT'S NEEDED TO REPAIR THE SCHOOLS AND THAT'S WHERE THIS MONEY IS GOING TO SO AS FAR AS SALARIES IF WE CAN JUST GET AWAY FROM THAT.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I'LL REPHRASE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** WOULD IT BE PREMATURE TO GIVE SUCH A LARGE NEST EGG FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR WHEN YOU ARE STILL IN DANGER AND AT RISK OF NOT EVEN SPENDING ALL OF IT WOULD IT BE BETTER TO RETOOL THIS BILL AS A YEARLY YEARLY BUDGET LINE RATHER THAN AS A ONE-TIME THING.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** I THINK WE WILL LEAVE THE THE BODY TO DECIDE ON THAT MATTER WHAT WE ARE TESTIFYING IS THE NEED FOR A CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION WE'VE IDENTIFIED A LARGE LUMP SUM AMOUNT FROM OUR FEDERAL FUNDS TO DIRECT DIRECTLY TOWARDS CIP STRATEGICALLY WE WANT TO EXECUTE THAT WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR PAST THAT THE THE MOST STRATEGIC AND THE MOST HELPFUL SOURCE OF FUNDING WOULD BE A CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION LOCK BOX NOT SUBJECT TO TRANSFER AUTHORITY THAT GOES STRAIGHT TO OUR FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** I UNDERSTAND OKAY THANK YOU SO MUCH I JUST WANT TO BE VERY I APOLOGIZE IF MY QUESTIONS ARE VERY BASIC I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE VERY CRYSTAL CLEAR ON IT YEAH VERY BASIC AND SO I GUESS THE OTHER THING I WANT TO I I WANT TO ASK OF YOU GUYS IS IN TERMS OF A CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION WHAT WOULD BE AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT IN TERMS OF WHAT YOUR NEEDS WOULD BE AS OPPOSED TO A LUMP SUM OF 30 MILLION DOLLARS.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW WITH THE TESTIMONY OF OUR SUPERINTENDENT WE'RE LOOKING AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OKAY.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** FOR THE 35 SCHOOLS.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** IF WE GAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION A CHOICE BETWEEN A LUMP SUM OF 30 MILLION DOLLARS NOW OR 10 10 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR AS A CONTINUING APPROPRIATION FOR REPAIRS WHICH WOULD BE MORE STRATEGIC AND BENEFICIAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** AGAIN I'LL REFER TO THE TESTIMONY WE ARE ASKING THAT WE GET THE CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AND HAVE THAT DEDICATED THROUGHOUT OUR APPROPRIATION AND ANNUALLY PROVIDED FOR DIFFERENT MAINTENANCE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY I YOU HAVE HAD ME CONVINCED I THINK A BETTER WAY IS TO GO WITH THE CONTINUING APPROPRIATION AND IF THIS BILL WAS TO BE WITHDRAWN AND THE CONTINUING APPROPRIATION OF 10 MILLION DOLLARS ON A YEAR-TO-YEAR BASIS WERE PROFFERED I WOULD ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT THAT AND SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON AND THANK YOU FOR RE DIRECTING THOSE QUESTIONS I APPRECIATE THAT NEXT UP IS THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR OF EDUCATION SENATOR CHRIS MALAFUNKSHUN BARNETT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU GDOE TEAM FOR COMING OUT FOR US THIS MORNING I'M JUST VERY CONFUSED BY THIS TESTIMONY AND YOU KNOW I CAN'T REALLY FAULT MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR PARKINSON FOR ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AND I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND SAY AT THE GENERAL PAY PLAN RAISES BECAUSE THIS TESTIMONY FROM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT REALLY JUST MUDDIES THIS WHOLE ISSUE WE'RE NOT HERE TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL PAY PLAN PAY RAISES BUT THE BASIS OF THIS TESTIMONY IS BASICALLY DON'T GIVE US 30 MILLION DOLLARS BECAUSE WE WANT TO GIVE OUR EMPLOYEES A RAISE AND THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE HERE TO DISCUSS SO I DON'T APPRECIATE USING THE SPECTER OF THESE PAY RAISES OF WHETHER OR NOT THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION EMPLOYEES ARE GOING TO GET THEM AS A WAY TO TO REALLY I MEAN ARE YOU SERIOUS YOU'RE TELLING US YOU DON'T WANT 30 MILLION DOLLARS BECAUSE WE WE HAVE WE HAVE HEARD TESTIMONY FROM THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION JUST RIGHT RIGHT ACROSS THE HALL IN THE PUBLIC HEARING ROOM HERE AT THE GUAM CONGRESS HALL TESTIMONY WHEREIN THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT JUDI WONPAT HAD CLEARLY STATED ON THE RECORD AND I WISH I COULD FIND THE TAPES THAT THE THE FEDERAL FUNDS WE HAVE THE 103.8 MILLION DOLLARS WILL NOT BE ENOUGH I WAS THE I HEARD IT RIGHT OVER THERE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING ROOM I BELIEVE IT WAS THE GW ROUNDTABLE HEARING WHERE SHE SAID THAT THE THE MONEY WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TO DO ALL THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SO WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE WE ARE TRYING TO

GIVE YOU MONEY IF YOU NEED IT IN A LOCK BOX DON'T SPEND IT ALL AT ONCE I MEAN YOU CAN OUT OF ONE SIDE OF YOUR MOUTH COME TO THE LEGISLATURE AND TALK ABOUT THE STATE OF THE SCHOOLS AND HOW WE NEED TO TO CORRECT THE COURSE THAT WE'RE ON AND THEN OUT OF THE OTHER SIDE OF YOUR MOUTH SAY OH NO WE DON'T NEED 30 MILLION DOLLARS BECAUSE WE'RE SO CONCERNED ABOUT GIVEN PAY RAISES WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THE PAY RAISES WE HAVE A SPECIAL SESSION THAT WAS CALLED BY THE GOVERNOR TO DO THAT AND WE'RE JUST REALLY HERE TO GIVE YOU 30 MILLION DOLLARS WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WHAT'S THE PROBLEM DUDE AND I'LL JUST ASK THE QUESTION I'M GOING TO KEEP IT AS BASIC AS MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR PARKINSON COULD YOU USE THE 30 MILLION DOLLARS OR NOT ANYONE COULD YOU USE THE 30 MILLION DOLLARS OR NOT LET'S JUST STAY IN OUR BUBBLE HERE WE'RE DISCUSSING THIS MEASURE WHICH IS TO PROVIDE 30 MILLION DOLLARS AND EXCESS REVENUES TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE REPAIR WE HAVE NOT GOT TO THE THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE GPP I'M SORRY TO KEEP BRINGING IT UP BUT YOU KNOW REALLY WE STARTED OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT HERE WITH THIS TESTIMONY IS WHAT I'M SAYING SO COULD YOU USE THE 30 MILLION DOLLARS OR NOT COULD OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM HAVING AN EXTRA 30 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE BANK BECAUSE AGAIN I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO THE TESTIMONY FROM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT THAT HAPPENED RIGHT ACROSS THE HALL IN THIS IN THIS TESTIMONY SHE SAID IF WE'RE GOING TO GET THESE RAISES WE NEED TO BE FULLY FUNDED WE NEED TO GET EVERY SINGLE DOLLAR IN THE BUDGET REQUEST THAT WE SENT DOWN TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO NEED A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND THE 22 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE POWER SO I'M JUST I'M JUST ASKING YOU GUYS TRUST US WE'RE GOING TO GET TO THE RAISES NOBODY HERE WANTS TO SEE ANY OF THE HARD-WORKING EMPLOYEES AT GDOE NOT GET A RAISE WE COMMITTED TO ADDRESS THAT RIGHT NOW WE'RE JUST TRYING TO GIVE YOU MONEY THAT YOU HAVE SAID YOURSELVES YOU NEED AND I UNDERSTAND THE POLITICS AT PLAY HERE AND I DON'T WANT YOU GUYS TO BE CAUGHT IN A CROSSFIRE AND LET'S JUST BE HONEST YOU ARE HESITANT TO COME DOWN HERE PRECISELY BECAUSE YOU DID NOT WANT TO BE CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE BUT I DON'T CARE HOW MANY SHOTS I HAVE TO TAKE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN OF GUAM AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM WE SHOULD ALL BE ON THE SAME PAGE IF YOU'RE GOING TO COME DOWN HERE AND TELL US YOU NEED MONEY FOR THIS YOU NEED MONEY FOR THAT YOU NEED MONEY FOR THE OTHER THINGS AND THEN WE TURN AROUND AND GRANT THAT REQUEST AND GIVE IT TO YOU WHEN WE HAVE THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE OF THE ISLAND ADDRESS SAYING IT'S NOT HER PROBLEM IT'S OUR PROBLEM USE THE EXCESS REVENUES AND THEN WE TURN AROUND AND DO THAT AND NOW YOU GUYS ARE SAYING OH *MUNGA* NO WE DON'T WANT IT WE'RE GOOD BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS MOUNTAIN OF FEDERAL CASH THAT WE MIGHT HAVE A PROBLEM SPENDING THAT YOU GUYS HAVE SAID YOURSELVES IS NOT GOING TO BE ENOUGH TO FUND I'VE SEEN THE THE HFF THE IT'S A BINDER LIKE THIS THICK FULL OF ALL KINDS OF PROJECTS THAT NEED TO BE DONE RIGHT PHIL IS IS THE BINDER THIS THICK OR NOT YEAH IT'S PRETTY IT'S A THICK BINDER YEAH IT IS THICK WE DON'T NEED YEAH NO WE'RE GOOD IT'S A THICK IT'S A LOT OF PROJECTS AND AGAIN I'M JUST GOING TO GO BACK TO WHAT THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT HAD TOLD US.

**NOTE SENATOR BROWN PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**SENATOR BROWN:** HOLD ON.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** RIGHT OVER HERE IS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO NEED.

**SENATOR BROWN:** HOLD ON I'M SORRY.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MA'AM.

**SENATOR BROWN:** SENATOR HOLD ON SENATOR IT'S ONLY BECAUSE IS YOUR MIC WORKING OR NOT PLEASE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** IT'S NOT YEAH.

**SENATOR BROWN:** CAN WE TAKE A MOMENTS RECESS

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YEAH IT WAS MORE OF A RHETORICAL QUESTION THANK YOU.

**SENATOR BROWN:** I DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YEAH.

**SENATOR BROWN:** BUT LET'S TAKE A MOMENT TO RECESS JUST SO WE CAN HAVE THAT ADDRESSED IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS TO MAKE WE CERTAINLY WOULD WANT YOU TO MAKE IT FOR THE RECORD WITH THAT WE'RE IN RECESS FOR A MINUTE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU.

**RECESS**

**NOTE SENATOR TAITAGUE PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS BACKED IN BACK IN ORDER SO SENATOR BARNETT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MA'AM.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MA'AM THANK YOU SO MUCH SO LET ME JUST REPHRASE THE QUESTION HERE THAT'S A VERY SIMPLE BASIC QUESTION COULD OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM AND OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES OUR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BENEFIT FROM AN EXTRA 30 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE BANK AMERICAN U.S. MONIES YES OR NO.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** WE'LL HAVE A SUPERINTENDENT ACTING SUPERINTENDENT ANSWER THAT SPEAKER WON PAT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** HI SPEAKER GOOD MORNING.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** WERE YOU ABLE TO HEAR THE QUESTION SPEAKER WON PAT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I THINK SHE MIGHT BE MUTING ARE YOU MUTED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YEAH YOU'RE SPEAKING BUT WE CAN'T HEAR YOU WE CAN'T WE CAN'T HEAR YOU CAN YOU HEAR US NOD YOUR HEAD IF YOU CAN HEAR US.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** BLINK IF YOU'RE OKAY.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** OKAY YES OKAY THERE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OH THERE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** LET'S.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** HAVE NOT DEDUCTING HIS TIME BUT SENATOR BARNETT CAN YOU REPEAT THAT QUESTION AGAIN.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES YES MA'AM AND ACTING SUP I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'D HEARD WHAT I HAD TALKED ABOUT THE TESTIMONY YOU PROVIDED PREVIOUSLY TO THE COMMITTEE AN EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS IF YOU'D LIKE ME TO REITERATE WHAT YOU HAD SAID OVER IN THE PUBLIC HEARING ROOM.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** OH NO I HEARD I HEARD THAT PART.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** OKAY SO AGAIN THE QUESTION IS WHAT ARE OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM OUR OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES BENEFIT FROM AN EXTRA 30 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE BANK YES OR NO.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** AS I STATED IN MY TESTIMONY I SAID THAT ANY HELP OF COURSE YES ABSOLUTELY YOU KNOW WE CAN USE BUT WHAT I WAS MAKING REFERENCE TO WAS THAT WHEN I WHEN I CAME TO THE LEGISLATURE AND WE WERE LOOKING AT THE AVAILABLE ARP MONIES AND AND THAT WAS EVEN BEFORE WE STARTED TO TO RE-PROGRAM THEM AND REDIRECT THEM TO ESF AND AND CG WHICH THAT THE AMOUNT WAS NOT AS SUFFICIENT BUT AS YOU KNOW WE KEPT SCRUBBING AND SCRUBBING THE LIST THEN WE WERE ABLE TO BRING THAT DOLLAR AMOUNT UP TO BE ABLE NOW TO MEET WHAT THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS HAD GIVEN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO DO WORK THE CIP PROJECTS WITH THE 35 SCHOOLS AND THEN WE GAVE YOU A LISTING OF WHAT THOSE ARE SO THOSE ARE BIG PROJECTS LIKE ROOFING PLUMBING

RESTROOMS DOORS ELECTRICAL AND SO FORTH AND THAT WAS LIKE TO THE TUNE THAT MR. COOPER SMITH MENTIONED THAT ACTUALLY WENT TO.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MA'AM I'M SORRY ACTING SUP HIS NAME IS FRANKLIN COOPER NURSE *DISPENSA* SORRY.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** I'M SO SORRY.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE SWORE IN THE RIGHT PERSON NO BECAUSE FRANKLIN

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** *HUNGGAN NAI DISPENSA' HU ADAI LAO YAN SI* FRANKLIN, *PO'LU YA BEI ÅGANG SI* FRANKLIN, THEN *LAO*, ANYWAYS SO WHEN FRANK SO THE NUMBERS ARE YOU KNOW ARE FLUID OF COURSE BECAUSE AS WE START TO PUT OUT THE REQUEST THEN WE WOULD LIST IT AS A NET REQUISITION FORM AND AND THAT'S WHY YOU KNOW THE AMOUNT WHEN I SAID EARLIER WAS NOT GOING TO BE SUFFICIENT AT THE TIME WHEN REMEMBER WHEN I CAME THAT WAS MY FIRST WEEK WHEN I CAME TO THE LEGISLATURE AND I WAS I WAS ACTUALLY WORKING WITH THE AMOUNT THAT WAS THAT WAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED BY THE TWO PREVIOUS DEPUTIES AND YOU KNOW COMING IN I SAID NEW PRIORITIES AND THE NEW PRIORITIES WHAT YOU KNOW WAS THE FACILITIES THAT THAT MEANT THAT I NEEDED TO GET MORE MONEY AND I KEPT ASKING MY MANAGEMENT TEAM TO CONTINUE TO MOVE MORE OF THE PROJECTS OVER TO ESF TO FREE UP AS MUCH AS WE CAN FROM ARP WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A 20 PERCENT HOLD BACK THAT HAS TO BE STRICTLY FOR CURRICULUM OR LEARNING LOSS SO THAT'S WHY YOU GOT THAT AMOUNT THAT WAS GIVEN BY FRANKLIN SO WHEN YOU WHEN YOU LOOK AT THAT DOLLAR AMOUNT THEN AND YOU LOOK AT THE PROJECTION GIVEN TO US BY THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS THEN WE WERE ABLE TO ESTABLISH THEN THAT WE WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT YOU KNOW ARP MONIES TO BE ABLE TO WORK ON THOSE SPECIFIC CIPS AT THE SCHOOLS.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MA'AM IS THAT A YES OR A NO.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** AND THEN WELL WHEN THEY SAID I DID SAY THAT ABSOLUTELY OF COURSE WE CAN I'M.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** OKAY.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WILL EVER WANT TO TURN MONEY DOWN YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THAT'S WHAT I'M WONDERING THAT'S WHY I'M CONFUSED BY THE TESTIMONY BECAUSE WE GO ALMOST THE WHOLE PAGE UNTIL WE GET TO THE PART THAT MAYBE MIGHT BE A YES WHICH IS CAN WE BENEFIT FOR MORE MONEY FOR CIP ABSOLUTELY WE CAN ALWAYS BENEFIT FROM MORE BUT AT THIS TIME.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** YES YOU'RE RIGHT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** WE ARE IN A POSITION TO ADDRESS OUR FACILITIES AND CIP NEEDS THROUGH THE CURRENT FEDERAL FUNDING WE HAVE THIS WOULD IN TURN FREE UP THE FUNDS IN THIS BILL THIS 30 MILLION DOLLAR BILL TO SUPPORT THE PAY RAISES THAT'S NOT WHAT THE BILL IS FOR IT'S TO SUPPORT THE.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** OKAY NO YOU'RE RIGHT AND I UNDERSTAND BUT BUT ALSO LET ME LET ME GO BACK TO TO IN TERMS OF WHAT IS IT THAT I TOLD YOU IN THOSE PREVIOUS ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS THAT WE'VE HAD AND WHEN I AND WHEN YOU KNOW YOU HAD ASKED ABOUT YOU KNOW WHY WAS THE THE SCHOOLS IN THE CONDITIONS THAT THEY'RE IN AND THAT'S BECAUSE OF PREVIEWS IN MANY MANY YEARS OF REALLY NOT PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR FOR MAINTENANCE AND THAT'S WHY I SAID THIS WAS ONCE IN A LIFETIME FUNDING THAT WE GOT THE ARP THAT WE COULD ACTUALLY REQUEST THAT THE MONIES BE USED IS AN ALLOWABLE EXPENSE FOR US TO TO USE FOR SCHOOLS AND AND A THE LETTER WE HAD JUST PREPARED TO SEND TO U.S. DOE AND I I MET WITH THEM AS WELL LAST WEEK LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO DO FOR OUR SCHOOLS AND THEY AND THEY WERE HAPPY THAT WE THIS WAS GOING TO BE ONE LARGE AMOUNT REQUEST TO GO IN RATHER THAN PIECEMEAL REQUESTS FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF PROJECTS SO AND IF WE DIDN'T DO THAT THAT'S WHEN I SAID THAT I WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO COME TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS ALL 35 SCHOOLS AND AND THE POINT I'M SAYING HERE IS THAT I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONE TO MAKE THE DECISION THAT IF I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY THAT I I'M GONNA DECIDE WHICH SCHOOLS THEN WILL NOT THEN YOU KNOW BE REPAIRED OR YOU KNOW AND OR LIKE I'M GOING TO DO THE ROOFS THE DOORS AND EVERYTHING ELSE AND MAYBE I DON'T DO THE BATHROOM THAT TYPE OF THING BUT BUT DON'T DON'T SAY THAT THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO DO SO WHAT I'M



SAYING IS YES WITH THE AMOUNT THAT WE DID IS TO BE ABLE NOW THEN TO GO OUT AND ADDRESS ALL 35 SCHOOLS WITH ALL OF THE THE CIP PROJECTS AND MR. PHIL TOVES THERE WOULD BE ABLE TO EVEN GIVE YOU THE LISTING OF ALL THE DIFFERENT PROJECTS TO BE DONE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MA'AM.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** AND THE MONEY THAT WE HAVE WITH ARP WILL BE THEN SUFFICIENT TO DO JUST THAT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MA'AM BUT YOU KNOW I HAVE TO STATE ON THE RECORD THE ONE OF THE REASONS FOR MY CONFUSION IS THAT YOU HAD SENT ME A MESSAGE ON SUNDAY THIS IS JUST WHAT IS TODAY I'M SORRY THERE'S SO MANY SESSIONS GOING ON IT'S TUESDAY RIGHT SO I'M JUST 48 HOURS AGO YOU SENT ME A TEXT MESSAGE MA'AM AND I'M JUST GOING TO READ IT OUT BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T SAY OFF THE RECORD TO HELP US ALLOW GDOE TO USE THE MONEY DUEÑAS IS APPROPRIATING FOR FACILITIES.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** YES EVEN.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** WHAT I AM ABLE TO SET ASIDE FROM ARP IS STILL LIMITED I CAN USE THAT MONEY TO HELP WITH OTHER AREAS NOT INCLUDED IN CIP LIKE GYMS PLAYGROUNDS SPORTS FIELDS WALKWAY COVERINGS EXTERIOR SEWAGE PIPING FENCING ETC THE ABOVE OR NOT PART OF ARP MONIES ROOFING WALLS PLUMBING DOORS RESTROOMS ELECTRICAL AC ETC MA'AM AND I JUST I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOLS.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** YES I'M.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I'M HERE TO FIGHT FOR THE SCHOOLS AND I'M I'M CONFUSED WHY YOU WOULD TELL ME TWO DAYS AGO TO ALLOW YOU TO USE THIS MONEY THAT WE'RE TRYING TO TRYING TO GIVE YOU 30 MILLION DOLLARS WHEN YOU SAID YOURSELF THAT YOU THAT YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO SET ASIDE THIS MONEY BECAUSE LET'S BE HONEST YOU GOT A BUNCH OF CIP BUT YOU SCRATCH ONE PROJECT YOU FIND 10 MORE SO I JUST DON'T I THINK.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** NO YOU'RE I MEAN NO.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** IT'S IRRESPONSIBLE FRANKLY FOR YOU TO TELL US THAT YOU DON'T YOU NOW DON'T NEED THIS MONEY AND YOU'RE GOOD WITH THE FEDERAL FUNDS WHEN AGAIN JUST TWO DAYS AGO YOU WERE SINGING A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SONG MA'AM.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WELL NO BECAUSE WHAT I WAS TALKING WHEN YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER FACILITIES I'M TALKING ABOUT THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE OF THE BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THE ONES THAT THEY LISTED THERE ARE OTHER PROJECTS YES THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO ALSO YOU KNOW DO AND WHAT I SAID WAS THE CIP MONIES THAT WE HAVE YES OUR ADMIN PROJECTS ARE WOULD THEN BE COVERED BY ARP MONIES ABSOLUTELY THEY WILL BE THAT'S WHAT I THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING AND OF COURSE YES THERE'S SO MANY THINGS THAT WE COULD DO IN THE SCHOOLS AND WE'RE TRYING TO TAP YOU KNOW AS MUCH MONEY AS WE CAN TO BE ABLE THEN TO DO MORE OF OF THAT WORK WE'VE ACTUALLY PUT ASIDE MONIES TO ADDRESS LIKE I TOLD YOU IN OUR PLAN THE SELF-HELP PLAN SO SOME OF THOSE MONIES ARE ACTUALLY SET ASIDE ALSO THEN TO BUY SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS TO TAKE OUT TO THE SCHOOLS SO AND SO WE'RE WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT WE'RE MAKING IT WORK YOU KNOW AT THE DEPARTMENT YOU NEVER YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER HEARD THIS BEFORE BECAUSE IF WE WOULD JUST COME IN AND SAY YES GIVE US ALL THE MONEY THAT YOU CAN GIVE US BUT YOU HAVE TO GIVE US SOME CREDIT HERE KNOWING HOW WE ARE FINANCIALLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE FEDERAL DOLLARS TO USE FOR THE PLANT THE FISCAL PLANT YOU KNOW WHICH ARE OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND WHEN I SAID THAT AT THE END THERE THE 5 MILLION BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO FIND OURSELVES BACK WHERE WE ARE TODAY WHEN WE GO OUT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MA'AM.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR TO REPAIR ALL THE SCHOOLS RIGHT AND THEY'RE DONE AND THEN WHAT NO MORE MONEY IS COMING TO MAINTAIN SO THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING WE WANT TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT THAT AS SOON AS WE'RE DONE WITH THE REPAIRS OF OUR SCHOOLS THEN ALLOW US THEN TO GO INTO A PUBLIC-PRIVATE

PARTNERSHIP APPROPRIATE AT LEAST FROM WHAT WE HEARD IS 5 MILLION THAT'S THE FIGURE THAT WAS GIVEN TO US TO BE ABLE NOW TO ADDRESS OUR 35 SCHOOLS YOU KNOW IN IN THE SAME FASHION THAT OUR LEASE SCHOOLS ARE BEING MAINTAINED BY A BY A PRIVATE COMPANY BUT PUBLIC PRIVATE IS BECAUSE A PRIVATE COMPANY WHO WOULD MAINTAIN AND MANAGE AND OUR GUYS THAT WE HAVE FOR THE MAINTENANCE SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET RID OF THE GUYS THE GUYS WILL BE THE ONES DOING ALSO THE WORK THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING DO THAT AFTER WE'RE DONE PREPARING WE'RE FIXING ALL THE SCHOOLS DON'T JUST LET IT GO AGAIN WITHOUT BEING REPAIRED FOR YEARS TO COME BECAUSE YOU'LL BE RIGHT BACK WHERE WE ARE TODAY THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT I'M TRYING TO BE REASONABLE HERE AT THE SAME TIME KNOWING OF COURSE THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BUT I DO KNOW THAT THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR NOT JUST IT LIKE YOU'RE SAYING THE LAPSE FUNDS THAT YOU'VE IDENTIFIED BUT ALSO FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT COULD BE USED THE ARP MONIES THAT COULD ACTUALLY BE USED FOR FACILITIES.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** RIGHT YES MA'AM I MEAN THIS IS DEFINITELY A UNIQUE TIME THAT YOU HAVE YOU KNOW THE LEGISLATURE TRYING TO THROW YOU GUYS 30 MILLION DOLLARS AND YOU'RE SAYING WE DON'T KNOW I MEAN IT'S ABS IT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY CRAZY IN MY OPINION BUT YOU KNOW I GOT TO GO BACK TO THE THE INTENT OF THIS BILL ACTING SUP AND THE INTENT OF THIS BILL IS TO REPLACE THE MONEY THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE USED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BUT WAS INSTEAD BEING USED FOR RAISES AND I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE WE'RE RIGHT BACK AT THIS JUNCTURE WHERE THE CONVERSATION OF RAISES IS OVERSHADOWING THE THE REAL CONVERSATION THAT WE SHOULD BE HAVING ABOUT YOU KNOW GIVING YOU GUYS THE TOOLS AND THE AND THE FUNDS TO DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO BECAUSE I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL OF YOU IF YOU'RE TRYING TO USE THIS MONEY FOR RAISES OR WHATEVER YOU DON'T WANT IT OR YOU'RE GOOD WITH THE FEDERAL FUNDS I MEAN.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** NO SO LET ME JUST SO.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I'M GONNA PREDICT THAT IN A YEAR YOU'RE GOING TO BE BACK HERE SAYING THAT YOU'RE SHORT OR THAT YOU NEED 20 MIL FOR THE POWER BILL.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** SO FOR SENATOR MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION AND I KNOW THAT YOU SAID THAT IT WAS BROUGHT UP A POINT OF YOU KNOW INFORMATION FROM SENATOR BLAS ABOUT BRINGING UP ANOTHER BILL I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT THEN CLARIFY TO US OKAY IS THAT YOU HAVE A SEPARATE FUNDING JUST FOR THE PAY RAISES BUT YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT MONIES AT AS WELL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MONIES FOR FACILITIES OR IS IT ALL FROM ONE POT IS WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YEAH MA'AM.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** BECAUSE I HAVE NOACCESS TO THAT INFORMATION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE'RE THERE YET BUT WE WE'RE COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING THE ISSUE THE PAY RAISE IS IN THE SPECIAL SESSION THAT THE GOVERNOR CALLED BUT WHAT I DON'T APPRECIATE WITH ALL DUE RESPECT AS I DON'T APPRECIATE US NOT BEING ABLE TO HAVE AN HONEST CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT THIS MONEY IS FOR WITHOUT TALKING ABOUT THE PAY RAISES THAT'S A SEPARATE ISSUE WE'RE TRYING TO GIVE YOU MONEY WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THE PAY RAISES SO LET'S JUST HAVE A REAL HONEST CONVERSATION BECAUSE I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO EVERYTHING YOU SAID OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ROOM I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO THE OVER FIVE HOURS OF TESTIMONY WE GOT FROM THE PTOS AND THE PARENTS THE TESTIMONY THAT SAYS THEY'RE NOT HEARD THE TESTIMONY THAT SAYS PLEASE LEGISLATURE DO SOMETHING I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO THE GOVERNOR AGAIN TELLING US USED TO EXCESS REVENUES TO HELP SAVE OUR SCHOOLS AND THAT'S THE CONVERSATION WE'RE HAVING RIGHT NOW WE'RE NOT HAVING A CONVERSATION ABOUT CAN WE SAVE THE SCHOOLS AND GIVE EVERYONE A RAISE THAT THE RAISE CONVERSATION WHO KNOWS WE COULD BE HAVING THAT AT 2:00 P.M. AND I'M I'M WILLING TO HAVE THAT I TOTALLY.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WELL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I THINK ALL OF THE HARD-WORKING EMPLOYEES AT GDOE DESERVE THAT PAY INCREASE BUT WE'RE NOT THERE YET MADAM.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** I I.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** SO IF WE COULD JUST HAVE AN HONEST CONVERSATION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT YOU NEED THIS 30 MILLION DOLLARS TODAY THAT'S THAT'S THE CONVERSATION WE'RE HAVING WITH ALL DUE RESPECT MA'AM.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND BUT YOU'RE ALSO GOING TO HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHERE I'M COMING FROM I'VE BEEN THERE WHERE YOU'RE SITTING RIGHT NOW AND NORMALLY WHEN WE MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO EXPEND THE MONIES IS THAT EITHER YOU'RE RIGHT YOU EITHER DECIDE THERE'S GOING TO BE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER OR YOU SOMEHOW SHARE THE COST OR WHAT HAVE YOU I DON'T WANT TO JEOPARDIZE OUR EMPLOYEES ARE HARD WORKING EMPLOYEES I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND BUT AT THE SAME TIME YES I WANT TO FIX OUR SCHOOLS AND IF YOU AND YOU THINK THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED YOU KNOW TOGETHER THEN YOU KNOW I LEAVE IT UP TO YOU YOU ARE THE DECISION MAKERS YOU WOULD ULTIMATELY DECIDE AND VOTE WHAT IT IS THAT YOU WANT TO APPROPRIATE AND WE'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT AND USE IT USE WHATEVER YOU GIVE US TRUST ME WE'RE NOT GOING TO SPEND THE MONEY YOU KNOW FRIVOLOUSLY WE WILL SPEND IT WHERE THEY NEED TO BE SPENT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MA'AM YEAH AND I UNDERSTAND YOU KNOW THESE THESE CONVERSATIONS ESPECIALLY WITH YOU KNOW THE THE NATURE OF YOUR TESTIMONY I MEAN WE HAVE INTERTWINED THESE THESE ISSUES AND I'M JUST NOT EVEN SURE WE CAN UNTANGLE THEM DURING THIS SESSION TO REALLY DISCUSS WHAT THIS IS ABOUT BUT LET ME AGAIN JUST GO BACK TO THE LEGISLATURE BEING CONSTANTLY THROWN UNDER THE BUS FOR UNDERFUNDING EDUCATION CONSTANTLY YOU GUYS WERE OVER HERE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING ROOM WELL HAVE YOU GUYS APPROPRIATED US ENOUGH MONEY OR IF WE HAD ENOUGH MONEY TO DO THIS MAYBE WE WOULDN'T BE HAVING THIS CONVERSATION AND YET HERE WE ARE TRYING TO GIVE YOU MONEY AND THE ONLY THING WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT IS THE ABILITY TO GIVE THE HARD-WORKING EMPLOYEES A PAY RAISE THEN MY TIME IS UP THANK YOU SO MUCH AND ARE WE DOING ANOTHER ROUND.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** MAY I RESPOND.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES WE'RE DOING WE'RE DOING ANOTHER ROUND.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** CAN I.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MA'AM.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** I'M SORRY SUPERINTENDENT.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** CAN I RESPOND THOUGH.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** PLEASE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** PLEASE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** PLEASE THANK YOU ACTING SUP.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** I JUST I MEAN SENATOR I UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHERE YOU KNOW YOU'RE COMING FROM BECAUSE I I WAS THE FORMER CHAIR AS WELL AND WE STRUGGLE WITH MONIES WE PASSED LEGISLATION IN THE LEGISLATURE AND AND THAT IS THE 14 POINTS FOR ADEQUATE EDUCATION AND EVERY YEAR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WOULD SEND ITS BUDGET DOWN BASED ON THE 14 POINTS BUT WE'VE NEVER GOTTEN AND I KNOW THAT FOR A FACT BECAUSE EVEN WHEN WE AT THE LEGISLATURE HAVE NEVER REALLY EVER GIVEN THEM THE EXACT AMOUNT THAT THEY HAVE REQUESTED FOR SO A LUMP SUM IS GIVEN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO DECIDE THEN HOW IT IS TO BE USED IN THE DIFFERENT OBJECT CATEGORIES AND ALWAYS PERSONNEL HAS TAKEN A TOP PRIORITY THAT'S THE REALITY AND I'M GLAD YOU'RE THERE AND I'M GLAD YOU'RE PUSHING I'M GLAD YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR EDUCATION AND I'M HOPING THAT WITH THIS NEW FISCAL YEAR WHEN WE SUBMIT OUR BUDGET I MEAN I WON'T BE THERE BUT WHEN THEY SUBMIT THE DEPARTMENT SUBMITS ITS BUDGET IS GOING TO BE BASED ON THE 14 POINTS AND I HOPE THEN THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ADEQUATELY THEN APPROPRIATE THE MONIES NOT JUST FOR THOSE 14 POINTS BUT ALSO FOR

FACILITIES SO THAT THEN WE WOULD ALWAYS HAVE A HEALTHY AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'*.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT AND THANK YOU ACTING SUPERINTENDENT SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE UP NEXT PLEASE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR IT IS QUITE DISTURBING THAT YOU KNOW FOR YEARS THERE'S BEEN THIS BACK AND FORTH GDOE SENDS DOWN BUDGETS WE ARE UNABLE TO FUND THOSE BUDGETS NOT JUST ME BUT LEGISLATURES BEFORE ME FOR DECADES UNABLE TO FULLY FUND GDOE'S REQUESTS WE HAVE BEFORE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE DOE MONEY THAT WE MIGHT NOT HAVE IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR THIS IS MONEY THAT IS EXCESS FROM THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR SO FAR IT'S A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY AND WE ARE ALSO ANSWERING TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS WHO ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN GOING TO SCHOOL WITH RATS COCKROACHES BROKEN BATHROOMS DO I HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE ENTIRE LIST I MEAN I'M JUST I'M JUST FLOORED WE HAVE SET ASIDE FUNDING FOR GDOE BUT GDOE EXCEEDED THE TEFF THAT'S THE LAND TAXES SET ASIDE FOR GDOE AND IT HAS GROWN WAY BEYOND THAT IN FACT WE HAVE PRIORITIZED THE DEBT SERVICE FOR THE NEW SCHOOLS AND THE GDUE ADMINISTRATION BRAND NEW BUILDING ABOVE ALL OTHER AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT WE PAY THE DEBT SERVICE ON THAT IT DOESN'T COME OUT OF GDOE'S BUDGET OR ANYTHING AND SO IT IS VERY PERPLEXING WHEN I HEAR IT FROM FROM PRINCIPALS THEY TRY TO EXPLAIN TO THEIR PARENTS WHO ARE PUTTING IN MONEY TO FIX THESE SCHOOLS THEIR OWN MONEY AND THIS AFTER PAY IN TAXPAYER MONEY THE PRINCIPALS TELL THE TEACHERS AND THE TEACHERS AND THE PARENTS BELIEVE OH IT'S A FUNDING ISSUE IT'S A FUNDING ISSUE THEY CAN'T FIX IT BECAUSE IT'S A FUNDING ISSUE NOT THAT IT'S A MANAGEMENT ISSUE AND THEY DE-PRIORITIZED THOSE PROJECTS THEY SAY IT'S A FUNDING ISSUE AND HERE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY ACTUALLY I THINK IT'S A PRIORITY ISSUE BECAUSE WHILE PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES USED YOU KNOW SAID WE ARE GOING WE CAN'T SORRY DOE WE CAN'T GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE REST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FIRST WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE SALARY RAISES FIRST AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF OUR BROKEN SCHOOLS OF COURSE THERE'S NEVER GOING TO BE ENOUGH MONEY AND RIGHT NOW I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THIS THIS THING ABOUT WHY IF WE CAN'T GET THE PEOPLE FROM GDOOE TO COME DOWN AND ADVOCATE FOR GDOE THEN THAT SHOULD BE VERY CLEAR TO THE TEACHERS AND THE PARENTS WHO ARE WHO ARE PUTTING IN THEIR MONEY AND AND I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL THEM THAT IS THE PROBLEM THEY WANT TO TELL YOU THERE'S NO MONEY BUT WHEN THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE MONEY THEY WANT TO TAKE CARE OF POLITICS I SAY WE STAY FOCUSED AND I WANT TO ASK THE MAINTENANCE PERSON OR OR ANYONE THE SUPERINTENDENT FRANK IF WE HAVE A BALANCE OF ARP FUNDS IT SOUNDS GIGANTIC IS THAT BALANCE AND THE PROJECTS THAT YOU'RE SETTING ASIDE TO COVER WITH THAT BALANCE ENOUGH TO COVER THE LIST OF PROJECTS NECESSARY TO FIX THESE SCHOOLS SO THAT THEY ARE GOING TO SAFELY OPEN IN THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

**TOVES – DOE:** YEAH SO THE TOTAL BALANCE 114 YES THAT AMOUNT FOR THE PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKED ON TODAY ASSESSED SCOPE OF WORKS BEEN THIS WORK BEEN DONE SPECIFICATIONS THAT'LL COVER THESE PROJECTS RIGHT NOW.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** RIGHT BUT AS OF THOSE PROJECTS ARE THOSE ALL THE PROJECTS ON YOUR LIST.

**TOVES – DOE:** NO THEY ARE NOT THEY'RE NOT THEY'RE THEY'RE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** NOT BY ANY MEANS RIGHT.

**TOVES – DOE:** YES SENATOR OR SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR HERE.

**TOVES – DOE:** YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** LET'S NOT TRY TO FOOL EVERYBODY THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE PENDING PROJECTS WITH THE ARP MONEY I DON'T THINK THAT'S CORRECT WE STILL HAVE I THINK YOU GUYS ARE RELYING ON ON A ARMY CORPS ASSESSMENT SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

**TOVES – DOE:** YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** HOW OLD IS THAT.

**TOVES – DOE:** ABOUT FOUR YEARS OLD YEAH YEAH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** FOUR YEARS OLD AND SO LET'S ASSUME THAT THE PRICING WAS CORRECT OR THEIR ESTIMATES RIGHT WE'VE SEEN ALMOST EVERY GOVERNMENT PROJECT THAT'S BEEN AT EXCEED BY FAR ANY ESTIMATES THAT WERE MADE EVEN THE IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS JUST BECAUSE OF RISING COSTS SO I AM VERY MUCH HOPEFUL THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL BUT I WANT TO KNOW SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE REST OF THE PROJECTS TO COVER THOSE WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THESE THINGS THAT WERE READ OUT EARLIER INCLUDING GYMS PLAYGROUNDS SPORTS FIELDS WALKWAY COVERINGS EXTERIOR SEWAGE PIPING FENCING THE THINGS THAT ARE REPORTEDLY NON-CIP OR NON-ARP FUNDS.

**TOVES – DOE:** YEAH WELL SENATOR THE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE ARE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PROBLEM ARE AS MAJOR PRIORITIES RIGHT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES.

**TOVES – DOE:** SO WE HAVE THE FULL REFURBISHMENT OF UP TO 35 SCHOOLS THAT INCLUDES ROOF WHICH CREATES FALLS AND CRACKS AND CEILING LEAKS THAT'S ONE WE HAVE ELECTRICAL THAT WAS IDENTIFIED BY HHF WHO WORKED WITH ARMY CORPS THAT IDENTIFIES WIRING FROM TRANSFORMERS TO THE MAIN DISTRIBUTION PANELS WHERE CODES HAVE BEEN UPGRADED AND OUR LINES ARE STILL DOWNSIDE UNDERSIZED SO THOSE ARE INCLUDED BECAUSE THEY'RE MAJOR ISSUES WE HAVE BATHROOMS THESE ARE SOME OF THE MORE FREQUENT CALLBACKS WE GET IN MAINTENANCE TO REPAIR BECAUSE OF OUR AGE FACILITIES AIR CONDITIONING SECURITY DOORS BECAUSE OF VANDALISM WELL IT IT WILL HELP WITH VANDALISM WE'RE STANDARDIZING EVERYTHING WE'RE GOING WITH ALUMINUM WITH BREAK-IN PREVENTION LATCH PLATES AND EVERYTHING TO TRY TO PREVENT BREAK-INS SO BUT SO THESE ARE THE PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED UP FRONT THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER STUFF LIKE THE GYMS LIKE YOU SAID BUT THAT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME AS IT DID TO GET TO THIS LEVEL WITH THIS SET OF PROJECTS THAT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME TO ASSESS COME UP WITH COASTAL WORK AND POSSIBLY EVEN GET AN ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING FIRM INVOLVED BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE AS BUILDS WHEN WE DO A SEWER AS AN EXAMPLE WE GO AROUND WE LOOK FOR MANHOLES WE LOOK FOR CLEAN OUTS WE WE'RE KIND OF IN BLIND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHICH WAY THEY ROUTE SO FIRST ATTEMPT IS PROBABLY GETTING AN A AND E TO DO THAT LEG WORK TO DETERMINE WHERE TO PUT AS BUILDS TOGETHER SO YOU GOT TO KNOW WHAT'S THERE BEFORE YOU FIX IT ONCE THAT'S DONE THEN THE PLAN TO APPROACH THE WORK OR THE CORRECTIVE ACTION IS IS SET IN PLACE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES.

**TOVES – DOE:** SO THAT'S WE ALWAYS NEED THE MONEY BUT IT'S GONNA TAKE SOME TIME.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES.

**TOVES – DOE:** AND I'M JUST GONNA GO OUT AND SAY IF THIS MONEY THAT IS BEING PROPOSED RIGHT NOW HAS A DEADLINE IT'S.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IT DOES NOT THIS IS GENERAL FUNDS NO DEADLINE THAT'S THE THING.

**TOVES – DOE:** SO IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE IT'S I'M VERY IMPRESSED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DECISION TO TRANSFER OR YOU KNOW JUST REALLOCATE THE ARP MONEY AND TO GET APPROVAL FOR THAT TOWARDS CIP I THINK THAT WAS AN EXCELLENT MOVE AN EXCELLENT DECISION I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE TO ACTUALLY GET THESE PROJECTS LINED UP READY TO GO AND AND SHE SAID SHE SENT SOME OF THEM TO THE AG 84 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH FOR 35 SCHOOLS BUT AGAIN IT'S NOT THE ENTIRE LIST OF PROJECTS THAT NEED TO BE DONE FOR THESE SCHOOLS AND AS FAR AS I CAN TELL THERE IS NO SOURCE OF FUNDING CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR THE REST OF THE LIST RIGHT UNLESS WE GET SOME OTHER WINDFALL THERE IS NONE AND SO THAT THIS IS THE THING WE'VE ALSO PUT A MANDATE THAT WE WANT THE SCHOOLS TO BE FIXED BEFORE THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR AND I UNDERSTAND

THAT SOME OF THESE PROJECTS ROOFING MIGHT MIGHT TAKE EVEN BEYOND THAT BUT WE WANT TO SEE THAT BEGIN WE WANT WE DON'T WANT TO TELL OUR CHILDREN ANYMORE IT'S OKAY THAT YOU ONLY HAVE ONE RESTROOM FOR 40 KIDS OR WHATEVER AND YOU KNOW PER CLASSROOM LET ALONE IN THE SCHOOL JUST THAT KIND OF STUFF WE ARE TRYING TO CHANGE THE STANDARD FOR OUR STUDENTS AND I THINK WE CAN AND I THINK WE HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT AND SO I SAY WE COVER MORE OF THE PROJECTS AND AND WHO CHOSE THE TOP PRIORITIES.

**TOVES – DOE:** THAT THOSE ARE ALIGNED TO THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEER HHF REPORT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THEY PRIORITIZE THE PROJECTS CORRECT.

**TOVES – DOE:** KIND OF LIKE IT'S COINCIDENTAL BECAUSE THEY JUST HAPPEN TO BE THAT TOP PRIORITY ISSUE SO YOU FIX THE ROOF YOU HAVE LESS YOU LESSEN THE POTENTIAL FOR FALL HAZARDS FROM ASPHALT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES.

**TOVES – DOE:** ELECTRICAL HAZARDS FOR DRIPPING INTO THE CONDUITS AND AND AND DISTRIBUTION PANELS ETC SO IT'S KIND OF LIKE JUST COMMON SENSE BUT IT DOES ALIGN TO TO THE HHF REPORT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OKAY YEAH AND WE KNOW ALSO YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE PROJECTS PROBABLY NOT LISTED THERE BECAUSE THAT'S FOUR YEARS AGO THINGS HAVE CHANGED WE ALSO KNOW LIKE FOR EXAMPLE FLOODING FLOODING IS A REAL PROBLEM AND YOU CAN'T FIX IT BY FIXING A ROOF YOU KNOW IT'S FLOODING LIKE GW FLOODS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL GROUNDS IT'S IT'S A FLOOD LIKE LIKE A VILLAGE FLOOD AND AND SO I KNOW THAT THOSE ARE SOME OTHER THINGS THAT ARE AREN'T EXACTLY ON THE LIST BECAUSE THEY ARE HARD TO EVEN DESCRIBE AT THIS POINT OR HOW TO DETERMINE THE FIX YES.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** SENATOR JUST ON THAT NOTE AS PHIL INDICATED RIGHT NOW THERE IS A CURRENT PLAN TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT NEEDS AS YOU'RE AWARE THOSE NEEDS AND AND EVEN AS YOU JUST MENTIONED WITH THE ASSESSMENT BEING OWED THOSE NEEDS DO CHANGE DAILY IT'S GOING TO BE A MOVING TARGET AND THERE'S GOING TO BE A LACK OF PRECISION WHEN WE CAN IDENTIFY ALL THE ISSUES IN THE FUTURE AT OUR AGING FACILITIES WHICH WAS THE STRATEGY WE'RE SAYING THAT A LONG AND INCORPORATING OUR LEVERAGE THAT WE DO NEED A LONG-TERM SOURCE OF FUNDING DIRECTLY RELATED TO THAT DEFERRED MAINTENANCE ONLY BECAUSE IT'S A MOVING TARGET WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT WE CAN'T PREDICT WHICH SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO FAIL WHAT PLUMBING IS GOING TO FAIL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):**WHAT ELECTRICAL GOES OUT IF THERE'S A BREAK-IN IF THERE'S AN ACCIDENT IF THERE'S AN EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE THOSE ALL NEED LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS SO AGAIN TO GO TO THE POINT HE'S HE'S DONE HIS PART WE'VE WE'VE ALIGNED AND I APPRECIATE THE THE COMMENTS THAT WE'VE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO IDENTIFY THOSE FUNDS REPRIORITIZED WE HAVE AND AGAIN THE THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION WILL PROVIDE US FOR THAT MAINTENANCE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE THAT IS NECESSARY AT THE SCHOOLS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BUT NOT ALL OF THOSE ARE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE I DON'T THINK THE ARMY CORPS DID AN ASSESSMENT OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE THEY DID AN ASSESSMENT OF MAINTENANCE PROJECTS THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** SO SO THAT'S THAT'S WHAT THE FUNDS ARE ARE LOOKING AT AND THE ONE THAT WAS JUST RELEASED IS THE GENERAL CONTRACT REFURBISHMENT WHICH IS THE LARGER CIP PROJECTS ONCE WE ADDRESS THE LARGE CRITICAL AREAS AS HE MENTIONED THAT'S ALIGNED WITH THE ASSESSMENT THEN WE NEED THE SOURCE OF FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE UPKEEP.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES THAT'S WHAT EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON RIGHT BECAUSE THOSE ARE ALSO TIED TO THE SANITATION AND SAFETY OF THE SCHOOLS EVEN FENCING AS SIMPLE AS THAT CAN'T BE DONE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ISSUES CONTINUOUSLY YEAH I JUST WANTED YOU KNOW JUST I GUESS USE MY ONE MINUTE REMAINING TO JUST SAY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR WORK WE ARE TRYING TO HELP YOU TO GET MORE WORK DONE YOU'VE GOT AN EFFICIENT TEAM GOING LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT LET'S GET THESE THINGS DONE WHILE YOU'VE GOT THE PARTNERSHIP OF OF GPA AND EVERYONE ELSE HOPEFULLY WE'VE PASSED

ANOTHER BILL OR HOPEFULLY WE WILL PASS ANOTHER BILL THAT ALSO SAYS BRING THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT DOWN AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT YOU MIGHT NEED AND LET'S SOLVE THESE THINGS ONCE AND FOR ALL AND THEN MAINTENANCE WILL BE EFFECTIVE BUT IF WE CAN'T FIX THESE THINGS WE CAN'T MAINTAIN BROKEN THINGS WE NEED TO FIX THEM AND THEN MAINTAIN AND HOPEFULLY FIND AN EFFICIENT WAY TO DO THAT BUT YOU KNOW WE'RE ALL TOGETHER ON THIS AND IT'S ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO BE AN ENTIRE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EFFORT WHEN THE ORGANIC ACT WAS CHANGED TO CHANGE THE WORD GOVERNOR IS IN CHARGE OF EDUCATION IT DIDN'T LEAVE THE GOVERNOR OUT IT SAID IT'S GOING TO BE SHARED GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN OF GUAM SO I SAY WE WORK TOGETHER AND WE STOP POINTING FINGERS THROWING PEOPLE YOU KNOW HOW DO YOU CALL THAT SHRUGGING THE RESPONSIBILITIES NOT ON ME IT'S ON YOU NO IT'S ON ALL OF US I'M TELLING YOU I DON'T KNOW IT WAS VERY HARD FOR ME IT'S BEEN HARD FOR MANY YEARS I'VE BEEN HERE AS A SENATOR AND WE HAVE TO TELL PEOPLE THAT'S ALL WE COULD AFFORD FOR DOE WELL THAT'S NOT THE CASE TODAY SO WHY AM I GOING TO SAY THAT TODAY I AM NOT I AM GOING TO SAY WE CAN'T AFFORD MORE FOR DOE AND I AM GOING TO GIVE MORE TO DOE THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ONE MORE SENATOR LUJAN COME UP NEXT AND THEN AFTER THAT WE'LL TAKE A SHORT BREAK FOR LUNCH WHICH WE'LL HAVE TO BE BACK HERE AT 1:30 SO JUST A HEADS UP TO MY COLLEAGUES SENATOR LUJAN YOU'RE UP NEXT.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MR. COOPER-NURSE YOU QUOTED HAVING THE TECHNICAL ABILITY AND THE CAPACITY TO DO LARGE-SCALE SCOPE OF WORK TO GET TO THE STAGE WHERE GDOE CAN ACTUALLY DEVELOP THE PROCUREMENT PACKAGE TO GO OUT TO THESE CONSTRUCTION BIDS ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING THESE PACKAGES TOGETHER WE REALIZED THAT TECHNICAL EXPERTISE DID NOT EXIST IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THEREFORE YOU HAD TO PARTNER UP YOU HAD AN MOU WITH GPA DID YOU NOT.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** CORRECT.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY DO YOU HAVE SHOVEL READY PROJECTS.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** I'M SORRY COME AGAIN.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** DO YOU HAVE SHOVEL READY PROJECTS.

**TOVES – DOE:** RIGHT NOW WE DO.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** YOU DO HAVE.

**TOVES – DOE:** AFTER ALL THE ASSESSMENT AND THE SCOPING AND SPECIFICATIONS THEY'RE ALL IN PROCUREMENT REQUISITION AND JUST PENDING THE PROCESS TO GET IT OUT FOR TURNING DIRT.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY AND THIS AND THIS WAS DONE WITH THE HELP OF THE PARTNERSHIP.

**TOVES – DOE:** GPA YES SIR YES SENATOR.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** ARE YOU STILL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GPA.

**TOVES – DOE:** YES WE ARE SENATOR.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** AND HOW LONG IS THAT PARTNERSHIP FOR.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** I'M SENATOR I'M NOT AWARE THERE'S AN EXPIRATION ON THE MOU AND AND IN GOING THROUGH THOSE COMMENTS WHAT WE LACKED WAS AN ENGINEER WE TRIED SEVERAL TIMES TO RECRUIT ONE AND WERE UNSUCCESSFUL WHICH IS WHAT LED TO THE THE LEVERAGE OF USING GPA'S ENGINEERS.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY YOU KNOW IN THOSE PROJECT SHOVEL READY PROJECTS WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES WHAT IS WHAT IS FIRST IN LINE TO GET DONE I MEAN I'M SURE FRANK YOU KNOW WHEN THE PROCUREMENT HAS DONE THAT PROJECT WE'LL GET STARTED BUT WHAT IS THE WHAT IS THE PRIORITY ON ON PROJECTS.

**TOVES – DOE:** TWO THAT COME RIGHT OFF THE BAT ARE THE AIR CONDITIONERS FOR THE CLASSROOMS WHICH BY LAW IS REQUIRED AND THEN THE REFURBISHMENT SO WE GENERALIZE THE OF THE 35 SCHOOLS WHICH INCLUDES ROOF ROOF WORK WALL CRACKS CEILING LEAKS AND ROOF COATING WALL.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY IS THAT INCLUSIVE WHEN YOU SAY ROOF CRACKS AND ALL THAT CEILING.

**TOVES – DOE:** THAT'S A PROJECT ITSELF.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THAT THE GYM AT GW.

**TOVES – DOE:** NOW NO SO WELL THE GYM FOR THE CONCRETE ROOFS YES GYM OR GYMS GYMS WITH CONCRETE ROOF .

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY.

**TOVES – DOE:** I DON'T BELIEVE THE ENTIRE SOUTHERN HIGH IS CONCRETE MOST OF IT IS IS PRE-ENGINEERED STEEL WALKWAY CANOPIES THE ONE LINE DIAGRAM TO GET OUR DISTRIBUTION PANELS UP TO CODE BECAUSE THEY'RE WAY UNDERSIZED AT THIS POINT SECURITY DOORS WHICH BASICALLY ARE ALUMINUM DOORS ALUMINUM FRAMES AND LATCH PROTECTION ANTI-BREAKING TYPE GUARDS AND BATHROOMS THOSE ARE LIKE EVERYDAY ISSUES AT DOE WE TAKE CARE OF THAT THAT KIND OF SOLVES A GOOD PART OF THE F&M'S EVERYDAY ISSUES AND CALLBACKS.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY THAT THAT BEING SAID ARE THESE STILL AT THIS POINT STUCK IN PROCUREMENT I MEAN WHAT WHAT IS BEING DONE RIGHT NOW.

**TOVES – DOE:** IT'S.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** I MEAN OF ALL THOSE PRIORITIES OR ANYTHING OR WHAT YOU HAD MENTIONED BEING WORKED ON AT THIS POINT ARE THEY STILL IN PROCUREMENT.

**TOVES – DOE:** THEY'RE THEY'RE THEY I I DIDN'T GET AN UPDATE THIS MORNING BUT PROCUREMENT IS REALLY GOING THROUGH THAT AND AS SOON AS THEY'RE DONE AND THAT'S NOT A LENGTHY PROCESS ITSELF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS ITSELF IS LONG BUT THE PROCUREMENT HANDLING OF THIS TO TURN IT INTO AN IFB OR AN RFP IS VERY SHORT AND THEN IT GOES TO LEGAL FOR THEIR REVIEW BEFORE IT GOES TO THE AG.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY SO AS WE SPEAK BASICALLY THEY'RE EITHER IN PROCUREMENT BUT IN REGARDS TO THE FIX OF THE SCHOOL AT THIS POINT YOU DON'T HAVE BOOTS ON THE GROUND DOING IT RIGHT NOW ANY OF THESE EVEN PRIORITIES THEY'RE IN PROCUREMENT YOU SAID THEY'RE ALMOST READY TO BE DONE BUT AS WE SPEAK RIGHT NOW IT'S NOT BEING DONE RIGHT.

**TOVES – DOE:** NO NO THEY'RE NOT.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** IT'S NOT BEING DONE CORRECT.

**TOVES – DOE:** NOT NOT IT'S IN THE PROCESS.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY.

**TOVES – DOE:** OF GETTING THERE.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY WHO IS I MEAN DO YOU HAVE A I MEAN I KNOW YOU'RE YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF MAINTENANCE RIGHT.

**TOVES – DOE:** YES I AM SENATOR.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** RIGHT OKAY WHO IS THE CONSTRUCTION DO YOU HAVE PER SE WITHIN BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT SAID SHE SHE PUT A TEAM TOGETHER AT THIS POINT IF SHE PUT MAYBE A A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER TO OVERSEE.

**TOVES – DOE:** WELL.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THIS OR OR IS IT JUST YOURSELF THAT AGAIN.

**TOVES – DOE:** FOR.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** WILL OVERSEE THIS.



**TOVES – DOE:** NO FOR THIS PROJECT THE ENGINEERING TEAM OF GPA WHICH CONSISTS OF THE ENGINEER THREE.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY.

**TOVES – DOE:** AND FOR ENGINEER ONES.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY.

**TOVES – DOE:** WE'LL TAKE ON THE CM I HAVE INCLUDED A RFP ON THAT PRIORITY LIST THAT WOULD INCLUDE AN A AND E FIRM AND A CM JUST IN THE EVENT THAT BART AND HIS TEAM ARE NOT ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE QC THE CM WHEN ALL THESE PROJECTS TAKE PLACE SO IT'S JUST A CONTINGENCY IN THE EVENT THAT THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO KEEP UP SO WE CAN KEEP MOVING FORWARD.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY WHEN WHEN DO YOU FORESEE THE FIRST PROCUREMENT STUFF TO BE DONE AND WHEN YOU SEE WORK THE ACTUAL WORK TO BE DONE AT THAT WHICHEVER SCHOOL IS DONE FIRST WHEN DO YOU FORESEE THAT.

**TOVES – DOE:** I'M HOPING IN A COUPLE MAYBE THREE MONTHS.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THREE MONTHS.

**TOVES – DOE:** YES FOR THE ENTIRE PROCESS THERE'S SOMETHING SO THERE'S STUFF GOING ON DR. WON PAT WORKED WITH THE AG AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S BEEN FINALIZED OR OR NOT YET BUT ATTORNEY FRED NISHIHARA HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE AG THAT'S GONNA WORK DIRECTLY WITH US IN FRONT LINING AND PRIORITIZING THESE ACTIVITIES SO HOPEFULLY THAT SHORTENS THAT WINDOW AND AND I'M STILL SO I'M GIVING TWO TO THREE MONTHS AS AN OUTSIDE WINDOW I'M HOPING THAT WE MAYBE AS SHORT AS A MONTH IF THAT PROCESS IS SET IN PLACE.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY SO SO BASICALLY IF IT'S THREE MONTHS WE'RE LOOKING AT JUNE POSSIBLY OR MAYBE EVEN MAY.

**TOVES – DOE:** YEAH.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** AND IN THE SHORT PERIOD OF TIME OR THE SHORTER TIME AND JUNE BEING MAYBE THE THE LONGEST THAT THAT THAT WILL HAPPEN OKAY THAT BEING THAT BEING SAID YOU HAVE FROM JUNE TO DECEMBER YOU HAVE ABOUT ANOTHER SIX MONTHS UNTIL WE UNTIL WE WERE ABLE TO EXPEND THESE MONIES RIGHT.

**TOVES – DOE:** NO WE HAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2024.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** 2024 OKAY.

**TOVES – DOE:** YES SENATOR.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY SO THAT THAT BE THAT BEING SAID WHAT PERCENTAGE OF OF THE WORK THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED OR YEAH I GUESS YOU'RE STILL IDENTIFYING PROJECTS BECAUSE AS AS TIME GOES ON THE SITUATION DOESN'T FIX ITSELF SO IT JUST GETS PROBABLY EVEN WORSE BY THE TIME BY THE TIME THEY GET AROUND TO AFTER PROCUREMENT AND AWARDING OF THAT THAT MAYBE THE THE SITUATION HAD GOTTEN WORSE SO STUFF MIGHT BE A I MEAN AGAIN WITH THE ELEMENTS AND AND THINGS BEING EXPOSED TO AGAIN IT'S NOT IT'S NOT GOING TO HEAL ITSELF IT HAS IT HAS TO HAVE THE INTERVENTION BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT SO WHAT PERCENTAGE AGAIN OF THE PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED THE MAJOR SITUATIONS IN IN THE SCHOOLS WILL BE DONE I AND EXPENDED THE MONEY EXPENDED BY SEPTEMBER 2024.

**TOVES – DOE:** SENATOR ALL OF THESE PROJECTS HAVE A WINDOW OF OUR ACTUAL WORK THAT CAN BE PERFORMED BY SEPTEMBER 30 2024 THE ISSUES WOULD BE BIDDING BECAUSE EVERYBODY'S FOCUSED ON THE MILITARY THE BIG MONEY CONTRACTS GETTING BIDDERS TO PARTICIPATE SO THOSE ARE UNKNOWNNS AT THIS POINT UNTIL WE ACTUALLY PUT THE BITS OUT AND GET RETURNS AND SEE WHAT COMES OF THAT SO BUT WE'RE MAKING EVERY EFFORT SO WE'VE WE'VE CHANGED OUR POSITION FROM GOING THESE FIVE PROJECTS I MENTIONED THAT WERE ALL GENERALIZED INTO THE REFURBISHMENT GROUP WE'VE CHANGED THAT FROM INDIVIDUAL TO A PACKAGE SO THAT WE HAVE A GENERAL CONTRACTOR MANAGING AND COORDINATING EVERY SCHOOL SITE SO THAT WORK CAN BE PERFORMED WITHOUT CONTRACTORS RUNNING INTO EACH OTHER

AND AND AT A STEADY PACE SO WE'VE GIVEN EVERY THOUGHT THAT WE POSSIBLY COULD TO MAKE THIS THING TRY AND WORK OUT AS SMOOTHLY AS WE COULD THINK.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OF YOU KNOW HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY SAID THE THE CHAIR OF EDUCATION SAID OF COURSE THE SUPERINTENDENT HAD WAS DOWN HERE ACROSS THE HALL IN REGARDS TO TO THE FUNDING THAT IS THAT IS NEEDED I WAS THERE AS WELL WHEN SHE HAD ASKED TO REPLENISH THE MONEY THAT WAS THAT WAS USED FOR RAISES THAT YOU KNOW AND THAT MONEY COULD GO A LONG WAYS TO TO FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SCHOOLS AND ALL THAT WE JUST FOUND OUT AND FIND OUT OF COURSE THAT THIS THIS BILL WITH 30 MILLION DOLLARS IS OPEN-ENDED AND HE CAN IT CAN BE USED FOR FOR THE MAINTENANCE LET ME LET ME ASK YOU THIS BECAUSE IT WAS IT'S BEEN BEEN MENTIONED THAT WE CAN DO THE CIPS WITH THE EXISTING FEDERAL FUNDS THAT WE HAVE AT AT THIS POINT AND LET ME JUST ASK YOU OUTRIGHT DO YOU WANT THIS 30 MILLION DO YOU NEED THIS 30 MILLION.

**TOVES – DOE:** OF COURSE WE DO.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** DO YOU WANT IT.

**TOVES – DOE:** YES.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE HERE TO ASK.

**TOVES – DOE:** WE WANT IT AND WE NEED IT AND.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** ARE YOU HERE TO TESTIFY ARE YOU HERE TO TESTIFY THEY JUST SAYS THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE PASSED THIS BILL.

**TOVES – DOE:** I I.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** WE WANT THIS.

**TOVES – DOE:** SENATOR THE THE ONE THING I DO WANT TO SAY IS IF IT'S AN EXPIRING FUND.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** IT'S NOT AN AND EXPIRING FUND.

**TOVES – DOE:** OKAY SO YEAH 30 MILLION IS DID YOU WANT TO ADD SOMETHING FRANK YEAH OKAY IT'S IT'S NEEDED.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** SENATOR I THINK EVERYONE ON THE TABLE IS SAYING YES THE ANY FUNDS INFUSED INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS GREATLY NEEDED GREATLY WELCOMED ONE OF THE.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** WELL SPECIFICALLY FOR THE FOR THIS BILL.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** ABSOLUTELY.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** SO ARE YOU HERE TO TESTIFY IN FAVOR OF THE BILL.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** NO I LEAVE THE TEST THE TESTIMONY FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENTS ON THE RECORD I I SUPPORT THE AND I COMMEND THE LEGISLATIVE BODY.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THE INTENT.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** YES FOR GIVING US THE FUNDING WHAT I WOULD ASK AND IN LINE WITH THE TESTIMONY IS A ONE-TIME VERSUS CONTINUOUS SUPPORT PLEASE TO THIS BODY PLEASE I THE ONE TIME IS GOING TO BE APPRECIATIVE BUT WHETHER IT HAS A LAPSING DATE OF SEPTEMBER OR NEXT YEAR I I THINK THAT IN ORDER TO IS BETTER SERVED.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** BUT BUT THIS BILL IT'S NOT EXPIRING IT'S NOT EXPIRING.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** NO WHAT I'M SAYING EVEN IF WHETHER IT EXPIRES NEXT YEAR WHETHER IT EXPIRES SIX MONTHS WHETHER EXPIRES 10 MONTHS FROM NOW WILL BE GREATER SERVING OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM IF WE HAVE A DEDICATED SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** SO LET ME LET ME ASK YOU THIS SINCE IT DOESN'T HAVE AN EXPIRATION IF WE GIVE YOU THIS 30 MILLION NOW COULD YOU NOT SAVE IT FOR YOUR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** POSSIBLY LOCK BOX APPROPRIATIONS WE WE CAN DO THAT RIGHT THERE'S DIFFERENT WAYS AND EXAMINATIONS OF MANAGING THE FUNDS ABSOLUTELY SO THERE'S DIFFERENT CONSIDERATIONS.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** YEAH AND THE REASON I'M ASKING WE HAVE IT NOW I MEAN IN PREVIOUS TIMES WE'RE WE'RE TRYING TO FIND MONEY TO GIVE IT TO DOE THIS IS THE TIME THAT WE HAVE IT AND I I'M JUST BAFFLED AND THE FACT THAT YEAH WE CAN USE IT BUT YOU KNOW CAN YOU JUST GIVE IT TO US MAYBE NEXT YEAR AND THE YEAR AFTER I'M SAYING OKAY CAN I GIVE CAN WE GIVE IT TO YOU NOW CAN WE GIVE IT TO YOU NOW AND THEN YOU YOU'LL SAVE IT AND AND USE IT AS YOU AS YOU NEED IT AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SAYING BECAUSE WE MAY NOT HAVE IT IN YEARS TO COME.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** SENATOR MAY I RESPOND PLEASE.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** YES.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WHEN YOU SAY THAT IT'S NOT EXPIRED AND ALTHOUGH WE KNOW THAT WE GO FROM FISCAL YEAR TO FISCAL YEAR AND YOU'RE GOING TO WRITE LEGISLATION IN TO SAY THAT THIS WILL BE A CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** UNTIL IT'S EXPENDED YES.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** UNTIL FULLY EXPENDED OKAY AND THEN NOW TO SAY TO PUT IT IN LOCK BOXES BECAUSE WE'VE ACTUALLY DONE THAT MANY TIMES AND THERE'S NEVER REALLY A SAFE LOCK BOX UNLESS YOU'RE GOING TO PUT THE MONEY IN THE BANK IN DOE'S ACCOUNT WHERE THEN WE ESTABLISH THEN A LOCK BOX FROM THERE NOT NECESSARILY IT TO BE DRAWN DOWN OR THAT WE NEED TO PUT IN A REQUEST FOR THE MONEYS TO BE DRAWN DOWN OR TO BE DEPOSITED INTO ACCOUNT IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY YOU KNOW WHAT I WASN'T ABLE TO MAKE OUT EVERYTHING THAT WAS SAID AND.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WELL I'M SURE THEN THAT YOU KNOW YOUR LEGAL COUNSELOR THEY'LL BE ABLE TO TO HELP OUT WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THAT YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO TRANSFER THESE MONIES OR TO APPROPRIATE THIS MONIES TO DOE'S ACCOUNT SO THAT THEN YES LIKE YOU LIKE WE SAID EARLIER IS TO BE ABLE THEN TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WOULD HAVE THE 5 MILLION FOR THIS PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP JUST CONTINUE WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR SCHOOLS WE USE WHAT WE CAN'T SO THAT HYPOTHETICALLY 30 MILLION AND SO WE WE USE YOU KNOW LIKE LET'S SAY 10 15 MILLION OF THAT FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECTS OUTSIDE OF THE CIPS AT THE BALANCE THEN TO BE PLACED IN A LOCK BOX ACCOUNT OF DOE'S ACCOUNT THEN TO THEN USE 5 MILLION YOU KNOW FOR EACH YEAR FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS TO BE ABLE THEN TO HAVE THIS PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR SCHOOLS RIGHT.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** YEAH.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING OKAY.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THAT'S WHAT EXACTLY NOW OKAY MADAM SPEAKER OR SUPERINTENDENT OR MR. COOPER-NURSE AS WELL IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU MEAN ABOUT PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BECAUSE IN THAT SAME ROUNDTABLE AS WELL WHEN I ASKED AND WE WERE TALKING ABOUT ABOUT MAINTENANCE AND THERE THERE WAS GREAT CONCERNS ABOUT SOME OF THE THE THE OUTSOURCED MAINTENANCE THAT ARE HAPPENING AND THAT IT JUST WASN'T WORKING AND SO I KNOW THAT BOARD MEMBER MARY GUTIERREZ HAD MENTIONED THAT IT'S NOT WORKING AND SO WHAT EXACTLY IS IS WORKING AND WHAT EXACTLY IS A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MEAN BECAUSE WE'RE WE WANT TO GET INTO THIS BUT THEN YOU HAVE A BOARD MEMBER THAT IT'S NOT WORKING SO WHAT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN SOMETHING.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WELL THERE'S ACTUALLY DIFFERENT FORMS OF A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ONE IS WE CAN VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING RIGHT NOW WITH THE THE LEASE SCHOOLS AND THOSE THE OWNERS OF COURSE ARE MAINTAINING THE SCHOOL AND WE PAY THE LEGISLATURE THE GOVERNMENT PAYS YOU KNOW A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THAT EVERY YEAR FOR THEM TO DO JUST THAT SO THAT'S ONE WAY THE OTHER OF COURSE ANOTHER PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IS WHERE WE WILL THEN CONTRACT THIS OUT TO A COMPANY WHO WILL THEN MANAGE THE THE MAINTENANCE OF ALL THE

SCHOOLS USING OUR EMPLOYEES THAT'S THE PUBLIC SITE WHERE OUR EMPLOYEES ARE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE PEOPLE WILL BE WORKING WITH THE THE MANAGER OR LIKE A GENERAL A CM I GUESS BUT NOT A CONSTRUCTION WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT CONSTRUCTION BUT MORE THE MAINTENANCE THEN OF THE FIELD FACILITIES SO THAT'S A DIFFERENT FORM OF A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP SO WHAT WE NEED TO DO OF COURSE IS TO LOOK AT BOTH AND SEE WHAT IS THE GOING TO BE THE MOST FEASIBLE AND MOST AFFORDABLE YOU KNOW FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** WELL I I APPLAUD I APPLAUD YOU IN IN WANTING TO GET A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SCHOOLS BUT I CAN ALMOST ASSURE YOU THAT THE OLDER SCHOOLS WILL PROBABLY I MEAN YOU YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT HAVE ANYONE WANTING TO TO MAYBE MAINTAIN THE OLDER THE OLDER SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF OF MAYBE THE COST TO MAINTAIN THE OLDER SCHOOLS YOU KNOW MIGHT NOT BE JUST A BLANKET THING YOU'RE GOING TO PAY YOU KNOW FOR A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AND HERE WE GO THE NEWER SCHOOLS PROBABLY HAVE OF COURSE WILL HAVE LESS MAINTENANCE SITUATIONS THEY HAVE THE OLDER SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO REQUIRE EVEN MORE SO YOU YOU YOU KNOW YOU MAY HAVE SEPARATE CONTRACTS OF THAT IF AT ALL YOU HAVE ANY TAKERS FOR THE OLDER SCHOOLS IT YOU PROBABLY WON'T HAVE YOU PROBABLY WON'T HAVE TAKERS FOR ALL THE SCHOOLS KNOWING THAT THE SCHOOLS ARE HAVE DIFFERENT CONDITIONS AND AND AND AND AND AND AND THE AGE OF THE SCHOOLS ARE ARE ARE A BIG FACTOR WITH THAT BUT WHAT ARE OTHER TYPES OF.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** YEAH YOU'RE ARE THE QUESTIONS SENATOR YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT AND SO WHAT I THINK NEEDS TO ALSO HAPPEN IS THAT THERE'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE EITHER STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS OTHER ENGINEERS TO GO OUT TO ALL THE SCHOOLS AND REALLY LOOK AND GIVE AN ASSESSMENT IN TERMS OF YOU KNOW WHAT IS THE SHELF LIFE OF THAT PARTICULAR FACILITY AND THAT WAY THEN WE CAN PLAN FOR THE FUTURE IN TERMS OF THEN BUILDING OR REPLACING SOME OF THESE REALLY OLD SCHOOLS AND IF YOU RECALL WE DID SAY THAT ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS ARE BASICALLY OVER 50 YEARS OLD AND YOU KNOW THE ELEMENTS OF COURSE IN GUAM IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM YOU KNOW HOW THE BUILDINGS DO LAST HUNDREDS OF YEARS HERE IN THE STATES BUT DEFINITELY NOT FOR US IN GUAM.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY ONE LAST THING SPEAKER ACTING SUPERINTENDENT DR. WON PAT WOULD YOU NOT SAY THAT THE 30 MILLION THAT THIS BILL IDENTIFIES FOR AGAIN OPEN-ENDED WITH MAINTENANCE WHATEVER IT IS THAT THE SCHOOL WILL NEED WHEN IT WOULD THIS NOT GO A LONG WAY TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 14 POINTS OF THE ADEQUATE EDUCATION ACT.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WELL THE 14 POINTS YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER IS NOT JUST A FACILITIES IT ACTUALLY CALLS FOR CERTIFIED PROFESSIONALS YOU KNOW COUNSELORS LIBRARIANS AND TEACHERS LIKE THAT.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** CORRECT.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** YEAH AND THEN THE AIR CONDITIONING YOU KNOW SO THERE ARE MANY OTHERS SO IT'S IT'S A COMBINATION OF FACILITY AND OF COURSE THE ACADEMICS SO FOR THIS TO BE USED I WOULD SAY YES FOR FACILITIES AND OUTSIDE OF THE FACILITY YOU KNOW THAT THE SENATOR HAS READ OFF THOSE ARE JUST WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT A SCHOOL YOU YOU INCLUDE EVERYTHING ALL THE WAY OUT TO THE FENCE YOU KNOW SO YOU'RE LOOKING AT GROUNDS AS WELL SPORTS FIELDS THINGS OF THAT NATURE THE ACADEMIC SIDE OF IT WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE THAT WE HAVE THE CONSOLIDATED GRANT THAT HAS REALLY BEEN VERY HELPFUL I WE I JUST ATTENDED A MEETING IT'S NOT QUITE OFFICIAL YET BUT WE ARE GETTING AN INCREASE IN OUR CONSOLIDATED GRANT SO THAT'S ADDITIONAL MONIES AGAIN THAT WE CAN CAN USE FOR THE ACADEMIC SIDE FOR ALL THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT YOU KNOW WE HAVE THAT YOU KNOW WE WE DON'T NEED LOCAL FUNDS TO BE USED FOR AND SO THEREFORE WHEN YOU REALLY STOP AND THINK ABOUT IT THAT HOW MUCH THAT IS HELPING US THEN YOU KNOW THE MONIES ACTUALLY WOULD BE YES PRIMARILY FOR FOR SALARIES BUT THEN YOU KNOW IT SHOULD INCLUDE UTILITIES AND FACILITY AND MAINTENANCE.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY ONE LAST QUESTION MADAM HAS THE HAS THE THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT THAT WILL BE COMING IN COMMUNICATED WITH YOU REGARDING THESE ISSUES AND THEREFORE THERE WILL BE A A SMOOTH TRANSITION KNOWING THESE SITUATIONS THAT THAT WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW AND THE THE ROUNDTABLES AND AND PUBLIC HEARINGS HAVE BEEN HAVING HAS HE COMMUNICATED WITH YOU REGARDING TRANSITIONING IN AND YOU TRANSITIONING OUT.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WELL I'VE ALREADY INFORMED THE BOARD THAT I WILL AT THE END OF YOU KNOW MY CONTRACT IS TO TO STAY ON TO FOR YOU KNOW A COUPLE OF WEEKS TO TO DO THE TRANSITION AND YES JUST NOW I'VE RECEIVED AN EMAIL WHERE HE WOULD LIKE TO OPEN THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION BUT THERE DEFINITELY WILL BE A FORMAL TRANSITION.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU ACTING SUPERINTENDENT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN COLLEAGUES WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A SHORT LUNCH BREAK WE'LL BE BACK AT 1:30 AND WHEN WE COME BACK WE WILL START WITH SENATOR SABINA PEREZ WHEN WE COME BACK OKAY THANK YOU PLEASE BE PROMPT 1:30.

**RECESS**

**NOTE SENATOR TAITAGUE PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THE COMMITTEE ON RULES IS BACK IN ORDER WE ARE NOW ON THE SECOND ROUND SECOND ROUND IS FIVE MINUTES EACH SO WE WILL BEGIN FIRST WITH SENATOR PEREZ PLEASE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR SO THIS QUESTION IS FOR THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT IF SHE'S STILL ONLINE.

**WON PAT - ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** YES I AM.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU GOOD MORNING SO WHAT IS THE GDOE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2024 OR DO YOU HAVE THAT AVAILABLE FOR US.

**WON PAT - ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** NO I'M SORRY I DON'T.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** IS THERE AN ESTIMATE MAYBE TO THE PANEL IS IS THERE AN ESTIMATE

**COOPER-NURSE - ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** I I BELIEVE IT'S TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN MILLION.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** TWO EIGHTY SEVEN MILLION MILLION OK SO OF THAT TWO EIGHTY SEVEN MILLION IS THERE ANY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THAT.

**COOPER-NURSE - ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** GENERALLY WE GET FUNDING FOR WHAT IS IT THE SPORTS FACILITIES FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO NOT IN THAT NOT IN THAT SOURCE OF REVENUE.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** OKAY SO THE UPCOMING PROPOSED BUDGET DOES NOT HAVE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS INCLUDED.

**COOPER-NURSE - ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** NO.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** OKAY SO I THINK THAT REALLY GOES TO SHOW THAT THIS BILL IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT CONSIDERING THAT THE STATE OF THE SCHOOLS ARE IN SO YEAH I MEAN TWO EIGHTY SEVEN MILLION I I RECALL LAST TERM THERE WAS A I THINK AT THE SAME PROPOSAL BUT IT GOT CHOPPED BECAUSE I THINK THERE WAS SOME I GUESS CONCESSION THAT THE FEDERAL FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IS THAT CORRECT.

**COOPER-NURSE - ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** THAT'S CORRECT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** OKAY AND SO I KNOW FAST FORWARD THE IT HAS CHANGED BECAUSE THE REPROGRAMMING HAS TAKEN PLACE WITH ARP.

**COOPER-NURSE - ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** THAT WAS THE STRATEGY YES CORRECT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** OKAY AND SO I THINK THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT MENTIONED THAT YOU KNOW WITH THE BUDGET UPCOMING BUDGET PROPOSAL THAT IT WILL FUND HELP BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ADEQUATE EDUCATION ACT SO I'M JUST KIND OF CONFUSED BECAUSE IF A PART OF THAT PART OF THE ADEQUATE EDUCATION ACT REQUIRES TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH SANITATION AND YET THE BUDGET PROPOSAL DOES NOT FOR THE MOST PART HAVE ANY CAPITAL PERMIT PROJECTS I FEEL LIKE YEAH SO HOW IS THAT GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THE THE BUDGET PROPOSAL AT TWO EIGHTY SEVEN MILLION MILLION.

**COOPER-NURSE - ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** I'M SORRY SENATOR CAN YOU GO AHEAD AND REPEAT THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** SURE SO I MEAN YOU JUST CONFIRMED THAT THE BUDGET HAS MINIMAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN IT.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** CORRECT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** I GUESS I FAILED TO SEE HOW THAT IS GOING TO ADDRESS THE ADEQUATE EDUCATION ACT CONSIDERING YOU KNOW THE THE ISSUES THAT HAVE COME TO LIGHT RECENTLY AS WELL AS THE YOU KNOW THE THE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN THAT HIGHLIGHTED THE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE SO CAN YOU EXPLAIN HOW THAT BUDGET.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** SO FORMULATED IN THE BUDGET IS THE THE ASK I THINK WE'RE GOING IN AT TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN MILLION MILLION DOLLARS THERE'S GENERALLY PERSONNEL A CARVE OUT FOR CRITICAL CONTRACTS TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOLS MAJOR LINE ITEMS INCLUDE OUR POWER AND YOUR UTILITIES IN TERMS OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THE REASON WHY IT'S NOT LINE ITEMS BUDGET FOR AND REQUESTED IN THE CURRENT YEAR IS BECAUSE WE DO HAVE THOSE FUNDS THAT ARE ALIGNED THAT WE'RE APPROPRIATING TOWARDS THE CIP PROJECTS BUT EVERYTHING ELSE I HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE NOTES AND GO BACK TO THE SUBMISSION EVERYTHING ELSE SHOULD BE COVERING THE FOURTEEN POINTS AND THERE SHOULD BE A LINE ITEM AND WE CAN GET THAT INFORMATION TO YOU.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** SO AGAIN DOES THE ARP FUNDS IS IT SUFFICIENT TO COVER ALL THOSE POINTS.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** IT'S NOT ONLY THE ARP FUNDS THAT WE'RE RELYING ON TO COVER THE POINTS IT'S THE UTILIZATION OF THE LOCAL BUDGET PLUS THE ARP FUNDS.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** BUT I THINK WE JUST HEARD THAT THERE THE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE IS AT ONE HUNDRED THIRTY MILLION AND CURRENTLY MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE ARE AT HUNDRED MILLION ACTUALLY LESS.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** THE THE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE YEARS AGO WAS A HUNDRED AND TEN MILLION WE JUST WE JUST ESTABLISHED THAT ESCALATION WILL HAVE THOSE COSTS INCREASE BECAUSE IT'S A DATED ASSESSMENT THAT ABSOLUTELY HAS TO BE CURRENT RISK ASSESSMENTS WHAT WE'VE ESTABLISHED IS A REAPPROPRIATION OR REALLOCATION OF OUR CIP I MEAN OUR ARP FUNDINGS TO CIP AND MAINTENANCE THAT GETS US UP TO ABOUT HUNDRED AND THIRTY SIX SO WITH THAT THERE'S ALREADY EXPENDITURES THAT WE HAVE OFFSET OR NOT OFFSET BUT ALREADY EXPENDITURES THAT WE'VE ALREADY ESTABLISHED AND EXPENDED FROM ESF AND SOME FROM ARP SO FULL ACCOUNTING WILL HAVE TO BE DONE IN TERMS OF WHAT'S EXPENDED TO DATE VERSUS HOW MUCH IS REMAINING TO BE EXPENDED AND WE'RE LOOKING AT AGAIN HUNDRED THIRTY MILLION SPECIFICALLY THOUGH CIP IS GOING TO HAVE THE LARGEST CARVE OUT OF THAT AT ABOUT HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN.

**SENATOR BROWN:** OKAY SO AGAIN WHAT IS THE PRICE TAG TO BE IN COMPLIANCE THE SANITATION RULES AND REGULATIONS.

**COOPER - NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** GO AHEAD.

**TOVES - DOE:** SO SENATOR YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT CUSTODIAL SERVICES WE'RE ABOUT THREE POINT ONE MIL.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** ACTUALLY THE I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'RE AWARE OF THE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ON HOLD BUT THERE'S A WHOLE LISTING OF ITEMS YOU KNOW IT'S EVERYTHING IN THE FACILITIES TO EVEN ON THE THE EXTERIOR GROUNDS SO HAS DOE ESTIMATED THE PRICE TAG TO BE IN COMPLIANCE FOR ALL SCHOOLS.

**TOVES - DOE:** OH SO ARE YOU REFERRING TO THE CURRENT DEH REVIEW OF THE SCHOOLS.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** NO REFERRING TO THE THE UPCOMING RULES AND REGULATIONS SO WHAT YOU WERE GRADED ON WAS I THINK THE EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

**TOVES - DOE:** RIGHT RIGHT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** NOT THE ONE THAT THEY'VE PUT ON PAUSE UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

**TOVES - DOE:** OKAY.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** SO WE'RE WITH BILL 29-37 WE'RE PUSHING UP THE THE TIMELINE TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITHIN BY THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023 - 2024 SO HAS THE PRICE TAG BEEN ESTIMATED TO ADDRESS BEING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

**TOVES - DOE:** NO WE HAVEN'T SAT DOWN AND DONE COMPUTATIONS FOR THOSE YET.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** OKAY SO THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY OR WHAT IS IT THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY PLUS PRICE TAG IS BASED ON THE ON THE REGULATIONS NOT THE CURRENT ONES SO NOW WE'RE LOOKING AT POTENTIALLY MORE A HIGHER PRICE TAG OKAY OKAY I THINK THAT'S WHY THIS BILL IS IS MORE CRITICAL THEN BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT HASN'T BEEN ADDRESSED IN THE IN THE CURRENT ESTIMATES COST ESTIMATES YES YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD MS. HIGA.

**HIGA – DOE:** NO.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** OKAY THANK YOU ALL RIGHT THANK YOU THIS QUESTION IS FOR OFB SORRY WE DIDN'T FORGET YOU SO IN THE BILL ITSELF IT TALKS ABOUT GENERAL FUND RIGHT SO THE MONEY IS GOING TO COME FROM GENERAL FUND SO I GUESS IN YOUR UNDERSTANDING WHAT POT OF MONEY IS BEING USED.

**VALENCIA – OFB:** SO WHEN THE BILLS INTENT IT USES ANTICIPATED SURPLUS PROJECTED FOR THIS CURRENT YEAR FY 2023 SO PRETTY MUCH BASED ON BBMR CRER FOR THIS YEAR IT'S WELL WE CITED JANUARY OWN BUT FOR THE FEBRUARY IS SHOWING A FORTY FIVE MILLION SURPLUS SO THAT'S THE AMOUNT THAT WE'RE OUR SOURCE OF FUNDING THAT WE'RE USING FOR THIS BILL.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** SO IT'S BASICALLY UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY THE LEGISLATURE DID APPROPRIATE SOME OF THOSE SURPLUS FUNDS CORRECT FROM YEAH IN OUR LAST BUDGET CYCLE SO THESE ARE UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IS THAT CORRECT.

**VALENCIA – OFB:** CORRECT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** AND SO DO WE NEED TO CLARIFY THE LANGUAGE DO YOU THINK IN THE BILL TO ADDRESS THAT OR IS IT AUTOMATICALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT IT'S GOING TO BE THE UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS REVENUES.

**VALENCIA – OFB:** I MEAN WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS USING THE SURPLUS SO I I BELIEVE THERE'S NO NEED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** OKAY AND I THINK I GUESS KEEPING IT BROAD RIGHT COULD ALSO MEAN IF WE'RE NOT IF WE'RE NOT REALLY SPECIFYING IT THERE'S ALSO SOMETHING CALLED LAPSE FUNDS RIGHT IS THAT POTENTIALLY A POT OF MONEY FOR THOSE AGENCIES THAT DON'T USE UP I MEAN THEIR LAPSED FUNDS OR THE FUNDS THAT THEY LAPSE I SHOULD SAY.

**VALENCIA – OFB:** FOR GDOE.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YEAH BECAUSE THE WAY THE BILL READS IS THAT THIRTY MILLION IS APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND SO IT DOESN'T REALLY SPECIFY WHICH POT IT'S COMING FROM.

**VALENCIA – OFB:** OKAY SO IF WE'RE USING GDOE'S LAPSE FUNDS I BELIEVE IF THEY HAVE CONTINUED APPROPRIATION FOR THAT THEY COULD USE IT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YEAH BUT IN THE BILL ITSELF IT STATES GENERAL FUND IT DOESN'T SPECIFICALLY SAY GDOE'S LAPSE FUNDS IT COULD BE ANY AGENCY'S FUNDS.

**VALENCIA – OFB:** I WOULDN'T ADVISE THAT SENATOR.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** OKAY WELL I'M JUST SAYING THAT THE THE WORDING IS VERY BROAD THAT IS NOT JUST SURPLUS UNAPPROPRIATE I'M READING THIS AS IT COULD BE ANY ANYTHING BUT YOUR YOUR INTERPRETATION IT'S THE SURPLUS.

**VALENCIA – OFB:** YES IN THE BEGINNING OF THE BILL IT SHOWS THE INTENT SO THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GETTING THE SOURCE OF FUNDING HOWEVER IF YOU DO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD SPECIFY MORE THERE'S I FEEL THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** OKAY ALL RIGHT THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ FOR THOSE QUESTIONS NEXT WE'LL GO TO SENATOR BROWN YOU YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR I'M SURE I ACTUALLY DON'T HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS WITH REGARDS TO THIS ROUND I JUST VERY MUCH WANT TO SEE OUR CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT WITH DOE I THINK IN THE FACT OF PROVIDING THESE FUNDS AND ALSO WANTING TO SEE THAT THE ARP FUNDS ARE EXPENDED IN A TIMELY FASHION AND WE ACTUALLY SEE THESE REPAIRS AND UPGRADES TO THE SCHOOLS THAT ARE NEEDED CERTAINLY LOOK FORWARD TO OUR ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR OVERSIGHT CHAIR SENATOR BARNETT IN CONTINUING THIS DIALOGUE WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SO THAT WE CERTAINLY CAN SEE IMPROVEMENTS PARTICULARLY WITH REGARDS TO THE PHYSICAL MAINTENANCE OF THE SCHOOLS THAT THAT ARE LACKING AT THIS POINT SO LOOK FORWARD TO THAT THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING DOWN THIS AFTERNOON AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED DIALOGUE WITH YOU THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BROWN SENATOR LUJAN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR I JUST WANT TO REITERATE AGAIN WHAT I'VE ASKED AND IT'S BEEN ASKED OVER AND OVER AGAIN REGARDING THE THE USE OF THESE MONIES NOW YOU IT'S BEEN SAID OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT YEAH YOU WOULDN'T MIND HAVING THIS MONEY YOU WOULD PREFER THAT IT'D BE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR MAINTENANCE AND ALL THAT SO IF WE GIVE YOU THIS THIS MONEY NOW WE GIVE YOU WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO PUT IN A LOCK BOX BECAUSE ON A DAILY BASIS WE'RE GETTING CALLS FROM TEACHERS ABOUT THEIR NEEDS ABOUT THE THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR CLASSROOMS AND THEY SAID THEY WOULD REPORT IT TO THEIR THEIR SCHOOL LEADER AND THAT'S HOW FAR IT GOES SOMETIMES THINGS ARE ADDRESSED MOST OF THE TIMES THEY'RE THEY'RE NOT SO IF WE'RE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS AND AND YOU HAVE IT IN A LOCK BOX AND AND YOU HAVE THE LATITUDE TO USE SOME OF THESE MONIES FOR THINGS OF THAT NATURE THEN THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY HESITANCE IN IN THE PART OF THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TO BE ABLE TO REQUEST SOME FUNDING TO BE ABLE TO TO FUND THESE THINGS IS WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT I MEAN AND AND THAT WAY YOU YOU'VE GOT THIS MONEY YOU'RE NOT WAITING FOR ANOTHER A FISCAL YEAR TO BE ABLE TO TO TO REQUEST FOR IT BECAUSE IT MIGHT NOT BE THERE AGAIN YOU KNOW IT'S THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED THAT WE'RE HAVING THIS THESE THE THESE FUNDS BECAUSE OF MY PREVIOUS IN THE LEGISLATURE IS ALWAYS TRYING TO FIND THE FUNDING SOURCE TO BE ABLE TO TO TO PUT IN AND THAT CORRECTIVE MEASURES AND ACTIONS IN REGARDS TO THE SHORTFALLS NOW WE HAVE THIS AND WE'RE SAYING CAN YOU CAN YOU KEEP IT CAN WE YOU KNOW BECAUSE YOU'RE TELLING US YOU DON'T TRUST YOURSELVES IN DOING THAT SO WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO KEEP IT AND THEN BE ABLE TO AGAIN RECTIFY SOME OF THESE THINGS THAT THAT ARE HAPPENING AND THEY MAY NOT BE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES BUT JUST REGULAR EVERYDAY CLASSROOM CHALLENGES THAT THEY MAY HAVE HELP ALLEVIATE THAT WOULD THAT GO A LONG WAY TO TO ALLEVIATING SOME OF THOSE CHALLENGES.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** ANY INFUSION OF CASH IS GOING TO IS GOING TO BE SIGNIFICANT FOR FOR GDOE IN TERMS OF THE LOCK BOX I LIKE TO UNDERSTAND THE DETAILS AND THE MECHANISMS OF THAT BUT ONE OF THE THINGS JUST FOR THE RECORD AGAIN IT'S NOT THAT WE ARE AGAIN THE THIRTY MILLION IF YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE US THAT AMOUNT OR ANY AMOUNT TO SUPPORT US THAT'S ONE THING WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR IS IN ADDITION TO THE ONE-TIME LUMP SUM AMOUNT THAT YOU'RE GIVING US CONSIDER AND WE'RE AND WE'RE ASKING THAT YOU GUYS CONSIDER A DEDICATED SOURCE OF FUNDING IN A CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION SO THAT IT'S NOT JUST A ONE-SHOT DEAL THAT IN ADDITION TO ANYTHING THAT WE'RE GETTING TODAY THAT ON THE BUDGET CYCLE ON THE APPROPRIATION ACT THAT WE ALSO HAVE SOMETHING FOR SUSTAINABILITY.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** COULD YOU COULD YOU DO THAT YOURSELVES IN THE IN THAT THIS IS WHAT YOUR YOUR YOUR YOUR YEARLY.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** IF.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OR YOUR QUARTERLY MAINTENANCE NEEDS MAYBE AND I DON'T MEAN MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS BUT I'M JUST SAYING YOU KNOW YOUR REGULAR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONAL NEEDS IN THE SCHOOLS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE THAT THIS IS THIS IS THE FUNDING SOURCE THAT YOU THAT YOU HAVE AND THIS IS WHAT YOUR YOUR YOUR ANNUAL OR YOUR YOUR QUARTERLY MAYBE YOUR QUARTERLY NEEDS ARE AND COULDN'T COULDN'T YOU DO THAT THAT WAY I MEAN I MEAN.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** IF THE MECHANISM WORKS YEAH IF YOU PROVIDE THE MECHANISM FOR US TO HAVE THESE FUNDS YES AND THEN WE DON'T HAVE PHIL TRYING TO DO THIRTY MORE MILLION



DOLLARS OF CIP WITH YOU KNOW WITH THE CURRENT PROCUREMENT STATUS AND ALL THE OTHER HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS THAT WE'RE SPENDING THAT IF WE CAN GO PAST I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S A TIME EXPIRATION OR EFFECTIVENESS AND WHEN THIS FUNDS EXPIRE BUT IF THERE IS A PROVISION FOR YOU GUYS TO GIVE US THESE ACCESS TO THESE FUNDS AND HAVE IT YES SO THAT WE CAN MANAGE AND KEEP IT YES.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** OKAY I THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT ANYWAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR LUJAN MINORITY LEADER SENATOR BLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND AGAIN ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR FOR BEING HERE YEAH YOU KNOW IT'S VERY VERY INTERESTING IS IN THESE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE'VE BEEN HAVING BASICALLY ALL DAY IS SO UNPRECEDENTED THAT IF IF IF THIS WERE NOT GDOE IF THIS WAS GMH OR THIS WAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OR ANY OTHER ANY AGENCY ENTITY WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THEY BE BE SALIVATING AT THE MOUTH AND AND JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OKAY YEAH PLEASE GIVE IT GIVE IT GIVE IT TO US AND SO YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND OUR CONFUSION AS TO THIS OPPORTUNITY IT'S A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY I HOPE THAT YOU KNOW AS A RESULT OR HOW WE GOT TO THIS OPEN THIS OPPORTUNITY NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN BUT THAT BEING SAID IS IS HERE IT IS OKAY YOU KNOW WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS IT WE HAVE NOW THE ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS IT AND YOU KNOW I I APPRECIATE THE THE CONFIDENCE THAT WE ALL HAVE IN BEING ABLE TO DO THIS QUESTION THAT I HAVE AND I WAS A QUESTION THAT I OPPOSED EARLIER IS WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE CONFIDENT IN THE ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO EXPEND AND TO USE UP THIS MONEY AND COMPLETE THESE PROJECTS BEFORE THE TIMELINE BEFORE THE DEADLINE ENDS RIGHT ARE WE THAT CONFIDENT RECOGNIZING THAT IF WE MAY NOT HAVE OR BECAUSE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IS OUT OF THE BUILD UP THAT WE MAY NOT HAVE THE THE RESOURCES OR THE COMPANIES TO BE ABLE IT'S ONE THING TO BE ABLE TO PUT OUT A BID BUT IF THE COMPANIES DON'T BID BECAUSE THEY'RE WORKING ON OTHER PROJECTS THEN WE CAN'T MEET OUR TIMELINE IS IS THAT A CONSIDERATION.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** YES SENATOR I WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO THIS WE I REACHED OUT TO THE GUAM CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION AND MR. MARTINEZ SET UP A MEETING OF ABOUT FORTY CONTRACTORS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PUTTING IN BIDS FOR THESE PROJECTS WHETHER TO DO DO IT BY SCHOOLS OR BY REGIONS OR AS A WHOLE BUT THEY'RE DEFINITELY VERY INTERESTED WE HAVE ALSO HEARD THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HEARING THEM TALK ABOUT IT IN THE COMMUNITY SO AND THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS CONTRACTORS BY THE WAY WHO DO NOT HAVE ANY JOB JOBS RIGHT NOW INSIDE THE BASE AND THAT WAS WHO WE HAD REQUESTED FOR AND THEN THE TIMELINES THAT WE SET UP FOR OURSELVES AND YES WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT PROCUREMENT BUT WE WERE ABLE TO WORK WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HIMSELF WHO THEN WILL DESIGNATE FRED NISHIHARA TO WORK WITH US WHEN IT COMES TO THE PROCUREMENT OF OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES SO WE DO FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE AND CONFIDENT YOU KNOW WITH THAT AND SO AND WE'RE REALLY STICKING TO OUR CALENDAR TO TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU KNOW WE WE STAY ON TRACK.

**SENATOR BLAS:** I DON'T MEAN TO GET ANYBODY IN TROUBLE MAN MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT FOR THAT RESPONSE BUT YOU MAY HAVE A TALK WITH YOUR MANAGEMENT TEAM WHEN YOU GET BACK IN AS FAR AS THE CONFIDENCE BECAUSE THAT'S THAT WASN'T THE BODY LANGUAGE I WAS SEEING WHEN YOU WERE PRIOR TO YOU RESPONDING OKAY.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** OKAY.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THAT'S THAT SAID I DON'T KNOW THAT SAID MADAM SPEAKER AND I RECKON I APPRECIATE THAT AND YES YOU KNOW WE HEARD AND WE WERE CONFIDENT AND WE WANT TO I DON'T WANT TO SAY THAT WE THAT WE SHOULDN'T WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO BE CONFIDENT WE SHOULD BE CONFIDENT IT'S BASED ON ON CURRENT ACTIVITY AND AND BASED ON EXPERIENCE YOU KNOW I'VE HEARD A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SAY YEAH WE ARE ABLE TO DO THE JOB AND THEN WHEN THE JOB COMES UP THEY'RE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND OR BECAUSE THEY'VE GOT OTHER PROJECTS AND THAT'S YOU KNOW THAT'S HAPPENING OKAY AND AND SO WHAT I IS LET'S CROSS OUR T'S AND DOT OUR I'S WITH REGARDS TO CONSIDERATION I'M NOT SAYING IT'S GOT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE MONEY THIS HAS GOT EVERYTHING TO DO WITH A TIMELINE OKAY THE MONEY CAN BE THERE BUT AT THE TIMELINE CAN BE MET IF THERE'S A WAY THAT WE CAN HELP TO TO TO BE ABLE TO MITIGATE THAT TIMELINE OKAY THEN MAYBE WE DO SO I THINK ALONG THOSE LINES WE'VE GOT TO LOOK FORWARD WE WE

GOT TO ANTICIPATE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SOME FUNDING AND THAT YOU'RE GOING TO YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO TO TO NOW HAVE MORE FUNDING TO BE ABLE TO DO MORE OF THE PROJECTS BY THE WAY WITH ALL THE MONEY THAT YOU'RE BEING ABLE TO HAVE THE THE TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR MILLION DOLLARS IN ONE OF THE MONEY HAVE FOR CIP WILL THAT COVER ALL THE PROJECTS THAT YOU WANT TO COVER ASSUMING THAT THIS IS THE MONEY THAT WE GOT.

**TOVES - DOE:** SENATOR I I DON'T THINK SO.

**SENATOR BLAS:** OKAY.

**TOVES - DOE:** SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE AGE OF THE BUILDINGS.

**SENATOR BLAS:** OKAY.

**TOVES - DOE:** THERE'S A LOT OF UNKNOWN MAINLY SEWER LINES EMBEDDED PIPES IN CONCRETE THAT WERE AS BUILT AT THE TIME.

**SENATOR BLAS:** OKAY.

**TOVES - DOE:** THAT ARE FAILING SO THOSE ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS POINT.

**SENATOR BLAS:** SO SO YEAH YOU KNOW YOU GO IN THERE AND YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOU YOU WANT TO CHANGE THE SINK THEN YOU FIND OUT THE SINK IS IS CONNECTED TO A CORRODED PIPELINE THAT'S GOT THE WHOLE SYSTEM SO THAT NOW THIS WHOLE THING HAS CHANGED SO THEN YOU GOT TO NOW A PLUMBER WHO SAYS HE'S WILLING TO DO THIS BUT NOW HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO DO THE PLUMBING IN THERE YOU HAVE TO LOOK FOR THOSE PEOPLE SO IT'S CLEAR THAT THIS MONEY NO MATTER EVEN WITH THIS MONEY ALL THE MONEY THAT YOU GOT OKAY IS CLEARLY NOT ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS ALL THE ISSUES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS AND THINK YOU'LL POSSIBLY NEED TO ADDRESS AS A RESULT OF THIS THING IS THAT CORRECT.

**TOVES - DOE:** I WOULD I THINK IT'D BE SAFE TO SAY YEAH IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO BE ENOUGH.

**SENATOR BLAS:** SO SO IN ANTICIPATION WITH THAT AND I THANK MADAM SPEAKER THAT ACTING SUPERINTENDENT THAT YOU'RE THERE AND YOU'RE SPEAKING TO PRESUMABLY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS HAS THERE BEEN ANY DISCUSSION AND ANY REQUESTS TO BE ABLE TO SEE IF YOU CAN GET A WAIVER AN EXTENSION OF YOUR DEADLINE.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** NO I'M IN A SEPARATE MEETING AS WELL WITH THE CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS AND WE HAD MET WITH THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AND ONE OF THE UPDATES OF COURSE IS THAT THEY DON'T ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE AN EXTENSION THAT THAT WHEN IT WHEN THE DEADLINE COMES THAT THAT WILL BE BASICALLY MONEY'S UNUSED WILL BE RETURN.

**SENATOR BLAS:** OKAY WELL I APPRECIATE THAT AND I'M SURE MR. CARDONA BUT YOU KNOW AT THE SAME TIME MY FATHER'S ALWAYS TOLD ME OKAY IF YOU NEVER ASKED A QUESTION THE ANSWER WILL ALWAYS BE NO OKAY IF YOU ASK THE QUESTION FIFTY PERCENT CHANCE IT COULD BE YES SO GUESS WHAT I'M GOING TO ASK FOR THE REQUEST FOR YOU OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME MINORITY LEADER SENATOR FRANK BLAS NEXT WE'LL HAVE SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR ONCE AGAIN I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE EXCELLENT JOB THAT OUR COLLEAGUES HAVE DONE SO MUCH GOOD WORK THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS AND I WANT TO RESPECT THE TIME OF EVERYONE HERE WHO HAS YOU KNOW A LOT OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO GET BACK TO WORK AND I'LL END WITH HELP IS ON THE WAY THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME THANK YOU SENATOR DUENAS UP NEXT IS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU HAVE THE FLOOR SIR.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** A POINT OF PRIVILEGE MA'AM I'M HAVING A LITTLE BIT OF A COUGHING CONDITION I MADE ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES GO FIRST.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OH ABSOLUTELY I I SEE YOU'RE HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY OKAY NO WORRIES SENATOR CHRIS MALAFUNKSHUN BARNETT YOU ARE NEXT TO ASK QUESTIONS SIR YOU'RE NEXT THANK YOU.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU I'M GOOD.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I THINK I'VE OKAY I'M NOT SAYING I'VE HEARD ENOUGH BUT I HAVE HEARD ENOUGH I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR COMING OUT AND ALSO ACTING SUPERINTENDENT WONPAT I KNOW IT'S PROBABLY JUST CLOSE TO ONE IN THE MORNING OVER THERE IN WASHINGTON D.C. I DON'T KNOW SCHOOLS.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** IT'S 2:09 ITS 2:00 A.M.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU SO WE'RE GONNA WE'RE GONNA GIVE YOU THIS MONEY WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT AND THAT'S THAT ALL RIGHT BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO I'M NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO SLEEP GOOD TONIGHT IF I HIT MY PILLOW AND I KNOW THAT WE DIDN'T DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN FOR THE STATE OF EDUCATION YOU KNOW I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK ANY EMPTY WORDS WE MADE A COMMITMENT THAT'S THE YOU KNOW EXACT REASON WHY WE CALL THIS EMERGENCY SESSION SO I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU MR COOPER'S NURSE ALSO MA'AM THANK YOU SO MUCH AND PHIL THANK YOU GUYS PLEASE *ÂDAHI I CHALAN* AND WE GOT YOUR BACK HERE AT THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE *SI YU'OS MA'ÂSE*'.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *BIBA*.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** SENATOR THANK YOU VERY MUCH YOU APPROPRIATED WE'LL ACCEPT IT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YEAH.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MA'AM HAVE A GOOD MORNING.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** THANK *YOU ESTA BEI HÂNAO BEI MAIGO' PÂGO*.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *AI ADAI* THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT SPEAKER TERLAJE YEAH YOU HAVE THE FLOOR PLEASE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SO THE BILL CURRENTLY SAYS THEY'RE APPROPRIATING THIRTY MILLION FROM GENERAL FUND TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE I WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT THAT LANGUAGE IS THAT IS THAT A WAS THAT ADEQUATE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS DO WE NEED TO ADD THINGS LIKE YOU KNOW EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES OR THIS COVER EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU MIGHT NEED.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** THAT THAT'S THE LANGUAGE THAT CAUSED HIM SOME CONCERN AND WE WERE SEEKING TO BROADEN THAT BECAUSE AGAIN WHAT'S GOING THROUGH THE PROCUREMENT WHAT'S GOING THROUGH THE ASSESSMENT WHAT'S BEING FRONT LINES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES.

**COOPER - NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** IS FEDERAL FUNDS DUE TO THE EXPIRATION SO IF YOU CAN PROVIDE PERHAPS EXPAND THAT USE OF THOSE FUNDS SO THAT THAT CAN BE SOMETHING THAT WE CAN CONSIDER TO COVER OTHER AREAS OF NEED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** CAN YOU GIVE US SOME RECOMMENDATION.

**TOVES - DOE:** YEAH BUT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WHAT ABOUT THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT OR REPAIR MATERIALS OR.

**TOVES - DOE:** YES YES SENATOR MATERIALS EQUIPMENT.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** AND SUPPLIES.

**TOVES - DOE:** SUPPLIES YEAH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THAT'S NICE OKAY AND SO REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE IS INFRASTRUCTURE OKAY.

**TOVES - DOE:** YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OR DO WE NEED TO SAY ANYTHING DIFFERENT LIKE DOES THIS ALLOW YOU FOR THE CONTRACTING OF SERVICES LIKE TRASH OR I'M SORRY WHAT IS THE OTHER THING THEY'RE DOING BUSH CUTTING.

**TOVES - DOE:** SO AS IT CURRENTLY IT REFERS TO INFRASTRUCTURE I DON'T BECAUSE TRASH IS MORE OF LIKE AN OPERATIONAL TYPE ACTIVITY SO YEAH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WELL HOW ABOUT FOR PURPOSE OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SCHOOL.

**TOVES - DOE:** YEAH.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** YES YEAH.

**TOVES - DOE:** THAT SHOULD COVER COVER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OKAY

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** AND POSSIBLY SOMETHING JUST TO GENERALLY SUPPORT THE FACILITY NEEDS OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT.

**TOVES - DOE:** YEAH.

**COOPER - NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** RIGHT BECAUSE THERE'S GROUNDS MAINTENANCE THERE'S CUSTODIAL SERVICES THERE'S WHAT PHIL'S LOOKING AT IN IN AN ADDITIONAL CONTRACT TO GET THAT KIND OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE RIGHT NOW LAUNCHED OFF WITH WHAT DO YOU CALL THAT PHIL.

**TOVES - DOE:** SKILL.

**COOPER - NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** SKILL WORKERS.

**TOVES - DOE:** YEAH.

**COOPER - NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** TO BRING IN SOME SKILLED WORKERS.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** MAYBE WE SHOULD ALSO ADD LANGUAGE THERE BASED ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION BECAUSE THEY LOOK AT EVERYTHING SO WHEN YOU SO YOU PUT TO PUT DOWN YOU KNOW THIS THE MATERIAL SUPPLIES MATERIALS EQUIPMENT TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS YOU KNOW THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SANITATION REQUIREMENTS.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OKAY THANK YOU AND I JUST WANTED TO ASK SO WE TALKED ABOUT CONTRACT SUPPORT RIGHT THAT YOU WANT ON AN ONGOING BASIS THAT THAT'S YOUR NEW STRATEGY IS TO ENTER INTO THESE CONTRACTS BUT YOU KNOW WE HAD THIS PARENT PARENT PTO HEARING AND THE PARENTS THEY SEEM TO POINT TO THOSE CONTRACTS TO BE NOT RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS NECESSARILY RIGHT LIKE WE'VE GOT CONTRACTS FOR GROUNDS GROUNDS WORK OR BUSH CUTTING THEY'RE SAYING IT'S NOT DONE REGULARLY OR THEY MISS PATCHES AND THEN AND THEN THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO GET RESPONSE FAST OR THE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS ARE NOT ABLE TO GET RESPONSE FAST BECAUSE THEY GOT TO WORK WITH DOWNTOWN AND AND THEY THEY GAVE US MANY EXAMPLES OF THAT SO LIKE KIND OF LIKE THERE'S A LONG WAIT BECAUSE WE'RE DOING A BIG CENTRALIZED CONTRACT AS OPPOSED TO A SCHOOL BASIS MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS RIGHT SO I DON'T KNOW I JUST I'M NOT GONNA FIX THAT NOW BUT I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HEARD ALL THOSE COMPLAINTS AND THAT YOU'RE I KNOW THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT SPEAKER WON PAT SAID THAT SHE WAS AWARE OF THOSE THINGS AND THAT SHE WAS GOING TO MAKE SURE IN YOUR NEXT ROUND OF PROCUREMENT THAT THOSE ARE ADDRESSED AND THEN SIMILARLY CAN YOU JUST MAKE SHOW US OR EXPLAIN FOR ME IF THERE IS A WAY THAT PRINCIPAL I'M LOOKING FOR THE LIST OF COMPLAINTS FROM PRINCIPLES TO CENTRAL RIGHT AND AND OR AND THEN FROM CENTRAL TO THE VENDORS OR HOW EXACTLY WHAT IS YOUR FRAMEWORK FOR THAT TYPE OF THING AND HOW ARE YOU ENSURING YOU'RE GOING TO GET RESPONSE ON THESE TYPES OF THINGS BECAUSE THE PRINCIPAL'S ANSWERS TO US ARE THAT YOU KNOW THEY SEND IN WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO AND THEN THEY WAIT SO IF YOU COULD JUST MAYBE TALK ABOUT THAT A LITTLE BIT.

**TOVES - DOE:** WELL WE HAVE A SYSTEM CALLED MUNIS AND THAT'S WHERE THE WORK ORDER IS INITIALLY INPUTTED BY THE SCHOOLS FOR WHATEVER THEY'RE REQUESTING IT COULD BE SELF-HELP WHERE THEY'RE REQUIRING PAINT OUT OF THE WAREHOUSE WHERE WE PICK IT AND THEY COME BY AND AND PICK IT UP FOR THEIR USE I COULD BE FOR A SERVICE WHERE OR A REPAIR WHERE WE SEND A PLUMBER IF THAT'S THE CASE TO ADDRESS THAT SO THIS IS THE SYSTEM THAT THAT IS USED TO TO PERFORM THIS COMMUNICATION OF NEED AND ADDRESS THE COMMUNICATION OF NEED IN MY TIME THE AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIES WAS A MAJOR ISSUE I'VE GOT A BID INDEFINITE QUANTITY BID THAT STILL HAS TO GO THROUGH PROCUREMENT IN THE MEANTIME I'M DOING BLANKET PO'S THAT'LL GET US TO TO SEVERAL VENDORS BECAUSE AT ANY ONE TIME ONE VENDOR MIGHT BE OUT YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO IN A ALTERNATE VENDOR SO WE HAVE THOSE IN PLACE TO GET THOSE GOING WE'RE ALSO DOING BLANKET PO'S DIRECTLY FOR THE SCHOOL'S USE FOR THEIR SCHOOLS FOR LOW HANGING WHAT WE CALL LOW HANGING FRUIT ITEMS ACTIVITIES DOORKNOB REPLACEMENT DOOR STOPPER DOOR CLOSER SIMPLE LOW SKILLED REQUIREMENT TYPE ACTIVITIES SO THOSE THAT'S GENERALLY HOW THE REQUEST IS DONE AND AND ACTED OUT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT WELL THAT SOUNDS GOOD SO DO YOU BELIEVE THAT'S AN IMPROVEMENT THEN AND YOU'VE HEARD THE COMPLAINTS OF THESE PRINCIPALS.

**TOVES - DOE:** IT IS AN IMPROVEMENT AND A LOT OF THIS IS I GUESS FROM YEARS PAST I'M SORRY BUT MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE THEY GENERALLY DON'T HAVE FUNDS AND SO I WAS LOOKING AT SO WHAT I DID WAS I TOOK TWO FORMER IQBS MERGED IT RAN DUPLICATES TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NO DUPLICATES SEND IT OUT TO THE SUPERVISORS I SAID LOAD IT UP WITH WHAT WE GOT WE'RE USING FEDERAL FUNDS TO DO THIS THEY WANT TEN OF SOMETHING WE GO THROUGH TEN IN A DAY WHY SO THE MINDSET RIGHT IT'S IN THE PAST THEY HAVEN'T HAD THE LUXURY OF MONEY TO BUY MORE THAN TEN.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I SEE.

**TOVES - DOE:** SO CURRENTLY THEY'RE STILL IN THAT MINDSET SO AGAIN SO IT'S IT'S A COMBINATION OF STUFF BUT WE'RE DOING STUFF TO IMPROVE THE PROCESS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OKAY I WAS LOOKING AT THIS REPORT FROM GPA IF IT'S A POINT PAPER MAINTENANCE OF GDOE FACILITIES AND THEY SUGGEST IN HERE THAT THE WAY THAT THE LEASE SCHOOLS ARE MAINTAINED IS REALLY THE MOST EXPENSIVE ONE OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE WAYS TO DO IT AND IF WE DID ALL THE SCHOOLS LIKE THAT IT IT'S AT ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER STUDENT BUT I THINK THERE'S ANOTHER POINT IN HERE WHERE THEY SAY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE DOLLARS PER STUDENT BUT THEY ALSO PUT IN HERE AND THIS IS WHAT I'M INTERESTED IN THEY SAY THEY AGREE THAT GDOE NEEDS ABOUT TEN MILLION ANNUALLY TO JUST MAINTENANCE FOR THE THIRTY FOUR SCHOOLS THIS IS JUST MAINTENANCE NOT TO FIX THEM UP OR ANYTHING THAT'S 10 MILLION ANNUALLY THEY SAY IN THE STATE OF DISREPAIR THAT THE INITIAL COST WOULD BE MORE LIKE TWENTY MILLION SO I'M NOT SURE FOR HOW LONG THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY BUT YEAH I'M JUST THINKING YOU MIGHT BE UNDERESTIMATING WHEN YOU SAY FIVE MILLION IF BASED ON THEIR BASED ON THEIR ESTIMATES BUT THAT WAS JUST MY OBSERVATION AND I AND BUT THAT'S NOT REALLY A QUESTION JUST AN OBSERVATION YEAH SO.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** AND IF I CAN JUST CLARIFY YOU SO IN THE ASSESSMENT OR THE POSITION POINT PAPER THAT THEY'RE SAYING IT'S TEN MILLION ANNUALLY IS THAT THE NUMBER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YEAH.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** AND AGAIN THEY'RE THEY'RE TAKING THE SAME POSITION I THINK OUR NUMBER WAS A LITTLE BIT UNDERSTATED AND WE CAN WORK WITH OUR TEAM TO IMPROVE THOSE NUMBERS BUT AGAIN THEY'RE RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** YES SO IT'S TEN MILLION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES AND AGAIN RIGHT THAT'S YEAH SUPPOSED TO BE PART OF EVERYBODY'S BUDGET THEY PROPOSE A WHOLE OTHER WAY TO TO DO FACILITIES LIKE WE SEPARATE FACILITIES OUT OF EDUCATION RIGHT AND WE DO MAINTENANCE REPAIR BUILDING OF NEW FACILITIES AS A WHOLE OTHER ENTITY IS WHAT THEY SUGGEST BUT THAT I'M SURE THAT'S FOR ANOTHER BILL BUT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** FOR NOW YEAH OH OKAY SORRY THANK YOU THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* SPEAKER TERLAJE I WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO SENATOR PARKINSON YOU HAVE THE FLOOR

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I JUST HAVE A QUESTION IN TERMS OF OTHER PROJECTS OR UNCOVERED PROJECTS YOU'D SPOKE BRIEFLY ABOUT YOU KNOW SOMETIMES THE THE PROJECTS ARE MOVING TARGETS AND YOU DON'T QUITE KNOW WHAT YOU GOT IN FRONT OF YOU SO DO YOU KIND OF HAVE A BALLPARK ESTIMATE FOR WHAT THESE OTHER PROJECTS ARE GOING TO BE COSTING BECAUSE BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR ARP ESTIMATES ARE THEY.

**TOVES - DOE:** AS I INDICATED I THINK I BELIEVE SENATOR PEREZ ASKED THAT SO WE HAVE IDEAS OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BUT WE DON'T HAVE A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF TO WHAT EXTENT AND COSTS RIGHT SEWER LINES THEY'RE ALL HIDDEN I CAN SAY PRETTY SAFELY THAT JOSE RIOS ENTIRE SEWER LINE HAS TO BE GUTTED AND REDONE DO WE HAVE THE LUXURY OF MONEY TO DO ALL OF THAT FOR ALL THE 35 SCHOOLS I DON'T THINK SO BUT WE CAN WORK ON THAT AND SO I'VE GOT A LIST OF SCHOOLS BASED ON AGE WE'LL DEFINITELY FOCUS ON THE OLDER SCHOOLS AND MOVE DOWN THE LINE ORDER SCHOOLS PLUS SCHOOLS THAT HAVE RECURRING ISSUES WITH ISSUE WITH LIKE SEWER LINE OR IN-WALL WATER SUPPLY LINE LEAKS OR THE ELECTRICAL DROPS OKAY SO THE FOCUS IS WHAT WE ALONG THOSE LINES AND AND OUR OUR BUILDINGS ARE SO OLD THAT IN SOME CASES WE CAN'T FIND BREAKERS FOR THE PANELS THAT ARE THERE NOT ON GUAM AT LEAST SO.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** IS THIS TRUE IS THIS TRUE IS THIS TRUE WITH JOSE RIOS AS WELL.

**TOVES - DOE:** JOSE JOSE RIOS IN IN THIS CASE I'M I'M AT THIS POINT TAKING CARE OF SEWER I'VE HAD SOME INLINE WATER SUPPLY LINE LEAKS SO I'M I'M GUESSING THAT'S LIKE NEXT ON THE LEAST LIST FOR THEM BUT.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** I ACTUALLY ATTENDED JOSE RIOS AND I REMEMBER THE SCHOOL BLEW AWAY AND WAS REBUILT WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS REBUILT DID THEY USE THE OLD SEWER FACILITIES OR DID THEY USE BUILD NEW ONES.

**TOVES - DOE:** WELL WHEN SCHOOLS TYPICALLY YOU DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING THAT'S THAT'S UNDERGROUND BECAUSE IT'S PROTECTED IT DOESN'T GET BLOWN AWAY BY THE EXISTING LINE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** SO THE SEWAGE WILL BE OLDER THAN THE 20 YEARS OF SCHOOL WOULD BE.

**TOVES - DOE:** SO THE LATEST VIDEO I WAS LOOKING AT IT SHOWS DEFINITE DECLINE IN A WHAT USED TO BE FOUR INCH SEWER LINE TO MAYBE ABOUT THREE INCHES OR SLIGHTLY LESS YOU'LL HAVE DEFINITE CLOGS WHEN YOU HAVE MULTIPLE FLUSHES WITH SOMETHING THAT AND NOT ONLY THAT THERE'S PONDING WATER IN THE LINE THAT MEANS SOMETHING'S HAPPENING WHERE THERE'S DIPS IN THE LINE AND WITH PONDING WATER IT RESTRICTS THE FLOW OF WATER OF OF DEBRIS GOING DOWNSTREAM BECAUSE IT'S CATCHING IT IT'S IT'S KEEPING THAT FLOW FROM GOING FORWARD SO THOSE ARE ISSUES THAT ARE THAT'S HAPPENING THERE AT RIOS.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OKAY AND IS THERE IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A MAINTENANCE FUND AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND ARE THEY ONE AND THE SAME OR ARE THEY COMPLETELY SEPARATE THINGS.

**TOVES - DOE:** YEAH WELL THEY'RE ALL RELATED TO FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARE YOUR HIGHER MOSTLY REPLACEMENT NEW TYPE CONSTRUCTION WHEREAS MAINTENANCE IS TO FIX AN IMMEDIATE YOU KNOW SO I WOULD CLASSIFY FIXING A DRAIN LINE THAT RUNS YOU SIX 12 FEET BUT CHANGING OUT AN ENTIRE DRAIN SYSTEM FOR RIOS WOULD BE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BECAUSE OF THE MAGNITUDE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OKAY I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN A DEADLINE FOR SANITATION REQUIREMENTS SET FOR NOT THIS FISCAL YEAR BUT NEXT FISCAL YEAR IF WE DO IF WE IF WE DID NOTHING HOW MANY SCHOOLS WOULD BE IN DANGER OF CLOSURE FROM NOT BEING UP TO CODE.

**TOVES - DOE:** IF WE LEFT IT AS IS WITH THE DEADLINE BEING 24.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** CORRECT.

**TOVES - DOE:** I WOULD HOPE THAT WITH THE INFLUX OF MONEY AND THE POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL MONEY THAT WE'D BE ABLE TO ADDRESS A LOT OF THESE AND WE WON'T BE I CAN'T GIVE YOU AN ACCURATE NUMBER

BUT UP I WOULD SAY MOST OF THE SCHOOLS WOULD BE CLOSE TO BEING UP TO PAR IF WE ARE ABLE TO MOVE SOME OF THE HIGHER PRIORITY ISSUES THAT ARE AT HAND RIGHT NOW.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** BUT LET'S JUST GO DOOMSDAY SCENARIO I JUST KIND OF WANT TO GET AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT LAY OF THE LAND SAY EVERYTHING GETS TIED UP IN PROCUREMENT AND WE CAN'T GET ANYTHING DONE HOW MANY OF THESE SCHOOLS WOULD BE FORCED TO CLOSE AT THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2024.

**TOVES - DOE:** PROBABLY JUST ABOUT ALL OF THEM.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** BASICALLY ALL OF THEM.

**TOVES - DOE:** YEAH.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** SO IF WE DID NOTHING ALL THE SCHOOLS WOULD NOT BE IN COMPLIANCE THAT WOULD FORCE A CLOSURE OF ALL THE SCHOOLS ARE YOU UNDER ARE YOU AWARE THAT THERE'S A BILL TRYING TO MOVE UP THE DATELINE TO WITHIN THE FOUR MONTHS WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO MAKE YOUR MANDATE IN FOUR MONTHS.

**TOVES - DOE:** DEFINITELY NOT.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** SENATOR PHIL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I JUST HAVE A MY POINT OF INFORMATION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MY POINT OF INFORMATION IS THAT IN TESTIMONY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR BILL 29 WHICH I BELIEVE MY COLLEAGUE IS REFERENCING PUBLIC HEALTH SAID THAT IF THEY WERE TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS OF ALL THE SCHOOLS THAT MOST IF NOT ALL WOULD FAIL THOSE INSPECTIONS THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YOU'RE WELCOME CONTINUE SENATOR PARKINSON.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** DO YOU ANTICIPATE THE COMPLIANCE OF THOSE SCHOOLS CHANGING WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** SENATOR SENATOR MAY I LET ME ANSWER THAT QUESTION BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TWO THINGS HERE YES PUBLIC HEALTH IS SAYING YOU'RE YOU'RE RIGHT IF THEY'RE ABLE IF THEY'RE GOING TO GO OUT AND INSPECT ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS POTENTIALLY YES MAJORITY OF OUR SCHOOLS MAY NOT PASS THE OTHER THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT WHEN WE WHEN WE SAY THAT WE WANT TO DO THIS FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SCHOOL OPENING IN AUGUST AND AROUND THAT TIME THAT'S WHEN THE CONTRACTORS WILL BE IN THE SCHOOLS SO THAT MEANS THEN THAT THERE WOULD BE YOU KNOW SUPPLIES EQUIPMENT DEBRIS OR WHAT HAVE YOU THAT WILL BE OUTSIDE OR EVEN WITHIN THE CAMPUS AND THAT DEFINITELY WILL BECOME THEN AN ISSUE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND COULD POTENTIALLY THEN CLOSE DOWN THE SCHOOLS IT'S NOT TO SAY THOUGH THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE LOOKING AT OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THAT JUST IN CASE BUT THAT WAS THE ONLY REASON THAT I'M SAYING THAT WE WANTED THAT EXTENSION FOR NOT THIS IMMEDIATE COMING SCHOOL YEAR BUT THE NEXT I'M NOT SAYING 20 YEARS ONLY BECAUSE THERE WILL BE A LOT OF CONSTRUCTION WORK BEING DONE AT OUR SCHOOLS UP UNTIL NEXT YEAR IT'S AT LEAST SEPTEMBER 24TH.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** MA'AM I HAVE A QUESTION IS THERE ANY UTILITY IN SCHOOL CLOSURES IN TERMS OF CONSOLIDATING RESOURCES TO BETTER SERVE THE SCHOOLS THAT ARE IN BETTER CONDITION AND THEN POTENTIALLY WORKING ON THOSE CLOSED SCHOOLS WHILE WE YOU KNOW ENTERTAIN SOMETHING LIKE DOUBLE SESSION.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** YES I HAVE WE WE ARE LOOKING AT MANY DIFFERENT OPTIONS ONE OF COURSE ONE OPTION YES WOULD BE TO YOU KNOW CLOSE THE SCHOOL DOWN PUT THE CHILDREN ON ON VIRTUAL YOU KNOW LEARNING THE OTHER IS YES DOUBLE SESSION WITH OTHER SCHOOLS THE THIRD OPTION IS PORTIONS OF THE SCHOOL LIKE ONE WING WILL BE CLOSED DOWN AND THEN THE OTHER WING THE STUDENTS WILL BE BE USING SO THERE'S YOU KNOW THERE'S DEFINITELY MANY DIFFERENT OPTIONS THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING WITH WITH OUR PRINCIPALS.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY SCHOOL CLOSURES IF YOU ARE FORCED TO MAKE YOUR MANDATE IN FOUR MONTHS RATHER THAN 16 MONTHS.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WELL WE'RE TRYING NOT TO LIKE I SAID WHEN PHIL MENTIONED THAT WE HAVE THIS OPEN PURCHASE ORDERS WHAT THOSE ARE IS TO TRY TO PURCHASE ALL THE SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS THAT WE NEED FOR THE LOW HANGING FRUIT WE HAVE AN IDEA WHAT THOSE ARE WHEN WE WERE WHEN WE LOOK AT ALL OF THE DATA OF SCHOOLS THAT HAVE BEEN CLOSED DOWN I MEAN GOTTEN DEMERITS FOR WHAT THOSE ARE SO THOSE ARE THE THE THINGS THAT WE'RE PURCHASING AND ADDRESSING SO AND JUST TO LET YOU KNOW THAT SPRING BREAK IS COMING UP IN APRIL AND ASIDE FROM HAVING SOME TWO DAYS FOR TRAINING THEN THAT'S WHERE EVERYBODY ELSE IN THE SCHOOL CAMPUS ALSO WILL BE WORKING TO ADDRESS ALL OF THOSE ISSUES OF OUR SAFETY PERSON IS WORKING CURRENTLY WITH INDIVIDUALS STAFF WITHIN THE SCHOOLS TO GO OVER ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO BE ABLE TO CAN YOU DO THIS SELF-HELP AT THEIR SCHOOLS AND ALSO DURING SPRING BREAK AND AT THE SAME TIME OUR MAINTENANCE PEOPLE WILL BE GOING OUT TO TO HELP THE OTHER THING THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO AGAIN EVERYTHING'S ALL IN A RUSH IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO WE'RE PLANNING A RATHER A JOB FAIR BECAUSE WE FIGURED THAT THIS WOULD BE THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO JUST LET EVERYBODY KNOW WHAT ARE ALL THE POSITIONS THAT WE NEED IN PARTICULAR FOR FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SO THAT THEN THEY CAN ALL COME IN I MEAN WE ADVERTISE ALL THE TIME BUT PEOPLE ARE JUST NOT COMING BUT IF WE DID A JOB FAIR ON THE ISLAND SOONER NOT YOU KNOW NOT UNTIL SUMMER BUT DO IT NOW THEN WE HOPE TO TO REACH OUT TO A LOT OF PEOPLE HOPEFULLY TO APPLY AND WE CAN START TO FILL THOSE POSITIONS IN FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OKAY I JUST WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG THAT THREAD HOW MUCH MAINTENANCE STAFF DO YOU GUYS HAVE DIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY GDOE VERSUS PRIVATE SECTOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS LIKE WHAT IS THAT SPLIT ARE WE 50 50 MAIN IN-HOUSE VERSUS OUTHOUSE WHAT'S WHAT'S THE MAKEUP OF YOUR MAINTENANCE.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WELL CURRENTLY WE HAVE ABOUT POSITIONS WORK 70 70 WORKERS AND AND PHIL CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG BUT I THINK WE HAVE 25 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE FILLED POSITIONS AND THAT WE NEED 35 MORE PHIL DO YOU KNOW.

**TOVES - DOE:** YEAH DR. WON PAT WE'RE WE'RE AT 27 CURRENTLY.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** 27.

**TOVES - DOE:** YEAH.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OKAY SO WE HAVE 27 IN-HOUSE AND HOW MUCH OF YOUR STAFF FOR MAINTENANCE WOULD YOU SAY IS OUTHOUSE IF YOU GOT 27 IN-HOUSE HOW MANY WOULD BE IN THE OUTHOUSE.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WE DON'T HAVE ANY OUTSIDE.

**TOVES - DOE:** I DON'T KNOW IF WE HAVE ANY OUTSIDE YEAH SO.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OKAY.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** I I THINK I THINK WHAT THIS THE SENATOR IS TRYING TO SAY IS THAT WHEN WE DO THE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AND WHAT IT IS IS THAT THEN THERE WILL BE THIS PRIVATE COMPANY WHO'LL BE MANAGING THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR SCHOOL OUR 35 SCHOOLS BUT THEN THEY WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE THE OUR EMPLOYEES OUR FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES TO BE ABLE THEN TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS AT THE SCHOOLS AND OR BE ABLE TO DO SOME CONTRACTS TO BRING IN SOMEBODY ELSE TO TO HELP OUT IN THE SCHOOLS IF WE DON'T HAVE THE THE SKILLED LABORERS OR THE OR THE CAPABILITY TO TO HANDLE SOME OF THOSE MAINTENANCE WORK.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YEAH BECAUSE BECAUSE THE REASON I ASK IS I KNOW MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN HAD BROUGHT UP BEFORE HOW PUBLIC PARTNER PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS YOU KNOW THEY'RE REAL CONVENIENT BECAUSE YOU JUST TELL THEM WHAT YOU NEED DONE AND THEY GO OUT AND DO ALL THAT STUFF BUT MY PROBLEM WITH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IS THAT WHEN THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THAT WITH THAT PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNER IT'S VERY HARD TO GET RECOURSE FOR THEM IF A MAINTENANCE MAN IS NOT DOING HIS JOB IT IS VERY EASY TO JUST FIRE THAT GUY AND HIRE SOMEBODY ELSE BUT WE HAVE NO SUCH RECOURSE WITH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS SO THAT'S WHY I ASK THESE QUESTIONS ABOUT



MAINTENANCE WOULD IT BEHOVE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO HAVE MUCH MORE OF ITS HUMAN CAPITAL DEDICATED TO MAINTENANCE AS OPPOSED TO OUTSOURCING THAT.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** YES I REMEMBER AT THE TIME WHEN I WAS IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WE ACTUALLY HAD A STRONG NUMBER OF MAINTENANCE WORKERS 300 WORKERS BUT WE IT HAS DWINDLED DOWN TO 70 WORKERS RIGHT NOW AND THEY DID NOT WE DID NOT NEED TO GO OUT AT THE TIME TO CONTRACT ANY OF THEIR WORK THE GUYS BASICALLY DID ALL THE WORK FOR ALL THE DEPARTMENTS I MEAN ALL OF THE SCHOOLS.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** ALL RIGHTY AND I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND A LITTLE BIT OF THE THE THE BECAUSE I'M HEARING WHAT YOU GUYS ARE SAYING THAT YOU DO NEED THE MONEY BUT YOU WOULD LIKE BOTH THE MONEY AND THE CONTINUING APPROPRIATION I GUESS MY QUESTIONING TO YOU GUYS IS IF YOU ONLY HAD TO CHOOSE ONE WOULD YOU CHOOSE THE LUMP SUM OR THE CONTINUING APPROPRIATION IT'S LIKE YOU CAN IF YOU COULDN'T DO BOTH WHAT WOULD YOU TRY WHAT WOULD YOU GUYS MUCH PREFER.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WELL SENATOR FISHER BASICALLY GAVE IT A SCENARIO WHERE IF THE MONIES WERE GIVEN OH 30 MILLION AT ONE TIME TO BE ABLE THEN TO INVEST IN THE ON INVEST THE MONEY AND USE THE RETURNS TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN OUR SCHOOLS THEN YOU KNOW THAT WOULD BE GOOD WELL WE UNDERESTIMATED I KNOW AT 5 MILLION BUT IF IT WAS 10 MILLION THEN THAT'S 30 MILLION FOR THREE THREE YEARS.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** IS GDOE QUALIFIED TO INVEST.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** NO.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** NO.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** NO WHAT PERCENTAGE OF GDOE FUNDING IS INVOLVED IN INVESTMENT SCHEMES.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** THAT I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER FOR.

**COOPER-NURSE – ACTING DEPUTY (DOE):** SO WE WE DON'T HAVE CURRENTLY RIGHT NOW I BELIEVE THE ONLY THE ONLY FUNDS THAT WE HAVE THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENT IS THE TRUST FUNDS AND THAT'S A VERY DIFFERENT SCENARIO WE DON'T HAVE A FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TEAM TO RECEIVE THESE APPROPRIATIONS AND THEN ACT AS A FINANCIAL INVESTOR NOR DO I THINK THAT THAT'S THE CORRECT STRATEGY MOVING FORWARD AND THEN JUST TO THE EARLIER JUST FOR THE RECORD WHEN DR. JUDI DID COMMENT ON THE CURRENT STAFF WE ARE ACTIVELY TRYING TO FILL THE MAINTENANCE STAFF AT 70 POSITIONS BUT WE'RE ABOUT 27 CURRENTLY IN OUR STAFFING PATTERN.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** ALL RIGHT I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR MAINTENANCE STAFF BASED ON NATIONAL AVERAGES ARE THE ARE THE ARE THE ARE THE IS THE PAY OF THE MAINTENANCE STAFF COMPETITIVE NATIONALLY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SENATOR PARKINSON IF I MAY SIR CAN WE KEEP TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WE WOULD STAY AWAY FROM YOU KNOW ASKING QUESTIONS ON SALARY AT THIS POINT SO.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** WELL NO BECAUSE THIS IS GERMANE TO THAT BECAUSE IF THEY COULD ATTRACT PEOPLE WHO CAN WORK IN THESE POSITIONS IT WOULD ACTUALLY HELP THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY I'LL ALLOW IT GO AHEAD.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** ALL RIGHT YEAH SO GO AHEAD.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WELL WE HAVE AN EXAMPLE WHERE WE TRY TO HIRE AN ENGINEER TO HELP US BUT NO THERE WERE NO TAKERS AND WE WERE TOLD IS BECAUSE THE SALARY WAS SO LOW.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** OKAY.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** AND THAT'S THE SAME THE WITH ALL OF OUR SKILLED LABORERS.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** WOULD IT BE FAIR TO CHARACTERIZE THAT GDOE DOES NOT HAVE A NECESSARILY A FUNDING PROBLEM BUT THEY HAVE A HUMAN CAPITAL PROBLEM THAT YOU CAN JUST CAN'T GET THESE PEOPLE ON BOARD IS THAT FAIR TO SAY.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** NO WE STILL HAVE A FUNDING PROBLEMS GOOD BECAUSE IF WE ARE TO TO LET'S SAY DO ABOVE STEP INCREASE IN THE SALARY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ONES WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE FUNDING AND TWO WE NEED TO GO THROUGH AND JUSTIFY WHY AND GO BEFORE THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL TO DO THIS.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** IS ARE YOU ALLOWED TO USE ARP FUNDING TO HIRE MAINTENANCE WORKERS OR TO IMPROVE HUMAN CAPITAL SITUATION.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** WE HAVE YOU KNOW LIKE WITH MENTORS AND COACHES FOR THE CLASSROOMS BUT THEN THAT'S ONLY TEMPORARY THAT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BE PERMANENT LIKE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** WOULD GIVING YOUR MAINTENANCE AND LINE WORKERS A MORE PERMANENT INCREASE HELP YOU TO MAINTAIN AND KEEP YOUR SCHOOL STAFF PROPERLY.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** ABSOLUTELY I THINK WE'LL MAINTAIN AND KEEP ALL OF OUR PEOPLE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** ALL RIGHT AND SO LOOKING AT THIS FROM THE OUTSIDE I I SEEMS THAT GDOE HAS WON TWO LOTTERIES IN ITS LIFETIME BECAUSE NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS WE ALSO HAVE THIS LEGISLATURE TRIPPING ALL OVER THEMSELVES TO GIVE YOU AS MUCH MONEY AS THEY CAN SO I JUST HAVE TO ASK AGAIN IN THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME LOTTERY DO I HAVE IT CORRECT THAT BECAUSE OF THE FEDERAL FUNDS YOU'RE WILLING TO TAKE THE PROCEEDS OF THIS GREAT WINDFALL FROM THE LEGISLATURE AS A CONTINUED RESOLUTION RATHER THAN A LUMP SUM IS THAT AM I UNDERSTANDING YOUR POSITION CORRECTLY ALL RIGHT AND SO JUST FOR THE RECORD IF YOU HAVE IF YOU ONLY HAVE TO CHOOSE ONCE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YEAH GO AHEAD CAN YOU ANSWER THAT DID YOU ENTER YES DR. WON PAT YEAH.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** IT JUST IT JUST DEPENDS HOW THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN I MEAN IF YOU'RE GOING TO SAY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET THIS 30 MILLION DOLLARS AND YOU DELINEATE ALL THE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO WITH THAT 30 MILLION LIKE WE SAID EARLIER WAS TO BE ABLE TO BUY SUPPLIES MATERIALS EQUIPMENT THAT YOU KNOW FOR KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS YOU KNOW SANITARY OR TO TO PASS A PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS THE OTHER WOULD BE BEYOND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS YES BUT LIKE MR. TOVES SAID WE WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THOSE THINGS ARE GOING TO BE IS GOING TO COST US OR WHAT'S THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE LET'S SAY IN THE SEWAGE PIPES THAT WILL BE LEADING FROM IN THE WALLS TO OUTSIDE YOU KNOW TO TO THE MAIN LINES AND THEN SO IF THAT'S THE CASE POTENTIALLY IT COULD WE COULD EXPEND ALL THE MONIES WE WOULD AND IF YOU WRITE IT WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO SAY YOU WANT TO PUT IT IN A LOCKED BOX SO THAT THEN WE CAN HAVE THAT WE TAKE A PORTION OF THAT TO KEEP IN THE LOCK BOX FOR THE YEAR AFTER AFTER WE'VE DONE ALL THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF OUR FACILITIES THEN THOSE THE MONEY THAT LET'S SAY THE 10 MILLION AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR WOULD BE TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE FACILITIES WITH A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU THANK YOU DR. WON PAT AND SENATOR PARKINSON

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YES MY TIME IS UP BUT THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTIONS EVERYONE AGAIN.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR TOM FISHER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR IN WASHINGTON, D.C. RIGHT NOW IT IS 2:400 IN THE MORNING DR WON PAT.

**WON PAT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT (DOE):** YES.

**SENATOR FISHER:** I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND HOPE YOU HAVE A RESTFUL REST OF THE EVENING THANK YOU

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER SENATOR QUINATA YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THIS ENDEAVOR WE'RE ALL TRYING TO GET GDOE IT'S FUNDING NEEDED AND MAKE SURE THAT THEIR SKILLED LABORERS TO PROCEED WITH THE DREAMS OF DOE MY QUESTION IS THERE'S ESF FUNDS AND ARP FUNDS OF 1083 QUOTE-UNQUOTE MILLION RIGHT HOW MANY OF HOW MUCH OF THAT IS DEDICATED TO CIP RIGHT NOW.

**HIGA – DOE:** 102 MILLION 102 MILLION.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** 102 MILLION 102.

**HIGA – DOE:** YES.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** AND WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE REST OF IT.

**HIGA – DOE:** SO THEY'RE DEVIATED BETWEEN CURRICULUM MATTERS AND HEALTH AND SAFETY AND THEN 102 OUT OF ARP ALONE IS CIP AND THEN 12 MILLION DOLLARS FOR FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE OKAY WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WASHING MACHINES AND TIDE PODS PURCHASED DURING THE PANDEMIC.

**HIGA – DOE:** WASHING MACHINES THOSE WERE NOT FUNDED OUT OF THE EMERGENCY FUNDS.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** OH WHERE WERE THEY FUNDED FROM.

**HIGA – DOE:** OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED GRANT.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** OKAY HOW MANY VEHICLES WERE PURCHASED IN AID TO EXPEDITE MATERIAL DELIVERIES.

**HIGA – DOE:** TO MY UNDERSTANDING ON THE TOP OF MY HEAD THERE'S THREE HIGHLANDERS THERE'S TWO SIENNA VANS THAT WERE GIVEN TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** GIVEN TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

**HIGA – DOE:** YES IT WAS USED FOR TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS I BELIEVE AND THEN WE HAVE THE BOX TRUCKS AND THE STATE TRUCK.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** HOW MANY BOX TRUCKS DID YOU GUYS PURCHASE.

**HIGA – DOE:** ONE BIG ONE.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** ONE BIG ONE AND IN AND I GUESS A WHAT IS A CRATE TRUCK.

**HIGA – DOE:** CRATE TRUCK.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** WHAT IS THE OTHER TRUCK.

**HIGA – DOE:** STAKE TRUCK AND.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** I GUESS THAT'S THE ONE LIKE A PICKET FENCE ON IT.

**HIGA – DOE:** YES.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** HE ONLY BOUGHT ONE OF EACH.

**HIGA – DOE:** ONE THAT'S CORRECT.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** SO IF ONE OF THEM GOES DOWN YOU CANNOT DELIVER ANYTHING.

**HIGA – DOE:** IF ONE OF THEM GOES NO WE HAVE THE OTHER VANS WE IN THE HIGHLANDERS AND THE TRANSIT VANS AS WELL AND THE BOX TRUCK.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** WHO IS SPEARHEADING THE CIP PROJECTS.

**HIGA – DOE:** MR. PHIL TOVES.

**TOVES - DOE:** APPARENTLY MYSELF AND BART CRUZ THE LEAD ENGINEER FOR GPA.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** OKAY ARE YOU IN COORDINATION OF THE AG'S OFFICE ON ALL THE PROCUREMENT.

**TOVES - DOE:** WE'RE IN COORDINATION WITH OUR PROCUREMENT OFFICE AND THEY MOVE IT FORWARD FROM THAT POINT SENATOR.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** OKAY SO 102 MILLION IS ALREADY APPROPRIATED AND RFB I MEAN.

**TOVES - DOE:** THEY'VE BEEN REQUISITIONED AND MOVING MOVED FORWARD IN THE PROCESS.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** OKAY OKAY THAT IS ALL.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA OUR OVERSIGHT CHAIR SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR SIR.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW IN THE BILL IS TALKING ABOUT 30 MILLION DOLLARS BASED ON TESTIMONY OF THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT IF YOU CAN GET FIVE MILLION AND KEEP IT GOING FIVE MILLION A YEAR DID THEY GIVE YOUR MAINTENANCE YOU'D BE OKAY I I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT I WILL BE PROFFERING AFTER YOUR YOUR EXCUSED TO GIVE YOU 10 MILLION TODAY USE 10 MILLION START UP YOUR PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GET ALL THE MATERIALS YOU NEED THEN YOU'LL BE ON YOUR FEET BECAUSE I ALWAYS BELIEVED YOU WERE TO GIVE HIM 30 MILLION TODAY YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO SPEND IT YOU'RE HAVING PROBLEMS SPENDING EVEN 10 SO I'M NOT GONNA I'M NOT GONNA YOU KNOW SAY THAT YOU'RE GONNA HAVE PROBLEMS WITH 30 AND THEN TO MAKE THE EXCUSE WELL WHY DON'T WE FIND A WAY TO USE LOCK BOX AND PUTTING IT AWAY AND SAVE IT THERE'S OTHER AGENCIES THAT ARE ASKING FOR THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY IF MY AMENDMENT THAT I PROFFER AFTER YOU LEAVE PASSES AND YOU DO THE TITLE ONE TO GET YOUR SOLAR ENERGY IN A YEAR YOU'D HAVE MORE THAN 10 MILLION A YEAR NO DOUBT YOU PROBABLY BE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE TO SPEND IT SO I'M JUST CONCERNED IS THAT I HAVE NO PROBLEM SUPPORTING DOE IT'S EASY IT'S EASY IT'S A NO-BRAINER BUT JUST GIVE YOU MONEY JUST TO GIVE YOU MONEY TIMES ARE GREAT THIS YEAR IT WAS GREAT BEFORE FAILURE WE'RE ONLY TALKING ABOUT THIS BILL SO I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO YOUR BUDGET I'M NOT GOING TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS YOU HAVE I KNOW FRANK YOU YOU'LL BE YOU'D PROBABLY BE IN SHOCK AND I KNOW THE THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT PROBABLY BE LIKE COME ON JOE I DON'T HAVE NO PROBLEM I'LL SAVE THAT FOR ANOTHER DAY BUT I JUST BE MINDFUL THE SPENDING HABITS OF DOE HAS BEEN QUESTIONABLE AND YOU AS THE AUDITOR FRANK FINANCIAL SUPERINTENDENT YOU KNOW WHERE I'M COMING FROM AND I'M JUST CONCERNED THAT WE'D BE VERY CAREFUL HOW YOU GET MORE MONEY WHEN YOU NEED TO SPEND WHAT YOU GOT AND LOCKING IT UP IN A LOCK BOX ONLY DENIES OTHER AGENCIES FUNDING TIMES ARE GREAT TODAY TIMES WERE GREAT YESTERDAY DURING THE PANDEMIC THAT WAS THE OPPORTUNITY TIME WHEN YOU FIRST GOT THE ARP WHEN FIXING REPAIRS SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED BECAUSE WHY THERE WAS NOBODY IN THE CLASSROOMS YOU DON'T NEED TO SAY WE NEED THE STUDENTS HERE TO FIND OUT WHERE THE AUTHORITIES ARE BROKEN INSPECT IT'S BROKEN REPLACE IT YOU DON'T NEED A STUDENT TO BE AROUND TO SEE THE DROP CEILING FALLING LOOK AROUND YOU SEE IT'S FALLING THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MAJOR PROJECTS GOING ON BECAUSE THE CLASSROOMS ARE ALL CLOSED YOU'RE ALL AT THIS ISSUING OUR FOOD HANDING OUT FOOD CONTRACTORS COULD HAVE BEEN THERE THINGS COULD HAVE GOTTEN FIXED YOU GUYS HAD THE OPPORTUNE TIME UNFORTUNATELY THAT WASN'T THE DIRECTION IT WAS EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO DO AND SURE DOE ALWAYS GOT THEIR HANDS FULL AND THANK YOU PHIL FOR BEING THERE AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU WHEN YOU FIND PROBLEMS BUT YOU KNOW WHAT WHEN WHEN MANY MANY TIMES WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET THEY SAY WAS THAT THE 14 POINTS I USED TO SAY THAT GPA IS A RELIABLE SOURCE OF POWER THE PROBLEM WE GOT IN DOE IS WE DON'T HAVE THE PROPER DISTRIBUTION OF POWER NOTHING NEW AND IT NEVER GOT FIXED NEVER GOT CHANGED WHY BECAUSE MONEY WASN'T THERE BUT WHEN MONEY WAS AVAILABLE DID IT GET CHANGED NO NOW MONEY'S THERE IS IT BEING CHANGED PROBABLY NOT YOU KNOW MY ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES ASKED THE QUESTION PHIL WHAT PERCENTAGE OF ARP MONEY HAS BEEN USED TO DEFER TO PAY FOR DEFERRED A MAINTENANCE THAT THE ARMY CORPS ENGINEER PUT UP COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT PERCENTAGE NOT DOLLAR PERCENTAGE TWENTY PERCENT TEN PERCENT FIFTY PERCENT.

**TOVES - DOE:** YOU SAID NOT COMPLETED OH.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** NO NO HOW MUCH MONEY WAS PUT ON DEFERRED REMEMBER THE ARMY CORPS CAME UP 100 MILLION DOLLARS.

**TOVES - DOE:** YEAH.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** HOW MUCH WAS MAYBE COMPLETE OR NOT BUT WAS DEFERRED OF YOUR ARP MONEY YEAH HOW MUCH THE PERCENTAGE DON'T GIVE ME DOLLARS GIVE ME PERCENTAGE SO SO IT'S NOT HARD YEAH YEAH 10 20.

**TOVES - DOE:** SENATOR I'D SAY ABOUT TWENTY PERCENT.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** TWENTY PERCENT SHAME SHAME SHAME THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR HEY GUYS THANKS FOR SHOWING UP AGAIN TODAY KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND I'M LET'S GET OUT THERE YOU KNOW IT'S FIXING THE SCHOOL IS GOING TO TAKE A LONG TIME IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN OVERNIGHT IT KIND OF REMINDS ME OF WHEN I WAS DEPLOYED AND MY *PARI* GOT ON THE TREADMILL SO HE CAN MEET THE WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS THE NEXT DAY IT JUST DOESN'T HAPPEN THAT WAY IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME YOU NEED THE MONEY I'LL BE HERE FOR YOU IF YOU WANT TO ASK FOR 5 MILLION OR 30 MILLION NEXT NEXT YEAR YOU KNOW BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THIS THIS IS NOT GONNA THIS THIS PROBABLY IS NOT EVEN GONNA YOU KNOW SCRATCH THE SURFACE OF ALL OUR PROBLEMS AND YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME IT'S GOING TO TAKE MORE AND I JUST WANT TO INJECT SOME YOU KNOW A SORT OF SANITY AND AND COOLER COOLER HEADS HERE PREVAIL THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT MORE IT'S GOING TO TAKE LONGER TIME TO GET THESE THINGS DONE I WORKED IN DOE AND I RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEM IT'S NOT GOING TO BE DONE OVERNIGHT HOWEVER WE DO RECOGNIZE YOU KNOW THE THE PROBLEMS THAT DOE FACES AND I JUST HOPE THAT WE CAN GET TO THEM AS QUICKLY AS WE COULD BUT I KNOW IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME OUT TO COME AROUND AND VISIT US AND WITH YOUR TESTIMONY AND I DO HAVE A LOT OF FAITH IN IN SUPERINTENDENT JUDI AND WE REALLY HAVEN'T GIVEN HER YOU KNOW ENOUGH TIME TO PRODUCE SOMETHING OF YOU KNOW SO I JUST I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I'M PRETTY MUCH BEHIND YOU GUYS AND I'M I'LL BE HERE FOR A COUPLE MORE MONTHS AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT YOU WHEN YOU DO COME BACK FOR FOR WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU NEED IT'S IMPORTANT THAT OUR KIDS KNOW THAT WE'RE HERE FOR THEM AND AND I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN SO HAVE A GOOD HAVE A GOOD DAY THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AND THANK YOU COLLEAGUES WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR SECOND ROUND WE'LL PREPARE FOR OUR THIRD ROUND WHICH WILL INCORPORATE THE ANY AMENDMENTS PLEASE HAVE THEM ON THE GOOGLE DRIVE AND I WILL REQUIRE THAT IF I COME TO YOU AND IT'S NOT ON GOOGLE DRIVE THEN YOU SNOOZE YOU LOSE SO PLEASE HAVE YOUR AMENDMENTS PREPARED WE'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE PANEL AND THEN EXCUSING THEM FOR BEING HERE ALL DAY TODAY ALSO SPEAKER OR DR JUDY WON PAT ACTING SUPERINTENDENT *UN DÁNGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* WE KNOW IT'S REALLY LATE OVER THERE BUT IT SHOWS YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS ISLAND AND ESPECIALLY TO THE STUDENTS SO CELINE RIGHT AND MR TOVES MR FRANK COOPER NURSE AKA MR. SMITH AND VANESSA *UN DÁNGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IT JUST A SHORT RECESS AND WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

## RECESS

### SENATOR TAITAGUE PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OH COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS BACK IN ORDER WE'RE ON THIS THIRD ROUND COLLEAGUES SO AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN PROFFERED AND BROUGHT THROUGH I THINK SOME COLLEAGUES ARE HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME MAKING SURE THAT THE CLERK HAS IT N THEIR EMAIL BUT HARD COPIES HAVE BEEN MADE SO I'M GOING TO GO BASED ON THE AMENDMENTS THAT I WAS GIVEN TO TO START WITH AND WE'RE GOING TO START WITH SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS WHO IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION SO WE'LL GIVE HIM THE COURTESY TO BEGIN FIRST SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR AND JUST FOR THE REFERENCE OF THOSE FOLLOWING ALONG AND OF COURSE THIS AMENDMENT IS PASSED OUT I BELIEVE EVERYONE HAS ONE I'M JUST GOING TO GO AHEAD AND READ THE THE NUMERATION ON THE TOP OF THE PAGE THIS IS B32 CMD L14-17 P1 COTW AND MADAM CHAIR THIS AMENDMENT IS PROFFERED FOR BASICALLY ONE REASON AND THAT IS THAT AS WE HAVE MADE IT A PRACTICE AND I BELIEVE THE CORRECT PRACTICE IN THE LAST LEGISLATURE WHEN WE FINALLY STARTED APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES SUCH AS LEAP ONE IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR AND WE KEPT SEEING THESE ONE-LINE APPROPRIATIONS COMING DOWN THAT THAT REALLY THE PROPER WAY TO DO IT IS AS

A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT AND THAT MEANS TO VISIT THE BUDGET AND SO OTHER AMENDMENTS HAVE MIMICKED THIS WITHIN THE DRIVE HERE OF COURSE I'M JUST TALKING ABOUT MINE BUT TO JUST MAKE SURE THAT IT'S REALLY UNDERSTOOD THE PURPOSE OF THIS AMENDMENT IS IT GOES IN AND IT RAISES REVENUES SO THAT WHEN THE CRER IS CALCULATED SHOULD THIS BILL PASS FAVORABLY AND BE SIGNED INTO LAW OR COME INTO LAW FOR WHATEVER HOWEVER REASON WHATEVER METHOD IT WOULD BE ACCURATE AND TRUE AND CORRECT THAT WHEN THE CRER IS NOW COMES OUT AFTER THIS APPROPRIATION IS MADE IT WOULD SHOW THAT THOSE REVENUES ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE BECAUSE MADAM CHAIR WHAT WE'RE DOING IS WE'RE BASING OURSELVES ON THE GENERAL FUND FISCAL YEAR 2023 THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY APPROPRIATING WITHIN THE CURRENT YEAR IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE AND APPROPRIATE THAT WE DO IT THIS WAY IN FACT EVEN THE GOVERNOR ON RECENT LEGISLATION THAT SHE'S SENT DOWN MADE IT VERY CLEAR DURING HER PRESENTATION TO US THAT SHE HAS SENT DOWN HER BILL IN THIS FORMAT AS WELL SO THIS IS THE PROPER WAY TO DO IT WE KNOW THAT TRADITIONALLY MADAM SPEAKER OR MADAM CHAIR THAT IT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS A ONE-LINE APPROPRIATION IN THE PAST YOU KNOW BUT PROBABLY THAT'S WHY WE HAVE GOTTEN IN TROUBLE BEFORE WAS BECAUSE WE DIDN'T GO IN AND ADJUST REVENUES AND WE DIDN'T DO IT BASED ON SOLID INFORMATION PRESENTED THAT ADJUSTED THE BUDGET TO THAT AMOUNT SO THIS IS THE 30 MILLION DOLLAR APPROPRIATION AS YOU KNOW MADAM CHAIR THIS WILL AFFECT OTHER CATEGORIES RAINY DAY FUND AND ALSO THE PHARMACEUTICALS IT'S JUST A MATTER OF THE FORMULA AND SO THAT'S WHY YOU KNOW YOU'LL SEE SOME NUMBERS THAT BUT DO DO KIND OF CREEP UP IN TERMS OF THE 30 MILLION OVERALL BUT THIS IS THE WAY THE BUDGET ACT IS PREPARED IN TERMS OF ITS FORMULA BASIS AND MADAM CHAIR I WOULD JUST DIRECT US THEN YOU KNOW TO THE TO THE END OF THE AMENDMENT WHICH CLEARLY MAKES IT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THAT WOULD BE SECTION 23 THAT AMENDS SECTION FOUR ACTUALLY SECTION 23 ON THE LAST PAGE BASICALLY THAT THAT AMENDMENT THEN SAYS APPROPRIATION FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE IT LINES THROUGH EDU DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE THE ACTUAL MEAT OF THE ORIGINAL BILL IS AND THE SUM OF 30 MILLION DOLLARS IS APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS AND OF SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND I KNOW THERE'S PROBABLY SOME AMENDMENTS BASED ON THE TESTIMONY BROUGHT FORWARD FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUT MADAM CHAIR THAT IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE AMENDMENT IT SIMPLY TAKES THE ONE-LINE APPROPRIATION STRAIGHT APPROPRIATION FROM THE BILL AS INTRODUCED AND DOES IT PROPERLY IN THE FORMAT OF THE BUDGET AND BASICALLY MAKES IT A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL FUND AS WE'VE IDENTIFIED CLEARLY NOW AS THE LATEST CRE SAYS CRER SAYS THERE IS 40 WE'RE TRACKING 43 MILLION DOLLARS IN REV OR 45 MILLION DOLLARS IN REVENUES ABOVE ADOPTED REVENUE LEVELS SO THAT IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE AMENDMENT MADAM CHAIR AND I HOPE TO GET THE SUPPORT OF OUR COLLEAGUES *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE*.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE* SENATOR DUEÑAS WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE SENATOR DUEÑAS AMENDMENT OKAY SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED SIR.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YEAH I I JUST WANT TO YOU KNOW SPEAK FOR THE RECORD AND BE VERY VERY CLEAR HERE THAT IF IF WE TIE UP THIS MONEY THIS WILL NOT ALLOW THE SCHOOLS TO ADDRESS FUNDING CONCERNS FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL THROUGH THE GPP PLAY PLAN AND SO FOR THAT REASON I CANNOT SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE THIS BILL WOULD KILL THE PAY RAISES FOR THE JANITORS AND THE BUS DRIVERS AND THE MAINTENANCE WORKERS I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME THANK YOU MA'AM.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON WOULD ANYONE ELSE SENATOR BROWN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I MEAN THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS BILL TO BEGIN WITH IS TO ADDRESS THE FISCAL MAINTENANCE OF OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM YOU KNOW IT WAS JUST LAST FRIDAY WE SAT THROUGH AND I KNOW YOU GUYS WERE THERE A LITTLE EARLIER THAN US WE WERE PUT THE TOUR AT ANDERSEN BUT FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT WERE THERE SINCE TWO O'CLOCK I THINK WE DIDN'T LEAVE HERE UNTIL AFTER SEVEN ALMOST EIGHT O'CLOCK FRIDAY EVENING LISTENING TO THE CONCERNS AND ISSUES BY BOTH STUDENTS THAT CAME AS WELL AS THEIR PARENTS MEMBERS OF PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATIONS ONCE AGAIN BRINGING TO LIGHT THE ISSUES OF CONCERNS AND PHYSICAL DEFICIENCIES IN OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM I THINK WE ALL AGREE THOSE THOSE CONDITIONS ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND I AT SOME POINT IT'S GOT TO STOP WE HAVE AN EXPECTATION FOR A BETTER SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN HERE TO ADDRESS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS THAT'S WHAT WE ARE PRIORITIZING THAT'S

WHAT THAT'S WHAT THE ISSUES THAT PARENTS THEMSELVES WHO TOOK THE TIME TO COME DOWN HERE TO RELAY TO US AS POLICY MAKERS WHAT THEIR KEY CONCERNS WERE WITH REGARDS TO THE CONTINUED LACK OF PROPER MAINTENANCE OF OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES NOW IF WE'RE REALLY HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE CHILDREN THEN LET'S PRIORITIZE THE CHILDREN AND STOP POLITICIZING THIS PROCESS BY THROWING MONEY OUT THERE AND MAKING THAT THE REASON WHY THAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN TAKING CARE OF THE CHILDREN I THINK THAT'S WHY WE PRIORITIZE THESE BILLS TO COME INTO SESSION THIS WEEK TO ADDRESS THOSE VERY CONCERNS AND I THINK TRYING TO TRYING TO THROW SOMETHING ELSE AT THIS TO DISTRACT FROM THE REAL ISSUES FACING OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE DISTRACTED BY THAT I THINK WE SHOULD PRIORITIZE WHAT IT IS THAT OUR COMMUNITY AND MORE DIRECTLY OUR T ARE OUR OUR PARENTS AND INCLUDING THE STUDENTS THAT HAVE COME DOWN TO US TO TALK TO US ACROSS THE TABLE TO RELARE THEIR FRUSTRATIONS AND CONCERNS AND THEY HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO DO SO BECAUSE THE SYSTEM HAS FAILED THEM AND HERE WE ARE TODAY WE'VE BEEN HERE SINCE YESTERDAY PRIMARILY FOCUS ON HOW ARE WE GOING TO ADDRESS THE FISCAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR SCHOOLS AND THAT TO ME MADAM CHAIR IS A PRIORITY AND SO I SUPPORT THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY SENATOR DUEÑAS I THINK WE NEED TO STAY FOCUSED ON WHAT REALLY MATTERS AND STOP PLAYING THE POLITICS AROUND HERE THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SENATOR BROWN THANK YOU SO MUCH IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE SENATOR DUENAS AMENDMENT SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE MEANT RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK THANK YOU MA'AM I'M SORRY I'M NEW TO THIS AND I'M NOT SURE I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS AMENDMENT IS PROPOSING I'M JUST BEING HONEST HERE BUT IT KIND OF SEEMS LIKE IT'S A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT SO IF THE AUTHOR WOULD YIELD AND MAYBE LAYMAN'S TERMS *POT FABOT* THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS DO YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** YES MADAM CHAIR NOW OKAY BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF FISCAL APPROPRIATIONS AND I MEAN WE'RE KIND OF TALKING LIKE ACCOUNTANTS SO I'M GOING TO DO IT IN THE MOST LAYMAN *FINO* ENGLISH THAT I CAN MADAM CHAIR AS YOU KNOW YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH MANY BUDGETS AND MANY OF US HAVE HERE BUT I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION FROM MY GOOD COLLEAGUE SENATOR BARNETT THE BUDGET ACT OR THE BUDGET AS WE ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS EVERY YEAR ON ON BUDGET PROPOSALS WHAT ENDS UP HAPPENING IS JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING OF COURSE EVERYTHING IS DERIVED FROM ADOPTED REVENUES WHEN THE REVENUES ARE ADOPTED THEN WE GO INTO EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURES ARE ADOPTED AS WELL WHENEVER YOU ADJUST REVENUES YOU ARE GOING TO ON A FORMULA BASIS ADJUST OTHER AREAS SO JUST LET'S TAKE THE PHARMACEUTICAL FUND AS ONE OF THE EXAMPLES BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHERS THAT ARE AFFECTED BUT IF WE GO IN AND WE LOOK AT THE PHARMACEUTICAL FUND AND THE FACT THAT FOR GMH THIS IS THIS ENDS UP BEING SOMEWHAT OF A MINOR WINDFALL TO OTHER AREAS BECAUSE OF THE FORMULA NATURE OF HOW WE DO OUR BUDGETING SO IF WE GO IN THERE AND WE JUST DO THE GMH PHARMACEUTICALS YOU WILL SEE THAT THE 18 MILLION 700 AND 991 GOES TO 20 MILLION 32516 AND THAT'S BECAUSE WE'VE ADJUSTED THE REVENUES AND WE HAVE TO ADJUST THE REVENUES FOR THE 30 MILLION AND INCLUDE THOSE OTHER AREAS WHICH WILL HAVE A CORRESPONDING INCREASE THAT IS BUDGET 101 IN TERMS OF THAT THE FORMULA BASE IN FACT YOU'LL SEE ANOTHER AMENDMENT THAT IS ALSO IN THE DRIVE AND IS PUT ON OUR TABLE THAT DOES THE SAME EXACT THING THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS IT'S A DIFFERENT AMOUNT SO THE PROPOSAL THE MOVER OF THAT AMENDMENT I DON'T KNOW IT'S KIND OF TECHNICAL TO JUMP OVER BUT I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE IN THIS TIME YOU WILL SEE ALSO AND THEN ONCE AGAIN THE REASON WHY I REFERRED TO THE GOVERNOR'S PRESENTATION IN THE STATE OF THE TERRITORY ADDRESS STATING THAT SHE HAD DONE IT IN THE BUDGET ACT REVISITED THE 2023 BUDGET ACT IT WILL ALWAYS HAVE A FORMULA BASED CALCULATION WHEREBY WHATEVER REVENUES YOU CHANGE THERE WILL BE A CORRESPONDING CHANGE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OF THE OF THE BUDGET ACT SO IT SIMPLY TAKES A ONE-LINE APPROPRIATION WHERE 30 MILLION DOLLARS IS HERE BY APPROPRIATED AND IT DOES IT BY BY DOING IT AS A BUDGETARY MEASURE WHICH IS THE RIGHT WAY TO DO IT IN THE PAST WHEN WE HAVEN'T DONE IT THIS WAY ONE EXAMPLE IS THE CRER ARE NOW IF WE JUST DID IT LIKE THAT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY OR WOULD REFLECT MAYBE AS AN ANOMALY WITH AN ASTERISK ON THE BOTTOM OF OF THEIR THEIR REPORT STATING THAT 30 MILLION DOLLARS WAS APPROPRIATED THIS ACTUALLY WILL SHOW AN ACTUAL REAL-TIME ADJUSTMENT OF REVENUES IN THE CRER BECAUSE WE HAVE NOW CHANGED THE BUDGET AND THAT'S WHY THIS IS THE PROPER WAY TO TO

INTRODUCE LEGISLATION WHICH DOES APPROPRIATION BECAUSE IT DOES IT IN THE BUDGET ACT I I HOPE THAT WILL SUFFICE MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SENATOR BARNETT DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION SIR.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MA'AM SO IS IT BASICALLY ALMOST LIKE A FORMATTING.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES IT'S A FORMATTING.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I KNOW THE THE BILL IS INTRODUCED WAS VERY SIMPLY IT WAS PUT IT WAS A PARAGRAPH AND NOW I SEE THERE'S A LOT MORE LINES AND RIGHT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** AND BASICALLY SENATOR BARNETT IF I MAY IT'S INCREASING THE REVENUES SO WHAT WE'RE DOING IS WE ANTICIPATED THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE X AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR THE YEAR FOR FY 23 BUT NOW WE'RE UTILIZING THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY FORESEEING THAT WE HAVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING SO WE JUST INCREASE THE REVENUE AND BE ABLE TO USE THAT REVENUE IN THIS BILL TO BE ABLE TO APPROPRIATE THE 30 MILLION DOLLARS.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MA'AM I LIKE YOUR EXPLANATION BETTER THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YOU'RE WELCOME SENATOR BARNETT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL I BELIEVE IT'S SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED SIR.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE WE ALL UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY OUR COLLEAGUE DID EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL AND THE AND THE RAINY DAY FUND IN ACTUALITY THAT 30 MILLION IS ACTUALLY 32 MILLION 236 AND 270 THOUSAND DOLLARS BECAUSE 30 MILLION WILL GO TO DOE 1.624025 WILL GO TO PHARMACEUTICAL AND 612 245 WILL GO TO THE RAIN DAY FUND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE WE'RE WE'RE ALL IN IT WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT AND IF YOU JUST MINUS 232 236 270 FROM THE WHAT IS SURPLUS THAT IS WHAT WE'RE LEFT WITH WHICH IS LESS THAN 14 MILLION DOLLARS THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN FOR THE SAKE OF THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGIS OF THE AMENDMENT CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT ONCE AGAIN PLEASE HE WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF CONVERSATION ABOUT THE FUNDING BECAUSE WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE 30 MILLION IS THERE YOU KNOW IN THE LEGISLATION THAT IT'S GOING TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THE SCHOOLS HOWEVER THE AMENDMENT WHAT YOU'RE STATING IS IF AND AS THE CHAIRMAN OF OFB THAT THESE NUMBERS ARE CORRECT THAT THE END RESULT DOES ACCUMULATE TO 30 MILLION IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE SAYING EARLIER.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** NO.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY SO WHAT ABOUT PLEASE EXPLAIN AGAIN.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** OKAY IF YOU LOOK AT THE AMENDMENT IT IDENTIFIED ON THE VERY LAST PAGE 30 MIN TO DOE BEFORE YOU GET TO THE 30 MILLION YOU'VE GOT TO ADD THE 1.624 025 TO PHARMACEUTICAL AND 612 245 INTO THE RAINY DAY FUND SO THIS AMENDMENT BASICALLY IMPACTS 32.236 270 FROM WHAT IS ON THE SURPLUS OR IDENTIFIED AS SURPLUS MONEY OF 45 MILLION SO WHEN YOU MINUS FROM THE TWO YOU FIND THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT WOULD BE AND I'LL TELL YOU IN A FEW SECONDS YOU'LL HAVE REMAINING LEFT IN THE SURPLUS OF 12 MILLION 802 316. JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ALL UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN I GREATLY APPRECIATE THAT SENATOR DUEÑAS DID YOU YOU WANTED A YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A SHORT RECESS LIKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS JUST TO VERIFY THE NUMBERS ARE CORRECT BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD.

**RECESS**

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY COMMITTEE ON RULES IS I MEAN COMMITTEE ON THE WHOLE IS BACK IN ORDER THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN FOR REPEATING THOSE THAT INFORMATION TO THE BODIES.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** MADAM CHAIR I WAS RECOGNIZED SO I DO WANT TO ANSWER THAT AND I WANT TO TAKE A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** STATE YOUR POINT OF PERSON.



**SENATOR DUEÑAS** WHEN WE'RE IN RECESS I MADE A CLEAR WARNING TO THIS BODY AND I WANT TO PUT THIS ON THE RECORD RIGHT NOW FIRST OF ALL THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN FOR CONFIRMING AND MAKING SURE THAT EVERYBODY KNEW THE NUMBERS AND WHAT THE IMPACT WILL BE BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THE 30 MILLION AND HE IS CORRECT THAT FORMULA HAS ENSURED THAT THE NUMBERS ARE CORRECT AND THERE WAS 12 WHATEVER ODD MILLION IS LEFT AFTER THIS APPROPRIATION MADAM CHAIR I TAKE A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE RIGHT NOW I HAVE WARNED EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BODY BECAUSE AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT HAS OUR DOCUMENT HAS GONE OUT IN OFFICIAL FORMAT OF THIS LEGISLATURE OF AN AMENDMENT THAT HAS NOT BEEN PROFFERED HAS NOT BEEN PROFFERED AND I SAY THAT AGAIN MADAM CHAIR HAS NOT BEEN PROFFERED THIS EVIL DOER WHOEVER PUT THIS INFORMATION OUT THERE TO TRY TO GASLIGHT AND GET PEOPLE UP IN ARMS AND ANGRY AND LIE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM PUT OUT THIS AMENDMENT THIS AMENDMENT SAYS BILL NUMBER 3237 SENATOR PROPOSING AMENDMENT OF COURSE IT WOULD BE MYSELF CMD CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS AND IT SAYS TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO BILL 3237 COR TO READ SECTION 3 REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS ALL FUNDS UNDER THE EDUCATOR PAY PLAN AS AUTHORIZED BY PUBLIC LAW 36107 THAT WERE ALLOTTED FOR PAY RAISE INC PAY INCREASES TO TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS SHALL BE REPROGRAMMED FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE MADAM CHAIR THIS IS A LIE THIS IS A STRAIGHT UP LIE THIS AMENDMENT HAS NEVER BEEN PROFFERED AND I WANT EVERY NEWS MEDIA TO REPORT THERE'S A DAMN LIAR EITHER IN THIS BODY OR AN EVIL DOER OUTSIDE OF THIS BODY AND IF I FIND OUT AND I GET INFORMATION THAT ANYBODY IN THIS AUGUST BODY THIS DISTINGUISHED 37 GUAM LEGISLATURE PUT THIS GARBAGE OUT THEY WILL BE FACING AN ETHICS COMPLAINT POST HASTE THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MA'AM POINT OF INFORMATION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS AND POINTED OF INFORMATION SENATOR BARNETT PLEASE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MA'AM I HAVE RECEIVED THIS AMENDMENT NUMEROUS TIMES ON MY MY WHATSAPP AND I'VE ALSO SEEN THAT IT WAS TWEETED BY THE PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS OF GUAM AND I JUST WANT TO STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT I WAS ALSO ATTACKED BY THIS GROUP WHICH IS HEADED I BELIEVE BY A STAFFER AT *ADELUP* AND I DIDN'T APPRECIATE BEING ATTACKED I WAS CALLED OUT FOR BEING QUOTE UNQUOTE HYPOCRITICAL THEY SAID I DIDN'T SUPPORT THE PAY RAISES WHICH CLEARLY I SAID I DO AND I JUST THIS IS PART FOR THE COURSE MA'AM AND YOU KNOW WHILE I DON'T SAY I'M I'M I'M DISAPPOINTED SENATOR AND I'M SITTING IN THIS BODY I'VE GOT ABOUT A DOZEN AMENDMENTS ON MY DESK I DON'T SEE THIS AMENDMENT IT DOESN'T EXIST BUT TO ME THIS JUST GOES TO SHOW THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION IS WILLING TO YOU KNOW AT ALL COSTS PUSH THIS AGENDA FOR WHATEVER REASON AND WHEN THEY SHOULD REALLY JUST BACK OFF BECAUSE WE'RE WE'RE CLEARLY GOING TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE OF THE PAY RAISES AND I DON'T APPRECIATE THIS FABRICATED PRESSURE AND THESE FABRICATED ATTACKS MA'AM THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE AND I HOPE THAT ANYBODY WHO'S WATCHING THIS LEGISLATURE RIGHT NOW CAN ACTUALLY TELL THE TRUTH TO WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING HERE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND THAT'S ALL WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE ANYBODY ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE SENATOR DUEÑAS AMENDMENT OKAY NO NO OTHER SPEAKERS ON THE AMENDMENT OKAY SO ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT THERE HAS BEEN AN OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE CHRIS DUEÑAS AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND YEAH THERE WAS AN OBJECTION THERE WAS AN OBJECTION BY SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN AND WE ARE OKAY AMENDMENT PASSES OKAY NEXT ON THE AGENDA WE ARE SENATOR DUEÑAS ARE YOU DONE WITH YOUR AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY MORE AMENDMENTS THAT YOU HAVE SIR.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** MADAM CHAIR I DO NOT I WAVE CLOSING I CLOSE BY CHASTISING EVILDOERS LIKE JULIAN JENSEN DOWN AT PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS OF GUAM WHO WORKS IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AT BUREAU STATISTICS AND PLANS OKAY YOU BETTER HOPE THAT'S NOT ON YOUR COMPUTER BUDDY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YEAH AND I APOLOGIZE SENATOR DUEÑAS SAID I DIDN'T GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO CLOSE BUT THAT WAS A VERY DRAMATIC THAT TOOK ME BACK YOU KNOW BOOM THAT REALLY TOOK ME BACK BUT IT YOU KNOW I ALL I'M DEFINITELY SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU OKAY SO WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON SENATOR THE NEXT ONE THAT I RECEIVE IS THE SPEAKER TERLAJE'S AMENDMENT THAT IS IN FRONT OF ME SO I'M GONNA

ALLOW SPEAKER TERLAJE FOR YOUR AMENDMENT I APOLOGIZE ACTUALLY WITH SENATOR JOE AGUSTIN WHO'S NEXT FOR HIS AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MY COLLEAGUES THE AMENDMENTS ARE IN THE SAME IN THE SAME FORMAT AS SENATOR DUEÑAS IS BROUGHT UP IN HIS PREVIOUS AMENDMENT THAT PASSED BUT IT'S TO AMEND THAT 30 MILLION TO 10 MILLION AND THE IMPACT TO THAT 10 MILLION IT WOULD GENERATE IT WOULD PHARMACEUTICAL BE 277 404 000 THE TWO PERCENT RAINY DAY FUND WILL BE 204 000 TOTAL OF AN ADDITIONAL 481 486 THE TOTAL AMOUNT FROM THE SURPLUS WOULD EQUATE TO GIVE ME JUST A SECOND HERE I WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU THAT INFORMATION IT'S GOING TO GIVE YOU THE NUMBER.

**SENATOR FISHER:** OUT FROM WHERE WE ARE READING THESE NUMBERS.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES I APOLOGIZE SENATOR FISHER AND COLLEAGUES THE AMENDMENT THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING RIGHT NOW CURRENTLY IS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN'S AMENDMENT AND IS ON THE TOP LEFT SIDE AND THE NUMBER IS B32 JSSA L14-17 P1 COTW AND THIS IS THE JOE SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AMENDMENT AND IT'S ON LINE 14 AND 17 OF PAGE 1 SIR.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** AND AND IF AND IF OUR COLLEAGUES NEED TO KNOW IF WE JUST FOLLOW THE THE AMENDMENT THAT'S ATTACHED TO IT WHEREVER YOU SEE A STRIKEOUT THAT'S THE NUMBERS THAT ARE CHANGING THE ISSUES OF CONCERN REALLY WOULD BE THE THE PHARMACEUTICAL AND TWO PERCENT NO DIFFERENT THAN THE PREVIOUS AMENDMENT IT'S JUST THAT THE AMOUNTS ARE DIFFERENT IT'S 20 MILLION LESS OKAY THAT'S THE ONLY DIFFERENCE AND AND THAT ONE I'M GOING TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THIS AMENDMENT VERSUS THE LAST ONE WOULD BE 10 MILLION 481 486 000 IF YOU GO TO THE PHARMACEUTICAL LIST YOU'LL FIND THAT IT IT INCREASES BY 277 404 SO IF ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES WANTS TO KNOW WHERE IT'S AT IT'S ON THE LAST PAGE ON THE VERY TOP WHERE IT TELLS YOU THE PHARMACEUTICAL AND IF YOU WANT TO FIND THE RAINY FUND IT'S IT IS FOUND ON BUT FOR WHAT JUST LOOK FOR IT IT'S NOT THAT HARD TO FIND IT IT'S NOT 20 PAGES AND AT THE END RESULT THE TOTAL TAKEN FROM THE SURPLUS WOULD BE 10 MILLION 481 WOULD LEAVE 34 MILLION 557 AND 100 000 THANK YOU MADAM MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SO ON THE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AMENDMENT WOULD THERE BE ANYONE LIKE TO TALK.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS** YES MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF THE GOOD MOVER OF THE PROPOSAL HOWEVER MADAM CHAIR I THINK IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE'VE ALREADY PASSED THE AMENDMENT UNDER 30 MILLION OF COURSE WE CAN CONSIDER EVERY AMENDMENT THAT'S BEEN PROFFERED BUT AS THIS IS A AMOUNT THAT'S SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER WHEN THAN WHAT THIS BODY INTENDED TO APPROPRIATE MADAM CHAIR I'M GOING TO HAVE TO RESPECTFULLY VERY RESPECTFULLY OBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT IT'S I'M SURE WELL INTENTIONED TO GET MUCH NEEDED RESOURCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HOWEVER I THINK IT FALLS SHORT OF WHAT OUR EFFORTS ARE FOR THIS SESSION SO I OBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** POINT OF INFORMATION MA'AM.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** JUST THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION BY SENATOR DUEÑAS THANK YOU SIR SENATOR BARNETT POINT OF INFORMATION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S POINT OF INFORMATION OR A POINT OF INQUIRY BUT AGAIN I'M NOT REALLY SURE I UNDERSTAND BUT IS THERE AN ATTEMPT GOING ON NOW TO SHORTCHANGE THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FROM 30 MILLION DOWN TO 10 MILLION OR IS THIS JUST AN ACCOUNTING THING.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE** OKAY SENATOR BARNETT SO I'M YIELDING YOUR TIME TO SPEAK RIGHT NOW AND IT'S MORE OF A QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION SO CAN I.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I'M SORRY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YEAH.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES CAN I JUST IF I COULD JUST POINT OF INQUIRY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SURE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** IS THIS AN ATTEMPT TO SHORTCHANGE THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FROM 30 MILLION DOWN TO 10 MILLION OR IS THIS MERELY SOME ACCOUNTING SEMANTICS THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN DO YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION THANK YOU SIR PLEASE.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** YES YES I DO LET'S ALL BE REMINDED THAT ON THE TESTIMONY AND THE WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT IDENTIFIED IN THE BACK PAGE SHE DIDN'T MAN IS THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR FACILITIES I JUST INCREASED THAT BY 10 TO GIVE THEM AND IT ALLOWED THEM AND I MENTIONED IT DURING THE TESTIMONIAL QUESTIONS IS TO JUMP START THEIR PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP SO THEY CAN START DOING WHAT THEY NEED TO DO WHICH IS ACTUALLY TO DO THE QUICK FIXES THAT THEY NEED TO DO WHILE THEY'RE DOING THE OTHER PROJECTS THAT ARE FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL GRANT IT'S NOT A.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YEAH SENATE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN I BELIEVE THE QUESTION WAS IS IT ATTEMPTING TO TAKE THE 30 MILLION AND AND LESSENING IT DOWN TO 10 MILLION.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THAT'S CORRECT AND THAT'S A SIMPLE ANSWER.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** I THINK I'LL ANSWER THAT VERY QUICK EASILY 30 IS DOWN TO 10.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SENATOR BARNETT ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THAT RESPONSE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I'M SORRY MA'AM JUST TO CLARIFY IS THE THE MOVER OF THIS AMENDMENT SAYING THAT HE'S ADDING AN ADDITIONAL 10 MILLION DOLLARS ON TOP OF THE 30 OR AGAIN IS THIS AN ATTEMPT TO SHORTCHANGE THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE 30 MILLION DOWN TO THE 10 MILLION AND JUST THE SIMPLEST TERMS MA'AM.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** NO I BELIEVE I ANSWERED THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** I BELIEVE YOU DID YEAH.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** NUMBER ONE 30 MILLION IS WHAT WAS FIRST PROFFERED THERE'S NO SHORT CHANGE IT'S MAKING SURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT EDUCATION HAD SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO CONTINUE ON AND THE FIVE MILLION OR THE 10 MILLION WOULD HAVE HELPED WOULD HELP THEM CONTINUE ON THAT'S ALL IT IS THERE'S NO SHORT CHANGE HERE OKAY THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY THANK YOU SO SENATOR BARNETT AS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN MENTIONED IT IS TAKING ONLY IT'S ONLY ALLOWING 10 MILLION INSTEAD OF 30.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MA'AM I'M JUST STILL A LITTLE CONFUSED SO THAT THE MOVER OF THE AMENDMENT IS SAYING THIS IS NOT SHORT CHANGING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUT IS IT TRUE OR NOT THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING 30 MILLION AND THIS IS A DEPARTURE FROM THAT DOWN TO 10 MILLION I'M SORRY MA'AM AGAIN.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** NO SENATOR BARNETT I BELIEVE THE THE AUTHOR OF THIS AMENDMENT EXPLAINED THAT HE IS JUST ALLOWING 10 MILLION INSTEAD OF 30 MILLION ON HIS AMENDMENT THAT'S WHAT HIS AMENDMENT DOES.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MA'AM.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** IT WAS A SHORT CHANGING IN OTHER WORDS BECAUSE WE'RE DEPARTING FROM THE 30 MILLION THAT WE INTENDED TO GIVE THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SO THIS AMENDMENT IS BASICALLY SAYING NO 30 MILLION JUST 10 MILLION IN ENGLISH YES THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT OKAY ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT THE JOE AGUSTIN AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** CALL FOR THE VOTE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** NO NO THERE'S SPEAKERS NOTHING OKAY SO THERE HAS BEEN AN OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT SO ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN FAVOR OF THE JOE SAN AGUSTIN AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AMENDMENT FAILS NOW WE'RE MOVING ON TO THE NEXT AMENDMENTS OKAY WE ARE NOW ON THE SPEAKER TERLAJE AMENDMENT AND THIS IS I'LL ALLOW YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE TO RECOGNIZE THE NUMBER ON THE FAR LEFT CORNER FOR THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO LOOK FOR IT SO SHE HAS SEVERAL AMENDMENTS HERE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR ABOUT TWO AMENDMENTS THE FIRST ONE OUT THE FIRST ONE IS TO LINES 14 TO 17 PAGE ONE THE NUMBER IN THE TOP LEFT CORNER IS B32 TMT L14 P1 COTW OKAY SO AMENDS LINES 14 TO 17 OF PAGE1 OF THE BILL AND THIS IS IN THE BILL SECTIONS 4 AND 5 SO AS AMENDED BY SENATOR DUEÑAS THE BILL NOW IN SECTION FOUR READS 30 MILLION OR THE BILL NOW IN SECTION FOUR HAS A SECTION 23 THAT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF THE 30 MILLION I AM PROPOSING IN THIS SECTION TO REDUCE IT TO 20 MILLION FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THIS WOULD COME FROM FY23 GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND THEN IN SECTION 5 TO ADD A NEW SECTION 5 WHICH WOULD TAKE THE 10 MILLION FROM THE GENERAL FUND FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 REVENUES ALL OF THESE FOR THE SAME PURPOSES THE PURPOSE OF THIS OKAY SO IN THE TITLE UNDER SECTION FIVE THERE'S A SECTION 24 THAT SHOULD READ FISCAL YEAR 2024 SO I WOULD ASK THAT LEGAL COUNSEL BE ABLE TO MAKE THAT AMENDMENT JUST IN THE TITLE THAT'S A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT AND OF COURSE TO PUT THE CLOSED PARENTHESES AFTER 10 MILLION OTHERWISE SO WHAT IT DOES IT TAKES A 30 MILLION AND IT DIVIDES IT UP INTO 20 FROM ONE GENERAL FUND SOURCE THAT IS THE EXCESS REVENUES FROM FY 23 AND IT TAKES 10 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES THIS WOULD STILL KEEP 30 MILLION GOING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IT WOULD ENSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS ABLE TO MEET WHAT IT NEEDS TO DO PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THESE SCHOOLS IN THE FALL BECAUSE THIS BRINGS THEM BECAUSE THE FISCAL YEAR ENDS IN SEPTEMBER AND SO THIS THIS WOULD ALLOW THEM TO TO USE FUNDS YOU KNOW SEPTEMBER OCTOBER WHEN THE SCHOOLS ARE OPENING AS WELL THE IT MATCHES THE MINIMUM REALLY THE MINIMUM AMOUNT THAT WAS CALCULATED BY GPA JUST FOR MAINTENANCE BUT AS WE'VE HEARD TODAY THERE ARE STILL A LIST OF PROJECTS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO FIX THESE SCHOOLS TO REPAIR THESE SCHOOLS BEFORE THEY CAN ACTUALLY JUST CONTINUE ON WITH MAINTENANCE SO IT GIVES THEM THE MONEY THEY'RE ABLE TO USE IT FOR THE REPAIR AND THE MAINTENANCE AND TO MEET ALL OF THE I'M NOT SURE EVEN IF THIS WILL MEET ALL OF THE PROJECTS BUT IT WILL GET THEM CLOSER TO MEETING ALL OF THE PROJECTS NECESSARY FOR ALL OF THE SCHOOLS AND SO THAT WOULD BE MY AMENDMENT AND AND REALLY THE GIST OF IT IS BECAUSE IT REDUCES THE IMPACT TO THE FY 23 GENERAL FUND REVENUES WHILE THOSE ARE STILL IN FLUX BUT IT BUT IT GIVES THEM THE ABILITY TO USE FY24 REVENUES RIGHT NOW WHILE SO THAT THEY CAN PLAN THESE PROJECTS AND HAVE THEM READY TO GO AND AND BE READY ACTUALLY TO TO GET THESE SCHOOLS OPEN ON TIME THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT TO SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND MADAM CHAIR AND MAYBE THE AUTHOR WOULD YIELD TO THIS SHE IDENTIFIED AND I KNOW SHE'S GOING TO CHANGE THAT THE SECTION 24 THE REFLECT 2024 BUT THE APPROPRIATION FOR REPAIRS MAINTENANCE FROM THE SUM OF 20 MILLION IS APPROPRIATE FROM THE CURRENT GENERAL FUND AND AND YOU CAN CORRECT ME IF I'M RIGHT OKAY AND THEN THE NEXT ONE IS TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU 10 MILLION FROM THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR AM I CORRECT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES I MEAN SENATOR MEANS SPEAKER TERLAJE WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESPOND.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES THAT'S ABSOLUTELY CORRECT AND I GOT THIS FROM HOW WE DO APPROPRIATIONS FOR TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS EXAMPLES SECTION 7 OF THE GDOE BUDGET IT APPROPRIATES LIKE THIS FROM FY 2024 REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO DOE FOR THE PURCHASE AND OR DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SO I THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO DO THAT.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THEN WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR THAT WE DO A QUICK RECESS SO WE CAN WE CAN CORRECT THE FORMULA THAT I KNOW MY MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR DUEÑAS ME AND HIM ARE WORKING ON THE SAME SHEET WE GOT TO PUT IT IN THE RIGHT ORDER SO WE CAN IDENTIFY THE 30 THEN THAT WAS PASSED BECOMES 20 AND THEN WE WILL IDENTIFY WHAT IS THE TRUE CAUSE SO THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS IT BECAUSE THE OTHER 10 MILLION THAT WE CAN WORK WITH WHEN WE GO INTO THE NEXT BUDGET THAT'S THE

EASY ONE IT'S THE FIRST 20 WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS AND CALL OUT WHAT IS THAT 20 EQUAL TO FOR PHARMACEUTICAL AND RAINY DAY FUND SO WE JUST GET THIS THING CORRECT AND IF WE GET A QUICK RECESS.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** I'LL GET MY OFB FOLKS TO START WORKING THE NUMBERS AND PRODUCE SOMETHING SO WE YOU KNOW DRAG THIS ANY FURTHER OKAY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A FIVE MINUTE AND I'M TIMING IT FIVE MINUTE RECESS OKAY.

**RECESS**

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** COMMITTEE ON RULES I MEAN COMMITTEE ON THE WHOLE IS BACK IN ORDER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN I DON'T SEE HE'S IN HERE BUT HE'S STILL WORKING THE NUMBERS ON THE LAST AMENDMENT IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN SO I'D LIKE SENATOR I MEAN SPEAKER TO LIKE YOU RECOGNIZE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES IF I COULD BE ALLOWED I'D LIKE TO WHILE HE'S STILL WORKING THOSE NUMBERS MOVE ON TO MY NEXT AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY THANK YOU SO WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND SET THIS AMENDMENT ASIDE THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF SPEAKER TERLAJE SO NOW WE ARE GOING TO THE SECOND AMENDMENT OF SPEAKER TERLAJE PLEASE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED MA'AM AND PLEASE RECOGNIZE THE CORNER AND THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OKAY SO THIS AMENDMENT ENTIRE THE NUMBER ON THE LEFT HAND CORNER IS B32 TMT L14 TO 17 PI COTW P1 COTW OKAY SO IT'S AMENDMENT TO LINES 14 TO 17 ON PAGE 1 AGAIN IT'S THE SAME SECTION OF THE BILL WHERE THE 30 MILLION DOLLAR APPROPRIATION IS AND I'M NOT TOUCHING THAT IN THIS AMENDMENT THIS AMENDMENT TOUCHES THE USES OF THE MONEY SO WHERE IT CURRENTLY SAYS IT'S APPROPRIATED TO GDOE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF OF SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE IT CURRENTLY SAYS FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE I'M ADDING AND GROUNDS TO MEET SAFETY SANITATION AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES AND THE HIRING OF SKILLED WORKERS THIS IS JUST TO MAKE SURE THEY COULD THEY COULD USE IT FOR THESE PURPOSES AND AS WE HAD OUR DISCUSSION EARLIER WITH GDOE I HOPE THAT'S SELF-EXPLANATORY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS AMENDMENT THE THERESE TERLAJE AMENDMENT ANYONE OKAY SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** MADAM CHAIR I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT I I THINK THAT THIS IS A PRACTICAL APPROACH YOU KNOW AS WE DISCUSS MADAM CHAIR THAT THE IDEA WHEN WE WERE ABLE TO ASCERTAIN WHAT DOE HAS BEEN COMING TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR AND ASKING DURING THE ROUNDTABLES IN THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS YOU KNOW THEY WERE ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE IN TERMS OF THEIR BUDGET BUT THEY WERE ALSO ASKING FOR A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE MADAM CHAIR THIS STARTS THE BALL BECAUSE WE PASS THIS INTO LAW THE 20 MILLION WILL COME FROM THIS FISCAL YEAR IT WOULD STILL BE A REALLY BIG HELP IN TERMS OF BACKSTOPPING THEIR ARP AND ENSURING THAT EVEN WITH SOME OF THE CONTRACTS AND THE LIKE ARE HAVING DIFFICULT TIME GOING UNDER ARP YOU KNOW THEY HAVE THIS THIS BACKSTOP BECAUSE ONCE THEY GET THIS APPROPRIATION MADAM CHAIR IT'S IN THEIR BUDGET AND AND SO THE BOTTOM LINE IS IS THAT THEY HAVE THAT TO ASSIST THEM BUT THEN WE NOW SPEAK WITHIN THIS YEAR WITH THIS APPROPRIATION SAYING WE HEARD YOU AND WE WILL START THE BALL ROLLING GIVING YOU THAT DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR I APPRECIATE YOU KNOW THE THE MOVE BY THE GOOD SPEAKER AND I THINK THAT IT GENUINELY PRESERVES THE INTENT OF THE 30 MILLION DOLLARS TO GO TO GDOE BUT IT CERTAINLY RECOGNIZES THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO BOTH NOW WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO TO REALLY SHORE THEM UP IN TERMS OF THIS FISCAL YEAR BECAUSE OF THEIR REPRESENTATION OF THEIR EFFORTS TO GET ADDITIONAL ARP ALTHOUGH IT DID FALL SLIGHTLY SHORT AND THEN IT ALSO SAYS AND SPEAKS OF THIS LEGISLATURE'S HEARING THEIR CRY TO SAY LET'S ONCE AND FOR ALL AS A MATTER OF FACT MY NAME IS MADAM CHAIR IT ACTUALLY REPRESENTS WHAT GPA MENTIONED THAT THE GOOD SPEAKER WAS YOU KNOW WHEN IN THE QUESTIONING TO MR. COOPER-NURSE AND AND THE DOE STAFF THAT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT'S IN THE REPORT FOR FOR GPA AS THEY DID THAT THAT SURVEILLANCE AND THAT OPPORTUNITY TO YOU KNOW

GIVE THEM A A VIEW OF WHAT IT WOULD TAKE JUST FOR MAINTENANCE MADAM CHAIR JUST FOR MAINTENANCE RIGHT BUT MAN THAT'S A BIG START AND THAT'S A GREAT REPRESENTATION FROM THIS LEGISLATURE SO I WANT TO SAY THAT I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF THE GOOD SPEAKER AND I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU TO SENATOR DUEÑAS AND SENATOR CHRIS MALAFUNKSHUN BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OH YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IF I COULD JUST MAKE SURE EVERYBODY'S ON THE SAME PAGE WE'RE ON MY SECOND AMENDMENT WE PUT THE FIRST ONE ON HOLD SO WE'RE ON THE ONE PARAGRAPH AMENDMENT THAT ADDS TO THE BOTTOM OF SECTION 23 THE WORDS AND GROUNDS TO MEET SAFETY SANITATION AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES AND THE HIRING OF SKILLED WORKERS.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU FOR THAT INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MA'AM I ALSO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I THINK IT PROVIDES MORE DETAIL AS TO HOW AND WHAT THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CAN SPEND THIS MONEY ON AND I WOULD JUST COMMEND THE GOOD AUTHOR FOR THE HEADS UP THINKING MA'AM THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT ANYONE ELSE SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I I REALLY LIKE THE FACT THAT SHE TIED IT TO SANITATION SAFETY EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS YOU KNOW PARTICULARLY WITH THE THE TESTIMONY BY THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT HERE TONIGHT THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU KNOW IT'S ALIGNED WITH THE THE REGULATIONS ALSO I THINK IT'S YOU KNOW IN ONE OF THE HEARINGS DR. MARY OKADA MENTIONED THAT POTENTIALLY THEY CAN TRAIN SOME OF THE STUDENTS TO DO SOME OF THE MAINTENANCE WORK SO I REALLY APPRECIATE EXPANDING THE USE OF THE FUNDS FOR THOSE SO THAT THOSE THAT ARE USING THE FACILITIES CAN ALSO BE A PART OF THE THE SOLUTION THE OTHER THING I LIKE ABOUT REALLY LIKE ABOUT THIS AMENDMENT IS THE HIRING OF SKILLED WORKERS WE ALL THINK THAT IT HAS TO DO WITH FACILITY STAFF BUT I THINK IT ALSO CAN GO TOWARDS PROCUREMENT STAFF YOU KNOW DOE HAS A SHORTAGE OF PROCUREMENT PERSONNEL AT THE MOMENT AND I THINK IF WE CAN HIRE THE QUALIFIED VERY CRITICAL IN ADDITION TO HIRING MAINTENANCE WORKERS SO I THANK THE GOOD AUTHOR FOR THIS AMENDMENT *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'*.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* SENATOR PEREZ FOR THOSE EXCELLENT COMMENTS ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IF THERE'S NOBODY ELSE I THINK WELL ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS OR WAIT LET ME ALLOW THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENTS TO CLOSE PLEASE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WELL YES I'D LIKE TO CLOSE BECAUSE I'M HOPING THAT I I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE WERE TOLD THAT THE ARP FUNDS COVER CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS CERTAIN PROJECTS BUT NOT ALL PROJECTS SO THERE ARE OTHER THINGS SUCH AS GYMS PLAYGROUNDS SPORT FIELDS WALKWAY COVERINGS EXTERIOR SEWAGE PIPING FENCING AND OTHER THINGS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE CATEGORIES THAT THEY'RE CURRENTLY SETTING ASIDE FOR ARP SUCH AS ROOFING WALLS PLUMBING DOORS RESTROOMS ELECTRICAL THINGS LIKE THAT SO HOPEFULLY THIS WILL COVER THOSE OTHER REPAIRS THE OTHER THING IS OH AND EXTENDED TO THE GROUNDS SO THAT YEAH LIKE WE TALKED ABOUT THE FLOODING ON THE GROUNDS OF GW THAT THIS THIS WOULD HELP THEM TO TAKE CARE OF THAT AND NOT JUST THE BUILDINGS BECAUSE THE CHILDREN LITERALLY ARE IN FLOOD ZONES SO HOPEFULLY ALL OF THOSE THINGS AND AND SO I THINK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE SUPPORT ON THIS AMENDMENT PLEASE THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A LOOK ANY ANYONE OBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** MADAM CHAIR COULD I ALSO ADD TO ALLOW LEGAL TO MAKE THIS AS A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT IF MY OTHER AMENDMENT PASSES TO THE SECOND SECTION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING ON THAT AND WITH TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BEING MADE TO THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT SEEING NO OBJECTION AMENDMENT PASSES WE'RE MOVING ON NOW TO THE NEXT AMENDMENT I BELIEVE IS FROM SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR THE AMENDMENT I AM PROFFERING TO BILL NUMBER 32-37 IS THE AMENDMENT TO LINE FOR PAGE TWO TO ADD A NEW SECTION FOUR TO BILL NUMBER 32-37 COR TO READ SECTION 4 DATE ALL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUNDS UNDER THIS ACT MUST BE EXPENDED BY THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 FAILURE TO MEET THIS DEADLINE WILL RESULT IN THE FUNDS BEING AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED BACK INTO THE GENERAL FUND.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY THANK YOU WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK ON YOUR AMENDMENT OR JUST.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YES MA'AM I I APPRECIATE THE THE URGENCY WHICH THIS BODY IS MOVING AND SO THEN THE THE INTENT OF THIS AMENDMENT IS I SAT AT THE SAME ROUND TABLE SOME OF YOU FOLKS HAD HAD AND THERE WAS A THERE WAS TALK ABOUT HOW DURING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION WE THE LEGISLATURE I BELIEVE HAD YOU KNOW BUDGETED SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS TO I BELIEVE WAS EITHER PUBLIC HEALTH OR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FOODSTUFFS TO GET FOOD TO THE PEOPLE DURING THE EMERGENCY AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT REALLY DISTURBED ME ABOUT THAT WAS THIS EMERGENCY MONEY THAT WE ALLOCATED TO THEM THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO SPEND IN LIKE TWO YEAR AND I WOULD NOT WANT THIS KIND OF MONEY TO BE SITTING ON THE VINE UNSPENT AND IT'S ESPECIALLY UNFORGIVABLE TO SPEND ANY LOCAL FUNDS WHEN WE HAVE MORE THAN A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN UNSPENT ARP FUNDS SO I AM ABSOLUTELY IN SUPPORT OF MAKING SURE DOE HAS MORE MONEY BUT AT THE SAME TIME I WOULD LIKE TO USE A SIMILAR MECHANISM AS WHAT SENATOR BARNETT IS DOING WHERE WE GIVE THEM A DEADLINE SO WE COULD GET US SOME GIDDY UP IN THEIR STEP SO I IMPLOR MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT ME ON THIS I SUPPORT THIS INCREASE TO A DOE BUT I ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE SOME ACCOUNTABILITY AND GIDDY UP AND IN THE EVENT THAT THEY FAIL TO MAKE MEET THEIR DEADLINE AND THIS MONEY IS RETURNED TO THE GENERAL FUND I MYSELF AM COMMITTED TO USING THAT MONEY GOING BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND AS A FUNDING SOURCE FOR A CONTINUED APPROPRIATION THAT DOE THEMSELVES REQUESTED SO EVEN IF EVEN IF THE MONEY DOES GO BACK WE ARE IN VERY GOOD POSITION TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE IT AS A MORE PERMANENT FUNDING SOURCE RATHER THAN JUST AS A ONE-TIME LUMP SUM PAYMENT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR FOR THE TIME I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE SENATOR PARKINSON AMENDMENT WOULD ANYBODY LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATORS DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR AND I'M APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF THE MOVER OF THIS AMENDMENT HOWEVER AS YOU KNOW MADAM CHAIR IN THIS BODY MANY TIMES PARTICULARLY FOR CRITICAL AREAS WE DO CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND I THINK THAT THIS MONEY IS CRITICAL YOU KNOW IF YOU LOOK AT THE ARP FUNDS BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE ANOTHER AMENDMENT WHICH I THINK WOULD ACTUALLY COUNTER THIS AMENDMENT YOU KNOW IF YOU LOOK AT THE ARP FUNDS THEY HAVE UNTIL 2024 SEPTEMBER TO BE EXPENDED AND THE FACT IS IS THAT WE KNOW THAT THIS APPROPRIATION IS DESIGNED TO BE A HARMONY IN HARMONY WITH YOU KNOW THE THE APPROPRIATION OR THE THE ARP FUNDS THAT HAD YOU KNOW BEEN GENEROUSLY GIVEN TO GUAM MADAM CHAIR THIS IS ALSO A LOCAL APPROPRIATION THAT SHOULD NOT EXPIRE AND SO WE ARE NOT SURE YOU KNOW THAT THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT YOU KNOW SHOULD I'M NOT SURE AND I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD EXPIRE SO FOR THAT REASON MADAM CHAIR I WILL OBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS IS THERE ANYONE ELSE ON THE PARKINSON AMENDMENT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MA'AM.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** SORRY MA'AM I JUST WOULD I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THIS BECAUSE WE WE JUST HEARD TESTIMONY FROM GDOE ABOUT RISK OF THEM NOT BEING ABLE TO SPEND MONIES THAT HAVE A DEADLINE ATTACHED TO THEM AND I FELT LIKE THAT WAS WHY THESE MONIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND

WE'RE WORTH A LITTLE MORE BECAUSE THERE WASN'T THAT PRESSURE TO SPEND THEM SO I WOULD JUST ASK THE GOOD AUTHOR TO IF HE DOESN'T MIND TO EXPLAIN AGAIN.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** DO YOU WANT SENATOR PARKINSON TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU WOULD WANT THIS TO EXPIRE SO QUICKLY EVEN BEFORE THE ARP FUNDING EXPIRES.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YEAH YES MA'AM SURE I'D BE HAPPY TO EXPLAIN WHAT FOR ONE IT'S YOU KNOW WE TALK ABOUT THIS AS AN EMERGENCY AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT IF AN EMERGENCY I WOULD LIKE TO SPEND MY EMERGENCY MONEY IN THE SAME YEAR THAT I GOT IT AND IF I'M NOT HOW MUCH OF AN EMERGENCY IS IT REALLY AND THE REASON I LIKE THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE IT'S A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR US ONE IT ENCOURAGES THE GIDDY UP OF GDOE TO GET THIS MONEY SPENT BUT AT THE SAME TIME IF IT GOES BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND WE ARE IN A POSITION TO TAKE THAT SAME MONEY AND GIVE THEM THE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS THAT THEY REQUESTED WHILE HAVING A FUNDING SOURCE THAT WE KNOW IS UNTOUCHED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SENATOR BARNETT DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MA'AM THANK YOU I WOULD JUST COUNTER MA'AM THAT YOU KNOW A LOT OF TIMES WHEN MONEY GOES BACK INTO THE GENERAL FUND IT DISAPPEARS NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU YOU'RE WELCOME SENATOR BARNETT ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK UP OKAY SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I APPRECIATE THE MOVER OF THIS AMENDMENT'S INTENTION BECAUSE THAT WAS MY LEGISLATION THAT PROFFERED 5 MILLION IN FOOD AID THAT HAS STILL NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED AND EVERY TIME WE DID FOLLOW-UP HEARINGS THERE WAS A DIFFERENT REASON WHY THAT FOOD AID WAS NOT DISTRIBUTED YOU KNOW STEMMING FROM BBMR NOT DISTRIBUTING THE MONEY TO THEN PROCUREMENT ISSUES AND THE MOST RECENT THING I FOUND OUT AFTER HEARING FROM PUBLIC HEALTH THAT IT WAS AT THE AG'S IT WAS GOING IT WAS AWARDED NOW I'M BEING TOLD THEY'RE STARTING FROM SCRAP BECAUSE THE PROCUREMENT HAS TO BE REDONE SO BUT BUT FOR THESE FUNDS SO I UNDERSTAND WHY WE WANT TO PUT THE FIRE UNDER YOU KNOW THE AGENCIES TO ACT AND WE WANT TO I DON'T REALLY WANT TO GET THAT 5 MILLION BACK I STILL THINK THE FOOD IS NECESSARY SO BUT BUT MY ISSUE WITH THIS AMENDMENT IS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TERMS THAT INVOLVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS RIGHT SO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE NECESSARILY LONGER TERM MOST OF THEM RIGHT WE'RE FIXING ROOFS YOU CAN'T PAY THE WHOLE PROJECT UP FRONT YOU'RE GOING TO PAY IT PROBABLY SOME IN THE BEGINNING MAYBE SOME IN THE MIDDLE AND SOME IN THE END BUT THE THE AMEN THE AMENDMENT SAYS THAT THE FUNDS MUST ALL BE EXPENDED BY THE END OF FY 23 SO IN SIX MONTHS THE FUNDS MUST ALL BE EXPENDED BUT WHAT WE REALLY WANT IS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ENTER INTO THESE CONTRACTS ENCUMBER ALLOT THESE FUNDS FOR THESE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIKE THEY'RE DOING AND AND MAKE SURE THAT THESE PROJECTS BEGIN RIGHT JUST BEGIN AND HOPEFULLY IF THEY DO THEIR PROCUREMENT AND THEIR CONTRACTING CORRECTLY THEY WILL THEY WILL HAVE NATURAL ENDINGS TO THEM BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THEY WERE ALL NATURALLY AND I DON'T I'M SURE THE ROOF PROJECTS WILL END BY THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 WHICH IS IN SIX MONTHS I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THOSE TYPES OF THINGS AND SO BECAUSE WE'RE USING THE WORD EXPENDED I THINK THAT PUTS A REAL LIMIT ON THEM AS OPPOSED TO ENCUMBERED OR ALLOTTED OR ANY OTHER THING AND THE OTHER THING IS YOU KNOW SIMILARLY WITH THE ARP FUNDS THE AARP FUNDS WERE NOT FORCED TO BE USED IN SIX MONTHS THEY GAVE THEM A COUPLE YEARS BECAUSE THEY INTENDED THEM TO BE USED FOR BIG PROJECTS AND TO TO TO MAKE A PLAN PRIOR TO EXPENDING THOSE FUNDS AS BEST POSSIBLE SO I JUST DON'T WANT TO SEE AN AUTOMATIC TRANSFER BACK WHEN THEY CAN'T EXPEND THE FUNDS I THINK WE CAN FOLLOW UP AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE THEY'RE MAKING GOOD PLANS AND THEY'RE ALLOCATED AND ENCUMBERED THESE FUNDS AND THEN WE CAN DECIDE WHETHER WE WANT TO REPEAL THE APPROPRIATION BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT DOING IT OR NOT RIGHT BUT I THINK TO TELL THEM IN ADVANCE THEY THEY CAN'T EVEN PLAN LONG TERM THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS DOE HAS COMPLAINED ABOUT OVER THE YEARS IS WE CANNOT FIX A ROOF IF OUR FUNDS EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT PROJECT RIGHT OR SOMETHING SO THEY HAVE TO BE ABLE I THINK WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THESE TYPES OF PROJECTS TO TO TO JUST SIMPLY PLAN FOR A LONGER TERM SO SO I WOULDN'T SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 IS IN SIX MONTHS I DO EXPECT THEM TO ENCUMBER THESE MONTH THESE MONIES HAVE A PLAN FOR THEIR USE AND SHOW US HOW IT'S GOING TO SUPPLEMENT THE ARP FUNDS BUT I DON'T WANT TO CUT THEIR LEGS OFF JUST AS THEY'RE THEY'RE ROLLING THEM ALL OUT SO THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.



**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SPEAKER TERLAJE IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE PARKINSON AMENDMENT IF THERE IS NONE SENATOR PARKINSON WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** NO MA'AM I YIELD MY TIME TO CLOSE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY SO THERE HAS BEEN AN AMENDMENT I MEAN THERE HAS BEEN A AN OBJECTION TO THE PARKINSON AMENDMENT SO ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF SENATOR PARKINSON'S AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AMENDMENT FAILS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED ON YOUR NEXT AMENDMENT OR HAS THAT BEEN PULLED BACK.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** MADAM CHAIR I BELIEVE THAT WAS MY ONLY AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY WELL THANK YOU SO MUCH SENATOR PARKINSON SO AT THIS TIME WE THE IF THERE'S NO MORE OTHER AMENDMENTS ON THE FLOOR WHICH I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANYMORE SO.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** I APOLOGIZE I WAS MISTAKEN THERE WAS ANOTHER AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY SENATOR PARKINSON YEAH I THOUGHT YOU HAD TWO I HAD TWO IN MY HAND FOR YOU SO THIS IS ON LINE ONE PAGE TWO IS THAT THE OTHER AMENDMENT SIR.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YES MA'AM.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** I APOLOGIZE I THOUGHT THEY WERE PUT TOGETHER AND.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** I SEE NO PROBLEM SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON YOUR SECOND AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** FOR MY SECOND AMENDMENT FOR BILL NUMBER 32-37 COR IT IS AMENDMENT TO LINE ONE PAGE TWO TO ADD THE NEW SECTION THREE TO BILL NUMBER 32-37 TO READ SECTION THREE EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATIONS THE SUM OF 30 MILLION DOLLARS SHALL ONLY BE USED AFTER ANY AND ALL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED AND THIS IS JUST KIND OF TYING INTO MY LAST AMENDMENT IS YOU KNOW I WANTED TO GET SOME GIDDY UP IN THE STEP OF GDOE AND ONE OF THE THINGS I HAD ASKED THEM ABOUT DURING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WAS HOW MUCH MONEY THEY HAD AVAILABLE AND THEY ARE SITTING ON A DRAGON'S HORDE OF A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR RIGHT NOW 103 MILLION DOLLARS I BELIEVE IS WHAT IT WAS AND SO I AM A BIG FAN OF EDUCATION I AM PUBLIC SCHOOLS MY ENTIRE LIFE J.Q. SAN MIGUEL JOSE RIOS GW SO I SUPPORT THE SCHOOLS GETTING THIS MONEY BUT AT THE SAME TOKEN IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE OF US TO START EXPENDING LOCAL FUNDS WHEN WE STILL HAVE FEDERAL DOLLARS AVAILABLE TO US SO THIS AMENDMENT IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP THAT FIRE UNDER GDOE AND TELL THEM THAT WE WILL GIVE YOU THIS MONEY BUT YOU GOT TO MAKE SURE YOU MIND YOUR P'S AND Q'S AND SPEND ALL OF THE FEDERAL DOLLARS YOU ALREADY HAVE LEFT IT IS UNACCEPTABLE IF ANY OF THAT FEDERAL DOLLARS GETS SENT BACK AND WE FIND OURSELVES HAVING TO SPEND LOCAL DOLLARS BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T YOU KNOW DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT INCENTIVE AND LEVERAGE TO MOTIVATE THEM IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE SECOND AMENDMENT FROM SENATOR PARKINSON WOULD ANYBODY LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** I'M I'M JUST CURIOUS MADAM MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES YES SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** HIS SECOND AMENDMENT IS ABOUT THE 30 MILLION BUT I KNOW WHEN I WALKED OUT TO TRY TO GET THE NUMBERS WE'RE AT THE 20 MILLION SO WHICH ONE ARE WE I MEAN I HATE TO HEAR HIS AMENDMENT WHEN WE STILL NEED TO SETTLE THE 20 MILLION BECAUSE IT WILL ADJUST THE 30 TO 20 THEN MAYBE HIS AMENDMENT WILL CHANGE FROM 30 IT WILL SAY 20 THAT'S SOMETHING TO CONSIDER.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YEAH YES MADAM CHAIR I'M IN THE SAME SITUATION AS SPEAKER TERLAJE IF THIS AMENDMENT WERE TO PASS IT WOULD REQUIRE TECHNICAL CORRECTION FROM 30 TO 20 MILLION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY IF THE AMENDMENT SHOULD PASS THERE WILL BE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION BEING MADE TO ADJUST THE AMENDMENT FROM 30 TO 20 MILLION FOR AN ADJUSTMENT AND WHAT THE

AMENDMENT DOES IT BASICALLY DOESN'T ALLOW G DDOE TO UTILIZE ANY OF THIS FUNDS UNTIL THEY SPEND ALL THE FEDERAL FUNDING SO ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK THANK YOU MA'AM JUST WITHOUT DUE RESPECT I WOULD ONLY AGAIN LIKE TO REITERATE WHAT I HAD STATED ON THE RECORD IN SPEAKING WITH THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT JUDI WON PAT WHO HAD INFORMED ME THAT THEY WANTED TO BE ALLOWED TO USE THIS MONEY THIS 30 MILLION DOLLARS IN GENERAL FUND REVENUES FOR FACILITIES TO SET ASIDE FROM ARP BECAUSE THE ARP IS LIMITED AND THEY WERE REQUESTING TO BE ABLE TO USE THIS GENERAL FUND MONEY TO HELP WITH AREAS NOT INCLUDED IN CIP LIKE GYMS PLAYGROUNDS SPORTS FIELDS WALKWAY COVERINGS EXTERIOR SEWAGE PIPING FENCING ETC THESE PROJECTS ARE NOT PART OF THE ARP MONIES AND SO I WOULD JUST AGAIN IN JUST MY DEFENSE OF EDUCATION STATE THAT I'M NOT SURE IF THESE PROJECTS WOULD BE ABLE TO WAIT UNTIL ANY AND ALL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED AND BECAUSE THE DEADLINE FOR THAT IS THE END OF NEXT YEAR AND SO IF WE'RE GOING TO PUT A TIMELINE ON THESE THESE THESE GENERAL FUND MONIES AND SAY THAT THEY CAN'T BE SPENT UNTIL ALL THE FEDERAL FUNDS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED THEN AGAIN I WOULD JUST WANT TO STATE MY CONCERN ON THE RECORD THAT WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET TO OBJECT YEAH YEAH MY OBJECTION ON THE RECORD THAT WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET TO A LOT OF THESE PROJECTS THAT THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT HAS YOU KNOW TOLD ME THAT THEY WANT TO BE ABLE TO GET TO AT THE SAME TIME THAT THEY'RE USING THE ARP FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE CIP PROJECTS MA'AM THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT THERE HAS BEEN AN OBJECTION WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO MOVE ON WITH THIS AMENDMENT FOR ANY OF THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS AMENDMENT IF THERE IS NO OTHER ONE LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS AMENDMENT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE OR YOU YIELD YOUR TIME SENATOR PARKINSON.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** NO I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ONE LIKE I I I TAKE SUPERINTENDENT JUDI WON PAT'S POINT ABOUT WANTING TO USE SOME OF THESE LOCAL FUNDS FOR PROJECTS IMMEDIATELY I DO BUT AT THE SAME TIME MADAM CHAIR 103 MILLION DOLLARS THEY HAVE RIGHT NOW AND IT JUST SEEMS IRRESPONSIBLE TO BEGIN SPENDING LOCAL FUNDS WHEN THAT HAS NOT BEEN EXPENDED AND THE POSSIBILITY OF THEM HAVING TO RETURN THOSE FUNDS I UNDERSTAND WHAT SENATOR BARNETT AND OTHERS IN THIS BODY HAS SAID ABOUT PUTTING A TIME LIMIT ON THE FISCAL YEAR I I POINT WELL TAKEN HOWEVER THIS DOES NOT PUT A TIMELINE ON DOE AT ALL IT JUST PUTS AN ORDER IT JUST SAYS SPEND EVERYTHING ELSE FIRST AND SO YOU KNOW I DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE POSITION WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE CALLING IN DOE AND HAVING A PUBLIC HEARING SAYING WHY'D YOU GUYS GIVE BACK 60 MILLION DOLLARS AND SPEND 30 MILLION OR 20 MILLION DOLLARS LOCALLY WHEN YOU COULD HAVE SPENT THE ARP MONEY THAT YOU GAVE BACK AND SO YOU KNOW TO SPEAKER TERLAJE'S POINT YOU KNOW SURE WE COULD CALL THESE PEOPLE BACK FOR THE OVERSIGHT IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THEY SPENT IT BUT I I RECOGNIZE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS A BIG SHIP AND SOMETIMES IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO TURN THE SHIP AND THE BEST THING TO DO IS TO PUT IN THE PROPER INCENTIVES NOW SO WE GET THE BEHAVIOR WE DESIRE AND THE BEHAVIOR I DESIRE IS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL THESE FEDERAL FUNDS EXPENDED BEFORE WE SPEND A PENNY OF LOCAL DOLLARS BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THAT'S FOR THAT'S WHAT THAT MONEY IT WAS INTENDED TO AND SO IT'S LIKE IT'S LIKE IT'S LIKE WE WON THE LOTTERY HERE BUT WE STILL WANT TO KEEP OUR DAY JOB AND YOU KNOW PAY ALL OF OUR BILLS WITH LOCAL FUNDS WHEN YOU HAVE THIS HUGE WINDFALL SO IT JUST SEEMS LIKE A COMPLETE WASTE AND A MISSED OPPORTUNITY A LOST OPPORTUNITY COST TO BE USING LOCAL FUNDS WHEN WE HAVE 103 MILLION DOLLARS I YIELD MY TIME MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MA'AM I'M SORRY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I I JUST BECAUSE I I WASN'T.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** WAIT SENATOR BARNETT IF YOU.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I'M SORRY MA'AM I JUST WANTED TO BECAUSE I DIDN'T DO IT RIGHT OF.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SENATOR BARNETT POINT OF INFORMATION OKAY YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** POINT OF INFORMATION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY YOU'RE RECOGNIZED SENATOR BARNETT OKAY.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I'M SO SORRY I REALLY DON'T WANT TO BE RUDE BUT I JUST WASN'T SURE IF MY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT WAS PROPERLY STATED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY YES IT WAS PROPERLY STATED I ENTERED IT I HEARD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR FOR ANY RIGHT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** OKAY JUST MAKING SURE AGAIN BECAUSE I OBJECTED TO IT BECAUSE OF WHAT THE SUP OKAY SO THANK YOU MA'AM SORRY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** ABSOLUTELY HEARD YOU WITH THAT OBJECTION SO NOW WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ON THIS AMENDMENT THERE WAS AN OBJECTION AND IT IS ON THE PARKINSON AMENDMENT WITH TECHNICAL CHANGES WHEN NEEDED OKAY SO ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE PARKINSON AMENDMENT THE SECOND HIS SECOND AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AMENDMENT FAILS OKAY WE I THINK WE'VE EXHAUSTED ALL THOSE AMENDMENTS HOWEVER WE HAD SET ASIDE SPEAKER TERLAJE'S AMENDMENT I BELIEVE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN HAS SOME INFORMATION SO I'LL ALLOW YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN RECOGNIZE YOU PLEASE.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR OF THE 20 MILLION THAT THE SPEAKER INTRODUCED YOU WOULD ALL FIND IN YOUR GOOGLE DRIVE THE THE FORMAT ALL RIGHT PLEASE PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR GOOGLE DRIVE YOU'LL FIND AND SO I CAN MAKE SURE EVERYBODY KNOWS WHERE WHERE WE'RE AT IF YOU LOOK ON THE FIRST PAGE YOU WILL FIND UNDER E DEPARTMENT CHANGES THE TWO PERCENT RAINY FUND WILL INCREASE BY 400 THOUSAND AND THEN YOU'LL FIND ON ON THE LAST PAGE THE PHARMACEUTICALS WILL GO UP BY 9 50 7 44 WHICH GIVES YOU A TOTAL OF OUT OF THE 20 MILLION BECOMES 21 MILLION 358 877 OKAY THAT'S THE INFORMATION I JUST PROVIDING THE INFORMATION IF MY NUMBERS ARE ALL THEN MAYBE BY ONLY A COUPLE HUNDRED THOUSAND BUT IT SHOULD BE PRETTY ACCURATE THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY SENATOR THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE THAT INFORMATION AND FOR YOUR STAFF PUTTING IT TOGETHER I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SPEAKER TERLAJE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YEAH I PUT IN LIGHT OF THAT AMEND MY AMENDMENT AGAIN THIS IS THE TWO PARAGRAPH AMENDMENT SECTIONS FOUR AND SECTION FIVE OF THE BILL ADDING A NEW SECTION FIVE AND I WOULD ALSO ADD THAT THAT LEGAL WORK WITH OFB TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO TO THE OTHER PARTS OF THE BILL INCLUDING THE PHARMACEUTICAL FUND THE RAINY DAY FUND AND AND THE OTHER AMOUNTS.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** MADAM MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** I WOULD RECOMMEND IT BECAUSE THIS IS PROVIDING THE GOOGLE DRIVE IF THE SPEAKER LIKE JUST ATTACH THIS AND MAKE THIS BE THE ATTACHMENT TO HER HER AMENDMENT AND THEN IT BECOMES IT MAKES IT WHOLE AND IT'S PAUSE PLEASE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY SO WE'RE GOING TO WELL ACTUALLY WE CAN JUST SIMPLIFY IT AND JUST IF NOBODY HAS ANY OBJECTIONS TO ATTACH THIS DOCUMENT TO THE AMENDMENT TO CLARIFY OR YOU KNOW LET'S SIMPLIFY IT LET'S JUST TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS START THE CLOCK ONE MINUTE AND WE ARE GOING TO SEE HOW WE'RE GOING TO ACCEPT THIS AMENDMENT WITH ANY CHANGES TO IT OKAY SO WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS.

**RECESS**

**NOTE SENATOR TAITAGUE PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS BACK IN ORDER SENATOR OUR SPEAKER SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED PLEASE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR OF OFB AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOR POINTING OUT AND CALCULATING THE CHANGES THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY IF THE 30 MILLION IS AMENDED AS I'M PROFFERING TO 20 MILLION FOR FY23 AND SO THE CORRESPONDING AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED IN THE BILL THEY HAVE CALCULATED AND THEY ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH OFB AND THE LEGAL TO TO ENSURE THAT THAT THE BILL IS CORRECTED TECHNICALLY IF THIS PASSES SO I WOULD I WOULD ADD THAT AS THAT IN ADDITION TO AS WRITTEN HERE THAT OFB AND LEGAL BE ALLOWED TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRESPONDING CHANGES TO THE NUMBERS IN THE BILL.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY SO I'M JUST GOING TO CALL IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT CHANGE OR THAT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BEING MADE BY OFB AND LEGAL THERE'S NO OBJECTION OKAY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SO ON SPEAKER ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** ITSELF IT'S ALREADY PASSED ARE YOU GOOD.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** NO NO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** NOW THEY'RE GOING TO SPEAK ON THIS YEAH YEAH.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY SO SPEAKER TERLAJE WE'RE ON THE MAIN MENU I MEAN ON THE MAIN AMENDMENT OKAY SO DOES ANYBODY WANT TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN AMENDMENT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** JSSA HE HAD THE FLOOR

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** AS AMENDED OKAY *HÁYI*.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** JSA.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OKAY GO AHEAD.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY I'LL WAIT TILL OKAY SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN IS IS WE'LL WAIT FOR HIM TO COME BACK SO I'LL JUST MOVE ON IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED SENATOR PARKINSON YOU RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK UP IN FAVOR OF THIS AMENDMENT AND REALLY I JUST WANT TO COMMEND THIS BODY AS A WHOLE AND THE AND THE SPEAKER FOR PROFFERING THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED WHERE I'M SITTING THIS IS THE FIRST HONEST TO GOD COMPROMISE THIS BODY HAS HAD I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE BY AMENDING THE AMOUNT DOWN TO 20 MILLION I BELIEVE THAT WILL ALLOW US TO ACHIEVE BOTH GOALS OF PROVIDING FOR THE SCHOOLS AND HELPING THEM WITH THEIR HUMAN CAPITAL NEEDS BY ALLOWING FUNDING FOR THE GPP PLAN TO BE AVAILABLE AS AN ALTERNATE SOURCE AND SO AGAIN THIS IS PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME THIS BODY HAS HAD A REAL HONEST TO GOD COMPROMISE AND I THANK SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE FOR PROFFERING THIS AMENDMENT AND ALLOWING FOR BOTH SOLUTIONS TO BE SOMETHING THAT COULD BE DONE YOU KNOW I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY BUT I JUST WANTED TO SAY I'M PROUD OF ALL OF US SO CONGRATS ON OUR FIRST HONEST TO GOD COMPROMISE LET'S GET THE TEACHER PAID LET'S GET THE SCHOOLS FIXED AND LET'S ALL KUMBAYA TOGETHER I YIELD MY TIME THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU JUST I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK JUST FOR CLARITY'S SAKE I MEAN IT DOES LOOK PRETTY SIMPLE TO UNDERSTAND BUT YOU KNOW I I HAVE A PROBLEM DEPARTING FROM THE 30 MILLION SO I WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE INTENT OF OF THIS BODY IN THIS MEASURE IS PRESERVED BECAUSE I DO SEE 20 MILLION BUT IF THE AUTHOR COULD JUST PLEASE CLARIFY WE'RE STILL GIVING THE 30 MILLION RIGHT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SPEAKER TERLAJE DO YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES SO THE TOTAL IS STILL 30 MILLION THE FUNDING SOURCES ARE DIFFERENT SO WE SPLIT THE 20 AND THE 10 BUT THEY SHOULD STILL RECEIVE 30 MILLION THEY SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO USE ALL OF THAT 30 MILLION TO PREPARE THE SCHOOLS FOR OPENING.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU IN THAT CASE MA'AM I I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT AND I ALSO DO RECOGNIZE THAT AT THE ONSET OF THIS EMERGENCY SESSION I KNOW THERE WAS A LOT OF OUTSIDE INFLUENCE AND PRESSURE BUT BUT I HAVE MAINTAINED THAT WE FELT THAT YOU KNOW THROUGH HARD WORK AND COLLABORATION WE WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH BOTH OF THE VERY IMPORTANT GOALS THAT ARE THAT ARE BEFORE THIS BODY ON ON DIFFERENT PLATES MA'AM SO I AGAIN STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BARNETT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE TERLAJE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR SINCE WE'RE ALL *KUMBAYAING* I SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* SENATOR SAN NICOLAS IF THERE'S NO ONE ELSE SENATOR SPEAKER TERLAJE WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** JUST TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT I REALLY MUCH APPRECIATE THAT AND YES AND WE ARE VERY URGENT IN OUR YOU KNOW TRYING TO GET THIS MONEY TO DOE I REALLY DO BELIEVE DO WE HAS MADE HUGE PROGRESS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS THAT WE HAVEN'T SEEN IN SOME OF THE LAST FEW YEARS AND I DON'T WANT TO STOP THAT MOMENTUM I WANT THEM TO USE IT AND GO ALL THE WAY TOGETHER WITH THE COMPLAINTS BY THE PARENTS THE TEACHERS IMPROVE THESE CONDITIONS AND AND REALLY DO OUR BEST WITH THIS PERFECT STORM THAT WE HAVE IN FEDERAL FUNDS AND LOCAL FUNDS THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SPEAKER TERLAJE SO IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE SPEAKER TERLAJE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED NO OBJECTION AMENDMENT PASSES COLLEAGUES WE HAVE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** MADAM CHAIR MAY I JUST ADD THAT IS SURE THE TECHNICAL CHANGES ALSO BE SO OUR PREVIOUS AMENDMENT THAT YOU KNOW FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS ALSO BE ADDED TO THIS NEW SECTION FIVE THAT WE JUST PASSED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THAT SEEING NO OBJECTIONS SO ORDERED COLLEAGUES WE HAVE EXHAUSTED OUR THE AMENDMENTS AND FULFILLED OUR THREE ROUNDS SO WE ARE GOING TO RECESS FOR RISE OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** ALL RISE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** TO NINE O'CLOCK THIS EVENING TO COME BACK.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** MADAM CHAIR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SO THAT WE CAN ENGROSS THE BILL AND VOTE THIS EVENING ON THE BILL 8:30 I'M SORRY EIGHT THIRTY.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** MADAM CHAIR MADAM CHAIR POINT OF INFORMATION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SURE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** PLEASE ASK THE AUTHOR TO OH ASK THE CHAIR THAT WE RISE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE LET IT BE SENT TO THE THIRD READING FILES SO THAT WHEN WE COME BACK YOU IMMEDIATELY YOU CAN MAKE THE MOTION SO YOU CAN GO TO THE VOTING FILE OTHERWISE WHATEVER WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW IT'S IT DOESN'T MOVE ANYWHERE THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SURE THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MA'AM POINT OF INQUIRY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I'M SORRY BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY NAME AS A CO-SPONSOR TO THIS BILL IS DO I DO THIS NOW OR LATER.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THE THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION CAN MAKE THAT AMENDMENT ACTUALLY.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** OH THANK YOU.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** IF THERE'S ANYONE ELSE THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT YOU KNOW WHAT BEFORE WE RISE OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ALLOW THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION ACTUALLY I APOLOGIZE SENATOR DUEÑAS THIS IS MY FIRST TIME BEING A CHAIR UP HERE SO I I HOPE I WAS FAST ENOUGH FOR ALL YOU GUYS NOT FALLING ASLEEP BACK THERE BUT SO SENATOR DUEÑAS PLEASE CLOSE ON YOUR MEASURE AND THEN WE CAN RISE OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND OUR PLAN IS TO COME BACK AT 8:30 THIS EVENING TO VOTE ON THE BILL OKAY THANK YOU.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** MADAM CHAIR DUE TO THE TIME I WOULD NORMALLY HAVE SOME EXTENTIOUS COMMENTS BUT I WILL NOT DO THAT BECAUSE WE'LL BE COMING BACK TO VOTE MADAM CHAIR BUT IT'S BEEN A TRULY

BEEN AN HONOR TO HAVE WORKED ON THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND AT THIS POINT IN TIME BECAUSE I GOT TO GET HOME AND FEED MY DOG I'LL JUST GET THROUGH THIS REALLY QUICKLY AT THIS POINT IN TIME MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD FIRST LIKE MADAM CHAIR I'D LIKE TO ADD CO-SPONSORS AND SO BECAUSE SENATOR LUJAN ASKED ME FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO PUT SENATOR LUJAN AS THE FIRST CO CO-SPONSOR AND SENATOR BARNETT IT DAYS AGO I'M SORRY ABOUT SENATOR BARNETT BUT YOU WILL BE

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YOU KNOW WHAT I THOUGHT ABOUT ASKING YOU IF THAT'S WORTH ANYTHING I FIGHT EVIL

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** THE THE THIRD CO-SPONSOR AND ALL MY REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES DID ASK ME AND I'M I'M GONNA PUT THE ENTIRE BODY BUT I'M GOING TO START WITH AFTER SENATOR BARNETT IT'LL BE SENATOR FRANK BLAS, JR. AS WELL AS SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE SENATOR JOANNE BROWN SENATOR TOM FISHER AND THEN OF COURSE SPEAKER TERLAJE AND SABINA PEREZ AND AND THEN ALL OF THE REST OF THE BODY OKAY AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN WHO HAS WISHED TO NOT BE A CO-SPONSOR OKAY YOU KNOW WHAT MADAM SPEAKER I I MY NAME CHAIR I WILL I WILL JUST THEN GO WITH THE INDIVIDUALS THAT I HAD IDENTIFIED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY THAT SOUNDS GOOD.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** AND THEN MADAM CHAIR AT THIS POINT IN TIME I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT WE RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** WAIT FIRST ON THE MOTION TO ADD THOSE AS CO-SPONSORS ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS SO ORDERED.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** MADAM CHAIR AT THIS TIME AFTER HAVING CLOSED ON THE BILL AND ACCEPTED THE AMENDMENTS AND THE BILL HAVING BEEN AMENDED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME TO SAY WE WOULD LIKE TO RISE WITH ALL THE AMENDMENTS INTACT AND EVERYTHING THAT WE DID IN COMMITTEE HALL ON BILL 32-37 AND THEN OF COURSE I WILL BE PROFERING TO PUT IT DOWN TO THE VOTING FILE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO DO PASS.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** TO DO PASS OKAY WE ARE GOING TO RISE OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND RETURN BACK AT 8 30 TO VOTE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** CAN WE DO 9.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** 8:30 TO VOTE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** VOTING WE HAVE TO VOTE ON THAT MOTION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YEAH.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YEAH OH WELL LET ME GO AHEAD AND DO THE VOTING ON THE TO RISE OUT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS TO RISE OF THE COMMITTEE OUT OF THE WHOLE SO ORDERED AND WE WILL RETURN AT 8:30 TO VOTE.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** WE HAVE TO PUT IT DOWN FIRST THOUGH SO LET THE SPEAKER GO UP.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** NEVER MIND NEVER MIND OKAY THANK YOU WE'RE GOING TO RISE OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

**NOTE ROSE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* WE ARE ON ITEM 18 CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE THE FOLDERS HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES PLEASE RAISE THEM WITH THE COUNSEL WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH BILL NUMBER 29-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**CLERKS:** BILL NUMBER 29-37 COR AS SUBSTITUTED

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I'M I'M SORRY CLERKS HOLD HOLD ON SENATOR PEREZ.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WOULD LIKE THE THE LEGAL COUNSEL TO LOOK AT THE ENGROSSED BILL FOR ACCURACY AND IF IF THERE'S ANY CHANGES THAT ARE NEEDED IF IT COULD BE PASSED OUT AND MAYBE CALL FOR A RECESS I LIKE TO CALL FOR A RECESS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THIS BILL 29.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES YES.

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

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS AGAIN WE'RE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE THIRD READING FOUL AND BILL NUMBER 29-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**CLERKS STAFF:** BILL NUMBER 29-37 COR AS SUBSTITUTED AND AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY CHRIS BARNETT SABINA FLORES PEREZ THERESE M. TERLAJE ROY A.B. QUINATA WILLIAM A. PARKINSON CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS TELO T. TAITAGUE FRANK BLAS, JR. THOMAS J. FISHER JOANNE BROWN JESSE A. LUJAN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES JOE S. SAN AUGUSTINE AMANDA L. SHELTON DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS AN ACT TO RENUMBER AND AMEND SECTION 4721 ENTITLED VARIANTS AND TO ADD A NEW SUBJECT SUBSECTION B TO SECTION 4719 ALL OF DIVISION ONE ARTICLE 7 CHAPTER 4 TITLE 26 OF GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO UPDATING SANITATION REGULATIONS TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT AYE SENATOR BLAS AYE SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** MAJORITY LEADERS SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO EXCUSE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE

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

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES EXCUSED SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN AYE SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ.

**SENATOR TERLAJE:** I'M SORRY WE'RE VOTING SENATOR PARKINSON

**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 29-37 RECEIVED 14 AYES AND ONE EXCUSED BILL NUMBER 14 I MEAN SORRY BILL NUMBER 29-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THE BODY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED BILL NUMBER 46-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**CLERKS:** BILL NUMBER 46-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY SABINA FLORES PEREZ CHRIS BARNETT TELO T. TAITAGUE THOMAS J. FISHER CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN DWYANE T.D. SAN NICOLAS FRANK BLAS, JR. JOANNE BROWN JESSE A. LUJAN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES WILLIAM A. PARKINSON ROY A.B. QUINATA AMANDA L. SHELTON THERESE M. TERLAJE AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 5425.2 TO PART A OF ARTICLE 9 CHAPTER 5 OF TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO PROVIDING TEMPORARY EXPERT EXPEDITED PROCUREMENT PROTEST PROCEDURES FOR ACQUISITIONS FUNDED WITH AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND OR HEAD START GRANT MONIES ALLOTTED TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT AYE SENATOR BLAS AYE SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES EXCUSED SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN 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 46-37 COR RECEIVED 14 AYES AND ONE EXCUSED BILL NUMBER 46-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THE BODY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 32-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**CLERKS:** BILL NUMBER 32-37 COR AS AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE INTRODUCED BY CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS JESSE A. LUJAN CHRIS BARNETT FRANK BLAS, JR. TELO T. TAITAGUE JOANNE BROWN THOMAS J. FISHER THERESE M. TERLAJE SABINA FLORES PEREZ AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE 30 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT AYE SENATOR BLAS AYE SENATOR BROWN AYE SENATOR DUEÑAS AYE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES EXCUSED SENATOR FISHER AYE SENATOR LUJAN 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 32-37 RECEIVED 14 AYES AND ONE EXCUSED BILL NUMBER 32-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY ALL RIGHT THERE WE HAVE EXHAUSTED OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE WE ARE NOW WE'RE NOW IN BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS EACH SENATOR HAS FIVE MINUTES SENATOR BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR GIVING US GIVE ME THIS OPPORTUNITY YOU KNOW WE LEARNED A LOT IN THIS EMERGENCY SESSION AND I THINK ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WE LEARNED IN THIS EMERGENCY SESSION IS THROUGH COMPROMISING AND THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS WITH EACH OTHER WE'RE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER TO BE ABLE TO RESOLVE ISSUES THAT COME TO US IN AN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCE AND THAT'S THE JOB OF OUR OF WHAT WE DO HERE AND A LOT OF TIMES WHILE THE CAMERAS ARE ON OR EVEN THE CAMERAS ARE OFF PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT PEOPLE WILL SEE YOU KNOW THE KIND OF THE CONVERSATIONS THAT OCCUR THE CONCERNS THAT ARE RAISED AND SO IT'S VERY EASY FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO THINK ONE WAY OR ANOTHER BEFORE I GET INTO WHAT I REALLY WANT TO TALK ABOUT LET ME JUST TALK ABOUT WHAT WE JUST WENT THROUGH WE WENT TO AN EMERGENCY SESSION BECAUSE YOU KNOW AND THE GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE ISLAND ADDRESS SHE SAID THAT THE PROBLEMS WITH GDOE WERE SO SQUARELY ON OUR ON OUR LAPS AND IT'S UP TO THIS BODY TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THAT IT'S KIND OF INTERESTING BECAUSE YOU KNOW JUST ABOUT OVER A LITTLE BIT OVER A YEAR AGO WHEN SHE UNILATERALLY JUST MADE THE DECISION TO GO AHEAD AND



USE MONIES INTENDED FOR THE SAFE HEALTH AND SAFETY AND THE WELFARE OF OUR CHILDREN WHICH ACTUALLY THEN HAD TO BE REPLACED BY MORE MONEY THAT WENT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE CHILDREN SHE WENT AHEAD AND MADE THE DECISION TO PROVIDE PAY RAISES WITHOUT OUR PARTICIPATION WHEN AT THE SAME TIME WHEN SHE WOULD WHEN SHE TOLD DOE TO TAKE THAT MONEY TO BE ABLE TO USE THAT TOWARDS THE PAY RAISES THERE WERE 87 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE GENERAL EXCESS FUND THAT COULD HAVE BEEN UTILIZED HAD SHE JUST COME TO THIS BODY AND ASKED FOR THAT HELP AND YET WE COME IN HERE AND IN THE MIDST OF TAKING CARE OF TRYING TO DO WITH EMERGENCY WE ALSO HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER MEASURE THAT IS GOING THAT IS GOING TO NEED EQUALLY AMOUNT OF THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE IT FROM THE BACKS OF OUR PEOPLE FROM THE TAXPAYERS FROM THE EXCESS FUNDS THAT WE SHOULD BE RETURNING BACK TO THE PEOPLE WHILE SHE STILL HAD MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN ARP WOW THEN IT GETS WORSE THAN IN THE ATTEMPT TO BE ABLE TO DERAILED US TO DISENFRANCHISE US TO RIDICULE US TO ACCUSE US OF NOT WANTING TO TAKE CARE OF THE P OF OF THE PRIORITIES OF OUR PEOPLE THERE'S THIS THING CALLED BLACK OPS IN POLITICS THAT DOESN'T HAVE A PLACE HERE I FOR ONE I'M LOYAL TO THIS INSTITUTION AND LOYAL TO THE COLLEAGUES THAT I SERVE WITH I WILL STAND WHETHER YOU ARE REPUBLICAN OR A DEMOCRAT IF A PERSON IS GOING TO ACCUSE YOU AND IT'S GOING TO USE LIES AGAINST YOU I'M GOING TO STAND WITH YOU TO DEFEND YOU BUT MORE NOW AS A LEADER OF A CAUCUS AND YOU'RE GOING TO ATTACK ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES AND YOU'RE GOING TO THINK YOU'RE GOING TO GET AWAY WITH IT I WANT TO TELL THAT PERSON OR PERSONS WHO ARE INVOLVED WE WERE WORKING TOWARDS RESOLVING ISSUES THAT SEEM TO BE IN THE PUBLIC THAT IT COULD NOT BE RESOLVED MY *PARI MY PRIMO* AND I WOULD HAVE CONSTANT SMOKE BREAKS SO THAT WE CAN COME TO A COMPROMISE COMPROMISE IT'S THE ART OF POLITICS IT'S POLITICS IT'S COMPROMISE BUT SOMETIMES YOU DON'T SEE THIS AND SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE GOING TO TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER AND I WANT TO WANT TO SPREAD LIES AND IT WAS LIES THAT DIRECTLY AFFECTED MY HOUSEHOLD BECAUSE MY WIFE'S A TEACHER AND YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME THAT MY COLLEAGUE IS GOING TO DO THIS TO THE TEACHERS AND I'M GOING TO STAND WITH NO AND THEN YOU'RE GOING TO ACCUSE FURTHER ACCUSED THAT SOMEONE IN THIS BODY CONSPIRED TO BE ABLE TO GET THIS DONE YOU KNEW THAT THIS PERSON WORKS FOR YOU YOU KNEW THAT THIS PERSON DOES THESE THINGS YOU DID NOTHING TO STOP THIS PERSON WHAT YOU WHAT YOU'VE DONE NOW IS YOU'VE MADE IT DIFFICULT TO BE ABLE TO DO OUR JOBS BECAUSE OF TRUST I WOULD THINK AND I WOULD DEMAND THAT THERE'S INDIVIDUAL THAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR IT THAT YOU FIRE THE GUY YOU DON'T LET HIM RESIGN YOU FIRE HIM AND YOU PUBLICLY MAKE IT KNOWN WHY YOU'RE FIRING HIM DO NOT ACCUSE ONE OF OUR MEMBERS IN HERE FOR SIMPLY DOING THEIR JOBS WHETHER IT BE A REPUBLICAN OR A DEMOCRAT I CAN SEE IT BLINKING RED DON'T WORRY BUT I'M VERY RED THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY BY THE PEOPLE TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE AND TO DEFEND THE PEOPLE AND SPEAK FOR THE PEOPLE AND IF YOU DECIDE THAT YOU WANT TO GO AGAINST THIS YOU BETTER HAVE YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT AND DO NOT USE OUR OWN INSTRUMENTS TO FURTHER YOUR MALICIOUS AND STUPID ACT THIS IS OUR HOUSE AND I'M ONE THAT'S GOING TO DEFEND IT THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR BLAS SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZE ON EXTENSION OF REMARKS.

**SENATOR DUENAS** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I WASN'T ONLY PROUD TO VOTE FOR ALL OF MY REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES IN THE LAST ELECTION BUT I WAS PROUD TO VOTE FOR SENATOR BLAS IN MY CAUCUS TO BE OUR LEADER IT'S WHAT HE JUST DEMONSTRATED AND WHAT HE DEMONSTRATED TO ME WAS LEADERSHIP MADAM SPEAKER HE WAS THE FIRST ONE TO COME TO ME OUTRAGED AND HELD UP HIS PHONE AND SAID *PARI* THIS IS WHAT'S BEING CIRCULATED ABOUT YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE ANGER EMOTIONS LEFT I'VE PROCESSED THIS I'M NOT A VICTIM AND I'M NOT GOING TO STAND HERE AND MAKE A VICTIM'S SPEECH BUT I'M HURT AND I'M HURT FOR A REASON THAT'S VERY PERSONAL TO ME YOU KNOW I'VE NEVER GONE OUT ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL AND I'VE NEVER YOU KNOW BRAGGED ABOUT WHAT MY FAMILY DOES I TELL A PERSON HERE OR THERE NOT EVEN TELL MY FAMILY YOU KNOW I KNOW THIS IS A TOUGH BUSINESS I KNOW SOMETIMES YOU KNOW YOU MAY GET A TEXT OR A CALL THAT YOU KNOW YOUR BROTHER'S DOING SOMETHING GREAT THEN YOU MIGHT GET A CALL OR TEXT THAT WHAT THE HELL IS THE MATTER WITH THAT RAT YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER IT'S ALL FAIR GAME WE'VE ALL BEEN YOU'VE BEEN IN THIS FOR A LONG TIME MADAM SPEAKER AND YOU'VE SERVED HONORABLY YOU KNOW I CAN TAKE IT JULIAN AND YOUR PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS AND WHOEVER ELSE WANT TO PUT THAT STUFF ONLINE GO AHEAD BRING IT ON CHRIS DUEÑAS GAVE HIMSELF A PAY RAISE THAT ENTIRE LEGISLATURE GAVE THEMSELVES A PAY RAISE MANY OF THEM WORK IN THIS ADMINISTRATION I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT MANY OF THEM ENJOYED

LAVISH PAY RAISES AND WHEN WE DEBATE THE NEXT BILL WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT LAVISH PAY RAISES TO INCLUDE MY ATTACKER THAT'S OKAY YOU KNOW WHEN MY FORGIVENESS WILL HAPPEN MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE I FILED A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT MY FORGIVENESS WILL HAPPEN AFTER THAT INDIVIDUAL OR WHOMEVER PERPETRATED THIS CRIME AGAINST THIS INSTITUTION FEELS THE JUSTICE OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM BUT YOU KNOW WHAT MADAM SPEAKER I WASN'T HURT ABOUT THAT NOT HURT ABOUT THAT I'M HURT ABOUT BECAUSE THE PEOPLE I LOVE YOU KNOW SOMETIMES THERE'S A BIG PRICE IN THIS HALL MADAM SPEAKER I'M SORRY SOMETIMES THAT I PUT MY FAMILY THROUGH SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I HAVE TO TRY TO SERVE I HAVE A SISTER THAT I LOVE DEARLY WHO IS BASICALLY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE MATRIARCH IN OUR FAMILY I'M NOT GOING TO NAME HER I'M SORRY I'M DOING THIS TO YOU SIS SHE'S THE OLDEST IN HER FAMILY SHE RAISED US YOUNGER BOYS AN OLDER SISTER OF SEVEN YOUNG BOYS SIBLINGS SHE WAS LIKE A MOTHER TO US ALL OUR LIFE SHE'S A TEACHER IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR 40 YEARS MADAM SPEAKER HER CHILDREN ARE TEACHERS THEY SERVE OUR PEOPLE IN FACT ONE OF THEM SERVES THE MOST LEAST OF US MADAM SPEAKER PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANY TEXT THAT I GOT FROM ANYBODY ELSE AND AS MUCH AS I LOVE MY *PARI* EVEN WHEN HE BROUGHT IT TO ME IT DIDN'T HURT ME MADE ME ANGRY COMING FROM MY FAMILY WHO KNOW ME THEY HAD TO ENDURE IT UNTIL I COULD SEND THEM THE VERIFICATION THAT IT WAS FALSE AND IT WAS A LIE MADAM SPEAKER THEY SPENT HOURS OF THEIR DAY TODAY WONDERING MY SISTER SENT ME A TEXT GOING CHRIS THIS COULD NOT BE YOU I SAID SIS IT'S NOT HOLD OFF I'LL SHOW YOU THAT IT'S NOT ME I'LL CLOSE I KNOW IT'S BLINKING RED LIKE I SAID I'M I'M ANGERED OUT MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T KNOW WHERE THINGS GO FROM HERE THAT WAS KIND OF INTERESTING MY ATTACKER SAID I ONLY PASSED ONE BILL LAST TERM IT'S MARCH AND I'VE PASSED TWO IT'S NOT PERSONAL BUT IT'S LIKE GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF MAN YOU KNOW THAT IS BENEATH THE DIGNITY OF WHO WE ARE AS PUBLIC SERVANTS AND IT'S BENEATH THE DIGNITY OF WHO WE ARE AS PEOPLE IN CLOSING MADAM SPEAKER THE GOOD THING IS BECAUSE I HAVE ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER MY DEAR WIFE WHO IS ALSO A GREAT PUBLIC SERVANT AND I'M GLAD THAT WE WEREN'T OUT TO DINNER WITH OUR FAMILY BECAUSE I PUT OUT A RELEASE MADAM SPEAKER AND I WILL CLOSE REALLY QUICKLY BUT YOU KNOW THESE KIND OF THINGS THE PROBLEM IS IS THAT WHEN YOU TAKE FOOD OFF OF SOMEBODY'S TABLE OR PEOPLE CIRCULATE THAT YOU'RE TAKING FOOD OFF SOMEBODY'S TABLE THAT CAN INCITE PEOPLE THAT'S THE DAMAGE THAT THIS KIND OF STUFF DOES WE CAN'T DO THIS MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS NOT WHO WE ARE WE SHOULD NOT EMULATE THINGS THAT HAPPEN ON THE MAINLAND WHERE HATE AND VITRIOL BECOMES THE DIVISION AND THE CRAZINESS OF THE DAY I PRAY MADAM SPEAKER THAT OUR ISLAND NEVER BECOMES THAT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED DID YOU HAVE YOUR HAND UP SENATOR I'M SO SORRY HE HAD HIS HAND UP I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS FOR THAT SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JOIN IN THE REMARKS OF SENATOR BLAS AS WELL AS SENATOR DUEÑAS I RISE TO PUBLICLY ACCUSE JULIAN OR JULIUS JULIAN JENSEN OF AN ATTEMPT TO CORRUPTLY INFLUENCE THE ACTION OF THIS BODY AND TO CRIMINALLY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE ACTION OF THIS BODY I HOPE THAT THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT SHORTLY WILL ARREST HIM I BELIEVE HE SHOULD BE FIRED IMMEDIATELY FOR HIS ENTIRELY UNDEMOCRATIC AND CORRUPT ATTEMPT AT INFLUENCING THIS BODY BECAUSE HE IS AN EMPLOYEE AS I BELIEVE OF ADELUP I HAVE NO FAITH IN HIS CHAIN OF COMMAND HIS CHAIN OF COMMAND SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR RESIGNATIONS IMMEDIATELY THANK YOU.

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

**SPEAKER PARKINSON:** WELL I JUST WANT TO YOU KNOW SAY SOME WORDS OF LEVITY YOU KNOW I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A VERY YOU KNOW ADVERSARIAL PROCESS BUT TO ALL MY COLLEAGUES AS I'VE ALWAYS MAINTAINED AND SAID BEFORE I BELIEVE THE ADVERSARIAL PROCESS IS NOT ONLY NECESSARY BUT GOOD FOR THE PROCESS BECAUSE I AM A FIRM BELIEVER THAT IDEAS THAT DO NOT GET CHALLENGED GROW WEAK AND IN THE CHALLENGING OF THESE IDEAS I FEEL WE'VE ACTUALLY REALLY COME TO A VERY GOOD PLACE OF COMPROMISE THIS SESSION AND UH WAS ABLE TO PASS SOME VERY GOOD LEGISLATION THAT REALLY I FEEL MADE EVERYBODY HAPPY DESPITE YOU KNOW A COUPLE DARK CLOUDS AROUND THE WHOLE BEND BUT YOU KNOW SO I JUST WANT TO COMMEND THIS WHOLE BODY FOR COMING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN DO AND CONTINUE TO DO GOOD WORK AGAIN I STOOD IN SUPPORT OF ALL THESE LEGISLATIONS BECAUSE I BELIEVE YOU KNOW AS A FRESHMAN SENATOR I GOT TO START OUT RIGHT AND WE GOT TO PRIORITIZE OUR KIDS RIGHT OUT THE GATES AND SO I COMMEND OUR EDUCATION CHAIR FOR TAKING

THE LEAD I COMMEND THIS BODY FOR REALLY COMING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN IT'S BEEN A VERY HUMBLING EXPERIENCE TO BE PART OF IT AND AS A AS MY AS MY CLOSE I'D LIKE TO ENTER TO THE RECORD THE WORDS I LEARNED FROM GW THAT ARE FOREVER ETCHED IN MY SOUL WE HAVE A CHANT BEFORE FOOTBALL GAMES WHEN SOMETHING LIKE THIS I WAS BORN IN THE WOODS I WAS RAISED LIKE A BEAR I GOT BIG STEEL CLAWS AND THICK COAT HAIR I GOT A CAST IRON BALL AND I GOT A CAST IRON STICK I'M A REAL BAD MOTHER AND I'M A GECKO BY GOD SO THIS IS FOR GW THIS IS FOR JOSE RIOS THIS IS FOR JQ SAN MIGUEL WE'RE GOING TO GET YOU FIXED AND WE'RE GOING TO DO IT AS A TEAM THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME *BIBA GUAM*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON BRIEF FOR BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS ANY OTHER SENATORS SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR SHELTON BARNETT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T REALLY DO BRIEF VERY WELL BUT I'M GOING TO GIVE IT A SHOT HERE UM I I FIRST WANT TO COMMEND ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR OVERWHELMING AND UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE FIRST BILL INTRODUCED AND I DIDN'T KNOW HOW IT WAS GOING TO GO I KNOW I CAN BE A REAL POLARIZING FIGURE THAT'S PROBABLY AN UNDERSTATEMENT AND I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT PROFFERING THIS WELL I STILL REMEMBER SENATOR SABINA PEREZ AND I ARE SITTING UP UPSTAIRS AT THE I GOT THIS WOOD TABLE IN THE OFFICE AND WE KIND OF HATCHED THE IDEA FOR THIS BILL AND SHE SHOWED ME HOW TO DO STRIKETHROUGHS WHICH IS IT'S LIKE A BILL WRITING PROCESS WHERE YOU BASICALLY STRIKE THROUGH THE PARTS OF A LAW THAT YOU WANT TO CHANGE AND THEN YOU PUT IN THE THINGS THAT YOU WANT TO CHANGE IT TO AND THE UNDERLYING SO SHE WE KIND OF WERE LOOKING AT THESE HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS AND I SAW THAT THE EXISTING SCHOOL FACILITIES WERE GIVEN FIVE YEARS AND YOU KNOW WE KIND OF BRAINSTORMED A LITTLE BIT AND HAD THE THOUGHT YOU KNOW WHAT IF WE'RE TO DO SOMETHING SIMPLE LIKE MOVE THE THE TIMELINE UP FROM FIVE YEARS WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN NEXT SCHOOL YEAR TO FOUR YEARS WHICH IS THE START OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR AND THEN WE JUST KIND OF KEPT BRAINSTORMING AND JUST COMING KEPT COMING UP WITH THE DIFFERENT IDEAS THAT ARE CONTAINED IN THIS BILL AND YOU KNOW DOES SHE WENT HER WAY I WENT MINE AND WAS ABLE TO INTRODUCE THE BILL SO YOU KNOW SENATOR SENATOR PEREZ I WANT TO JUST THANK YOU OKAY FOR YOUR HELP AND JUST FOR SHOWING THIS NEW KID ON THE BLOCK SOME OF THE ROPES YOU KNOW AND UH BUT COMING IN HERE I KNOW THAT I'VE ATTACKED MANY OF YOU RIGHT BUT ONE THING I WILL SAY IS IS WHEN I ATTACK SOMEBODY OR I'M CRITICAL OF OF THEIR IDEAS OR THEIR POLICIES I DON'T MAKE IT PERSONAL AND MY CRITICISMS ARE ALWAYS ROOTED IN THE TRUTH AND I'M GLAD THAT YOU GUYS WERE ABLE TO ACCEPT ME AS A BODY AND I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO COME IN HERE AND GET THE THE SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL BUT I THINK REALLY WHAT WHAT IT WASN'T ABOUT ME IT WAS JUST REALLY ABOUT THE THE STORIES THAT WE HEARD AND I KNOW YOU GUYS HAVE ALL HEARD THESE STORIES GOING BACK TO THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL TO THE PUBLIC HEARING ROOM THE STORIES THAT OUR OUR SCHOOLS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY AND IT KIND OF KIND OF REMINDS ME OF YOU KNOW WHAT WE DRIVE IN ON GUAM AND WE GOT THE THE POTHOLES AND THE BUMPS IN THE ROAD EITHER DO IT TWO WAYS YOU EITHER DRIVE AROUND THEM OR YOU DRIVE THROUGH THEM BUT THE MORE YOU DO EITHER OF THOSE THINGS THE SOONER YOU FORGET THE OBSTACLES IN THE ROAD AND YOU BECOME USED TO THEM AND I FELT LIKE THAT'S THAT'S WHERE WE WERE WAS THAT THE SCHOOLS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT AND I'M JUST VERY GRATEFUL THAT THE SIMPLE IDEA WE HAD TO JUST MOVE A COMPLIANCE TIMELINE UP BY ONE YEAR REALLY REPRESENTED WHAT I BELIEVE IS A SOLUTION TO MANY MANY COMPLEX ISSUES FACING OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM AND AGAIN I'M JUST SO GRATEFUL AND HUMBLED THAT YOU GUYS SUPPORTED THIS MEASURE ALL THE WAY YOU KNOW WE HAD A LOT OF IMPORTANT WORK TO DO WITH EDUCATION WE'RE UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE UH YOU KNOW FROM THE GOVERNOR AND THE THE CONSTANT CALLS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AND YOU KNOW PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THIS BODY AND HOW DIVIDED IT CAN BE YOU KNOW THEY JOKE THAT WE HAVE TWO DEMOCRAT CAUCUSES RIGHT THEY SAY A LOT OF THINGS WELL LET THEM TALK BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY WHEN IT COMES TIME TO DO THE WORK I THINK THAT WE'VE SHOWN IN THIS IN THIS EMERGENCY SESSION AND EVEN SESSIONS PRIOR YOU REMEMBER WE PASSED SOME GREAT BILLS IN OUR FIRST SESSION SO LET THEM TALK BECAUSE WHEN IT REALLY COMES TO THE IMPORTANT WORK OF ADDRESSING THE ISSUES THAT ARE AFFECTING OUR ISLAND I THINK WE HAVE SHOWN THAT WHETHER YOU'RE A DONKEY OR AN ELEPHANT IF IT'S GOOD FOR GUAM WE'RE GOING TO COME TOGETHER YEAH IT'S GOING TO BE ROUGH YEAH WE'RE GOING TO CHALLENGE EACH OTHER BUT I THINK YOU KNOW IF YOU LOOK AT ALL OF THE MEASURES THAT WE HAVE PASSED IN IN THIS TERM THIS THIS NEW TERM THIS SHORT TERM WE'VE DONE THEM UH WITH OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR EACH OTHER AND I THINK THAT SAYS SOMETHING THAT SAYS SOMETHING BECAUSE IN THE FACE OF THESE OUTSIDE PRESSURES THAT TRY TO

DIVIDE US WE HAVE REMAINED UNITED IN OUR EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND YOU KNOW *UN DANGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MY MY COLLEAGUES AND I GOTTA SAY THIS YOU KNOW MIGHT BE THE FIRST BILL THAT I PROFFER I'M VERY HUMBLD IT PASSED WITH 14 VOTES BUT WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED IN THE 37 GUAM LEGISLATURE AND SO AGAIN THANK YOU NOT JUST FOR ME BUT FROM THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND THE CHILDREN OF GUAM *PARA I FAMAGU'ON TA BIBA.*

**NOTE SENATOR SHELTON PRESIDES**

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT FOR BRIEF EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I JUST DIDN'T THANK YOU I'LL BE VERY VERY BRIEF BECAUSE MY COLLEAGUE IS TEASING ME BUT I JUST WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR EFFORTS DURING THIS EMERGENCY SESSION AND AND WHAT REALLY TOOK A LOT OF FOCUS WE HAD TO BE VERY DETERMINED TO GET THROUGH SOME OF THESE THINGS AND AND TO PASS THEM AND AND SO CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHOSE BILLS WERE PASSED AND AND TO THOSE WHO WORKED IN GETTING US HERE TO EMERGENCY SESSION AND THOSE WHO HELPED MAKE THE BILLS BETTER AND BUT REALLY I WANT TO THANK THOSE WE WOULD NOT BE HERE AND THIS WOULD NOT BE CLEARLY OUR FOCUS AND OUR DETERMINATION IF NOT FOR THOSE PARENTS OF DOE STUDENTS AND THOSE TEACHERS IN THE DOE SYSTEM WHO HAVE REALLY STEPPED OUT AND AND AND WILL NOT BACK DOWN AND ARE NOW VERY VOCAL AND RIGHTLY SO ABOUT THE CONDITIONS IN THE SCHOOLS AND THE DOUBLE SESSIONS THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE FACING AND THAT ARE HUGELY DISRUPTIVE TO TO LEARNING AND AND THE WHOLE SCHOOL GROWING UP EXPERIENCE THIS IS COMING AFTER A PANDEMIC THAT WAS ESPECIALLY DISRUPTIVE AS WELL SO I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR ALL THEIR EFFORTS I WANT TO THANK DOE FOR WORKING VERY HARD AND AND I'M REALLY OPTIMISTIC AND I HOPE THAT IT DOESN'T GO BACK THAT WE CAN JUST WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD AND WE'RE GOING TO DO THE THINGS THAT WE SAID WE WERE GOING TO DO WHEN WE GOT ARP MONEY IN THE FIRST PLACE WHEN WE GOT ARP MONEY ACROSS THE BOARD AND THIS GOVERNMENT THAT WE WERE GOING TO CHANGE THINGS FUNDAMENTALLY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS WE WERE GOING TO MAKE THOSE BIG CHANGES THAT WE COULD NEVER HAVE DONE WITHOUT THAT TYPE OF MONEY AND SO I'M HOPING THAT FOR DOE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT I ALSO WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT YOU KNOW THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US IN THE GOVERNMENT AND I WAS REALLY SURPRISED DURING THIS STATE OF THE ISLAND TO LEARN THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT ALL ON THE SAME PAGE ON THAT THAT WHILE I THOUGHT WHEN DOES SAID ALL HANDS WERE ON DECK THAT THERE WERE ONLY ACTUALLY A FEW HANDS ON DECK AND I WANT TO THANK GPA AGAIN AND THOSE OTHERS THAT HAVE COME TO DOE'S AID AND I I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE THAT THE REST OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT IF WE NEED PROCUREMENT SPECIALISTS THAT WE GET THE ONES WE ALREADY HAVE AND WE WE DETAIL THEM OVER TO DOE AND IF WE NEED PLUMBING SPECIALISTS THAT WE GET THE ONES THAT WE KNOW WE HAVE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND WE GET THEM THERE WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED IN THIS CRUCIAL SITUATION I ALSO WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOU KNOW WHAT WHAT I GUESS OCCURRED THE FAKE NEWS THAT OCCURRED IT'S HARD ENOUGH FOR US AS SENATORS TO GET THE TRUTH OUT WE DON'T RUN A BROADCASTING STATION WE DON'T RUN PBS WE DON'T RUN YOU KNOW WE DON'T OWN ANY OF THAT KIND OF STUFF AND WE YOU KNOW WE HAVE LOTS OF DIFFERENT VIEWS IN HERE SO IT'S REALLY HARD TO GET THE TRUTH OUT SOMETIMES WHEN WE HAVE TO SHARE TIME WITH THE REST OF YOU KNOW OUR COLLEAGUES THE PUBLIC BUT BUT YOU KNOW FAKE NEWS IS REALLY A WHOLE OTHER LEVEL SO COMBATING YOU KNOW A DIFFERENT VIEW IS ONE THING BUT TO COMBAT FAKE NEWS IS JUST A WHOLE OTHER THING I THINK ALL THE REMARKS ON THAT WERE VERY CALLED FOR UM JUST LIKE PERSONAL ATTACKS THOSE ARE NOT AT ALL I THINK RELEVANT OR CONDUCIVE TO HOW WE ARE SUPPOSED TO RUN OUR GOVERNMENT AND HOW WE ARE SUPPOSED TO MAKE IDEAS BETTER AND AND IMPLEMENT THINGS FASTER THERE'S A LOT OF NAME-CALLING GOING AROUND I'VE BEEN CALLED ANTI-AMERICAN OBSTRUCTIONIST PARANOID ALL KINDS OF THINGS AND FOR ME THESE ARE PRETTY PERSONAL BECAUSE IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU KNOW WHETHER THE BILL WANTS THE LEGISLATURE TO HAVE APPROVAL OR THE BILL WANTS TRANSPARENCY YOU KNOW I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S DESPERATION OR WHAT BUT TURNING TO PERSONAL ATTACKS FOR ME IS IT'S REALLY IT DISCOURAGES PEOPLE FROM RUNNING FOR OFFICE IT DOESN'T DISCOURAGE ME THAT MUCH BUT IT DISCOURAGES PEOPLE FROM RUNNING FOR OFFICE WHEN A TIME WHEN I THINK WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO RUN FOR OFFICE TO ENGAGE IN PUBLIC SERVICE TO REALLY HOLD THEIR GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE TO SPEAK UP AND SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH SO I JUST I WANTED TO SAY I'M I'M AGAIN GOING TO BE OPTIMISTIC AND SAY LET'S GET BACK TO WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR LET'S GET BACK TO WHAT YOU'RE THERE FOR LET'S GET BACK TO SCHOOLS LET'S GET BACK TO SAFETY LET'S GET BACK TO YOU KNOW HELPING CPS ALL

OF THESE THINGS THAT ARE IN CRITICAL NEED LET'S GET BACK TO BUILDING A HOSPITAL THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY KNOW THE ANSWERS ABOUT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE ALL HIDDEN IN ANY WAYS I WANT TO ALSO THANK MY COLLEAGUES BECAUSE BILL 10 WAS PASSED THAT'S THE BILL TO PASS OUT THE NALOXONE ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH I THINK WE'RE GOING TO SAVE SOME LIVES *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* THANK YOU.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER ANY EXTENSION OF REMARKS SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW 14 DAYS AGO SENT A LETTER OUT TO THE GOVERNOR TO ASK HER TO PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS SIX DAYS AGO SHE CAME DOWN TO THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE RIGHT IN THIS VERY HOLLOWED HALLS HERE AND TOLD US THAT THE EMERGENCY SITUATION REALLY LIES ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE LEGISLATURE WELL ESPECIALLY THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE TODAY THE 21ST OF MARCH 14 DAYS FROM THAT LETTER WE HEARD THE GOVERNOR IN THE PAST FEW DAYS THIS AUGUST BODY WORK DILIGENTLY TO PASS THESE THREE BILLS THAT THE GOVERNOR SAID WAS AGAIN ON OUR SHOULDERS SO IN DOING SO AGAIN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE MEMBER WHO IS EXCUSED TONIGHT AND I WOULD ASSUME THAT THAT THE SENATOR WERE HERE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A 15-0 VOTE THAT BEING SAID MADAM SPEAKER WHAT NOW RESTS WHAT NOT WHAT RESTED ON OUR SHOULDER WE HAVE RESPONDED WE HAVE PASSED THESE THREE BILLS WE ASK YOU NOW GOVERNOR THIS WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO YOU WE'RE HOPING AND PRAYING THAT YOU WOULD IMMEDIATELY SIGN THESE THREE BILLS BECAUSE NOW IT'S INCUMBENT ON YOU NOW TO TAKE ACTION YOU SAID IT WAS OUR JOB WE DID OUR JOB AND FROM 14 DAYS AGO TWO WEEKS WE GOT THREE BILLS PASSED TO TAKE CARE OF THE EMERGENCY SITUATION AT A GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS THAT BEING SAID THANK YOU GOVERNOR FOR TELLING US THAT THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES HERE AT THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE FOR THESE THREE BILLS THAT PASS AND FOR THE HARD WORK AND AGAIN YES THE DEBATES WERE HEATED AT TIMES ON AND OFF CAMERA BUT WE CAME TOGETHER AND SO AGAIN GOVERNOR DO YOUR JOB SIGN THESE BILLS INTO LAW THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SENATOR TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR EXTENSION OF REMARKS ANYONE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ALL RIGHT IF NOT ARE THERE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS I THINK THERE ARE SOME CHANGES TO THE *MES CHAMORU*.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU REGRETTABLY WE ARE GOING TO BE POSTPONING UNTIL APRIL OUR LAST FEW *MERIENDA METKOLES* FOR *MES CHAMORU* BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO BE GOING INTO A SPECIAL SESSION A VERY SPECIAL SESSION TOMORROW AND WE WOULD NORMALLY HAVE YES ON WEDNESDAYS OUR *MES CHAMORU MERIENDA* HOWEVER WE'RE GONNA HEAR A MEASURE TOMORROW AT 2 PM THAT HOPEFULLY WILL LEAD TO MORE *MERIENDAS* FOR THE HARD-WORKING EMPLOYEES OF THE GENERAL PAY PLAN AND SO AGAIN WE HAVEN'T YET SET THE DATE BUT WE'RE LOOKING AT A MID-APRIL AND WE WANT TO REALLY HAVE A NICE *FANDANÑA FINAKPO* FOR *MES CHAMORU* IN IN APRIL IF YOU WILL SO I WOULD JUST ASK EVERYONE TO STAY TUNED TO THE LEGISLATURE'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND OF COURSE TO ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE SENATORS RIGHT HERE IN THE 37 GUAM LEGISLATURE FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SENATOR TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ANY OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS IF NOT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY'S SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER.

**SENATOR TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO ADJOURN SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKERS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION WE ARE ADJOURNED SUBJECT TO THE CALL.