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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *MANANA SI YU'OS YAN HÅFA ADAI ESTE I TINUTUHAN YI NA HUNTA I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS CALLED TO ORDER FOR THE PRAYER WOULD SENATOR BARNETT KINDLY LEAD US PLEASE RISE.

SENATOR BARNETT: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE' MADAM SPEAKER YU'OS TATA SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE' PARA PAGU NA DEYA ESTE NA DEYA SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE' PARA I KUSTOMBRETA I LINGUA-ETA I KUTURATA YAN I TANOTA I TANO MAN CHAMORU YAN BIBA MES CHAMORU* LORD PLEASE GUIDE OUR HANDS AND OUR MINDS TODAY SO THAT WE MAKE GOOD DECISIONS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ESPECIALLY THOSE MOST VULNERABLE PLEASE GUIDE OUR DEBATE AND REMIND US TO ENGAGE OUR COLLEAGUES WITH RESPECT AND DECORUM LORD IN JESUS NAME WE PRAY AMEN IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER SON HOLY SPIRIT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE NOW ON THE RECOGNITION OF A RECIPIENT *I MILÅYAN MÅS TAKHILO NA SAKRAFISU* TO EXPRESS A NEVER-ENDING AND NEVER FORGOTTEN GRATITUDE BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE LEGISLATURE RECOGNIZES RECIPIENTS OF *I MILÅYAN MÅS TAKHILO NA SAKRAFISU* ON A DISPLAY IN THE GUAM CONGRESS BUILDING AND DURING EACH SESSION FOR THE RECOGNITION OF TODAY'S RECIPIENT OF *I MILÅYAN MÅS TAKHILO NA SAKRAFISU* SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING TO ALL MY COLLEAGUES RECOGNITION OF A RECIPIENT OF *MILÅYAN MÅS TAKHILO NA SAKRAFISU* ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL ISLAND AND COUNTRY WE HONOR STAFF SERGEANT JUAN PASCUAL R CASTRO AND THE FAMILY OF STAFF SERGEANT JUAN PASCUAL R CASTRO FOR MAKING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN SERVICE AND DEFENSE OF OUR ISLAND AND COUNTRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* SENATOR FOR THE RECITATION FOR *INIFRESI* WILL SENATOR TAITAGUE KINDLY LEAD US.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD SENATOR BROWN KINDLY LEAD US IN THE SINGING OF THE GUAM HYMN AND SENATOR LUJAN PLEASE LEAD US IN THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

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

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* SENATORS PLEASE BE SEATED *HAYI MANGAIGE HAYI MANAIGUE* MADAM CLERK.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUENAS VICE SPEAKER MUNA 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'ÁSE'* MADAM CLERK WE'RE NOW ON THE CALL FOR THE APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNALS DATED JANUARY 2ND 2023 FEBRUARY 17 2023 AND FEBRUARY 21ST 2023 SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNALS FOR THOSE DATES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION PASSES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE NOW ON COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS AND I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION THAT COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL IS THERE ANY OBJECTION IF PLEASE STATE YOUR OBJECTION BY RAISING YOUR HAND SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *ESTE MINSABI SIHA GINEN I MAGA'HÁGA* MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO APPEND MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN* IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *ESTE REPUTS SIHA GINEN I KUMITES SIA* MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION THAT REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO OBJECTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES AT THIS TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* *INTRODUKTION YAN I FINANOT FINNENANOT PREMET NA DISKUSION LAI PRINIPONI YAN RESOLUTION SIHA* MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT BILL'S INTRODUCED BILL NOS. 1-37 COR THROUGH 52-37 COR AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED RESOLUTION NOS. 1-37 COR THROUGH 28-37 COR BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THEIR FIRST READING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION REGARDING THE INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *PARA GAIGE GI MUSION* MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO EXCUSE SENATORS NOT PRESENT FOR TODAY'S SESSION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION REGARDING RESOLUTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO OBJECTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE STILL UNDER MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION IF NOT THEN WE ARE UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCES IS THERE ANY MOTION IF NOT THEN WE ARE UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR THERE ARE NO ITEMS UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR SO WE WILL PROCEED TO THE SECOND READING IF I MAY ASK WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH BILL NO. 10-37 COR INTRODUCED BY THERESE M. TERLAJE SO IF I MAY ASK THE VICE SPEAKER *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU ON BILL NO. 10-37 COR AND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS.*

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *KUNSIGI MO'NA.*

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER VICE SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE BILL NO. 10-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE TO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS MOTION THE BILL IS AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRST RESPONDER AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ACCESS TO OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PREVENT OPIOID OVERDOSE INCLUDING FENTANYL TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUAM OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2023 BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 16 TO DIVISION ONE TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *KUNSIGI MO'NA* SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* THIS LEGISLATION WAS EVENT WAS PATTERNED AFTER MODEL LEGISLATION BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC POLICY ASSOCIATION WHICH WAS FUNDED THROUGH A GRANT OF THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THIS LEGISLATION SEEKS TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND ACCESS TO NALOXONE WHICH IS OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IT'S ALSO COMMONLY KNOWN BY ONE OF THE BRAND NAMES I THINK NARCAN OPIOID ANTAGONISTS BIND TO OPIOID RECEPTORS TO BLOCK THE EFFECTS OF OPIOIDS WHICH CAN THUS STOP AN OPIOID OVERDOSE IF INJECTED OR INHALED IN TIME TO PUT IT INTO PERSPECTIVE SOMEONE WHO IS OVERDOSING MAY STOP BREATHING OR THEIR AIR BREATHING IS SLOWED MEANING THAT THEY NEED OXYGEN AND THESE ANTAGONISTS SUCH AS NALOXONE OR NARCAN MAY TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO START WORKING SO YOU NEED TO WAIT ABOUT THREE MINUTES FOR IT TO TAKE EFFECT AND WHEN THIS IS OCCURRING A PERSON WHO'S OVERDOSING PARTICULARLY ON FENTANYL OFTEN CANNOT BREATHE IT'S CLOSING THEIR LUNGS AND SO THOSE WHO ARE CONSIDERING WHETHER THIS IS AN OV YOU KNOW WHAT THE NEED IS WOULD NEED TO CHECK IF THE PERSON IS BREATHING AND CANNOT HEAR THEM BREATHE OR THEIR BREATH SOUNDS SHALLOW WOULD NEED TO PROVIDE RESCUE BREATHS WHILE THEY'RE WAITING FOR THE OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO KICK IN BUT THIS HAS BEEN PROVEN TO BE EFFECTIVE THESE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IN PREVENTING OVERDOSE OFTEN IF THE PERSON WAKES UP AND AND THE ANTAGONIST IS EFFECTIVE THAT PERSON MAY STILL HAVE OPIOID WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS AND NEED EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO TO CARE FOR THEM AS WELL

THE BILL RECOGNIZES THAT IN THE UNITED STATES THEY ARE IN THE MIDST OF THE WORST OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN HISTORY AND ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL THE NUMBER OF OPIOID DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS INCREASED FROM BY 30 PERCENT FROM 2019 TO 2020 AND HAS QUINTUPLED SINCE 1999 AND NEARLY 75 PERCENT OF THE 91 000 THOUSAND DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS IN 2020 INVOLVED IN OPIOID EXPERTS BELIEVE THAT THIS NUMBER OF OVERDOSE DEATHS IS BASED ON SEVERAL FACTORS INCLUDING THE INCREASE IN ILLICITLY MANUFACTURED FENTANYL AND OTHER SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS THE CENTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION REPORTED THAT DESPITE AN INCREASE IN PRESCRIPTIONS FOR EMERGENCY OPIOID ANTAGONISTS NOT ENOUGH OF THE MEDICATION IS GETTING INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO NEED IT AND SO IT IS THEIR RECOMMENDATION TO EXPAND ACCESS TO EMERGENCY OPIOID ANTAGONISTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE ON GUAM ARE TRYING TO SAVE THE LIVES BEFORE WE HAVE THE EPIDEMIC THAT IS PLAGUING EVERY STATE IN THE NATION INCLUDING HAWAII AND IN HAWAII THEY HAVE IT IS TO SUCH AN EXTREME THAT THEY HAVE THESE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO TO SAVE A PERSON FROM AN OVERDOSE OVERDOSE AVAILABLE EVERYWHERE THEY HAVE THESE IN THE SCHOOLS READILY AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION OUR BILL REQUIRES THAT TRAININGS WILL BE REQUIRED AND THAT THESE WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WELLNESS CENTER OR ANYONE ELSE AT THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER DEPUTIZES TO DO THE TRAININGS AS WELL BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ALSO CAN BE TRAINED AND ALSO BE THEN CONDUCT TRAININGS AND WE'VE SEEN THIS THROUGH THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND OTHER OTHER AGENCIES AND THE TRAININGS ACCORDING TO THE BILL WILL BE GIVEN TO LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRST RESPONDERS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL DURING THE HEARING ON THE BILL THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES WERE PRESENT AND IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT THE MAYORS COUNCIL OF GUAM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS THE BILL WAS FURTHER AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT PRETTY MUCH ALL OF THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THOSE TESTIFYING UNLESS THERE WERE YOU KNOW TWO ON THE SAME TOPIC THEN WE TRIED TO ACCOMMODATE SO THESE AMENDMENTS INCLUDE PRETTY MUCH ADDING DEFINITIONS AND DEFINING THE WORDS ADMINISTER CO-PRESCRIBE CORRECTIONAL SETTING DISPENSER LAW ENFORCEMENT OPIOID OPIOID AND OGESIC OPIOID OVERDOSE PEACE OFFICER A PRESCRIBER AND RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICER AND SO SO THERE WERE DEFINITIONS ADDED THERE'S A NEWS SECTION THAT EXPANDS ADMINISTRATION OF ANTAGONISTS BY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND EMTS IT AMENDS THE IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY SECTIONS TO SEPARATE DIFFERENT ENTITIES SUCH AS PRESCRIBERS DISPENSERS AND DISTRIBUTORS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FIRST RESPONDERS AND TRAINED SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND THE AND THE TYPES OF IMMUNITY THAT EACH OF THOSE WOULD RECEIVE UNDER THIS SECTION IT ADDS A NEW SECTION TO CREATE IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION WHEN A PERSON WHO IS IN POSSESSION OF AN OPIOID REPORTS SOMEONE WHO IS EXPERIENCED AN OVERDOSE IN OTHER WORDS IF THE TWO OF US ARE TOGETHER ONE IS EXPERIENCE IN OPUDOI OVERDOSE AND I CALL FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND THAT I WILL NOT BE ARRESTED FOR WAITING WITH THE PERSON WHO IS IN NEED FOR THE RESPONDERS TO ARRIVE I WILL NOT BE ARRESTED SIMPLY FOR POSSESSION IT ADDS A NEW SECTION THAT DEFINES DISTRIBUTION ADMINISTRATION AND TRAINING AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND A SYSTEM TO PROVIDE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PEOPLE RELEASED FROM PRISON IT ADDS A NEW SECTION THAT DEFINES THE DISTRIBUTION AND ADMINISTRATION AND TRAINING OF PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITIES IT PROVIDES FOR PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITIES TO ALSO RECEIVE TRAINING AND TO HAVE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IT ADDS A NEW SECTION THAT WOULD ENACT THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER TO PUBLISH INFORMATION REGARDING OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IN THEIR WEBSITE AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON WHERE TO OBTAIN OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IN GUAM AND WHERE TO OBTAIN TRAINING AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION REGARDING OVERDOSE WE BELIEVE THAT THESE NEW ADDED SECTIONS ENSURE THAT THE BULK OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT COMMUNITY EFFORTS ARE ESSENTIAL IN MAKING SURE WE PREVENT OVERDOSE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY SO THE BILL REALLY DOES GRANT THIS ACCESS IT GRANTS IMMUNITY AND THUS GRANTS LIFE-SAVING CAPABILITIES TO ALMOST ALL OF US IN THE COMMUNITY IF WE IF WE GET THE TRAINING AND IF AND WE KNOW THAT THE NEED IS THERE WE KNOW THAT THESE EVEN THE SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS ARE HAVE BEEN FOUND ON GUAM ALREADY THIS IS ONE THING THAT WAS DISCOVERED DURING THE HEARING THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY NOT VERY WELL PUBLICIZED OR KNOWN AND I THINK IT'S INCUMBENT IN ALL OF US LAWMAKERS TO FACE THAT FACT NOW THAT WE HAVE SEEN THESE PRODUCTS ON GUAM AND THAT THERE IS A RISK TO NOT JUST OUR CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOLS BUT IN OUR

ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND THAT IF WE CAN TAKE THIS MEASURE THAT STATES HAVE TAKEN KIND OF IN RESPONSE TO THEIR THEIR THEIR CRISES WE CAN TAKE THIS RIGHT NOW AND BE HOPEFULLY AHEAD OF A CRISIS ON GUAM I'M PROFFERING ONE AMENDMENT AND THIS AMENDMENT IS BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE JUDICIARY OF THE GUAM AFTER THE HEARING ON THE BILL AND IT'S REALLY JUST TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF CORRECTIONAL SETTING UNDER SECTION 16103 A4 AND THIS FLOOR AMENDMENT WAS SENT TO THE CLERKS IT SHOULD BE IN THE DRIVE YES IT'S THERE AND SO IT REMOVES THE WORD WHERE I HAD THE WORD SORRY SO RIGHT NOW THE SECTION READS CORRECTIONAL SETTING MEANS A JAIL PRISON ADULT OR JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER OR OTHER ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH A TERRITORY OR FEDERAL ENTITY CONFINES A PERSON AND THEY'RE SUGGESTING THAT WE REMOVE THE WORD ENVIRONMENT AND REPLACE IT WITH INCARCERATION FACILITY SO IT WILL NOW READ A CORRECTIONAL SETTING MEANS A JAIL PRISON ADULT OR JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER OR OTHER INCARCERATION FACILITY IN WHICH A TERRITORIAL OR FEDERAL ENTITY CONFINES A PERSON SO I'D MAKE THAT MOTION RIGHT NOW MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SPEAKER ON THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SO WHILE THIS BILL GOES VERY FAR TO PUT THESE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO CAN SAVE LIVES IT DOESN'T GO AS FAR AS SOME STATES AND SO WE DO HAVE ANOTHER BILL THAT WE ARE INTRODUCING THIS MORNING THAT WILL DO A COUPLE ADDITIONAL THINGS AND I JUST WANT TO PUT THAT ON THE RECORD HERE THAT SO WHAT WE HAVEN'T INCLUDED IN HERE IS THAT DOCTORS MUST WHEN THEY PRESCRIBE OPIOIDS ALSO PRESCRIBE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS AND THIS IS PRETTY MUCH BECAUSE WE DID NOT ALTHOUGH WE SENT NOTICES TO THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE MEDICAL SOCIETIES AND THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL YOU KNOW LIKE EXAMINERS THE LICENSEE AGENCY THEY DID NOT ATTEND THE HEARING THEY DID NOT RESPOND TO OUR CALL FOR TESTIMONY AND I WANTED TO VERY SPECIFICALLY GET THEIR FEEDBACK ON THIS AND THEIR COOPERATION BEFORE MOVING FORWARD ON THAT AND THE OTHER MEASURE THAT'S NOT INCLUDED HERE IS THAT SO WE ARE AUTHORIZING TRAINING AND A VERY YOU KNOW DETAILED WAY OF DISTRIBUTING THESE PRODUCTS TO THESE PARTICULAR PEOPLE LISTED IN THIS BILL BUT IN OTHER STATES SOME OF THIS IS AVAILABLE COMMUNITY-WIDE BECAUSE THAT'S HOW BAD THE EPIDEMIC IS OR THE CRISIS IS AND SO WE RECOGNIZE THAT AND WE ARE GOING TO CHARGE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WITH ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL PLACES FOR THIS TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF JUST LAW ENFORCEMENT THE HOSPITAL AND THE SCHOOLS SO I I THAT ALSO YOU KNOW I WANT TO GET THE DOCTORS IN ON TO COME ALONG WITH THIS THERE WAS TESTIMONY BY THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THIS IS WHY I HESITATED AND THEY SAID THAT YOU KNOW AT THAT POINT THEY SUPPORTED THE BILL BUT THEIR DOCTORS WERE VERY HESITANT BECAUSE WE'RE GIVING DRUGS TO PEOPLE RIGHT WITHOUT PRESCRIPTIONS AND BUT IN THIS CASE IT'S IT'S REALLY AGAIN THE RISK WAS OUTWEIGHED BY THE BENEFITS OF GIVING THIS AND THESE ANTAGONISTS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY SO I URGE MY COLLEAGUES PLEASE SUPPORT THIS URGENT LEGISLATION THAT WILL PREVENT FURTHER OVERDOSES IN OUR SCHOOLS ON OUR STREETS IT WILL EQUIP OUR FIRST RESPONDERS WHO ARE ALSO AT GREAT RISK GREAT RISK AND OF THEMSELVES BEING EXPOSED TO FENTANYL OR AND THAT THEIR COLLEAGUES CAN HELP THEM CAN SAVE THEIR LIVES AS WELL BY HAVING THIS PRODUCT ON THEM WE HEARD TESTIMONY YOU KNOW DURING THE HEARING BY THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY HAD THE PRODUCT BECAUSE THE YOU KNOW THEY THEY THEY HAD YOU KNOW FOLLOWED ALONG WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS THE NATION AND AND BEEN PROACTIVE GOT THAT PRODUCT ON THEM BUT BEEN ADVISED BY THE PREVIOUS ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO CARRY IT WITHOUT A CHANGE IN THE LAW AND SO THOSE PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE ON GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HAS THESE PRODUCTS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS THESE PRODUCTS THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY HAS THESE PRODUCTS GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HAS THE PRODUCTS PHARMACIES HAVE THESE PRODUCTS AND SO WE ARE GOING TO BY THIS BILL ALLOW ALL THESE PEOPLE TO GET THESE PRODUCTS TO TO LEGALLY CARRY THESE PRODUCTS AND ALSO TO EXPAND ACCESS TO THESE PRODUCTS INTO THE SCHOOLS AND INTO THE COMMUNITY AND THESE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE ARE RELYING ON RIGHT NOW TO HELP US WITH OUR DRUG CRISES THAT WE DO HAVE ON GUAM THEY ARE VERY CAPABLE AND YOU KNOW ESPECIALLY AFTER ADDITIONAL TRAINING BUT THEY ARE ALREADY I THINK VERY CAPABLE OF SAVING LIVES AS WELL SO I I URGE MY SUPPORT BY MY COLLEAGUES OF THIS VERY URGENT AND IMPORTANT BILL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SPEAKER TERLAJE AT THIS TIME I WILL RECOGNIZE SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN TO SPEAK ON THE MEASURE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE AUTHOR AND I'LL ADDRESS IT TO YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IT'S IN REFERENCE TO THE IF I'M CORRECT I MAY BE WRONG WASN'T THERE A RECENT OPIOID SETTLEMENT THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AT AT INCUR LAST YEAR AND THE REASON WHY I'M ASKING THIS AND AND THE AUTHOR WILL BE ABLE TO RESPOND IS THAT AS I'M LOOKING THROUGH THE BILL I SUPPORT THE BILL SO SO LET ME START WITH THAT I SUPPORT THE BILL BUT ON PAGE 19 WHEN IT SAYS FURNISHING AND I'M TRYING TO FIND A FUNDING SOURCE BECAUSE AS WE GET TO THE BUDGET I DON'T WANT ONE OF THESE AGENCIES TO COME TO US AND SAY YOU KNOW WE NEED MONEY WAIT A MINUTE THERE'S A SETTLEMENT THAT'S WHERE WE SHOULD DRAW IT FROM BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT TAKING CARE OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND THAT AND MAYBE MAYBE THE AUTHOR MAY MAY WANT TO ADD AN AMENDMENT SOMEWHERE HERE WHERE WE WE IDENTIFIED THAT THAT'S THE FUNDING SOURCE IT PROVIDES THEM THE TRAINING SO WE CAN AND LIKE SHE MENTIONED EARLIER WE CAN REACH OUT TO EVERYBODY SO EVERYBODY'S READY TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN OUR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SPEAKER WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I WOULD I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO YOU TO THAT QUESTION I WANT TO THANK THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER FOR THE QUESTION IT'S AN EXCELLENT QUESTION I DON'T KNOW WHY I DIDN'T TALK ABOUT IT BUT IT'S IT'S A GREAT QUESTION IT'S IT'S WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW FIRST WHEN I HEARD YOU KNOW.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT I MEAN WHEN I WAS CONSIDERING THIS BILL BUT WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED THROUGH THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS AND THROUGHOUT YOU KNOW RESEARCH IS THAT FIRST OF ALL GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HAS A GRANT THEY WERE VERY PROACTIVE THEY'VE GOT A GRANT IN PLACE THEY HAVE THE PRODUCT THEY JUST NEED TO DO THE TRAINING AND HAVE IT LEGALIZED THAT OTHER PEOPLE CAN HOLD THIS PRODUCT AND THEY ARE ABLE TO DO THAT BECAUSE THEY HAVE A PHARMACIST THEY HAVE THEIR OWN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS THERE SO THEY THEY'VE ALREADY DONE THE BULK OF THE WORK FOR OUR COMMUNITY BY GETTING THIS GRANT AND GETTING THE PRODUCT HERE RIGHT NOW THESE PRODUCTS EXPIRE SO OF COURSE THEY'VE GOT TO DO THEIR DUE DILIGENCE TO KEEP YOU KNOW OBTAINING PRODUCT THAT'S NOT EXPIRED SECOND THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THEIR OWN WAS ABLE TO ALSO OBTAIN PRODUCT AND I WANT TO COMMEND THEM FOR DOING THAT WITHOUT A SPECIFIC LINE NINE BUDGET BUT THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER IS CORRECT THAT REALLY THE BULK OF THE PRODUCT THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET FOR GUAM IS GOING TO COME FROM OPIOID SETTLEMENTS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT OF COURSE GIVES US MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BUT THE OTHER PART IS THAT THESE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES WHO ARE PRESCRIBING THE OPIOIDS MUST NOW DELIVER THE NALOXONE TO THOSE STATES THAT REQUIRE IT OR REQUEST IT AS PART OF THEIR SETTLEMENT AND SO THAT'S WHAT OUR ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM AT THE LAST OPIOID ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING VERY MUCH CLEARLY STATED THAT THAT IS HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET THESE PRODUCTS ALL THROUGHOUT GUAM AND SO I DON'T SEE ANY I'M NOT AFRAID THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH PRODUCT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO IS DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE TO MANAGE IT THAT IT'S NOT EXPIRED PRODUCT RIGHT THAT WE KEEP GETTING IT AND THE CYCLE THAT WE NEED IT AND THAT WE HAVE IT EVERYWHERE SO I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTIONS OF COURSE THERE'S NOTHING TO PREVENT FURTHER FUNDING BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S NECESSARY RIGHT NOW I MEAN THAT'S A KIND OF BOLD STATEMENT TO SAY BUT I THINK IF THEY DO THEIR PART AND THEY DO THEIR JOBS WE'RE GOING TO GET THAT PRODUCT HERE THROUGH THE SETTLEMENT THROUGH THE AG'S OFFICE WE'RE GOING TO GET IT THROUGH THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER AS WELL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR INQUIRY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THEN THEN THEN MAYBE MADAM SPEAKER IT KIND OF LIKE BUT MAYBE SOMEWHERE IN THE BILL WE JUST ADD ON THAT THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT WILL ENSURE SOMETHING I JUST DON'T WANT US WE GOT GRANTS WE GOT MEANS OF DOING IT BUT IT'S AN OPIOID SETTLEMENT LET'S MAKE SURE THEY STAY

INVOLVED IN THIS OPIOID EVENT THAT'S HAPPENING NOT COME UP WITH EVERY OTHER REASON TO SPEND IT WHEN THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AND ON THAT NOTE MAYBE I'D ASKED YOU TO CHECK WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND PROCEED BUT AT THIS TIME SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN IF YOU CAN COME UP TO THE TO THE CHAIR.

NOTE NOTE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN PRESIDES

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ON THE MOTION TO TO PLACE AND.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: RECOGNIZE VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. SPEAKER YAN *MANANA SI YU'OS* THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE 10-37 COR AND I WANT TO THANK THE GOOD SPEAKER FOR INTRODUCING THIS MEASURE WITH HER CO-CHAIR SENATOR BARNETT AND I WANT TO KNOW THAT HOPEFULLY THAT SHE MIGHT GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS MEASURE I STAND IN RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE MR. SPEAKER BECAUSE IT ALLOWS THE FIRST RESPONDERS INCLUDING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THE ABILITY TO RESPOND TO OPIATE OVERDOSES EFFECTIVELY BY BEING GRANTED ACCESS TO THE OPIATE ANTAGONISTICS LIKE I'LL GIVE YOU ONE EXAMPLE THAT LALOXONE NALOXONE AND AS WE LOOK AT THIS MEASURE AND OF THE RECOMMENDATION THAT WAS COMING FROM IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN TO THE GOOD SPEAKER THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ALSO CHIMED IN ON THIS EVEN IN THE LAST LEGISLATURE IN THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE AND SEEING THIS MEASURE COME THROUGH IT LITERALLY IT LITERALLY ADDRESSES THE THE NEED FOR THIS KIND OF LEGISLATION MR. SPEAKER NOT TOO LONG AGO MAYBE IN THE LAST WEEK OR SO WE PROBABLY HAD A SCARE AS IT RELATES TO OPIOIDS EVEN BRINGING BEING AROUND THE THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND AND WHETHER THAT THAT EVENT WAS WAS ACCURATE OR NOT THIS IS A WAKE-UP CALL YOU KNOW WE CANNOT WE CANNOT NOT DO ANYTHING AS POLICY MAKERS WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ARE THERE IN CASE OF AN INCIDENT BUT I DO WANT TO NOTE MR. SPEAKER THAT WHEN I LOOK AT THIS LEGISLATION AND I LOOK AT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OR THE WRITE-UP FROM THE BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH AS REQUIRED BY LAW OF COURSE THE EFFECT FROM THEM WHEN THEY SUBMITTED IT WAS THERE WAS NO APPROPRIATION THAT WAS IDENTIFIED IN IT SO THERE WASN'T A BUDGET EFFECT BUT THEY THAT THEY DID NOTE AND IF I CAN JUST READ IT INTO THE RECORD BECAUSE THIS IS SOMETHING AS YOU SPOKE ABOUT RESOURCES NEEDED I THINK IT'S VERY VERY CRUCIAL AND LIKE I SAID I WANT TO THANK THE GOOD SPEAKER AND THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION FOR DOING THIS BUT IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THAT THAT THE RECOMMENDATION WAS IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION DOES NOT CONTAIN AN APPROPRIATION CLAUSE IDENTIFYING A FUNDING SOURCE FOR ACQUIRING THESE OPIATES ANTAGONISTS SUCH AS NICHOLASIN ZONE GIVEN THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATION TO EXPAND ACCENT TO THESE OPIATE ANTAGONISTS TO INCLUDE PROVIDING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACCESS TO SUCH MEDICATION AS THEY RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES OR CRITICAL INCIDENCES THE GOVERNMENT STANDS TO INCUR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES WHICH THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION DOES NOT ADDRESS IT IN ITS CURRENT FORM IN ADDITION UPON THE ENACTMENT OF BILL 5-37 COR THE BUREAU ANTICIPATES THAT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES MUST ESTABLISH STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES OR ON CONDUCTING THE TRAINING RELATIVE TO THE OPIATE ANTAGONIST HOWEVER THE ABSENT PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM DPHSS AND OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES INCLUDE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING THE TRAINING AND THE CAPABILITIES OF DPHSS TO ABSORB SUCH COSTS IN ADDITION TO THE LACK OF IDENTIFIED FUNDING SOURCE FOR ACQUIRING THESE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS SUCH AS NALOXONE THE BUREAU IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE AN APPROXIMATE FISCAL IMPACT AT THIS TIME MR. SPEAKER YOU SPOKE ABOUT IT JUST PREVIOUSLY ABOUT ABOUT A POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE AND WHERE IT COULD COME AND THE GOOD SPEAKER KNOWS THAT THIS BILL IS IS LITERALLY CRITICAL BASED ON LIKE I SAID A LITTLE BIT EARLY THE THE MERE THREAT THAT SOMETHING NEED MAY HAVE BEEN NEEDED TO TO USE THIS KIND OF LEGISLATION WE NEED TO PROVIDE THOSE RESOURCES AND I KNOW THAT IN ANY TIME WE HAVE A BUDGET I MEAN A BILL THAT NEEDS PROPOSED BUDGETING THAT IT HAS TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS IN YOUR COMMITTEE SIR BUT I'M GOING TO JUST ASK FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS BECAUSE OF THE OPPORTUNITY IS THERE TO WORK WITH LEGAL COUNSEL MR. SPEAKER AND TO WORK WITH THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION OUR SPEAKER I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE PARAMETERS ARE GIVEN BECAUSE THIS IS VERY VERY CRUCIAL AND NEEDED AND I REALLY

SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE OF THE SPONSOR OF THIS BILL SPEAKER THERESE AND THE THE CO-SPONSOR WHICH IS SENATOR BARNETT AND NEWLY ELECTED SENATOR BARNETT AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO ADD SOME TEETH TO THIS AND THIS IS WHY I'M GOING TO ASK FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS AND MAYBE TALK WITH LEGAL AND THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION WITH YOU TO SEE WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE SO A MOMENTS RECESS MR. CHAIR PLEASE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: POINT OF INFORMATION MR CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YEAH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH MY POINT OF INFORMATION IS THAT WE HAVE TESTIMONY FROM THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER THAT TALKS ABOUT THEY SPELL OUT THAT IT HAS BEEN THEIR JOB UNDER THE GRANT TO DISTRIBUTE THE TO DISTRIBUTE THIS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY SO THEY PUT IT ON THE RECORD WHAT THE FISCAL NOTE WAS PRIOR TO THIS COMMITTEE HEARING AND THEY DID NOT HAVE THIS INFORMATION FROM THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER SECOND THEY DID NOT HAVE THE INFORMATION FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE THAT IN THEIR TESTIMONY ALSO VERY CLEARLY STATES THAT THE SETTLEMENT THEY WERE ABLE TO SECURE SETTLEMENT WITH PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS TEVA AND ALLERGEN WHICH RESULTED IN AN OPTION TO OBTAIN NALOXONE DIRECTLY AND THIS IS FREE MEDICATION FOR A 10-YEAR PERIOD SO HE SAYS WITH THE PASSING OF THIS LEGISLATION THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE NALOXONE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FIRST RESPONDERS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FREE OF CHARGE NO ONE IN THEIR TESTIMONY WAS AFRAID THEY WERE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD THIS OR GET THIS PRODUCT BECAUSE OF THESE OTHER BECAUSE OF THE WORK OF THESE OTHER AGENCIES MR. CHAIR SO YEAH I WOULD JUST ASK IF WE COULD JUST CONTINUE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YEAH MR. SPEAKER I I LITERALLY THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY AND AND THEN FOR THE POINT OF INFORMATION FROM THE GOOD SPEAKER BECAUSE IT LITERALLY BRINGS TO LIGHT THE FUNDING CAPABILITIES AND AND I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT THAT WILL BE NOTED DOWN FOR THE RECORD SO THAT WOULD AT LEAST EASE MY MIND THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL DEFINITELY HAVE THE RESOURCES THAT IT NEEDS TO TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FIRST RESPONDERS OUT THERE HAVE THE CAPABILITIES OF MAKING SURE THAT IF ANYBODY GETS AFFECTED WHETHER IT BE OUR CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY THAT THAT THAT THAT THAT THAT THAT THIS PROCESS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THEM I WANT TO SAY TO YOU MR. SPEAKER THAT I STAND AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE I I THIS IS AN EXCELLENT MEASURE AND AND I KNOW THAT IT IS GOOD FOR THE ISLAND OF GUAM FAR TOO MANY INCIDENTS IN IN THE RECENT WEEKS RECENT DAYS FROM OFF ISLAND SAYING HOW KIDS MISTAKE A LOT OF THIS STUFF WERE THAT THEY INGEST BECAUSE THEY IT LOOKS LIKE CANDY OR WHAT HAVE YOU AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IF ANYTHING GREAT LIKE THAT WERE TO HAPPEN TO ANYONE IN OUR THAT THAT WE HAVE THE MEANS AND THE WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT THAT WE TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE SO I I LITERALLY WANT TO SAY MR. SPEAKER I STAND AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT I WANT TO THANK THE GOOD SPEAKER FOR LITERALLY TAKING THE TIME AND FOLLOWING THROUGH FROM THE PREVIOUS LEGISLATURE TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS LEGISLATION COMES IN AND I LITERALLY HOPE THAT OUR COLLEAGUES SUPPORT THIS BILL *UNANIMOUSLY UN D'ANGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS MEASURE AND I SUPPORT THIS MEASURE WHOLEHEARTEDLY *SAINA MA'ASE'*.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM VICE SENATOR LUAN YOU HAVE THE.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER MR. SPEAKER I I WANT TO READ SOME RESEARCH BUT THEN FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION YOU KNOW RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THE COMMUNITY IS IMPLEMENTING OVERDOSE EDUCATION AND NALOXONE PROGRAMS ARE LIKELY TO HAVE FEWER OVERDOSE DEATHS PATIENTS RECEIVING LONG-TERM OPIOID OPIOID DEBT PRESCRIPTIONS WHO ARE ALSO CO-PRESCRIBED NALOXONE HAD 47 FEWER OPIOID RELATED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS SIX MONTHS AFTER RECEIVING A NALOXONE PRESCRIPTION COMPARED WITH THOSE WHO DID NOT RECEIVE THE NALOXONE PRESCRIPTION AFTER 12 MONTHS THEY HAD 63 PERCENT FEWER EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS MY QUESTION MADAM SPEAKERS IS WE ARE REQUIRING THE THE DOCTOR OR DOCTORS TO CO-PRESCRIBE THE THE ANTAGONIST THE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS ARE WE ALSO REQUIRING THE THE PATIENT TO TO PURCHASE BOTH MEDICATIONS IF IF AN OPIOID MEDICATION IS PRESCRIBED WOULD THAT NOT BE RELEASED IF IT'S IF IT'S NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE OPIOID ANTAGONIST.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I'M I'M GONNA YIELD TO THE SPEAKER ON THAT INQUIRY SPEAKER WOULD YOU LIKE TO ANSWER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES THANK YOU AND I YIELD TO THE QUESTION AND I THANK THE AUTHOR FOR THE QUESTION THE BILL DOES NOT MANDATE RIGHT NOW THAT DOCTORS MUST DO THAT LIKE CO-PRESCRIBE THERE'S NOTHING THAT PREVENTS CO-PRESCRIBING IT IT RECOGNIZES CO-PRESCRIBING THERE'S EVEN A DEFINITION OF CO-PRESCRIBED SO DOCTORS WHO ARE FOLLOWING I THINK WHAT'S COMMONLY DONE NOW ACROSS THE NATION ARE GOING TO CO-PRESCRIBE THE THE TRICK IS OF COURSE TO GET IT COVERED BY INSURANCE RIGHT AND SO THAT IS WHY THAT WE PURPOSELY DID NOT INCLUDE THAT IN THIS BILL BECAUSE THE DOCTORS DID NOT COME AND TESTIFY AND AND I DON'T WANT THEM TO SAY THEY HAVE NO NOTICE EVEN THOUGH WE GAVE THEM NOTICE SO WE'RE DOING A SEPARATE BILL FOR FOR THE INSURANCE COVERAGE OF IT MANDATING THE CO-PRESCRIPTION.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RIGHT NOW IT'S IT'S ALLOWED COMPLETELY I THINK THEY'RE DOING IT PROBABLY IF YOU KNOW BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION HOWEVER NOT MANDATED BUT THAT IS A SUBJECT OF ANOTHER BILL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*'.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR LUJAN DOES THAT.

SENATOR LUJAN: I'M FULL SUPPORT OF THE BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE MEASURE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM *BUENAS* AND *HÁFA ADAI* OF COURSE FULLY SUPPORT ON THIS MEASURE ALL THE WAY WITH A LOT OF OUR REACTIONS AROUND THE ISLAND AND WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM MANY TIMES WE'RE BEHIND THE CURVE BEHIND THE CURVE WHEN IT COMES TO PUBLIC SAFETY BEHIND THE CURVE WHEN IT COMES TO EDUCATION BUT WITH THIS MEASURE FIRST OF ALL VERY HUMBLLED THAT I WAS ASKED TO BE A CO-SPONSOR IT'S A GREAT BILL AND FOR ONCE I FEEL LIKE WE'RE A LITTLE BIT AHEAD OF THE CURVE AND I ONLY SAY A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE FENTANYL'S ALREADY HERE WE WERE PRIVY TO A BRIEFING A HIGH LEVEL BRIEFING FROM FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ABOUT FENTANYL AND IT WAS VERY ALARMING THAT THEY SAID AND WE KNOW THIS BECAUSE OF MEDIA REPORTS THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT HAD CONDUCTED A RAID IN THE *MONGMONG TOTO MAITE* AREA AND A RESULT OF THIS THIS POLICE ACTION WAS THAT THEY HAD DISCOVERED PILL PRESS AND A FEW INDIVIDUALS VERY FAMILIAR TO LAW ENFORCEMENT WERE CRUSHING PILLS AND THEY HAD A SUSPECTED FENTANYL AND THEY WERE BASICALLY REMAKING PILLS AND ADDING FENTANYL TO IT AND SO THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THEIR RESPONSE BECAUSE THEY HAD PROACTIVELY AND PREEMPTIVELY RECEIVED OF COURSE THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE FENTANYL HAD TO DAWN UP ON THE HAZMAT SUITS AND TAKE ALL KINDS OF PRECAUTIONS AND I KNOW THAT IN THIS BRIEFING THAT WE SAW THIS HIGH LEVEL BRIEFING WE DID SEE A VIDEO WHERE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAD UNINTENTIONALLY INGESTED FENTANYL SIMPLY BY LIFTING THE TRUNK OF A CAR WHERE THERE WAS FENTANYL AND THAT MOTION THE WIND BLEW AND THIS OFFICER WAS BASICALLY OVERDOSED ON FENTANYL IN A MATTER OF SECONDS AND IT REQUIRED QUICK THINKING BY HIS COLLEAGUES QUICK THINKING A QUICK ACTION THAT THAT INVOLVED NALOXONE OR NARCAN AND OR ANYBODY OUT THERE NALOXONE AND NARCAN BASICALLY THE SAME THING ONE IS A BRAND NAME THE OTHER IS LIKE THE WESTERN FAMILY VERSION BUT LIKE I SAID WE'RE A LITTLE AHEAD OF THE CURVE WE'RE ALREADY HERE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND WE LEARNED THIS IN THIS BRIEFING HAS SEEN A FENTANYL OVERDOSE FORTUNATELY THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS AT THE TIME BEING HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS LIVED THE PERSON THAT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS OVERDOSE ALSO TESTED POSITIVE FOR FENTANYL AND REFERENCING A PRIOR SPEAKER I KNOW THAT WE HAD ALL GOT THE WHATSAPP MESSAGE JUST A COUPLE DAYS AGO AND I'M GONNA I'M GONNA QUOTE FROM THIS MESSAGE AND I WOULD JUST CAUTION THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED IN FACT IT IT'S NOT EVEN TRUE QUOTE UNTALAN HAS TWO STUDENTS WHO WAS GIVEN GUMMIES THAT HAS FENTANYL AND MEDICS ARE ON SITE BECAUSE THEY'RE HAVING SEIZURES AND BODY IS STUCK IN ONE POSITION THIS WHATSAPP MESSAGE WENT AROUND SO MANY TIMES I DON'T KNOW WE GET A

LOT OF WHATSAPP MESSAGES NOWADAYS BUT WHEN YOU GET ONE THAT SAYS FORWARDED MANY TIMES THAT MEANS IT WAS YES FORWARDED MANY TIMES BUT PLENTTYYYTY THIS MESSAGE WAS ALL OVER THE PLACE AND IT IT CAUSED ME GREAT DISTRESS BECAUSE WHILE I'M STANDING HERE SAYING THAT WE'RE A LITTLE BIT AHEAD OF THE CURVE IT WAS MY GREAT FEAR THAT WE DIDN'T ACT QUICKLY ENOUGH TO PASS THIS BILL INTO LAW AND TO GET NARCAN AND NALOXONE OUT TO WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE ESPECIALLY BECAUSE YOU KNOW THESE KIDS THESE MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS YOUNG KIDS THEY MIRROR WHAT THEY SEE THE ADULTS DO AND WHEN THEY SEE THE ADULTS WHETHER IT'S IN THE HOME OR OUTSIDE OF THE HOME TAKING ILLICIT SUBSTANCES IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF PARDON THE TERM MONKEY SEE MONKEY DO AND SO I I DID WORRY THAT WE HADN'T ACTED SOON SOON ENOUGH BUT YOU KNOW FORTUNATELY THIS INFORMATION WASN'T ACCURATE BUT WHAT IF IT WAS WHAT IF IT WAS AND KNOWING THAT FENTANYL IS ALREADY HERE AND KNOWING THAT WE DO HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE ADDICTED TO OPIOIDS WHEN YOU TALK TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND WE HAVE MANY TIMES THEY TELL THEY ALL TELL US THE SAME THING THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO PREFER OPIOIDS THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE ADDICTED TO OPIOIDS BUT THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE WHO ARE ADDICTED TO CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE SA MACHUCHUDAI METH RIGHT THE METH IS SPILLING EVERYWHERE AND SO I THINK THAT MIGHT BE PART OF WHY WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE SITUATION WITH FENTANYL GET AS BAD AS IT'S GOTTEN IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES IN HAWAII A PREVIOUS SPEAKER ALSO HAD NOTED THAT THE CRISIS WITH FENTANYL IN HAWAII IS SO BAD THAT THEY'VE ACTUALLY PUT NARCAN IN NOT HIGH SCHOOLS NOT MIDDLE SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND I TAKE THAT TO MEAN NOT NECESSARILY I MEAN GOD FORBID ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS ARE EXPERIMENTING WITH DRUGS BUT SOMETIMES THEY TAKE STUFF OUT OF MOMMY AND DADDY OR NINO AND NINA'S MEDICINE CABINET THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS THEY BRING IT TO SCHOOL MAYBE IT DOES LOOK LIKE CANDY MAYBE THEY TAKE IT MAYBE THEY OVERDOSE MAYBE THEY DIE AND SO AGAIN WE'RE FORTUNATE IN SOME WAYS BUT IN MANY WAYS NOT THAT THE DRUG OF CHOICE ON OUR ISLAND IS CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE BUT WE KNOW THIS WE KNOW THAT OUR PEOPLE MANY OF OUR PEOPLE ARE *KINENE* THEY'RE VERY VERY CARRIED VERY ADDICTED HAVE ADDICTIVE PERSONALITIES AND SO KNOWING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND EVEN OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT THOUGH THEY STRUGGLE WITH IT IS MOVING IN BIG WAYS BEHIND THE SCENES TO REALLY KNOCK OUT THIS METH CRISIS TO MAKE A DENT TO PUT THESE THESE DRUG DEALERS WHO HAVE ENRICHED THEMSELVES THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC ENRICHED THEMSELVES ON ON THE PAIN OF OUR PEOPLE ENRICH THEMSELVES BY SELLING SO MUCH CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE ON OUR ISLAND THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO GO LEGIT THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO OPEN UP WHOLE BUSINESSES WHERE THEY ALLEGEDLY LAUNDER THIS MONEY THAT'S HOW GOOD THEY'RE DOING BECAUSE WE WERE BEHIND THE CURVE BECAUSE WE WERE TOO LATE I WISH WE HAD A TIME MACHINE SO THAT WE COULD GO BACK TO THE LATE 1990S GO BACK TO THE DAYS OF THE CABACANG CARTEL THE DAYS OF WHEN OUR OUR GOVERNMENT WAS WISE IN ITS RESPONSE WHEN THIS CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE REARED ITS UGLY HEAD ON OUR ISLAND SHORES AND WE RESPONDED WITH A CAMPAIGN CALLED THE WAR ON ICE I DON'T KNOW MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES REMEMBER THAT I LIKED IT I LIKED IT BECAUSE IT WAS SOMETHING IT WAS WE WERE DOING SOMETHING TO PUT A MESSAGE OUT THERE THAT THAT THIS DRUG IS BAD THAT LOOK OUT FOR THIS DRUG BUT THEN OVER THE YEARS THROUGH INACTION OR INCOMPETENCE OR BOTH IN A LOT OF WAYS WE THREW IN THE TOWEL WE GAVE UP *BUSTA* ITS TOO HARD IT'S TOO HARD *BUSTA* THE MAN IS MY *PARI* I CANNOT DO ANYTHING AND I WISH I HAD A TIME MACHINE SO THAT WE COULD GO BACK TO THIS TIME AND KEEP THESE EFFORTS IN PLACE MAYBE WE'D BE LOOKING AT A DIFFERENT SITUATION BUT WE DON'T NEED A TIME MACHINE BECAUSE WE'RE STANDING AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE RIGHT NOW A CROSS ROADS WHERE WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE AN EPIDEMIC A CRISIS WORSE THAN CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE IMAGINE IF YOU WILL SOMETHING WORSE THEN CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE DON'T IMAGINE I'LL TELL YOU IT'S FENTANYL AND WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOVING TO TAKE OUT SOME OF THIS CRYSTAL METH CARTEL THAT BASICALLY DOES WHAT THEY WANT WITH OUR ISLAND WITH OUR PEOPLE THAT MEANS HOPEFULLY PRAYING TO GOD THAT THE SUPPLY OF CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE WILL BE IMPACTED THAT WILL MAKE STRIDES THAT FAMILY MEMBERS PEOPLE THAT WE KNOW AND LOVE THAT MAYBE WE HAVE SHUNNED OR SHUT DOWN OR SHUT OFF BECAUSE THEY'RE TOO FAR DOWN THAT CRYSTAL METH PATH MAYBE THEY CAN BE WELCOMED BACK INTO THE FAMILY BUT AGAIN KNOWING HOW OUR PEOPLE ARE *KINENE* KNOWING THE STRESSES THAT THEY FACE KNOWING THE ROOT CAUSES OF WHY PEOPLE TURN TO DRUGS AND THERE ARE MANY ROOT CAUSES YOU WALK OUT THE DOOR IN THE MORNING I HIT ABOUT 10 TO 20 ROOT CAUSES ON THE WAY TO WORK RIGHT SO KNOWING THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO ADDICTION IF WE MAKE A DENT ON THE AMOUNT OF CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE THAT IS SPILLING OUT HERE ON THESE STREETS UNCHECKED IN MANY MANY WAYS WHAT WILL THEY TURN TO WILL THEY TURN TO FENTANYL I THINK SO I WANT TO SAY I

KNOW SO AND SO THIS MEASURE AND I'M SO GRATEFUL THAT IT'S BEEN WIDELY ACCEPTED FOR THE MOST PART WITHOUT RESERVATION BY NOT JUST THEIR COLLEAGUES IN THIS BODY BUT BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE WHO YOU KNOW IN A ROUND TABLE ON A WHOLE SEPARATE ISSUE TOOK THE TIME TO STATE ON THE RECORD THAT HE SUPPORTED THIS MEASURE WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO HEAR FROM THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES WHO BRIEFED US THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE NARCAN THEY HAVE NALOXONE THEY DID NOT HAVE TO GIVE IT BACK LOOKING IN THEIR EYES AND SEEING THESE THESE SEASONED LAW ENFORCEMENT VETERANS WHO HAVE DEFINITELY FACE MORE CHALLENGES AND MORE SITUATIONS LIFE AND DEATH SITUATIONS THAN WE HAVE HERE BUT TO SEE THEM AND TO SEE FEAR IN THEIR EYES WHEN IS THEIR JOB TO GO IN AND TO TO TAKE DOWN THESE CRIMINALS BUT TO KNOW THAT THEY WORRY FOR OUR PEOPLE FOR OUR ISLAND THAT IF THIS THIS BEAST OF FENTANYL IS UNLEASHED AND ALLOWED TO SPREAD UNCHECKED THE WAY THE CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE IS SPREAD UNCHECKED THEY'RE RIGHT TO BE AFRAID I'M AFRAID AND THAT'S WHY I ASK THAT WE WE PUSH THIS THING THROUGH WE SUPPORT THIS WE GET THE NARCAN THE NALOXONE OUT TO THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS OUT TO WHEREVER IT NEEDS TO GO IF IT NEEDS TO GO TO THE HIGH SCHOOL *SIGI* THE MIDDLE SCHOOL THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NARCAN AND NALOXONE WHEN WHEN YOU DO THE RESEARCH TO SAY THEY'RE WIDELY AVAILABLE IN MANY JURISDICTIONS THAT FLY THE SAME FLAG AS WE DO IS QUITE AN UNDERSTATEMENT YOU CAN'T GO FIVE TO TEN FEET IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES WITHOUT HITTING A VENDING MACHINE OR A PLACE THAT HAS NARCAN AND NALOXONE AVAILABLE READILY AVAILABLE AND WE'RE BLESSED IN MANY WAYS THAT WE'RE NOT SEEING THAT PROBLEM HERE YET AND SO I JUST ASK THAT WE SUPPORT THIS MEASURE FOR THE GOOD OF OUR PEOPLE AND I THINK IT'S IT'S COMMENDABLE THAT AGAIN ALTHOUGH THE FENTANYL IS HERE THAT WE HAVE COME OUT SQUARELY IN FRONT OF IT TO FACE IT HEAD ON AND WE'RE NOT TRYING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE 25 YEARS LATER *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*'.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU SENADOT* BARNETT SENATOR TOM FISHER I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THE FIRST THING I'D LIKE TO SAY IS A A SENTIMENT OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AUTHORS OF THIS BILL SENATOR TERLAJE AS WELL AS SENATOR BARNETT TO ME THIS IS THE FIRST STEP IN THIS NEW WAR AND THESE FOLKS THESE TWO SPONSORS OF THE BILL BILL HAVE BROUGHT A SIGNIFICANTLY DOWN THE ROAD TOWARDS BRINGING THIS DISASTER TO ALL OF OUR ATTENTION AND ALSO ADDRESSING IT I WAS WONDERING IF AS HAVE I THINK SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION HAVE CONSIDERED MOVING NALOXONE AND NARCAN TO OVER-THE-COUNTER STATUS I THINK THEY'VE ALREADY RECOMMENDED IT AND I'M WONDERING WHETHER OR NOT THE REGULATORY MECHANISMS HERE ON GUAM WOULD ALLOW US TO DO THAT IT'S IT WOULD BRING DOWN THE PRICE IF IT WERE OVER THE COUNTER IT'D MAKE IT READILY AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES AS WELL AS FIRST RESPONDERS I THINK THAT THAT MIGHT BE A WISE I BELIEVE IT IS TO BE A WISE THING TO DO SINCE THE THE DRUG THE ANTAGONIST HAS NO KNOWN ADDICTIVE QUALITIES IT HAS NO KNOWN OVERDOSE RISKS IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THEFT OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT IT'S MERELY AN AN ANTAGONIST TO THE EFFECT OF OPIOIDS AND YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT JUST SPEAKING WE'RE SPEAKING ABOUT ALL OPIOIDS PERCOCET ETC AND SO FORTH NOT JUST THE COMBINATIONS AND THE SALTS THAT WE FIND IN FENTANYL SO I WOULD LIKE I'D LIKE TO KNOW PERHAPS THEY COULD CONSIDER MOVING THAT OVER TO AN OVER-THE-COUNTER STATUS I JUST HAD ONE MORE COMMENT AND THEN A QUESTION FOR SENATOR BARNETT AGAIN I APPRECIATE WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE BUT MOVING FORWARD AND YOU KNOW NOT REFLECTING ON OUR FAILURES IN THE PAST AND THEY CERTAINLY WERE MONUMENTAL WE TOTALLY LOST THE WAR ON DRUGS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WE HAVE TO PICK UP THE SWORD ALL OVER AGAIN THAT'S THE WAY IT IS BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO LOSE THE WAR ON OPIOIDS THAT'S JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN AN EXPRESSION OF THAT IS JUST THIS BILL THAT'S IN FRONT OF US BUT IF WE ARE DOING THIS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND WE'RE ALSO DOING THIS TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN OF GUAM FROM PEOPLE WHO CREATE THESE PILL MILLS WHERE THEY CRUSH UP FENTANYL MIX IT WITH XANAX OR SOMETHING AND THEN PRESS IT OUT IN THE IN THE FORM OF A FLINTSTONE VITAMIN IF WE WERE REALLY GOING TO GET RID OF THAT SORT OF PILL MILL PREVENT IT FROM REALLY RAMPING UP HERE ON GUAM I THINK THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS IT ADDRESS THAT ISSUE IN A WAY THAT FRANKLY IS NOT HYPOCRITICAL IF WE ARE GOING TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM FENTANYL SHOULDN'T WE ALSO PROTECT THEM FROM ALCOHOL IF WE ARE GOING TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM FENTANYL AND ALCOHOL SHOULDN'T WE ALSO PROTECT THEM FROM FENTANYL ALCOHOL AND NICOTINE ALL OF THESE IN COMBINATION OR ALONE ARE DEADLY AND WE NEED TO STOP THE KIDS FROM GETTING ON THE PATH OF NICOTINE ADDICTION ALCOHOL ADDICTION OPIOID ADDICTION AND IF WE ARE SINCERE AND I KNOW THAT WE ALL ARE IN THIS BODY WE ARE

SINCERE IN FIGHTING THIS LET'S LOOK AT ALL THESE ISSUES LET'S BE CONSISTENT LET'S REALLY REALLY PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR FISHER ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR JOANNE BROWN I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS THIS BILL YOU KNOW CERTAINLY WHEN IT FIRST CAME BEFORE US AND I READ IT I THOUGHT OH MY GOSH IS THIS WHAT WE HAVE COME TO THAT WE NEED TO HAVE THIS AVAILABLE WE REFER TO IT AS OPIOID ANTAGONIST BECAUSE WE'VE HAD A DRUG PROBLEM THAT HAS PERMEATED THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY SO MUCH SO THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE THIS AVAILABLE SO THAT HOPEFULLY WE CAN SAVE LIVES AND THE FACT THAT WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEED TO PUT THESE IN SCHOOLS IT'S EVEN MORE BOTHERSOME FOR THOSE OF US THAT ARE PARENTS GRANDPARENTS YOU KNOW I WAS A CHILD IN THE EARLY 70S WHEN WE HAD THE WHOLE HEROIN SITUATION ON GUAM AND WE HEARD ABOUT THAT BUT THAT WAS ALWAYS AT A DISTANCE IT WASN'T SOMETHING THAT I AS A CHILD OR MANY OF US OF THAT GENERATION HAD TO GROW UP AROUND US OR EXPERIENCE AROUND US IT WAS AT A DISTANCE IT WAS HERE BUT IT WAS AT A DISTANCE AND NOW ALL THESE YEARS LATER THE GROWING DRUG PROBLEM ON GUAM IS LIKE THE VERY FOUNDATION OF THE QUALITY OF OUR EXISTENCE IN OUR LIVES AS A COMMUNITY AND IT'S FALLING APART IF WE HAVE MORE MATERIAL THINGS ON THE SURFACE WE LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING'S NICE AND SHINY AND NEW AND YET THE CORE OF OUR VERY EXISTENCE AS A COMMUNITY THE THINGS THAT WE SHOULD VALUE THE MOST ARE ERODING AND WE'VE GOT TO ASK OURSELVES WHY WHY DO WE HAVE MORE OF OUR PEOPLE WHY DO WE FEAR THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE OUR CHILDREN ARE GOING TO BE HARMED BY THESE DRUGS WE CAN DEBATE MANY OTHER ISSUES ON THE FLOOR IF THIS LEGISLATURE NO DOUBT WE WILL THIS TERM BUT YOU KNOW THE STUFF THAT REALLY MATTERS WHERE THEY SAY THE PAVEMENT HITS THE ROAD THAT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE ISSUES HAVING IT READY HAVING THIS READILY AVAILABLE YES IT'S A GOOD THING BUT THE FACT THAT WE'RE HERE HAVING TO DO THIS IS A BAD THING BECAUSE IT SHOWS HOW FAR AND HOW MUCH THESE DRUGS HAVE PERMEATED INTO OUR COMMUNITY AND IT'S SCARY YOU KNOW WE THINK ADULTS WELL THEY MAKE THEIR CHOICE AND CHILDREN ARE EXPOSED TO IT YOU KNOW HOW MANY MORE STORIES ARE WE GOING TO HEAR ABOUT CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT IN SOME CASES ARE LEFT ABANDONED BY THEIR VERY OWN PARENT OR PARENTS BECAUSE THEY'RE ON DRUGS AND THEY'RE TOO DRUGGED UP TO EVEN CONSIDER ENSURING THAT THEIR CHILD IS CARED FOR THAT THEIR CHILD IS FED THAT THEIR CHILD IS CLEAN THAT THEIR CHILD IS IN A SAFE CARING ENVIRONMENT HOW COULD YOU BE SO FAR OFF THAT YOU DON'T PRIORITIZE THAT AND YET WE SEE AND HEAR THAT AND IT'S ALMOST LIKE A NORMAL REGULAR DAY IT'S HEARTBREAKING IT'S HEARTBREAKING IN A COMMUNITY WHERE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO LOVE AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER AND YET THIS IS A REALITY THAT WE'RE FACED WITH THIS IS A REALITY THAT OUR YOUNG CHILDREN GROWING UP IN THIS SUPPOSEDLY LOVING COMMUNITY IS FACED WITH AND IT SHOWS THAT WE HAVE FAILED WE HAVE FAILED BECAUSE IT'S OUR TIME NOW WE'RE IN CHARGE IT GIVES YOU SUCH A SENSE OF HOPELESSNESS I THINK IT'S VERY SAD I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO GREATER OUTREACH AND AWARENESS IN OUR COMMUNITY THERE'S NO DOUBT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT GREATER AND BETTER TREATMENT PROCESSES SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET OUR PEOPLE THAT ARE ON THESE DRUGS OFF THESE DRUGS AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY THAT WE CAN REACH THOSE THAT ARE AFFECTED BY IT BEFORE THEY DIE FROM IT BECAUSE I WORRY MADAM SPEAKER I WORRY ABOUT MY FAMILY I WORRY ABOUT MY YOUNG CHILD THAT THEY COULD GET EXPOSED TO THIS AT SCHOOL FENTANYL TO THE POINT THAT IF THEY'RE WITHIN PROXIMITY OF IT OR TOUCH IT OR HAVE IT TOUCHED THEIR SKIN CAN DIE FROM IT BECAUSE SOMEBODY OR SOMEBODY'S OUT THERE IN OUR COMMUNITY PROFIT OFF THE MISERY AND HARM THAT THEY BRING TO THIS COMMUNITY AND THEN YOU KNOW AS OUR EARLIER SPEAKER MY COLLEAGUE HERE MENTIONED YOU KNOW THEY WALK AMONG US WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE THEY WHO KNOW WHO THEY ARE THEY WALK ON THE HIGHEST CIRCLES IN THIS COMMUNITY AND IT'S JUST ACCEPTABLE WHEN WAS THAT ACCEPTABLE AS I MENTIONED MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL BUT I HOPE IT GIVES US GREAT THOUGHT AND REFLECTION I HOPE ALL OF OUR PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY REALLY THINK ABOUT THE SERIOUSNESS OF WHAT'S BEFORE US NOT WHEN IT KNOCKS ON OUR DOOR AFFECTS A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY OR SOMEONE WE DEEPLY LOVE AND CARE ABOUT WE'VE GOT TO DO MORE THERE'S GOT A REASON WE GOT TO LIFT UP OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE THIS CAN'T BE THE FUTURE OF WHERE WE'RE HEADED THERE'S GOT TO BE BETTER OUT THERE FOR OUR PEOPLE AND CERTAINLY THIS IS A STEP TOWARDS THAT BUT THIS IS JUST THE REACTION TO THE PROBLEM WE'RE NOT ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM AT THE ROOT OF WHERE IT TRULY IS AND THAT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOME HEAVY LIFTING CERTAINLY I HOPE WE DO

SO IN THIS TERM THAT WE HAVE AHEAD OF US WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS BILL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR BROWN SENATOR ROY QUINATA I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR QUINATA: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE' MADAM SPEAKER YA-HU PAO YA-HU BAI SAÑGANI NA HU SUPOTTE ESTA NA PRINIPONI SA' GOF IMPOTANTTE ESTE NA PRINIPONI PU NA' TUÑGU HA' TODO I TÁOTAO I YAN I I PUBLIKU NA DIMASIÃO MAKAT ESTE NA PRINIPONI SA'* THE USE OF NARCAN IS EXPECTED TO OVERDOSE FOR THE OVERDOSE CASES BUT THEN THAT CAN POTENTIALLY SAVE LIVES AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY I SUPPORT THIS MEASURE I BELIEVE THIS IS A CRITICAL ISSUE AND ALLOWING US TO USE THIS DRUG WE CAN HELP THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION RECEIVE THE CARE AND TREATMENT THAT THEY NEED THOUGH THIS LEGISLATION WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE WE'LL BE PROVIDING ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING MEDICATIONS IT'S DEFINITELY NEEDED THUS POTENTIALLY PREVENTING AN UNNECESSARY DEATHS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT'S THE KEY WORD OUR COMMUNITY IS MOST VULNERABLE HERE FROM OUR *NENIS* TO OUR *NANA'S* ADDITIONALLY ALLOWING THE USE OF THE NARCAN MEDICATION IS SUSPECTED TO REDUCE OVERDOSE CASES AND WILL HELP REDUCE THE BURDEN OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND RESPONSE AND CAN PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED RELIEF FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES DEALING WITH THE ADDICTION RELATED ISSUES I URGE MY COLLEAGUES MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE FOR ITS LIFE-SAVING PRINCIPLES AND I HOPE THIS BILL PASSES THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR WILL PARKINSON I RECOGNIZE YOU ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO SPEAK OUT IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION FOR ME THE PROBLEM OF FENTANYL IS NOT A HYPOTHETICAL OR THEORETICAL IT'S VERY REAL CONCERN I HAVE I'VE LOST FRIENDS IN MY LIFE DIRECTLY TO FENTANYL I FIRST SAW THE PROBLEM OF FENTANYL WHEN I WAS LIVING STATESIDE AND IT WAS DEVASTATING THEN AND IT CRUSHED ME WHEN I SAW THAT FENTANYL WAS STARTING TO TAKE A FOOHOLD HERE ON GUAM WHEN IT TOOK SOME OF MY FRIENDS AND IF THIS BILL AND THIS LEGISLATION AND THESE RESOURCES WERE AVAILABLE TO FIRST RESPONDERS MAYBE MY FRIENDS WOULD STILL BE HERE TODAY SO FOR THEM AND FOR PEOPLE LIKE THEM WHO NEED THE HELP TO GET THEIR LIVES AROUND SO THAT THEY COULD GET A SECOND CHANCE I VOTE IN FAVOR IN THIS BILL AND I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT IT AS WELL THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR PARKINSON ANYBODY ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR FRANK BLAS I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MA'AM I RISE IN SUPPORT THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION BUT HOWEVER I CRINGE AND I'M AFRAID THAT THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT WAS NECESSARY AND THAT SOMETHING THAT I HAD TO VOTE FOR SOMETHING THAT I HAVE TO CONSIDER BECAUSE WELL NALOXONE AND NARCAN IS GOING TO BE USED CAN BE USED TO BE ABLE TO PREVENT THE DEATH OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO'S HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO IT THE REAL PROBLEM IS HERE THE INDIVIDUAL USED IT THAT IS THAT IT THAT IS IT IS EXISTENT THAT'S THE PROBLEM YOU KNOW A LOT OF TIMES THERE'S MEDICATION MEDICATION IS THEIRS AND HOPEFULLY THAT ONE DAY WHILE ITS THERE THAT YOU NEVER HAVE TO USE IT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE ONE OF THOSE PRESCRIPTIONS IF YOU WILL THAT YOU HOPE YOU HAVE IT IN YOUR INVENTORY BUT YOU NEVER YOU HOPE YOU NEVER HAVE TO USE IT AND I SAID AND I LISTENED TO MY COLLEAGUES AND I APPRECIATE AND I UNDERSTAND THE ALL THE CONCERNS AND EVERYTHING AND WHAT GOT TO ME WAS THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS YOU KNOW COLLEAGUE EARLIER MENTIONED THAT HE HAD HOPED THAT ONE DAY OR THAT THE WAY WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TACKLE THIS IS THE WAY WE TACKLED THE WAR ON ICE BACK IN THE 1990S WITH THE ROY CABACANGS AND WHATNOT I RAN THE WAR ON ICE I WAS THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE UNITS THAT WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATING THE HYDRO TRAFFICKERS IN METHAMPHETAMINE I SAW THOSE HORRORS I LIVED THOSE HORRORS AND YOU KNOW THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE HORRORS THEN AND THE HORRORS NOW IS THE HORROR THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH NOW IT'S TARGETING OUR CHILDREN THE HORRORS THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH BACK THEN THERE WAS OKAY SO WE HAD INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE HIGH ON ICE FOR FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN DAYS WE'RE DEALING WITH A DRUG THAT WITHIN SECONDS OF ADMINISTRATION YOU COULD DIE YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY THE WAR ON ICE YOU WANT TO KNOW METHAMPHETAMINE IS PREVALENT ON THIS ISLAND AND AND HEROIN IS BECAUSE PEOPLE CAN ADMINISTER IT TO THEMSELVES AND CHANCES ARE THEY CAN CONTINUE DEVELOP AN ADDICTION AND GO ON WITH THEIR

LIVES NOT WITH FENTANYL FENTANYL BASICALLY IS A DRUG THAT YOU USE I DARE YOU TO USE IT AND SEE IF YOU CAN DIE AND SEE IF YOU'RE GONNA DIE THAT'S WHAT IT IS SHOULD WE BE AFRAID WE SHOULD BE DEATHLY AFRAID SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED WE SHOULD BE GRAVELY CONCERNED BECAUSE IF FENTANYL GETS A FOOHOLD ON THIS ISLAND AS MANY PEOPLE HOPE IT DOESN'T OR THAT WE CAN ANTICIPATE DEATH IS GOING TO BE COMMONPLACE AND IT WOULDN'T MATTER HOW MUCH NARCAN WE HAVE AMONG IN POLICE CARS IN AMBULANCES IN TEACHERS CLASSROOMS THEY'RE GOING TO BE INSTANCES WHERE HELP IS TOO FAR AWAY TO BE ABLE TO SAVE THIS INDIVIDUAL'S LIFE THAT'S WHAT THIS IS SO WHILE I SUPPORT THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION SO THAT THERE IS THAT OPPORTUNITY THAT CHANCE IF YOU WILL THAT IF WE CATCH IT ON TIME THAT IF WE RECOGNIZE IT ON TIME WE CAN USE THIS DRUG TO BE ABLE TO COUNTERACT THE EFFECTS OF THE FENTANYL AND POSSIBLY SAVE A LIFE WHAT WE GOT TO WORK ON IS EFFORTS SO THAT WE NEVER HAVE TO BE ABLE TO USE THE THAT ANTAGONIST SO THIS IS SUPPORT FOR AN ANTAGONIST A DRUG THAT WE I HOPE AND I PRAY THAT WE NEVER HAVE TO USE BECAUSE AT THE RATE WE'RE GOING THAT FIRST VICTIM THAT FIRST INDIVIDUAL THAT WE MAY HAVE TO USE THIS DRUG ON TO SAVE THEIR LIVES MAY BE A CHILD THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR BLAS IF THERE'S NO ONE ELSE IN THE MAIN MOTION I ASK THAT SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU MAY CLOSE IN YOUR MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU SINCERELY TO ALL OF THOSE WHO SPOKE ON THE BILL VERY I THINK MOVING TESTIMONY I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER FOR REALLY BRINGING IT HOME TO US ABOUT WE'RE DOING THIS TO SAVE LIVES AGAINST DRUGS THAT ARE IN OUR COMMUNITY BUT WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO DO IS PREVENT THESE DRUGS FROM ENTERING OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT IS OUR NUMBER ONE GOAL AT LEAST MINE AND I I THINK AND I JUST WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT I WANT TO RE-EMPHASIZE WHAT MY COLLEAGUE FROM *YONA IPAN TALO'FOFO'* FROM GUAM SAID EARLIER THAT YEAH WHAT WE FOUND IS WE THOUGHT IT'S JUST OVERDOSE FROM TAKING TOO MUCH PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS RIGHT BUT IT TRANSFORMED INTO THE SERIOUS EFFECTS OF NOT JUST THAT BUT TAKING SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS SUCH AS FENTANYL AND THE IMMEDIATE EFFECTS OF THAT AND THE SECONDS THAT YOU HAVE TO HELP THOSE PEOPLE AND WHO WILL DIE AND THAT'S ANOTHER THING THAT'S VERY HARD TO ACCEPT AND YOU KNOW THE THE JUST THAT VISUAL OF THESE BEING DISPENSED IN GRADE SCHOOLS IS YOU KNOW NOT JUST SHOCKING IT IT SHAKES ME AND SO I AGREE WE PREVENT THIS WE STOP THIS AND I WANT TO EMPOWER ALL OF OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AND IN THE LAST OPIOID ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING I I JUST WANT TO SAY EVERYBODY ON THAT COMMISSION IS ON THIS OR COUNCIL IS ON THE SAME PAGE AND SO WHAT THEY ACTUALLY DID WAS TAKE SOME OF THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT MONEY AND SPEND IT ON TEST KITS TEST KITS IF YOU CAN IMAGINE IS TO TEST WHETHER THAT WHITE POWDER THAT CAN BLOW INTO YOUR RESPIRATORY SYSTEM IN A SECOND OR LESS WHETHER THAT POWDER IS FENTANYL RIGHT SO OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES DON'T ALL HAVE THESE KIDS IF WE CAN EVEN BELIEVE THAT RIGHT AND SO THESE THE REALITY OF OUR SITUATION IS SHOCKING BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE ARE MOVING SO THEY THEY'RE FUNDING TEST KITS FOR DOC BECAUSE WE HAVE LEARNED THROUGH THIS HEARING PROCESS ON THIS BILL THAT THIS DRUG IS ACTUALLY BEEN FOUND AT DOC FENTANYL IT'S BEEN FOUND IN OUR COMMUNITY IT'S BEEN FOUND AT OUR BORDERS SO THERE IS NO MORE DENYING AND I WAS NOT AWARE OF THOSE THINGS PRIOR TO THIS BILL THE HEARING ON THE BILL AND BUT NOW THERE IS NO MORE DENYING THAT THESE THINGS ARE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AS AT GREAT RISK AND OUR CHILDREN ARE AT GREAT RISK IN OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITIES AT GREAT RISK SO WE FUNDED TEST KITS FOR DOC MANY MORE TEST KITS FOR CUSTOMS THAN THE ONE THAT THEY HAD AND GPD WE ALSO FUNDED OR REQUIRED THAT THE NALOXONE WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL THOSE LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT HAD THE DRUG DOGS RIGHT BECAUSE THEY NEED THE NALOXONE IF THE DOGS INGEST THESE MATERIALS AS WELL AND AND OF COURSE FUNDED ADDITIONAL K-9 UNITS TO GO TO GPD OR GPD AND CUSTOMS AND THAT THEY EACH HAD THEIR OWN TRAINERS ON ISLAND TO TRAIN THESE DRUG DETECTION DOGS CANINES SO I THANK YOU AGAIN TO ALL MY COLLEAGUES I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TWO ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL IF I MAY MADAM SPEAKER ONE IS THE BILL ORIGINALLY UNDER THE DEFINITIONS OF HEALTH CARE IT USED TO SAY PROFESSIONAL WE CHANGED IT TO SAY PRACTITIONER BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY HEALTH CARE TO AMEND IT AGAIN TO SAY HEALTH CARE PROFESSION PROFESSIONAL OR PRACTITIONER AND THE DEFINITION IS THE SAME BUT IT'S JUST THOSE WORDS BECAUSE THEY'RE USED DIFFERENT THEY'RE USED THROUGHOUT THE BILL IN INTERCHANGEABLE FASHION SO THE AMENDMENT IS JUST WHERE IT SAYS HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER MEANS I'M ADDING THE WORD HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL OR PRACTITIONER MEANS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MOTION CARRIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT THAT'S A AN AMENDMENT CO-SPONSORED BY SENATOR BARNETT IT WAS HIS IDEA BUT HE HAD FINISHED SPEAKING ALREADY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE SECOND AMENDMENT I'D LIKE TO MAKE IS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR SPEAKER ONE SECOND ON THAT MOTION TO ADD THE OH GOT IT YOU MAY YOU MAY PROCEED SPEAKER TERLAJE THAT THAT AMENDMENT WAS PROFFERED BY YOU AND THE GOOD SENATOR FROM YONA SO THAT IS INTACT BUT YOU MAY PROCEED ON YOUR NEXT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MY NEXT AMENDMENT IS AT SPONSORS MADAM SPEAKER TO THE BILL AND I WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO STAYED FOR THE HEARING AND I THINK IF I MAY SPEAK FOR THEM THAT WE LEARNED A LOT AND WE WERE ALSO MY COMMITTEE YOU KNOW OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY WANTED TO MEET WITH ME AND I INVITED MY COMMITTEE TO JOIN THE MEETING TO HEAR FROM THEM WHAT THE REALITY IS FOR THEM AND AND FOR ALL OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND SO I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR DILIGENCE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PUBLIC HEARING WHICH TOOK MUCH LONGER THAN I HAD ANTICIPATED AND AND I THINK EVEN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THAT WERE THERE OR THE VARIOUS AGENCIES LEARNED A LOT FROM EACH OTHER AS WELL SO I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR ALL OF THEIR WORK TOGETHER AND AND THE WORK TOGETHER THAT IS GOING TO BE NEEDED AS WE CONTINUE SO I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO ADD AS CO-SPONSOR SENATOR JOANNE BROWN SENATOR TOM FISHER SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE SENATOR I'M VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES AND LET ME JUST ADD THOSE WHO SPOKE ON THE BILL SENATOR JESSE LUJAN SENATOR ROY QUINATA SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR WILL PARKINSON SENATOR FRANK BLAS AND AGAIN COLLEAGUES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE CARRIES ON THE MOTION TO PLACE IT MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES I WANT TO WISH OUR AGENCIES OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THE BEST IN IMPLEMENTING THIS BILL IN GETTING THAT NALOXONE OUT AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THEM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THE JUDICIARY GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ALL OF OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OUR PARAMEDICS OUR EMTS WHO ARE PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE ALL OF THEM FOR THEIR WORK AND I KNOW WE ALL HAVE THE SAME GOAL AND THAT IS TO STOP THIS DRUG TO PREVENT THIS DRUG FROM EVEN ENTERING BUT TO SAVE OUR LIVES THROUGH ADMINISTERING OF OF THE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS FOR OPIOID OVERDOSES ON THAT I WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT MY MOTION TO PUT THIS BILL ONTO THE THIRD READING MADAM SPEAKER AS AMENDED AND AS FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NO. 10-37 COR AS AMENDED AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE TO THE THIRD READING MOVING IT TO THE THIRD READING VOTING FILE HEARING OR SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SPEAKER ON A.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO SINCE WE'RE FINISHED WITH THE ONE BILL WE'VE GOT TWO MORE BILLS TO MOVE TO RECESS UNTIL 2 PM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES THANK YOU SENATORS.

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VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES WHEN WE LAST LEFT OFF OUR PREVIOUS BILL ON 10-37 WAS MOVED TO THE THIRD READING WE ARE NOW GOING TO ENTERTAIN BILL NO. 12-37 COR AT THIS TIME I WILL RECOGNIZE ONE MOMENT I WANT TO HOLD THAT THOUGHT AS A REMINDER TO MY COLLEAGUES BASED ON WHAT IS PROVIDED TO US ON FLOOR AMENDMENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT IF ANYBODY HAS A FLOOR AMENDMENT THEY MUST SUBMIT IT TO SESSIONDRIVE@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG DOES EVERYBODY HAVE THAT

SESSIONDRIVE@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG OKAY WITH THAT BEING SAID SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU NOW ON BILL NO. 12-37 COR *KUNSIGI MO'NA PUT FABOT*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I'VE MOVED TO PLACE BILL NO. 12-37 COR INTRODUCED BY MYSELF THERESE M. TERLAJE IT IS AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 60112 OF CHAPTER 60 TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE LEGISLATURE BEFORE PURCHASING OR ENTERING INTO A LEASE LICENSE OR SUBLEASE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR SUB-ENTITIES THEREOF FOR A TERM IN EXCESS OF FIVE YEARS MOVE THAT THAT BE PLACED INTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE PROCEED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SO FOR THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING THE BILL ADDS ONE PARAGRAPH TO EXISTING LAW WE HAVE EXISTING LAW REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR THE LEASE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT OF GUAM PROPERTY SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM CAN BE INFORMED AND OF COURSE THE LEGISLATURE WILL CONCUR IN THOSE TRANSFERS OF GOVERNMENT OF GUAM PROPERTY AND WE HAVE PROCUREMENT LAW WHICH AUTHORIZES US TO LEASE PRIVATE PROPERTY US AS A GOVERNMENT TO LEASE PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR OUR PURPOSES AND OF COURSE THAT GOES THROUGH THE WHOLE PROCUREMENT LAW PROCESS WHICH IS YOU KNOW OPEN AND TRANSPARENT AND WE HAVE LAID OUT VERY SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS TO FOLLOW IN THAT PROCESS SO WHAT THE THIS PARTICULAR BILL INTENDS TO DO IS TO AMEND SECTION 60112 WHICH IS THE SECTION WHICH REQUIRES LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR THE TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OR THE LEASE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND TO ADD THE FOLLOWING SUBSECTION B NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ITS VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES INCLUDING AUTONOMOUS OR SEMI-AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES SHALL NOT PURCHASE OR ENTER INTO A LEASE LICENSE OR SUBLEASE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OR SUB-ENTITIES THEREOF FOR A TERM IN EXCESS OF FIVE YEARS WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* OR *I LIHESLATURA* BY DULY ENACTED LEGISLATION WHICH SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZES A PARTICULAR SALE LEASE LICENSE OR SUBLEASE WHY I INTRODUCED THIS BILL MADAM SPEAKER WAS BECAUSE WE WANT A TRANSPARENT PROCESS WE DON'T WANT AGENCIES TO GO AT THEIR WHIM AND MAKE LEASES WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT BIND US THE PEOPLE OF GUAM FOR TERMS LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS FOR PURPOSES UNKNOWN TO US AND ON TERMS UNKNOWN TO US AT UNTIL AFTER THE OBLIGATION IS CONFIRMED WE WANT THIS TO BE A CONSISTENT POLICY FOR OURSELVES ACROSS THE BOARD TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY IN THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS WHEN THEY WANT TO PURCHASE ENTER INTO A LEASE A LICENSE OR SUBLEASE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL I THINK IT'S INCUMBENT UPON US AS A LEGISLATURE TO ENSURE THAT IF CONTRACTS ARE GOING TO BE NEGOTIATED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THAT THAT THOSE TERMS ARE GOING TO BE BEST FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND IN ALMOST EVERY OTHER SITUATION THAT HAS BEEN THE PURVIEW OF THE LEGISLATURE BUT THERE IS CURRENTLY NO LAW THAT SAYS FOR THE LEASE OR SUBLEASE OF FEDERAL PROPERTY THAT THEY MUST COMPLY WITH THE PROCUREMENT LAW OR THAT THEY MUST SEEK LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL THAT THEY MUST LET THE PUBLIC KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON NOTHING SEEMS TO BE REQUIRED I THINK THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE ABSOLUTELY ENTITLED TO BE A BE AWARE OF WHAT IS BEING NEGOTIATED ON THEIR BEHALF ESPECIALLY WHEN IT IS NOT A POLICY WHERE THE LEGISLATURE HAS SAID GO AND NEGOTIATE THAT ON OUR BEHALF ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S GOING TO TIE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM FOR YEARS AT A COST THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SHOULD BE ABLE TO BEAR AND SHOULD KNOW WHAT IT IS THAT THEY ARE AGREEING TO SOMETIMES THESE LEASES COME WITH OTHER TERMS NOT JUST MONEY THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN THESE TYPES OF DEALINGS HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BIND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO LONG-TERM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION WITHOUT ANY CHECKS AND BALANCES AND TO BRING THIS SITUATION HOME I'D LIKE TO USE AN EXAMPLE FOR EXAMPLE THERE IS TALK IN THE MEDIA AND THE GOVERNOR HAS PRETTY MUCH COME OUT STRAIGHT AND SAID SHE IS GOING TO LEASE 102 ACRES OF FEDERAL PROPERTY WITHOUT ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BEING SHARED AND AND WE'RE GOING TO LEASE THIS FOR THE PURPOSES OF BUILDING A HOSPITAL NOW THE LEGISLATURE HAS COME OUT IN FULL SUPPORT OF BUILDING A HOSPITAL NOTWITHSTANDING THE ALREADY ESTIMATED OVER ONE BILLION DOLLAR COSTS OF THAT NEW HOSPITAL BUT WE ARE BEING TOLD BY THE MEDIA THAT ON TOP OF THE ONE BILLION DOLLAR COSTS WE WILL ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH TERMS UNKNOWN TO US AT THIS DATE IN TERMS SEEMINGLY THAT WILL NEVER BE KNOWN TO US UNTIL THE AGREEMENTS ARE SIGNED BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE ARE BEING TOLD THAT THE AGREEMENTS ARE BEING SIGNED MY COMMITTEE HELD THREE TOTAL OVERSIGHTS ON APRIL 8 2021 NOVEMBER

18 2021 OCTOBER 18 2022 LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON THE USE OF LAND FEDERAL LAND NOT YET RETURNED TO OUR LANDOWNERS ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS AND THE LANDOWNERS TESTIFIED THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OF ANY PLANNING MEETINGS REGARDING THEIR LANDS AND FELT BYPASS IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING CONSTRUCTION OF GUAM'S NEW MEDICAL CAMPUS ON THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE LANDOWNERS FOR TESTIFYING AT THESE OVERSIGHT HEARINGS TESTIFYING ON ON THIS BILL AND BEING HERE WITH US TODAY MANY OF THEM ARE HERE WITH US TODAY THE 36 GUAM LEGISLATURE'S COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE ALSO SENT A TOTAL OF FIVE SEPARATE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS IN OCTOBER 2021 APRIL 2022 JUNE 2022 OCTOBER 2022 AND NOVEMBER 2022 TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH INCLUDING AGENCIES TO SEEK INFORMATION ON THIS MEDICAL CAMPUS AND THE PROPOSED SITE AT *LALO* MANGILAO OR EAGLES FIELD AS IT IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AND DESPITE MEDIA QUOTES TO THE CONTRARY THE FOIA RESPONSES DID NOT YIELD ANY LEASE OR DOCUMENTS INDICATING SPECIFICITY ON THE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE DECISION TO ENTER INTO A 99-YEAR LEASE NOR ANY DOCUMENT SHOWING THAT THE PROPERTY WOULD REMAIN IN THE FEDERAL ASSETS INVENTORY IF A HOSPITAL WAS NOT BUILT THERE ADDITIONALLY THE 36 ARE MY COMMITTEE TRY TO LOCATE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE OR THE 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMITTEE RELEVANT TO DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE DECISION TO LEASE A PORTION OF LOT A7A AND B ANDERSEN BARRIGADA ANNEX THAT'S HOW THE MILITARY REFERS TO THIS PROPERTY BUT THERE WAS A LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS MADE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AND NONE OF THOSE DOCUMENTS WERE SPECIFIC TO A LEASE OR THE DECISION TO LEASE A PROPERTY FOR 99 YEARS NO DOCUMENTATION OR TESTIMONY WAS PRODUCED THAT DISTINGUISHES THE BENEFITS OF NEGOTIATING A 99-YEAR LEASE OF FEDERAL LAND VERSUS ADVOCATING THE OUTRIGHT RETURN OF IT THROUGH THE CURRENT PROCESS OUTLINED INTO 2019 NDAA GEDA HAS STATED IN THE PAST AND ALSO TESTIFIED THAT THE *LALO* PROPERTY IN *MANGILAO* IS THE PROPOSED SITE FOR THE MEDICAL CAMPUS AND THAT IT WAS NOT LISTED AS ACCESSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT YET MADAM SPEAKER WE HAVE IN OUR POSSESSION WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED AT OUR HEARINGS A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY DATED JANUARY 15 2021 OBTAINED THROUGH A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS THAT INDICATES THAT 102.20 ACRES OF LOT A7A AND B ANDERSEN WAS QUOTE AND I'M QUOTING FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY QUOTE ADDED TO THE LIST OF PARCELS ELIGIBLE FOR RETURN TO THE TERRITORY OF GUAM UNQUOTE THIS LETTER ALSO NOTES THAT HIS JULY 2 2020 LETTER QUOTE PREVIOUSLY ADDED A 50-ACRE PORTION OF THIS SITE TO THE NET NEGATIVE INVENTORY WHICH WILL NOW BE INCREASED TO 102 ACRES THERE HAS BEEN NO OTHER DOCUMENT OBTAINED THROUGH FOIA OR OTHERWISE RETRIBUTES THIS LETTER AND IF THAT IS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IT WAS NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO US AGAIN THROUGH FOIA THROUGH OUR OVERSIGHT HEARINGS THROUGH GEDA THROUGH OUR REQUEST THROUGH LAND MANAGEMENT NONE PORTIONS OF LOT A7A AND EB ANDERSEN ANNEX OR THE *LALO* LAND WERE INCLUDED IN THE THIS IS THE PROCESS WHEN THE MILITARY AGREED TO NET NEGATIVE ON GUAM THEY AGREED TO A SPECIFIC PROCESS OF LAND RETURN SO THAT THEY WOULD END UP WITH LESS LAND THAN THEY STARTED WITH FOR THE BUILD UP THAT WAS THEIR AGREEMENT THAT'S CALLED THE NET NEGATIVE SO THEY LAID OUT A PROCESS IN THE 2019 NDAA WHERE THERE WOULD BE A REQUEST BY THE GOVERNOR THE GOVERNOR SUBMITS A REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TO ADD PARCELS TO THE INVENTORY MAINTAINED UNDER SUBSECTION A AND SHALL SPECIFY IN ANY SUCH REQUESTS ANY PUBLIC BENEFIT USES OR PUBLIC PURPOSES PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR THE PARCEL INVOLVED PURSUANT TO THE GUAM OMNIBUS OPPORTUNITIES ACT OR ANY OTHER RELEVANT FEDERAL LAW SHE MAKES HER REQUESTS FOR LAND THAT THEY THINK IS EXCESS AND SHOULD BE RETURNED THIS LIST IS COMPILED BY GEDA GIVEN TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GOVERNOR EITHER AMENDS IT OR DOESN'T AMEND IT AND SENDS IT TO SECRETARY OF THE NAVY AS HER REQUEST THE SECOND PART OF THE LAW STATES THE CONSIDERATION BY THE SECRETARY NOT LATER THAN 180 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF A REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNOR UNDER PARAGRAPH ONE THE SECRETARY SHALL REVIEW THE REQUEST AND PROVIDE A RESPONSE IN WRITING TO THE GOVERNOR AS TO WHETHER THE SECRETARY WILL AGREE TO THE REQUEST TO INCLUDE THE SPECIFIC LAND PARCEL AND THE INVENTORY MAINTAINED UNDER SUBSECTION A IF THE SECRETARY DENIES THE REQUEST SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE A DETAILED WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION TO THE GOVERNOR THAT EXPLAINS THE CONTINUING MILITARY NEED FOR THE PARCEL IF ANY AND THE DATE ON WHICH THE SECRETARY EXPECTS THAT MILITARY NEED TO CEASE IF EVER AND AGAIN I WANT TO REMIND MY COLLEAGUES IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER REQUESTING 102 ACRES OF *LALO* LAND THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WROTE A LETTER SAYING THAT THEY WERE GOING TO ADD THAT THEY ADDED AND THEY ATTACHED TO THEIR LETTER A NEW LIST WHICH INCLUDED THE 102 ACRES OF LAND TO BE RETURNED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IT'S IN THE FACE OF THIS THAT WE HEAR THE NEWS REPORTS AND STATEMENTS MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT DESPITE THAT PROMISE BY

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WE ARE GOING IN AND NEGOTIATING AROUND THESE LANDOWNERS BACK TO LET THE MILITARY JUST KEEP THE PROPERTY INSTEAD I HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT THIS IS SO CONTRARY TO THE DECADES OF WORK THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM HAVE DONE FOR JUSTICE TO GET OUR LANDS BACK HAVE THEM RETURN TO THE WORK THAT WAS DONE DURING THE BUILD UP PROCESS TO GET THAT PROMISE FOR THE NET NEGATIVE NO THIS IS JUST ONE OF THE EXAMPLES I SEE I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME THERE'S A LOT MORE I'D LIKE TO SAY BUT THE IT'S JUST AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE COULD AT LEAST HAVE A SAY IN AND I'M NOT SAYING WE'RE GOING TO SAY NO TO ANY PARTICULAR NEGOTIATION BUT I AM SAYING THAT I BELIEVE THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD HAVE A SAY WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOOK AT IT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND ESPECIALLY THE LAND OWNERS WHOSE LAND WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SHOULD ABSOLUTELY HAVE A SAY IN IT AND THAT IS THE REASON FOR THIS BILL IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE TRANSPARENCY IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE THAT THAT BE BROUGHT BEFORE US IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE THAT THE PEOPLE CAN HEAR WHAT THE TERMS MIGHT BE AND IF WE ARE BROUGHT ALONG THIS BILL DOES NOT PREVENT IT IT JUST SAYS DO IT IN AN OPEN WAY DO IT IN A WAY WHERE THESE PEOPLE IN HERE MY 15 COLLEAGUES WHO WERE ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF AND ESPECIALLY ON BEHALF OF ANCESTRAL LANDOWNERS FOR DECADES THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN THAT OPPORTUNITY MADAM SPEAKER SO I'D LIKE TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL THANK YOU.

NOTE SENATOR SHELTON PRESIDES

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER ANYONE ON THE BILL VICE SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO WHAT I THINK I WANT TO SUPPORT ON THE MAIN INTENT OF THIS BOARD OF THIS BILL 12-37 COR AND I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MADAM'S SPEAKER THAT I DO SUPPORT WHAT I THINK IS THE MAIN INTENT OF THE BILL WHICH IS TO ENSURE THAT THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS GET THEIR LAND BACK PERIOD IF THAT IS THE INTENT HOWEVER WHAT I WANT TO ASK THE AUTHOR AFTER I FINISH MY PRESENTATION OR WHILE I WORK ON MY PRESENTATION IS IF SHE CAN TELL ME TODAY THAT BY PASSING THIS BILL AND AND THIS BODY THEN NOT APPROVING THE LEASE FOR THE HOSPITAL WHETHER IT CAN CONFIDENTLY BE SAID THAT THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS WILL GET THEIR LAND BACK I SAY THIS MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE LOOKING AT THE BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND OUR CONGRESSMAN BACK THEN AND I WANT TO SAY EVEN WITH CONGRESSMAN SAN NICOLAS THE FEDERAL LAW U.S. PUBLIC LAW 106-504 REQUIRES THAT EXCESS PROPERTY BE GIVEN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUT ONLY MADAM SPEAKER BUT ONLY FOR PUBLIC USE THIS LAW SPECIFICALLY SAYS IT CANNOT BE GIVEN BACK TO THE ORIGINAL LAND OWNERS AND I DID HAVE A DOCUMENT THAT WAS STATED THAT WAS PASSED OUT EARLIER AND AND IT WAS NOTED ON PAGES TWO THREE AND FOUR MADAM SPEAKER THE THE GOVERNOR HAS MET WITH THE MILITARY LEADERS WHO HAVE COMMUNICATED TO HER IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT IF THE PROPERTY IS NOT USE FOR A MEDICAL COMPLEX IT WILL REMAIN WITH THE FEDERAL ASSETS INVENTORY AGAIN REFLECTING BACK WHAT I WISH I COULD WORK WITH BUT THIS IS DOCUMENTATION THAT IS IS HERE MADAM SPEAKER WHEN I DID MY DUE DILIGENCE LAST TERM AS THE CHAIRWOMAN ON THE GUAM BUILD UP I WANT YOU TO KNOW MADAM SPEAKER AND TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT I ASKED THE SAME QUESTION AND GOT THE SAME ANSWER AND THIS IS WHAT IF WE DO NOT BUILD A HOSPITAL ON THE EAGLES FIELD LAND THE MILITARY WILL TAKE BACK THE LAND AND WILL NOT GIVE IT BACK TO THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS AS I UNDERSTOOD DOD WILL USE THE LAND FOR A MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS JRM LEADERS REVEALED THAT WHILE DOD WAS OPEN TO THE USE OF PROPERTY FOR A NEW HOSPITAL BECAUSE IT WOULD ALSO SUPPORT MILITARY OPERATIONS AND BE SUBJECT TO STIPULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC FEATURES THE 2022 NDAA TASK THE MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY WITH IDENTIFYING ARCHITECTURE AND ACQUISITION STRATEGY FOR A 270 MILLION COMPREHENSIVE MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM THAT CAN BE FIELDIED IN GUAM WITHIN 10 YEARS YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER REAR ADMIRAL BENJAMIN NICHOLSON THEN STATED THAT THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED FOR THE MEDICAL COMPLEX WILL PROBABLY NOT BE CONSIDERED EXCESS ANYMORE TO SUPPORT THE CONTEMPLATED MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM WHICH WILL REQUIRE MULTIPLE SITES AFTER THIS ANNOUNCEMENT THE GOVERNOR MET WITH THE HEAD OF MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM VICE ADMIRAL JOHN HILL WHO REAFFIRMED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO LEASING THE PROPERTY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FOR THE USE AS THE SITE OF A MEDICAL COMPLEX AND AGAIN THAT WAS ON PAGE 12 SO HERE WE ARE MADAM SPEAKER WE SAW WITH GPA THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY WHO WAS GIVEN A PIECE OF MILITARY LAND TO BUILD A SOLAR FARM AND DUE TO PROCUREMENT PROTESTS THE MILITARY SAID IT IS TAKING TOO LONG AND WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE LAND

BACK NOW IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN GPA IS SCRAMBLING TO FIND LAND FOR A SOLAR FARM NOW THE LAND THAT THE MILITARY WAS GIVING BACK TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IS BEING USED FOR MILITARY INTERESTS AND MADAM SPEAKER I MUST JUST NOTE THIS FOR THE RECORD IN CASE NOBODY HERE IS AWARE AND I'M GOING TO SAY IT THE CHINA THREAT IS REAL AND IN LATE JANUARY OF THIS YEAR A FOUR-STAR AIR FORCE GENERAL SENT A MEMO TO THE OFFICERS HE COMMANDS THAT PREDICTS AND I REALLY REALLY HOPE AND PRAY THAT THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN THAT THE U.S WILL BE WITH WAR WITH CHINA IN TWO YEARS IN THE MEMO HE SENT AND REPORTED BY NBC NEWS GENERAL MIKE MINIHAN HEAD OF THE AIR FORCE MOBILITY COMMAND SAID I HOPE I AM WRONG MY GUT TELLS ME WE WILL FIGHT IN 2025 MADAM SPEAKER I KNOW THAT THAT THAT IS A REALLY REALLY ROUGH STATEMENT BUT THOSE AREN'T MY WORDS MY POINT HERE MADAM SPEAKER IS WE KNOW THE U.S. ARMED FORCES IS PREPARING FOR A WAR WE SEE WHAT HAPPENED WITH GPA WHERE WHAT WAS ONCE EXCESS BUT NOT USED FOR THE REASON IT WAS DEEMED EXCESS DUE TO DELAYS THE MILITARY TOOK IT BACK SO WHILE I SUPPORT GIVING LAND BACK TO THE LANDOWNERS AND I BELIEVE ME I DO I HAVE A LOT OF RELATIVES THERE AND EVEN IF I DIDN'T HAVE ANY I WOULD SUPPORT GIVING IT BACK TO THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS AND THAT IS WHY I WAS GOING TO ASK MY GOOD SPEAKER TO YIELD AND TELL ME FOR A FACT THAT VOTING YES ON THIS ONLY TO VOTE NO ON LETTING THE GOVERNOR SIGN A LEASE FOR THE EAGLES FIELD WILL RESULT IN THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS OF THE LAND TO GET THEIR PROPERTY BACK MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS BECAUSE BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR THE ADMIRAL THE EXAMPLE OF GPA AND THE CURRENT GEOPOLITICAL DICTATES OTHERWISE IF THE AUTHOR CAN GIVE THIS ASSURANCE ON RECORD THAT THE THE THE THE THE LANDOWNERS WILL GET THEIR LAND BACK I THINK I THINK THE BETTER ALTERNATIVE IS THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM GET THEIR LAND BACK IF INSTEAD OF IT GOING BACK TO DOD FOR A MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM AND I SAY THAT MADAM SPEAKER WITH A WITH A REALLY HEAVY HEART BECAUSE AS WE LOOK AT THE DEFENSE AND THE FREEDOMS THAT WE HAVE TODAY BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY HAVING TO PROTECT THAT WE AS POLICY MEMBERS HAVE TO BE REALLY REALLY SURE THAT THE FREEDOMS WE LIVE TODAY ARE SAFEGUARDED AND AS I PERSONALLY I AGAIN ME PERSONALLY WANTING TO SEE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS ON THAT WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE AND HOW AND AND I KNOW THAT'S A HEAVY QUESTION THAT I ASKED ABOUT CAN THIS BE AFFIRMED I DON'T KNOW BUT I DO KNOW THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT DOCUMENTS THAT ARE PROVIDED WITH US TO US AND WE LOOK AT WHAT'S BEING SAID AND WE LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY WE LITERALLY HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FREEDOMS WE WE LIVE TODAY ARE SAFEGUARDED AND PROTECTED WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DECISIONS WE MAKE TODAY WILL REST ASSURED THAT THE FREEDOMS THAT ARE SET FOR US THAT THAT IS SAFEGUARDED AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE FREE BUT MADAM SPEAKER I SAY THIS BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON AND THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST SOME OF THOSE DECISIONS THAT HAVE HAPPENED WITH WITH WITH ALL THE ONGOING MILITARY AND AND ALL THE ASSETS THAT GUAM HAS HAD AND NOW DOES NOT HAVE IN THEIR PROPERTY THOSE WERE DECISIONS MADE WAY BEFORE OUR TIME BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN WE DO IT WE DO IT RIGHT AND YES AND YES IN MY HEART I WANT TO GIVE THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS BACK BUT IF WE CANNOT GIVE IT BACK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THERE WAS A DISCUSSION MADE THAT AT LEAST HAVING THAT MEDICAL FACILITY THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER PLACE WHERE OUR PEOPLE CAN GO TO TO RECEIVE THE MEDICAL ATTENTION AND CARE THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN PROMISED FOR FOR MANY MANY YEARS SO FOR ME PERSONALLY IT'S I'M WANTING TO KNOW WHERE THE COMMITMENTS LIE AND WHAT IS BEING DONE AND WHAT IS BEING SET OR HAS BEEN SET THAT IS DOWN IN BLACK AND WHITE SO FROM MY HEART I SUPPORT THE INTENT OF GIVING THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS BACK BUT IS IT IS THAT OURS TO GIVE AND SAY BASED ON WHAT IS ALREADY NEGOTIATED BEFORE US BEFORE OUR TIME.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VICE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU.

SENATOR SHELTON: SPEAKER TERLAJE DO YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I'M GOING TO ASK FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS.

SENATOR SHELTON: WE ARE IN RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR SHELTON: WE ARE BACK FROM RECESS VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND AND AFTER THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE MOMENTS RECESS AND I'M I WAS CONFERRING WITH THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION AND HOPING THAT SHE CAN ALSO SHARE A PERSPECTIVE BASED ON ON ON THE INQUIRY THAT WAS POSED AND I APPRECIATE THE TIME THAT SHE'S AFFORDED ME SO I I I WOULD LIKE FOR HER TO SEE IF SHE CAN YIELD TO THE QUESTION *SAINA MA'ÁSE*'.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU DO YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'LL YIELD TO THAT QUESTION AND I WANT TO THANK THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER THE VICE SPEAKER FOR FOR THOSE QUESTIONS I MEAN THOSE ARE SOME PROFOUND QUESTIONS FOR US AS A PEOPLE OF GUAM AND IN PARTICULAR SHE POINTS OUT THAT WE DO LIVE UNDER A THREAT AN ACTUAL EXPRESSED THREAT NOT JUST THE ONE THAT WE FACE FROM OTHER SUPERPOWERS TARGETING US BECAUSE WE HAVE THE THE MILITARY HAS BUILT THE BASES HERE ON GUAM PUT THEIR NUCLEAR CAPACITIES HERE ON GUAM AND OTHER THINGS BUT IT'S THE SAME THREAT THAT OUR ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS FACE GIVE US YOUR PROPERTY BECAUSE OTHERWISE YOU ARE GOING TO DIE IN A WAR ISN'T IT ISN'T THAT WHAT DECADES OF SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN BEFORE US FOUGHT AND SAID WE ARE GOING TO FIGHT THIS NO MATTER WHAT WE DETERMINED THAT THAT WAS UNJUST NOT FAIR THE COMPENSATION WAS NOT JUST AND THE THREATS WERE OVERWHELMING AND THEY MADE THE LANDOWNERS ACT IN FEAR AND REALLY THEY HAD NO CHOICE LET'S FACE IT AND SO WHETHER WE CONTROL RETURN OF THE LAND I CAN FACE THAT REALITY THAT I AS A SENATOR CANNOT GIVE THE LAND TO THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS IF I COULD I WOULD I CAN'T BUT I CAN HOLD THE MILITARY TO THEIR PROMISES OF NET NEGATIVE I CAN HOLD THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TO HIS PROMISE THAT IT IS EXCESS LAND NOT NECESSARY AND SHOULD BE RETURNED AND I CAN HOLD OUR CURRENT ACTIONS TO OUR THOSE BEFORE US THE ONES WE PRAISE DURING MES CHAMORU FOR STANDING UP FOR US JUMPING OVER FENCES TO PROVE THE POINT THAT NO THEY WILL NEVER GIVE THIS TO US WILLINGLY THEY WILL PASS LAWS AND LAWS THAT SAYS IT'S ILLEGAL FOR US AS A GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO GIVE IT BACK TO OUR ANCESTRAL LANDOWNERS THEY TRIED TO TELL US THAT ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS AND IF WE ACTED IN FEAR OF THEM WE WOULD NEVER HAVE RETURNED ANYTHING BUT WE DIDN'T I'M SO PROUD OF THOSE BEFORE ME WHO DID THAT DESPITE THE THREAT AND WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD THAT THREAT AND I I WOULD SUGGEST WE STILL LIVE UNDER THAT THREAT WITH THE PROPERTIES THAT IT PREVIOUSLY BEEN RETURNED THAT THE MILITARY IS GOING TO COME IN HERE AND TAKE THEM ALL BACK AND THAT THEY'RE GOING TO COME IN AND TAKE MORE WHEN THEY NEED MORE AND THEY WILL TAKE OUR WATERS AND PROHIBIT USE OF OUR WATERS WHEN THEY NEED THEM SO THIS IS REALLY NOT A DEBATE ABOUT OUR POWERS VERSUS THE MILITARIES AND WHETHER CONGRESS IS GOING TO MOVE OR NOT IT'S REALLY JUST WHAT ARE WE AS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GOING TO DO WHAT ARE WE GOING TO REQUIRE OUR AGENCIES TO COME DOWN HERE AND SHOW BEFORE THEY ON THEIR OWN ENTER INTO LEASES WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND IT'S BECAUSE OF OUR UNIQUE HISTORY AND MAYBE IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THIS UNIQUE HISTORY WE WOULDN'T CARE WHO ENTERS INTO WHAT LEASE BUT WE HAVE A VERY UNIQUE HISTORY OF LAND TAKINGS ONE THAT I HOPE NO ONE IN HERE CAN FORGET AND THAT'S WHY MAYBE AN EXTRA PROCESS SUCH AS JUST THE SIMPLE ONE OF JUST GET LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL JUST SHOW US THE TERMS AND DO WHAT WE DO WITH EVERYTHING ELSE SHOW US IT'S A GREAT DEAL FOR GUAM SHOW US THERE IS NO OTHER WAY SHOW US THAT WE GAVE UP ON RETURN OF THAT LAND WE'RE GOING TO LEASE IT BACK THEY TOOK IT FROM US AND WE ARE GOING TO LEASE IT BACK WHEN THIS TRIED THEY TRIED TO SELL US *FENA* BACK AND THE LEGISLATURES BEFORE US WERE DOWN THERE PROTESTING THE GOVERNOR WAS IN HERE IN HIS STATE OF THE ISLAND ADDRESS TELLING US TELLING THEM NO WAY YOU GIVE IT BACK AND THEN THEY WANTED TO DICTATE THE TERMS OF WHEN WE BOUGHT THE PROPERTY BACK WHAT WE COULD USE IT FOR AND THAT WE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF THEM AT THE SAME TIME WE TALKED ABOUT THE GPA LEASE THE MILITARY WAS NOT RETURNING THAT LAND THEY WERE LEASING IT TEMPORARILY TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY AND WHEN GUAM POWERED AUTHORITY COULDN'T BUILD THEIR SOLAR FARM THERE THE MILITARY DID WHAT IT IS GOING TO DO WHEN WE LEASE LAND FROM IT THEY ARE GOING TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT TO DO WHEN THE TERMS OF THE LEASE CAN NO LONGER BE FULFILLED THEY WILL USE IT HOWEVER THEY WANT AND KEEP IT IT'S THEIRS AND THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT INTO THE PICTURE TODAY THAT WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW ANY PROCESS IN OUR GOVERNMENT THAT'S GOING TO WEAKEN OUR DEMAND FOR RETURN BY AUTHORIZING LEASES LEFT AND RIGHT I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE DO IT'S LIKE THE NEW IT'S LIKE A YOU KNOW IT'S SUBTLE BUT IT'S YOU KNOW YEARS LATER THEY'RE GOING TO LOOK AT US AND SAY THAT'S WHAT WE DID WE MAY NOT BE ABLE AT THIS MOMENT AND PARTICULARLY THE LEGISLATURE TO GIVE IT BACK BECAUSE WE ARE NOT THE ONES WHO WRITE THE LETTERS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY AND SAY AND

REQUESTING THE LAND WE ARE NOT THE ONES WHO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY SAYING THIS IS EXCESS WE'RE GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU WE'RE NOT THE ONES WHO SAY WHEN IT IS RETURNED TO US SUCH AS THE USO PROPERTIES AND OTHER PROPERTIES ON GUAM THAT IS BEING RETURNED TO US IT'S NOT THE LEGISLATURE THAT SAYS WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THIS LAND AND USE IT FOR THIS PURPOSE VERSUS THAT PURPOSE THAT IS ALL EXECUTIVE BRANCH BUT THE LEGISLATURE DID IN ITS CAPACITY DO WHAT IT COULD DO AND THAT WAS WRITE A NEW LAW THAT SAYS THAT LANDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM DID NOT NEED TO KEEP WE'RE GOING TO GO AND BE DISTRIBUTED TO ANCESTRAL LAND OWNERS THAT'S WHERE WE ARE AND YES WE'VE MOVED YOU KNOW WE HAVE A DELEGATE WHO'S PUSHING TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR EXPRESS THAT WE ARE ALLOWED TO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT IS ALLOWED TO GIVE IT BACK BUT I SAY ARE WE JUST GOING TO LET THEM PREVENT US THERE'S SO MANY THINGS YOU KNOW WHEN WHEN WE ACT OUT OF FEAR AND I JUST DON'T THINK THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TODAY NEEDS TO GIVE UP ITS RIGHTS TO GET LAND THAT IS EXCESS RETURNED VERSUS HAVING TO LEASE IT BACK AND IF WE CAN'T WE'RE NOT THE ONES WHO DECIDE WHETHER TO GIVE IT TO THE LANDOWNERS WE HAVE PUT INTO PLACE SYSTEMS THAT CAN DECIDE THAT WEIGH OUT THE BENEFITS AND THE COSTS THE RISKS I THINK EVERY LANDOWNER WHO HAS RETURNED PROPERTY TO DATE KNOWS THAT THAT CAME AT GREAT RISK AND THEY USE IT UNDER GREAT RISK THAT'S THE NATURE OF OUR STATUS BUT I DON'T WANT US AS A LEGISLATURE TO ACT AFRAID I DON'T WANT TO ACT LIKE YOU KNOW WE HAVE TO ALLOW THINGS OTHERWISE THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE IT AGAIN THEY OWN IT THEY HOLD IT THEY YOU KNOW THEY PROHIBIT US FROM USING IT AND AND JUST YOU KNOW I JUST SAY IN FACE OF THE THREAT INTO THIS ONE PARTICULAR PROPERTY WHICH IS REALLY NOT THE SUBJECT OF THE BILL BUT YOU KNOW I I UNDERSTAND THE DISCUSSIONS ON IT ARE VERY RELEVANT IF THEY HAVE THREATENED THAT THEY NEED IT FOR MISSILE DEFENSE AND OTHER PURPOSES VERY YOU KNOW AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE'RE HAVING ALL OF THESE DISCUSSIONS BUT YET WHAT WE READ IN THE PAPER IS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO AGREE TO LEASE IT FOR 99 YEARS AND 99 YEARS IS SIGNIFICANT TO ME BECAUSE 99 YEARS IS TWO DECADES TWO LIFETIMES IT'S LIKE MAYBE ONE LIFETIME FOR SOME OF US THOSE OF GOOD GENES BUT IT'S IT IS TO ME THE EPITOME OF EXCESS IT'S THE EPITOME OF YOU DO NOT NEED IT AND I HAVE NO OBJECTION AGAIN TO COOPERATING WITH THEM IN EVERY WAY THAT WE CAN FOR MUTUAL BENEFITS BUT WE DON'T KNOW THE BENEFITS OF THEIR MUTUAL OR NOT AND THAT'S THAT'S REALLY THE GIST IT'S LIKE LET'S SEE LET'S SEE SO THAT WE ALL ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FACE FUTURE GENERATIONS AND THAT WE CAN DO THAT WITH YOU KNOW STRAIGHT CONSCIENCE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* THANK YOU FOR WIELD YIELDING MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW AS I'M LOOKING AT THE SOFT AT AT THIS LEGISLATION AND AND AND SEEING WHAT IS BEFORE US I I LITERALLY WANT TO REITERATE THAT THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS IN FRONT OF US RIGHT NOW ON THIS AREA IT IT IS IT IS LOOKING AT A DOD MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM OR A HEALTHCARE CAMPUS I REALLY WISH MADAM SPEAKER AND I KNOW I HAVE A VERY LITTLE TIME THAT THAT I WISH THERE WAS AN OPTION C AND I WISH I COULD ASK THE ORIGINAL LAND OWNERS WHAT THEY REALLY WANT RIGHT BUT THAT CHOICE TO GIVING IT BACK I DON'T KNOW I ALMOST KNOW THAT BECAUSE IT WON'T GO BACK WHAT ARE WE UP AGAINST SO I KNOW THAT IF WE GO DOWN THIS ARENA KNOWING THAT WE CAN BE ASSURED THAT THERE WOULD BE AT LEAST A HEALTH CARE CAMPUS LOOKING TO TO TO TO BENEFIT THE WHOLE ISLAND OF GUAM OR HAVING A DEFENSE MISSILE HERE LITERALLY HOW DO WE GO HOW DO WE WORK THIS IN SHOULD WE ASK THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS WHAT THEY WANT AND WHAT ARE WE GOING TO GET BECAUSE I WOULD LOVE TO GIVE IT BACK TO THEM AND I WANT TO SAY THAT I BELIEVE THAT THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS ARE THERE AND IN MY HEART I WOULD LOVE TO GIVE IT BACK BUT THE OPTIONS IN FRONT OF US ARE REAL THE THREAT AGAINST US IS REAL WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE WHAT DO WE DO AND WHERE DO WE WORK IT TOGETHER SO MADAM SPEAKER I WANT TO SAY THAT I SUPPORT GIVING THE LAND THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS WHAT WAS RIGHTFULLY THEIRS BUT IF THAT OPTION IS NOT THERE WHICH OF THE BETTER TWO WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR OUR PEOPLE AS A WHOLE SO I HAD TO BRING THAT UP KNOWING THAT I HAVE DOCUMENTATION AND AS THE FORMER MILITARY BUILDUP CHAIR THAT THESE DOCUMENTATIONS WERE PROVIDED TO ME AND I HAD TO BRING IT UP TO THE FOREFRONT SO THIS IS WHAT I'M FACED WITH AS THE POLICY MAKER IS WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE OR DO WE REALLY HAVE THAT CHOICE OF GIVING IT BACK TO THEM SO *UN DANKGOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND I APPRECIATE THE AUTHOR'S RESPONSES TO THIS ALSO BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT WE ARE REALLY UP TO TRY TO KNOWING WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON ON OUR ON OUR ISLAND HERE AND AND WHERE DO WHERE DO WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE FOR ALL HERE ON OUR ISLAND SO *UN*

DANKGOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WHAT INFORMATION I HAVE THAT'S ON RECORD *SAINA MA'ÁSE'*.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF BILL 12 37 BUT IN ORDER TO QUALIFY OR QUANTIFY THAT SUPPORT I WOULD SAY MAYBE WE HAVE TO GO BACK IN TIME IN FACT I THINK ONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE FLOOR WHEN HE SPEAKS WILL PROBABLY BE SPEAKING OF THIS POINT IN TIME TO WHERE THIS WHOLE CONTROVERSY CAME ABOUT MADAM SPEAKER OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS THERE'S BEEN A DISCUSSION ABOUT A NEW HOSPITAL WHICH DEVELOPED INTO A MEDICAL CAMPUS A DREAM IF YOU WILL DRAWN UP PREDOMINANTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND IF THINGS MOVE FORWARD CAME TO THE SURFACE THAT A PARTICULAR PIECE OF PROPERTY AMONGST SUPPOSEDLY OTHERS THAT WERE CONSIDERED BECAME THE PRIME AREA FOR VARIOUS REASONS WHEN ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS SAW THESE PRESENTATIONS THAT EXCESS LAND WOULD BE GIVEN BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUT THEN SAW THAT IT WAS SEQUESTERED FOR THIS IDEA THEY ARE OUTRAGED I WON'T SAY THEY WERE OUTRAGED NECESSARILY BECAUSE THEY DON'T BELIEVE IN THE PROSPECT OF A MEDICAL CAMPUS OR A NEW HOSPITAL BUT IT WAS PROCESS MADAM SPEAKER OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DECADES SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION AND DISCUSSIONS OF RETURNS OF PROPERTIES THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH CONFUSION AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT GIVES RISE TO A LOT OF THIS THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH CONFUSION WHO GETS LANDS RETURNED WHAT LANDS ARE ISSUED FOR PUBLIC USE WHAT LAND SUPPOSEDLY HAD REVERSIONARY CLAUSES BUT YET HAVE BEEN RETURNED MADAM SPEAKER AND SO THEREIN LIES A LOT OF THE CONFUSION NOW WHEN A CERTAIN BILL WAS INTRODUCED IN THE LAST TERM TO TRY TO ESTABLISH SOME COMPENSATORY MECHANISM THE SPEAKER TALKS OF THE MANY HEARINGS THAT SHE HELD DURING THE LAST SESSION IN THE 36 GUAM LEGISLATURE WHAT WAS DEMONSTRATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER AND I SAID IT THEN AND I'LL SAY IT NOW WAS BAD FAITH IF AS ONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES HAS MENTIONED ON THE FLOOR HERE THE ABSOLUTE DETERMINATION WAS MADE THAT THE ONLY IDENTIFICATION OF THIS EXCESS PROPERTY 102 ACRES WE NEVER SAW A DECLARATION BY ANY INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE FOR A MEDICAL CAMPUS OR WE'RE NOT GIVING YOU THE LAND I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE DOCUMENT ONE LETTER ONE SCRIBED ON PIECE OF PAPER THAT SAID WE WILL GIVE YOU THIS FOR THAT PURPOSE OR WE WILL RETAIN IT BECAUSE AS THE GOOD SPEAKER TERLAJE SAID YOU CAN'T TAKE SOMETHING BACK THAT YOU DIDN'T GIVE TO BEGIN WITH NOW LET'S GO BACK TO THE OPERATIVE PORTION OF THE BILL WHAT DOES THE BILL CALL FOR THE BILL CALLS FOR WHAT I'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR NOW FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS THE PEOPLE'S VOICE TO BE HEARD ON DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE OF THIS MAGNITUDE WHEN THERE'S NOTHING BUT CONFUSION AND BAD FAITH THAT HAS BROUGHT UP THE IRE OF THOSE WHO FROM THE BEGINNING JUST WANTED ANSWERS MADAM SPEAKER I TALKED TO REPRESENTATIVE AFTER REPRESENTATIVE AFTER REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIVIDUALS THAT CAME DOWN TO TESTIFY IN THE LAST SESSION AND THESE ARE VERY PRAGMATIC PEOPLE THAT WERE MORE UPSET ABOUT THE PROCESS AND THE MEETINGS THAT THEY HAD AND BAD FAITH THAN THEY WERE EVEN OF WHAT IS THE PROBABILITY AND POSSIBILITY GOING FORWARD THEY'VE ALREADY LIVED FOR DECADES HAVING TO HAVE ALTERNATIVES THEY'VE ALREADY SEEN THE CONFUSION OF WHO GETS RETURNED LANDS AND WHO DOESN'T THEY'VE ALREADY SEEN A LAND BANK THAT DOESN'T OPERATE WITH EFFICIENCY OR SOMETIMES SOME WOULD SAY ACCOUNTABILITY AND SO WHAT I THINK THIS BILL DOES IS IT GIVES DIGNITY TO THE PROCESS TO GET ALL THE INFORMATION TO KNOW THE FACTS AND TO NOT ASSUME THINGS MADAM SPEAKER WE SAT HERE IN THE LAST LEGISLATURE AND WHEN THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE 60 MILLION DOLLARS NOW BEING RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AS A REIMBURSEMENT FOR HERE GOING FORWARD FOR ALL GENERATIONS ON THE RETURN OF EITC MONIES AND WE APPROPRIATED MONIES THAT WE THOUGHT WERE AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION FOR A MEDICAL CAMPUS AND WE KNOW NOW THAT'S NOT TRUE BECAUSE IT COMES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IN FULL CONTROL OF NOT THE LEGISLATURE MAKING THE APPROPRIATION THOSE APPROPRIATIONS ARE DEAD WHY DO I SAY THIS WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO UNDERSTAND THE MECHANISMS AND AND TO HAVE AT LEAST BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE BY THAT PROCESS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO MOVE EVERYBODY KNOWS WE NEED A NEW HOSPITAL MEDICAL EXPERTS HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT FOR OVER A DECADE NOW THERE ARE OTHER LOCATIONS THAT WERE ENTERTAINED FROM THE BEGINNING BUT WE'RE STUCK ON THIS ONE FOR THE PURPOSES OF A CAMPUS NOW WE HEAR IN MEDIA REPORTS THAT IT WILL BE PUBLIC HEALTH BECAUSE THEIR FUNDING SOURCE IS PUT IN PLACE AND THEY WILL BE THE FIRST ONES TO BUILD BEFORE THE HOSPITAL WHEN ONLY A LITTLE BIT OVER

A MILE DOWN THE ROAD NOBODY KNOWS WHAT THAT BUILDING THAT THEY ORIGINALLY LIVED IN WHAT'S GOING TO BE THE DISPOSITION MANY EVEN SPECULATE THAT IT'S FULLY REFURBISHABLE AND FUNCTIONAL I SAY THIS BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT WE'RE UP AGAINST A TIME BARRIER AT THIS POINT I THINK WE'RE UP AGAINST SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN SELF-IMPOSED BECAUSE WE MADE A DECISION NOT IN GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATED AND WE DON'T EVEN KNOW THE PEOPLE OF GUAM DON'T EVEN KNOW THE TERMS OF THAT NEGOTIATION THAT ON ITS FACE MADAM SPEAKER IS BAD FAITH SO WILL THIS BEER BILL MAKE ANY GUARANTEES IF IT BECOMES LAW NO THE OLD ADAGE TWO GUARANTEES IN LIFE DEATH AND TAXES BUT WHAT IT WILL DO MADAM SPEAKER AND THE REASON WHY I SUPPORT IT IT WILL BRING GOOD FAITH BACK TO THE PROCESS IT WILL BRING NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE OPEN AND THAT ARE DONE UNDER THE FULL LIGHT OF DAY AND IT WILL BRING THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE ASSUMPTIONS ON WHAT LAND CAN BE USED FOR IT CAN'T BE USED FOR WHEN THERE WERE NO SUCH UPFRONT DELEGATIONS TO BEGIN WITH NOW LET'S SPECULATE FOR SOME REASON THAT IT DOES END UP THAT THERE'S A FUNDAMENTAL REGARD TO A PUBLIC PURPOSE WHO IS INVOLVED IN THAT PUBLIC PURPOSE HOW IS THAT DECISION MADE HOW IS THAT DECISION MADE ONCE AGAIN WHEN WE TALK ABOUT A LEASE AGREEMENT THAT WE HAVE NO DETAILS TO MADAM SPEAKER I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT THINK AND I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT BELIEVE AND I HOPE THAT THIS 37TH LEGISLATURE AND THIS BILL STARTS THAT PROCESS WILL TRULY ALLOW THE PEOPLE'S VOICE TO BE HEARD AND NOT TAKE ASSUMPTIONS AND NOT MAKE DEALS IF EVEN ONLY FOR THAT PURPOSE OF COURSE THERE ARE DREAMS AND THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES AND THERE'S MANY THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN GOING FORWARD BUT EVEN IF IT WAS JUST FOR THAT PURPOSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO MADAM SPEAKER IN THE PROCESS EVEN JUST OF TALKING ABOUT THE MEDICAL CAMPUS IN THE LAST TERM MADAM SPEAKER THERE WERE SO MANY EVEN JUST ON THE IDEA OF WHAT THAT WOULD ALL ENCOMPASS THERE WERE SO MANY THAT WERE SO UPSET ABOUT BEING IN THE DARK SO ON ITS FACE WE CAN MAKE ASSUMPTIONS WE CAN SAY WHAT WE THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN WE CAN ASK FOR GUARANTEES BUT MADAM SPEAKER THAT WILL NOT CHANGE WHAT THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THIS BILL IS CALLING FOR THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THIS BILL IS CALLING FOR A PROCESS A TRANSPARENT PROCESS A CO-EQUAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT PROCESS A NEGOTIATION WITH FEDERAL OFFICIALS PROCESS THAT DOESN'T ASSUME WITHOUT EVIDENCE NOT IN FACT WHAT ARE THE TERMS AS I CLOSE AS THE GOOD SPEAKER HAD MENTIONED ALSO BECAUSE OF A FORMER LIFE THAT I LIVED IN TERMS OF DEALING WITH FEDERAL RELATIONS AT THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL THE REAL REASON WHY THE PARTNERSHIPS WITH GUAM POWER AND ENERGY WERE NEGOTIATED WITH MILITARY AND POSSIBLE MILITARY LANDS AS A MILITARY HAS A DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY REGION WIDE TO RENEWABLE ENERGY A GOAL THEY HAVE TO REACH AND THAT PLACEMENT OF THAT OPPORTUNITY WITH A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP WAS GOING TO YIELD THE CREDITS THAT THEY REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO FULFILL THAT IN THE END WHEN IT BECAME COST PROHIBITIVE OR FOR WHATEVER REASON THAT THAT CONFIGURATION DIDN'T WORK ANYMORE IT WAS NOT BECAUSE OF A TAKE BACK IT WAS BECAUSE OF A PLAN THAT COULD NOT SEE ITSELF TO FRUITION THAT WAS THE REASON I CAN'T WAIT TO LISTEN TO MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES AND HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THIS AND I'LL LISTEN INTENTLY BUT ONE THING I WILL NOT SURRENDER IN TERMS OF MY SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL I WILL NOT SURRENDER THE FACT THAT THESE THINGS NEED TO BE DONE IN THE FULL LIGHT OF DAY NOT TAKING IN SOME NOT TAKING ASSUMPTIONS TO SEE THE LEASE TO APPROVE THE LEASE AND TO MAKE SURE EVERY SINGLE SOUL ON THIS ISLAND UNDERSTANDS WHAT THAT NEGOTIATION IS ALL ABOUT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE BILL BILL NO. 12-37 SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WHEN SENATOR TERLAJE WAS SPEAKING THAT CAUGHT MY EAR AND I WAS WONDERING IF I MIGHT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SENATOR TERLAJE A QUESTION.

SENATOR SHELTON: PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR FISHER: YES MA'AM MY QUESTION TO TERLAJE SENATOR TERLAJE THERES ACTUALLY TWO OF THEM IS IT DID I MISUNDERSTAND OR IS IT THE SENATOR'S IMPRESSION THAT THE GOVERNOR OR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE DID NOT COMPLY WITH A SUNSHINE ACT REQUEST AS TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS BILL OR THE TRANSFER OF EAGLES FIELD OR THE THE CONSTRUCTION OR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOSPITAL.

SENATOR SHELTON: EXCUSE ME SENATOR FISHER IF YOU COULD REPEAT THAT FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY.

SENATOR SHELTON: BECAUSE YOUR MIC WAS NOT.

SENATOR FISHER: NOT OKAY MA'AM I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SENATOR TERLAJE A QUESTION AND THE QUESTION IS IS IT HER UNDERSTANDING OR IMPRESSION THAT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH DID NOT FULLY COMPLY WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST RELATING TO THE MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION HERE AND THEN I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO DEAL WITH THEM.

SENATOR SHELTON: WE'LL START WITH THE FIRST QUESTION SPEAKER TERLAJE DO YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION AND YES I WILL YIELD TO IT WHAT I KNOW IS OF COURSE WE SENT THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS THE INFORMATION THAT WE RECEIVED IN RETURN IF ANYTHING DID NOT SHOW ANYTHING IN REGARDS TO THE LEASES POTENTIAL LEASES NEGOTIATIONS NOTHING WHEN GEDA CAME IN AND THEY SAID DURING ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AGAIN THAT THIS IS THE LAND *LALO* THAT'S GOING TO BE USED WE SENT WE LOOKED THROUGH THEIR RECORDS AND FOUND NOTHING BUT ONE THING THAT HAPPENED AT THE HEARINGS THAT WE HAD WAS IT WASN'T JUST MY OFFICE THAT WAS SENDING OUT FOIAS UNBEKNOWNST TO ME BUT IT WAS ALSO OTHERS WHO TESTIFIED THAT THEIR FOIAS WERE ALSO NOT IN RESPONSE TO THEIR FOIAS THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED INFORMATION REGARDING THE LAND LEASES ONE OF THEM TESTIFIED THAT IN RESPONSE TO ONE OF THEIR FOIAS THEY RECEIVED A RESPONSE THAT SAID THAT FOR EXAMPLE GMHA WAS INVOKING THE QUOTE DELIBERATIVE PROCESS EXCLUSION TO SEVERAL FOIA REQUESTS AND AGAIN SO WE MAY HAVE RECEIVED SOME RESPONSES TO OUR FOIA REQUEST BUT NONE THAT SHOWED ANYTHING IN REGARDS TO LEASE SO OF COURSE I CAN'T SAY WHETHER THEY VIOLATED IT OR NOT BECAUSE I STILL DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO ANY DOCUMENT THAT DESCRIBES THIS LEASE OR THEIR MEETINGS REGARDING A LEASE OR THEIR YOU KNOW PARAMETERS OF THE LEASE THE TERMS OF THE LEASE ANYTHING IN REGARDS TO A LEASE.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DO HAVE A SECOND QUESTION BUT WITH REGARD TO THAT RESPONSE I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE THAT IT'S EXTRAORDINARY CONSIDERING THAT WE ARE ENCUMBERING OR NOT ENCUMBERING 107 ACRES OF PROPERTY ON GUAM AND THERE ARE NO MEMORANDA OF DISCUSSIONS NO INTERNAL MEMOS NO WHATSAPP CONVERSATIONS AND I WOULD VOLUNTEER TO HELP SPEAKER TERLAJE HELP *ADELUP* REMEMBER THEIR OBLIGATIONS THE SECOND QUESTION IS TECHNICAL IN NATURE IF I MAY PUT THAT TO SENATOR TERLAJE.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR FISHER: YES MA'AM THE QUESTION IS THIS UNDER THE BILL IF THE UNITED STATES QUITCLAIMS TO GUAM ANY PROPERTY MUST GUAM GET PERMISSION TO ACCEPT THE QUITCLAIM UNDER THE BILL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR I MEAN SPEAKER WON TERLAJE WOULD YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NO I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IS CORRECT UNLESS THERE IS WE ARE PURCHASING IT UNLESS THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS PURCHASING THAT OR MAKING A TRANSACTION LIKE THAT.

SENATOR FISHER: UNDERSTOOD THE REASON THE REASON FOR THE QUESTION WAS I THINK WE MIGHT WANT TO SHUT THE BARN DOOR ON THAT ONE IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT JUST WANTS TO QUITCLAIM IT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE OBLIGATION WILL BE IS THIS JUST A THOUGHT AND MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T SEE ANY RATIONAL BASIS WHY THE GOVERNOR WOULDN'T SUPPORT THIS BILL IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN OPENING A WINDOW AND LETTING THE PEOPLE SEE WHAT'S GOING ON AND I RISE IN SUPPORT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR FISHER SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I TOO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL BILL 12 AND I'M VERY INTERESTED IN THE DEBATE THAT'S PLAYING OUT HERE ON THE LEGISLATIVE FLOOR I FOLLOWED THIS ISSUE VERY CLOSELY MAYBE A LITTLE TOO CLOSELY WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF THE MEDIA I TOO SENT FREEDOM OF

INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS AND THE THING ABOUT SENDING THESE FOIA REQUESTS IS THEY REQUIRE A GREAT DEAL OF CREATIVITY I'M LUCKY MY MOTHER MADE ME CREATIVE BECAUSE I WAS ABLE TO GET THE LETTER IN WHICH THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY SAID THAT THE EAGLES FIELD PROPERTY WAS ADDED TO THE LIST OF PARCELS ELIGIBLE FOR RETURN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM I REPORTED ON THIS ISSUE ONE OF THE HEADLINES FROM NOVEMBER 8 2021 EAGLES FIELD INCLUDED IN DOD EXCESS LAND RETURN BUT GOV GUAM COULD KEEP IT VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE SOME OF THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS I SAT ON A KITCHEN TABLE WITH ELSIE FLORES AND HER HER ELDERLY FATHER BOTH OF THEM SUFFERING FROM CANCER BOTH OF THEM LIVING IN WHAT SOME WOULD CALL SQUALOR ON CHAMORRO LAND TRUST PROPERTY AND I GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY WERE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET BUT THAT THEY WERE EKING OUT AN EXISTENCE SELLING *ROSSETTI* LITTLE THINGS TO MAKE LITTLE MONEY BECAUSE ALL THE OPPORTUNITY THEY HAD TO MAKE MONEY OFF OF LAND THAT THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY OWNED WENT UP AND SMOKED BECAUSE UNCLE SAM AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TOOK THE LAND SO I SAT ON THAT KITCHEN TABLE WITH MISS ELSIE AND SHE UNROLLED MAP AFTER MAP I ASKED HER IF SHE EVER WENT TO LAW SCHOOL BECAUSE I FELT LIKE I WAS TALKING TO A LAWYER SHE WAS VERY WELL VERSED VERY INFORMED PROBABLY TOO INFORMED FOR THIS ADMINISTRATION PROBABLY MAKES THEM UNCOMFORTABLE BUT SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT I LISTENED AS HER FATHER TOLD THE STORY OF THE LAND THAT WAS IN HIS FAMILY THE LAND THAT THEY THEY USED TO GROW *GOLLAI YAN FRUITA* THE LAND THEY USED TO RAISE CHICKENS AND COWS AND GOATS NOW WHEN I LISTEN TO THEM TELL THESE STORIES IT REMINDED ME OF THE STORIES THAT MY GRANDPARENTS USED TO TELL ME ABOUT THE LAND MY GRANDMOTHER'S FAMILY OWNED IN RADIO BARRIGADA EVERYONE ALWAYS ASKS ME IF WHAT FAMILY ARE YOU WHEN I TELL THEM THAT MY GRANDMOTHER'S A CABESA FLORES THEY ASSUME THAT I MUST HAVE LAND AND I CORRECT THEM OH NO WE DON'T HAVE LAND I'M SURPRISED WE'RE NOT TAITANO FAMILY BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE LAND WE HAD LAND HAD LAND THAT WE SOLD TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT I SAW THE PAPERS SOMETHING LIKE TWO CENTS AN ACRE SOME AND I WOULDN'T AGREE WOULD CALL THAT COMPENSATION AND WHEN I SAT THERE AND AND SPOKE WITH MISS ELSIE AND HER FATHER I WENT TO THEM BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR OF THIS ISLAND HAD SPOKEN TO THE MEDIA ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND HAD SAID TO THE MEDIA WITH MUCH CONVICTION THAT IT WAS HER BELIEF IT WAS HER BELIEF THAT THESE LANDOWNERS IN EAGLE'S FIELD HAD BEEN COMPENSATED IT'S FUNNY WHAT WE BELIEVE NOWADAYS LET ME TELL YOU MISS ELSIE HAS SOME CHOICE WORDS FOR OUR GOVERNOR THAT MORNING CHOICE WORDS SHOW ME SHOW ME WHERE SHOW ME WHERE WE WERE COMPENSATED BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T COMPENSATED THEY WEREN'T COMPENSATED DURUM AND JIVE SO MANY STORIES WE'RE HEARING ABOUT THIS THIS EXCESS LAND THIS BILLION DOLLAR HEALTHCARE COMPLEX NOW THE ONLY STORY I BELIEVE IS THE ONE THAT THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS ARE TELLING US A PREVIOUS SPEAKER HAD ASKED THE QUESTION WHAT IF WE DON'T BUILD A HOSPITAL THERE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TAKES THIS LAND BACK WHAT THEN WELL I'LL SAY THAT THESE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS WANT US TO FIGHT THEY WANT US TO FIGHT FOR THEM AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO MOST OF US ANYWAY AND IF WE GO DOWN FIGHTING AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES TAKE THAT LAND BACK BECAUSE WE TOOK A STAND I'LL BE ABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT AND I THINK THEY WOULD TOO AND WE OWE IT TO THESE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS WE OWE IT TO ALL OF THE THE GREAT LEADERS WHO HAVE COME BEFORE US WHO HAVE STOOD IN THIS HALL AND OTHERS WHO HAVE STOOD UP TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHO DEMANDED THAT WE BE TREATED EQUALLY AND I SAY WE CONTINUE TO STAND IN THE MEMORY OF THOSE LEADERS IN THE MEMORY OF ALL THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS IN THE MEMORY OF PEOPLE LIKE MY GRANDMOTHER'S FAMILY MAYBE THEY WERE GRATEFUL BUT MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THEY WERE DUPED DUPED BY SOPHISTICATED PEOPLE WHO MAYBE WERE MORE BOOK SMART THAN THEM AND I'M JUST VERY BOTHERED BY THIS DIRECTION THAT WE'RE WE'RE GOING IN WHEN YOU HAVE THE UNITED STATES NAVY IN THE FORM OF THE THE THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WRITING THAT LAND IS EXCESS VERY CLEARLY VERY CLEARLY IN BLACK AND WHITE DOCUMENTS IN BLACK AND WHITE BLACK AND WHITE DON'T LIE AND WHEN I WHEN I SEE THESE I'M TIRED OF SEEING THIS I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT ANYMORE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION ON THIS BILLION DOLLAR HEALTHCARE COMPLEX WE SUPPORT THE BUILDING OF A NEW HOSPITAL OF COURSE WE DO OF COURSE WE DO WE'RE THE ONES THAT HAVE TO GO TO GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WATER DRIPPING ON OUR HEAD TOILET THAT WON'T FLUSH MAYBE SOMETIMES BEING SERVED BY A DOCTOR WHO'S WANTED FOR SOMETHING IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION OF COURSE WE SUPPORT THE HOSPITAL BUT WHEN THE GOVERNOR'S PEOPLE CAME TO THIS BUILDING LESS THAN A YEAR AGO AND TESTIFIED ON THE BILLION DOLLAR HEALTHCARE COMPLEX AND THE LOCATION OF IT WE LEARN THAT EAGLES FIELD WASN'T EVEN THE TOP CHOICE TO BUILD THE NEW HOSPITAL IT WAS DOWN THE LIST SO IT BOGGLES MY MIND AND IT ANGERS ME THAT WE CONTINUE TO GO DOWN THIS PATH FASTER AND FASTER *LANA'* I BET AT *ADELUP* RIGHT NOW THEY'RE JUST

WAITING TO SIGN THAT LEASE BEFORE WE CAN DEBATE AND PASS THIS BILL SO THEY COULD LAUGH AT US AND LAUGH AT HOW BECAUSE OF OF THE ENABLING THAT SOME OF THESE MEMBERS IN THIS BODY AND OTHERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN PREVIOUS TERMS HAVE DONE ENABLING THIS ADMINISTRATION TO WIELD MORE POWER THAN THEY'RE ENTITLED TO THEY'RE DRUNK ON IT THEY'RE DRUNK ON IT AND YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE DRUNK YOU DON'T ACT RIGHT SO IT'S TIME TO FACE THE SOBER REALITY THAT THESE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS AREN'T GOING TO GO AWAY QUIETLY AND WE'RE NOT EITHER THIS BILL IS ALSO ABOUT LOOPHOLES IT CLOSES LOOPHOLES THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION AND MAYBE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS POSSIBLY FUTURE ADMINISTRATIONS WILL DRIVE THEIR AGENDAS THROUGH 99-YEAR LEASE 50-YEAR LEASE AND WHAT WHEN THE LEASE IS UP WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS UNCLE SAM GOING TO BULLDOZE OUR BILLION DOLLAR HEALTHCARE COMPLEX 99 YEARS TO QUOTE THE SPEAKER SOUNDS EXCESS TO ME SOUNDS MORE THAN EXCESS AND LET'S TALK ABOUT THE THREAT OF CHINA I WAS JUST ASKED BY THE MEDIA TODAY WHAT IS MY OPINION ON DELETING TIKTOK BECAUSE CHINA IS USING IT TO SPY ON US SO LET'S TALK ABOUT THE THREAT OF CHINA IF THE THREAT OF CHINA IS SO REAL THAT WE'RE GOING TO USE IT AS AN ARGUMENT TO KEEP THESE LANDS FROM GOING BACK TO THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS THEN WHY WOULD WE EVEN BUILD THIS BILLION DOLLAR HEALTHCARE COMPLEX IN THE FIRST PLACE IF THE THINKING IS THAT IT COULD BE LEVELED TO THE GROUND WHEN CHINA ATTACKS US IF THE THREAT OF CHINA IS REAL THEN LET'S RETURN THESE LANDS TO THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS AND LET THEM DIE ON THE PROPERTY THAT WAS THEIRS TO BEGIN WITH IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES SO I JUST ASK THAT WE WE STAND UP IT BOTHERS ME TO THE CORE ESPECIALLY IN *MES CHAMORU* THAT WE'RE HERE TALKING ABOUT LAND BACK AND YOU KNOW *DEFUNTO* SANTOS TOLD ME ONE TIME HE SAID YOU KNOW CHRIS YES IT'S THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUT WE DO IT TO OURSELVES TOO AND THAT'S WHAT I'M SEEING RIGHT NOW OUR OWN PEOPLE YOU TALK ABOUT LAND BACK IN THE WORDS OF THE NAVY IN BLACK AND WHITE THE LAND IS EXCESS WE COULD GET IT BACK BUT OUR OWN PEOPLE ARE KEEPING IT FROM OUR OWN PEOPLE AND YOU TALK TO THESE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS OF *LALO* PROPERTIES THEY TRIED TO DIVIDE THEM THEY HAD MEETINGS UP AT *ADELUP* BUT WHEN I TALKED TO THE ORIGINAL LAND OWNERS THOSE MEETINGS DIDN'T WORK THEY OFFERED MONEY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER MENTIONED THE LAND BANK WHAT LAND BANK AND SO I'M NOT OKAY WHEN WE WE TALK ABOUT LAND BACK BUT WHEN OUR OWN PEOPLE ARE KEEPING THE LAND FROM US THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN WE'RE GOING TO BE COMPLICIT BECAUSE WE SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR THIS IS NOT ABOUT SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR THIS IS ABOUT ENSURING THAT WE AS A LEGISLATURE MAINTAIN OUR OUR SEPARATE BUT EQUAL POWERS THAT HAVE BEEN ERODED OFTEN BY THE VERY HANDS THAT SERVE IN THIS HALL WE DO HAVE A LEGACY OF FIGHTING FOR THE RETURN OF OF EXCESS LANDS OF FIGHTING FOR THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS THAT'S WHY THIS BILLION DOLLAR HEALTH CARE COMPLEX AND IT REALLY SEEMS LIKE THE ONLY PEOPLE SUPPORTING IT IS THE ADMINISTRATION YOU TALK TO THE DOCTORS THEY WANT IT HERE LILLIAN POSADA SAID *YONA CHALAN PAGO* THE LIST WAS LONG THIS IS ABOUT TAKING A STAND FOR OUR PEOPLE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ELECTED TO DO ELECTED TO TAKE A STAND AND WHETHER OR NOT THERE'S A THREAT OF CHINA I SAY WE CAN STILL STAND UP TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ABOUT THIS AND STAND UP TO OUR OWN GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY WHAT IT'S TURNING INTO STANDING UP TO OUR OWN PEOPLE AND FIGHTING FOR THE RETURN OF LANDS THAT BELONG TO OUR OWN PEOPLE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SENATOR BARNETT ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE IN THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SENATOR FRANK BLAS I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU ON THE MAIN MOTION *KUNSIGI MO'NA PUT FABOT*.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I TOO STAND UP AND SUPPORT THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION THIS MUST COMMEND THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER SOUNDED LIKE 20 YEARS OF MEDIA FRUSTRATION FINALLY COMING OUT BUT YOU KNOW HE MADE UP A GOOD POINT I HAVE TO AGREE WITH THE POINT OF THE POINT THAT WAS MADE BY A PREVIOUS SPEAKER GOOD GENTLEMAN SITTING IN THE BACK WHAT THIS BILL REALLY IS YOU YES WHERE YOU WHERE ARE YOU FROM TOM OH THE GOOD GENTLEMAN FROM *IPAN TALO'FO'FO* WE'LL WE'LL GET THAT RIGHT BUT WHAT THIS BILL STANDS FOR IT STANDS FOR OUR FUNDAMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK IN BEHALF OF OUR PEOPLE AND TO DEFEND YOU KNOW I'M I'M JUST WONDERING HOW CONFUSED THAT WRITER IS WITH THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT WHO FIRST WROTE THIS IS EXCESS WE'LL GIVE IT BACK TO YOU AND THEN HE GETS THE MESSAGE SAYING NO WE DON'T WANT IT BACK WE WANT TO LEASE IT FROM YOU HE SCRATCHES HIS HEAD AND SAYS WAIT A MINUTE YOU FOUGHT FOR DECADES TO GET LAND BACK NOW YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GIVE IT BACK TO YOU IN FACT YOU WANT ME TO LEASE IT TO YOU AND LEAST IT IN TERMS IN THE TERMS THAT DON'T NEED THE SCRUTINY DON'T NEED TO BE QUESTIONED

OR TO BE GONE OVER WITH A FINE-TOOTH COMB BY THE SAME BODY OR THE BODY THAT WAS CONSTRUCTED IN A DEMOCRACY TO DO JUST THAT THIS IS JUST AS EQUAL THIS BILL REPRESENTS IS JUST AS EQUAL AS WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF AND WHAT WE WANT TO SEE HAPPEN IN THAT THERE'S TRANSPARENCY IN THAT THERE'S DIALOGUE IN THAT THERE'S COMMUNICATION WITH THE PEOPLE OF GUAM MOST ESPECIALLY WITH THE OWNERS THE LANDOWNERS THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS I COULD ONLY IMAGINE HOW THEY WOULD HAVE FELT WHEN THEY GOT UP IN THE MORNING THEY COLLECTED THE EGGS SO THEY CAN GO AHEAD AND FRY IT OR BOIL IT WHERE THEY WANT THEY MADE THEIR COFFEE THEY CUT THEIR CHEESE THEY PUT IT THEY PUT THEIR *MANTIKYA* ON THEIR *BISKUCHU* THEY SAT THERE AND THEY OPENED UP THE POST AND THEY FOUND OUT THAT THEIR LAND THERE WAS GOING TO BE A HOSPITAL BUILT ON THEIR LAND AND THAT THERE WAS A CONVERSATION ABOUT IT WITH THEM SO IF YOU THINK WE'RE SURPRISED CAN YOU IMAGINE THEM IS THAT SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN IN A DEMOCRACY IS THAT SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN IN A GOVERNMENT THAT WE WANT THAT OUR PEOPLE WANT US ONE SO THAT THEIR THEIR RIGHTS AND THEIR FREEDOMS AND THEIR VOICES ARE PROTECTED I SAY NOT BUT THIS BILL IS ALSO IN DEFENSE OF WHAT OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS AS A LEGISLATURE YOU KNOW ONE OF THE THINGS I HEARD A LOT AND I'M HEARING OFTEN IS THAT THIS BODY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO GET INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE SHARED WITH US SO WE CAN GET THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO MAKE DECISIONS WE HAVE TO FOIA IT SEVERAL OF US IN HERE WERE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE WHEN WE WERE CALLED ONE TIME TO A MEETING WE WANT TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THINGS WITH YOU WE WANT TO KNOW HOW HOW TO WORK BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER THEN WHEN THE DOORS WERE SHUT THAT WAS IT YOU KNOW THE TIME THAT WE'RE SPENDING RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER SPENT IN BEING ABLE TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING NECESSARY TO REPAIR THE HOSPITAL THAT IS NEEDED TO BE REPAIRED TODAY LET ME BRING THIS INTO PERSPECTIVE OF A CONVERSATION THAT I HAD JUST LAST WEEKEND WITH A FAMILY DISTRAUGHT FAMILY BECAUSE THEY LOST THEIR LOVED ONE THEY LOST THEIR LOVED ONE BECAUSE OF SEPSIS YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN HOW THE LOVED ONE GOT SEPSIS BECAUSE HE HAD A CATHETER ON FOR THREE MONTHS THAT COULDN'T BE TAKEN OUT OF HIS SYSTEM BECAUSE THE HOSPITAL DIDN'T HAVE ANOTHER A CATHETER IT'S REALLY HARD TO THINK ABOUT THE JOYS AND THE ADVANCES THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IN THE HOSPITAL THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE BUILT FOR ANOTHER 10 12 YEARS WHEN THE NEED FOR THE HOSPITAL IS TODAY THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SPENDING THIS TIME ON BUT WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY IS BEING ABLE TO SPENDING TIME ON TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW THESE DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE WHY THEY'RE NOT BEING MADE WITHOUT US AND THE MOST ESPECIALLY WHY THEY'RE NOT BEING MADE WITH THE LANDOWNERS WHO OWN THE LAND WHERE YOU WANT TO PUT A HOSPITAL ON SURE IT'S ABOUT AT LEAST BUT WHAT BROUGHT ABOUT THAT CONVERSATION OF THE LEASE IT WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE DECENCY TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH THE PEOPLE THAT OWN THE LAND AND QUITE HONESTLY WE CAN'T BLAME THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THIS ONE THIS WAS ALL OUR DOING AND GOES TO QUESTION IF THERE IS ALREADY EXISTING A CLAUSE IN U.S LAW THAT SAYS WHEN THE LAND IS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT'S EXCESS OR THEY DON'T NEED IT AND IT'S RETURNED TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAN IN TURN USE THAT LAND FOR BEST PUBLIC USE WHY DIDN'T WE HAVE A DISCUSSION THEN WHY DIDN'T WE HAVE A DISCUSSION THEN I'LL TELL YOU WHY BECAUSE THEN THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO OWN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HAVING TRULY HAVING THE DISCUSSION WITH THE LANDOWNERS AND POSSIBLY THE LANDOWNER SAYING NO OR YES WE WANT BUT WE WANT IT AT THIS VALUE BUT THEY WANTED IT FOR FREE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE LANDOWNER SO I'LL CLOSE THIS AND I'LL PUT IT VERY BLUNTLY COLLEAGUES IF ANY OF YOU WANT TO VOTE NO ON THIS IT'S VOTING NO ON A PROCESS THAT OUR PEOPLE EXPECT US TO GO THROUGH IT'S VOTING NO ON THE SANCTITY OF WHAT THIS INSTITUTION STANDS FOR IT'S VOTING NO AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE WELCOME SENATOR BLAS SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED IN THE MAIN MOTION PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS THAT WE HAVE A LAW ON THE BOOKS CURRENTLY RIGHT NOW I BELIEVE IT'S IN TITLE 5 CHAPTER 5 THAT REQUIRES ANYONE LEASING PROPERTY FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OVER FIVE YEARS HAS TO COME TO THIS BODY TO DO SO THAT MEANS THAT'S ECONOMIC GROWTH AND WE'VE HAD A LOT OF PUSHBACK FROM IT IN FACT I HAD A BILL THAT RAISED THAT FROM FIVE YEARS TO TEN YEARS FORTUNATELY IT DIDN'T GET THROUGH BECAUSE I TRULY BELIEVE THAT ACCOUNTABILITY TRANSPARENCY IS VERY IMPORTANT BUT WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND TOO AS WELL CERTAIN PROJECTS TAKE A

LITTLE BIT MORE TIME A LITTLE MORE INVESTMENT TO RECOVER FROM HOWEVER THIS IS DIFFERENT THIS IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT IN PERSPECTIVE OF RECOVERY THIS HAS TO DO WITH THE ORIGINAL LAND OWNERS WHO OWN THIS PROPERTY IT'S A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT MADAM SPEAKER I READ AN ARTICLE IN MARCH 26 2022 IN THE POST AND IN THAT ARTICLE I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING FROM THE MILITARY NO QUOTES FROM THE MILITARY AT ALL EVERYTHING CAME FROM THE GOVERNOR'S PERSPECTIVE JANUARY 10 2023 IN THE PDN SAME THING NOTHING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SIDE IT WAS JUST FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE GOVERNOR AND I'M SURE WE ALL KNOW HOW WELL THEY'RE AT WHEN IT COMES TO TRANSPARENCY WISH ONE OF US HERE COULD HAVE AT LEAST BEEN IN SOME OF THOSE MEETINGS TO COME BACK TO OUR COLLEAGUES AND TELL US WHAT WAS REALLY SAID DURING THAT TIME ALSO WHAT IS THE PROCESS THAT'S PUT IN PLACE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO DETERMINE THE RETURN OF LANDS OR TO DETERMINE WHAT IS GOING TO BE USED FOR IT IF IT WAS RETURNED BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THERE WAS NOTHING I DON'T SEE A PROCESS THERE IS NO PROCESS THE ANCESTRAL LANDS WAS PUT IN PLACE TWO DECADES AGO FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THAT TO GIVE LAND BACK TO THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS BUT YET WHERE'S THE PROCESS THIS IS THE TIME NOW MADAM SPEAKER THAT WE BECOME MORE TRANSPARENT IT'S EASY FOR EVERYONE TO SAY OH LET'S BE TRANSPARENT BUT IT'S ANOTHER THING WHEN IT COMES TO VOTING TIME WE NOT JUST OWE THIS TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM BUT WE SPECIALLY ESPECIALLY OWE THIS TO THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS THEY NEED TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON THEY NEED TO KNOW STEP BY STEP WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THEIR PROPERTY WHETHER IT'S GOING TO BE GIVEN BACK TO THEM WHETHER IT'S GOING TO STAY WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THEY DESERVE TO KNOW AND THIS BILL DOES THAT WE BRING TRANSPARENCY FOR THOSE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS WHO LOST THEIR LAND AND IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT MY GOOD COLLEAGUE FROM BARRIGADA WHO SAID A NO VOTE HE MENTIONS IT IF ANY OF US HEAR VOTES ON A NO VOTE THAT WE DON'T WANT THAT TRANSPARENCY WELL I SAY ANYONE WHO VOTES NO ON THIS BILL IS A SLAP IN THE FACE OF THOSE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS WHO AT LEAST AT LEAST DESERVE THAT TRANSPARENCY BECAUSE GOD KNOWS THE FOIA IS NOT WORKING SO IT'S UP TO THIS BODY THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR OR MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE WELCOME SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR JESSE LUJAN I THINK YOU HAD YOUR HAND RAISED AND THEN I'LL ACKNOWLEDGE SENATOR BROWN THANK YOU YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR LUJAN: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE' MADAM SPEAKER UN REKOGNISA HU PARA BAI HU KUENTOS NA TALO'ABI ESTA MEGAI A MANACHU HULO' GUINE MAÑGENTUS PUT ESTE I ORGINAL LAND OWNERS HUNGGAN MAGÅHET DEBI MAGÅHET ESTE LAND OWNERS U MAN'A I TATTE NI I TANO' NIHA LÃO PTRU PUNTO ESTE LOKKUE' GUBENAMENTON GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AN MALAGU' PÃO FANMANHÅTSA ESPITÅT MADAM SPEAKER ATANA ESTE HUYONG I GUAM MUSEUM EN NISISITA MA PENTA NI EYU TI SIÑA MA PENTA YA PARA TA GÅSTA YA PARA TA FANGÅSTA UN BIYON UN BIYON PARA TA HÅTSA ESPITÅT YA TI SIÑA MA PENTA ESTE I MUSEUM AN UN ATAN HULO' GUINE GI I CHALAN MARINE DRIVE ATAN HÅLOM GUINE TODO MÅFNAS TODO MÅFNAS I LIGA YA TA FANMANHÅTSA UN BIYON NA SPITÅT FINO' SENATOR DUEÑAS CONFUSION HUNGGAN MAGÅHET CONFUSION CONFUSION HU' NAI MAGÅHET SA' MA FASIEN HU' HÅYI SIHA PARA U MA POTLU GUIE NA LUGÅT ESTE PARA U MA HÅTSA GUINE HULO' GI EAGLES FIELD ILEKÑA GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PUBLIC HEALTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH VETERANS PUES HU FAISEN PUES HÅFA PARA U MA CHOGUE NI ESTE SIHA I AN PARA U FANMAN MA POTLU GI HULO' ESTE SIHA GI HULO' ESPITAT PUBLIC HEALTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HÅFA PA U MA CHOGUE YAN EYU SIHA NI MANGAGIE EYU PÅGO NA BUILDING OH A TRABIA BUENTE MA REUSE MA REUSE PARA HÅFA TI SIÑA MA OPPE HIT ILEKKU KUÅNTTO ESTE I TANO' YAN KUNTODO ESTE I BUILDING TI MA TUÑGO' TRABIA OH WERE WORKING IT LÃO NA U FASIEN SA' TAIMANU AN TI PARA UN NA' I TATTE I ORIGINAL LAND OWNERS NI TANO' NIHA KÅO PUUN BENDI ESTE SIHA NA LUGAT YAN PARA UN NA' I ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS NI EYI I ESTE I SALAPPE AN PUN BENDI ESTE SIHA NA LUGAT TI SIÑA MA OPPE HU' SA' TI MA TUÑGO' TRABIA* WE'RE WORKING ON IT YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER IN MY PREVIOUS IN 1999 I WAS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GUAM HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WHICH NO LONGER EXISTS AND IT'S SAD BECAUSE THEY DO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE STUDIES I KNOW WE HAD A STUDY HEALTHCARE 2001 AND BEYOND AND I I CAN'T RECALL I KNOW WE WE DID A STUDY ON ON HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND I CAN'T RECALL THE THE THE WHETHER OR NOT WE ADDRESSED THE NEW I THINK WE DID ADDRESS A NEW HOSPITAL BUT WE GOT A NEW HOSPITAL WE GOT A PRIVATE HOSPITAL GRMC BUT MY POINT IS MADAM SPEAKER IS THIS A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OBVIOUSLY HAS NOT BEEN DONE AND THE REASON WHY I SAY THIS IS BECAUSE EVEN DOCTORS ARE NOT ALL IN AGREEMENT ON BUILDING THIS PARTICULAR HOSPITAL OR THIS HEALTHCARE CENTER IN THIS PARTICULAR PLACE AND THAT'S WHY YOU SEE THAT MOST DOCTORS LIVE AROUND THE AREAS WHERE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS ARE ARE HAD BECAUSE THEY NEED FAST ACCESS TO TO THESE THESE HOSPITALS THERE'S CLINICS AS WELL ARE BUILT AROUND THOSE HOSPITALS

LIKewise INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOT IN THAT PLACE AND THE PROPOSED SITE AND AGAIN THE THE QUESTION THAT WE ASK IS SIMPLE WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THESE BUILDINGS IF IF THESE EXISTING BUILDINGS AND AGENCIES CURRENTLY EXISTS THAT WHERE THEY CURRENTLY EXIST IF THEY'RE NOW GOING TO BE HOUSED UP AT OR EAGLES FIELD WHAT IS GOING TO BE HAD WITH THESE BUILDINGS THERE'S NO ANSWER WELL IF IT'S GOING TO BE A REUSE WELL THEN YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE GOVERNMENT'S GOING TO HAVE TO CALCULATE THE THE THE THE COST OF REFURBISHMENT OF THESE BUILDINGS TO HOUSE WHATEVER AGENCIES ARE THAT ARE GOING TO TO THEN NOW BE HOUSE IN THOSE PARTICULAR BUILDINGS JUST LAST WEEK I ASKED THE CHIEF OF POLICE I ASKED CHIEF WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS HERE PLEASE YEAH IS THAT ALL WE HAVEN'T DISCUSSED THAT THAT'S NOT IN THE PLANS I SAID WELL SOME OF THESE BUILDINGS ARE SUPPOSEDLY GOING TO BE VACATED TO GO TO THIS NEW FACILITY SO YOU CAN SEE THAT THERE'S NO COMPREHENSIVE STUDY PUT TOGETHER BECAUSE AGENCIES THAT ARE NEEDING THEIR HEADQUARTERS AGENCIES THAT ARE NEEDING A PERMANENT HOUSE AS OPPOSED TO JUST RENTING A PLACE HAVE NOT BEEN CONSULTED AND A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY DOES ALL THAT SO ON TOP OF A BILLION WHICH IS JUST THE SHELL AND IS THIS FACILITY LIKEWISE IS GOING TO BE THE MECCA AS DIVISION SAYS IT'S GOING TO BE OF HEALTHCARE DELIVERY AND NOT JUST GUAM BUT IN THIS THIS REGION THEN YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE AGAIN THE STATE OF THE ART EQUIPMENT BUT NOT ONLY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO UPDATE CONSTANTLY THIS EQUIPMENT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE STAFF THAT YOU THAT NEEDS CONSTANT TRAINING DOCTORS NURSES THERAPISTS AND WHAT HAVE YOU FOR THESE FACILITIES TO BE ABLE TO COMPETE AGAINST WHERE OUR PEOPLE NOW GO THE PHILIPPINES NOW IN TAIWAN OR THAILAND WHEREVER IT MAY BE THAT'S A COST SO A BILLION IS REALLY NOT A BILLION IT'S MORE THAN THAT AND SO THE CONFUSION COMES WHEN YOU SAY WELL YES WE'RE GONNA WE'RE GONNA HOUSE IT THERE WE'RE GONNA BUILD IT THERE BUT REALLY CAN CAN A MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM COEXIST WITH A HOSPITAL I MEAN WE CAN'T EVEN OPEN A BAR NEXT TO A SCHOOL LET ALONE A MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM LET ALONE A DEFENSE SYSTEM RIGHT NEXT TO A HOSPITAL SO MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN YES DO WE WANT A NEW HOSPITAL YES WE LIKE THAT WHY CAN'T WE WORK WITH GRMC AND HAVE A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP SHIP WITH THEM THEY NEED A NEW WING BUILDING NEXT TO IT ADDITIONAL TO IT THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS THERE BUILDING IS THERE YOU HAVE EXPERTISE OVER THERE GMH CAN COHOUSE BE A CO-HOUSE OVER THERE BUT AGAIN IT GOES TO SHOW THAT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY HAS BEEN PUT HASN'T BEEN PUT TOGETHER AND THAT TRUE AND A TRUE PRICE TAG IS NOT PUT TOGETHER AS WELL AND THE UNFORTUNATE THING MADAM SPEAKER IS THIS IS OF COURSE THE ORIGINAL AND LAND OWNERS IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU'RE TR THAT WE'RE JUST TRYING TO FIND AN ARGUMENT AFTER AN ARGUMENT NOT TO BE ABLE TO GIVE THESE LANDS BACK LANDS BACK AS WELL BECAUSE ALL THESE ARGUMENTS ALL THESE THINGS ARE NOT MAKING SENSE AS SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS HAS SAID *CONFUSION CONFUSION HU' NAI SA' MAGÅHET PARA TA POTLU MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM GI FION I ESPTÅT HA'* SO WE ARE ILL-PREPARED MADAM SPEAKER FOR SUCH A GINORMOUS FACILITY NOT JUST THAT BUT THE COST AND LIKE I SAID ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS JUST OPEN THESE WINDOWS HERE AND LOOK OUT LOOK AT OUR NEIGHBOR THE GUAM MUSEUM PAINT IS FADED TOURSISTS OUT THERE THE SHIP THIS SHIPPING LINE JUST IT JUST JUST CAME IN THIS AFTERNOON TONS OF TOURISTS OUT HERE LOOKING AROUND THE MUSEUM YEAH *TODO MÅFNAS I PENTURA* AND WE'RE READY TOBUILD A ONE BILLION DOLLAR HOSPITAL *LECHE* I I MEAN JUST LIKE REALLY REALLY AND I I I'M JUST YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS ARE YOU BUT AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER IT JUST GOES TO SHOW THAT WE'RE PUTTING FORTH ARGUMENTS THAT ARE NOT JUSTIFIED THEY'RE ARGUMENTS THAT ARE NOT WELL STUDIED ARGUES THAT ARE NOT PUT TOGETHER AND LIKEWISE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RENT AND WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO LEASE IT'S GOING TO BE GIVEN TO US TO LEASE GIVE IT BACK TO ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS LET'S LEASE IT FROM THEM IF THE CONDITIONS ARE WELL YOU HAVE TO LEASE IT FROM THE ORIGINAL LAND OWNERS THEN YES OKAY GIVE IT TO THEM WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT THEY'LL LEASE IT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUT THAT'S NOT EVEN PART OF A STUDY IT'S JUST WE CAN'T GIVE IT BACK TO *TI SIÑA TA NA'I TÅTTE NI TANO' NIHA* YEAH WELL I MEAN I HAVE I HAVE A BIG CONCERN THAT IF A FACILITY THAT BIG AS WELL AND THESE BIG AGENCIES AND HOSPITAL SETTINGS BASICALLY WELL I GUESS I MEAN THAT'S THEIR VERSION OF WELL MAYBE THEY'RE DOWNSIZING GOVERNMENT THEY'RE GOING TO GET RID OF SECURITY AT GMH AND JUST PUT A MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM NO MORE HOSPITAL POLICE WE'RE JUST GONNA PUT A BIG MISSILE OVER THERE SA BOY IF YOU TRY TO GET IN YOU SEE THAT MISSILE BOY I'M GONNA PRESS THE BUTTON BOY AND *MATAI* BOY JUST HOPE THERE'S NOT MORE THAT I MEAN THERE'S NOT MORE THAN ONE BECAUSE THAT ONE MISSILE IS ONLY FOR ONE PERSON SO MADAM SPEAKER I RISE UP IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AGAIN IT'S IT'S NEEDED IT IT STARTS US OFF ACTUALLY WITH A SERIOUS CONCERN AND IF IN FACT IF IN FACT WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT HEALTHCARE FACILITY BEING HOUSE WE NEED TO DO A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY BECAUSE ALL INDICATIONS ARE IS THAT WE'RE STILL WORKING ON IT WE DON'T KNOW AND THESE ARE JUST BASIC QUESTIONS

MADAM SPEAKER BASIC QUESTIONS THAT CANNOT BE ANSWERED SO AGAIN THANK YOU *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' NI UN NA'I HIT NI ESTE OPTUNIDÁT PARA U KUENTOS PUT ESTE NA BILL* AND I AGAIN I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND THE AUTHORS OF THIS BILL THANK YOU MUCH VERY MUCH *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SENATOR LUJAN ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR JOANNE BROWN I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER CERTAINLY A LOT HAS BEEN SAID WITH REGARDS TO THIS BILL AND ALL THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SPOKEN HAVE RISEN AND SUPPORTED THIS BILL AND I TOO ALSO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL THERE'S ISSUES HERE OBVIOUSLY WITH REGARDS TO THE LAND AND THAT'S BOTHERSOME BECAUSE YOU KNOW OUR AGENDA AND CERTAINLY IN THE YEARS PRIOR WHEN I WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE OUR FOCUS WAS ALWAYS TO TRY TO CORRECT THE WRONG THAT WAS PLACED UPON OUR PEOPLE WITH THE LAND TAKINGS IT'S SUCH A SENSITIVE ISSUE BECAUSE SO MANY OF OUR PEOPLE LOST THEIR LANDS AND CERTAINLY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR LIBERATION BUT AT THE SAME TIME YOU KNOW WHEN YOU LOSE WHAT IS YOURS WHAT IS YOUR INHERITANCE AND IT'S TAKEN FROM YOU AND YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THE ABILITY TO PASS IT ON TO YOUR CHILDREN OR YOUR GRANDCHILDREN SO YOU KNOW THERE ARE THINGS ABOUT UNCLE SAM WE LOVE AND THERE'S SOME THINGS WE DON'T LOVE SO MUCH LAND TAKINGS IS JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS WE DON'T LOVE SO MUCH WHAT'S BOTHERSOME AND SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES TOUCHED ON THAT IS WHEN OUR OWN PEOPLE THAT'S EVEN WORSE COMMIT THE OFFENSE AGAINST OUR OWN PEOPLE AND NOW WE'RE PITTING THE ISSUE OF WANTING IT TO HAVE A NEW HOSPITAL AGAINST THE LANDOWNERS THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEIR LANDS RETURNED TO THEM CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT MANY OF THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS HAVE PASSED ON AND AND IT'S THEIR DESCENDANTS NOW THAT THAT ARE HOPING TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THESE LANDS RETURNED BECAUSE WHEN IT WAS TAKEN FROM THEIR PARENTS OR THEIR GRANDPARENTS MANY OF THEM NEVER LIVE AND HAVE NOT LIVED TO SEE THE DAY TO HAVE THAT RETURN TO THEM WE CALL THAT AN INJUSTICE AND NOW WE PIT OUR PEOPLE AGAINST OUR PEOPLE BECAUSE THE ADMINISTRATION IS HELL-BENT ON BUILDING THIS HOSPITAL IRRELEVANT OF WHETHER ANYONE ELSE IN LEADERSHIP HERE AGREES WITH IT PEOPLE AT GUAM PLEASE LISTEN IT'S NOT SO MUCH THOSE OF US THAT ARE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THIS BILL IT'S GOING TO BE THE SILENCE OF THOSE THAT MAY NOT VOTE FOR IT BECAUSE AS I MENTIONED LAST TERM YOU KNOW I DIDN'T RUN FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO WORK FOR THE GOVERNOR ESPECIALLY WHEN WE SEE BAD DECISIONS GETTING MADE BECAUSE OF THOSE THAT ALIGN THEMSELVES WITH THE ADMINISTRATION WHETHER IT'S GOOD OR BAD BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE GOVERNOR WANTS I'VE NEVER UNDERSTOOD THAT AND I'VE WORKED FOR A COUPLE OF ADMINISTRATIONS THE GOVERNOR HAS ALMOST YOU KNOW CONSIDERING I'VE SERVED WITH HER MANY TERMS SO HAVE YOU MADAM SPEAKER IN THE GUAM LEGISLATURE AND I'VE SEEN THE LEAST AMOUNT OF ENGAGEMENT WITH THE LEGISLATURE WHEN SHE HERSELF HAS SAT AND WELL NOT IN THIS HALL BUT THE HALL DOWN THE STREET THAT WE USED TO HAVE STANDING IN LINE WITH US IN MANY WAYS IN OPPOSITION TO THE ADMINISTRATION ABOUT THE VERY THINGS WE'RE ARGUING ABOUT TODAY ABOUT THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION AND YOU KNOW HERE WE ARE BEGINNING THE SECOND TERM AND I DON'T SEE ANYTHING DIFFERENT I'M SURE IF SHE HAD IT HER WAY WE'D BE TOTALLY OUT OF THIS DISCUSSION BECAUSE SHE'S DEFINITELY TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY USE THIS FEDERAL MONEY AND DECIDE HOW IT'S GOING TO BE SPENT WITHOUT LETTING THE PEOPLE OF GUAM KNOW EXACTLY HOW ALL THIS MONEY IS BEING SPENT ON THEIR BEHALF AND THE MONEY SHE'S PUT ASIDE FOR THE NEW HOSPITAL WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IF SHE'S NOT ABLE TO BUILD IT WHERE SHE WANTS IT WHEN SHE WANTS IT WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL THAT FEDERAL MONEY INTENDED FOR THE PANDEMIC INTENDED TO HELP THE SILENT RECOVER YOU KNOW AS MY COLLEAGUE THERE FROM *BARRIGADA* HAD MENTIONED WE GOT AN EXISTING HOSPITAL THAT'S HAD A WHOLE LIST OF ISSUES AND PROBLEMS THAT NEED FUNDING AND REPAIR HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE NOT HAD THE MONEY TO ADDRESS THE MEDICATIONS HOW MANY TO GOODNESS LAST TERM WE'RE DEBATING YOU KNOW PUTTING MONEY ASIDE TO HIRE SPECIALISTS THAT WE DON'T HAVE I MEAN THE LIST GOES ON I MEAN WE SAW THE VIDEOS OF YOU KNOW GOSH FOR HOW MANY YEARS WAS YOU KNOW WATER LEAKING THROUGH THE ROOF AND THE ELEVATOR EVERY TIME YOU GO THERE THAT'S NOT WORKING THE PERENNIAL PROBLEMS THAT HAVE EXISTED WITH REGARDS TO HEALTH CARE ON OUR ISLAND AND WE SHOULD BE LOOKING FORWARD TO POSITIVE DISCUSSIONS IF WE'RE LOOKING AT BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL HOW DO WE HOW DO WE IMPROVE AND MAKE IT BETTER FOR OUR PEOPLE AND THAT'S NOT WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW WE HAVE TO WORRY ARE THESE DECISIONS GOING TO BE MADE AND COMMITMENT'S GOING TO BE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WITHOUT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM BEING ENGAGED IN IT ARE THEY GOING TO END UP WITH A BILL THAT THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY BUILDING IS ONE THING AND THAT'S A PRETTY PENNY

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO MAINTAIN IT HOW ARE YOU GOING TO STAFF IT HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE GENERATE THE MONEY TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE IT AND THAT'S JUST A HOSPITAL BUT NOW WE HAVE THE GRAND PLAN THAT WE MUST HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH INCLUDED IN THIS FACILITY WE MUST HAVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INCLUDED IN THIS FACILITY I LOVE THE VETERANS MY DAD'S MY DAD WAS A COMBAT VETERAN IN VIETNAM SERVED 24 YEARS IN THE U.S NAVY AND RETIRED HONORABLY 100 PERCENT DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN I LOVE THE VETERANS I'M A PRODUCT OF ONE BUT WE THROW ALL THAT IN THE POT AND THEN WE SAY PEOPLE OF GUAM THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE GOVERNOR WANTS THAT'S WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION WANTS IRRELEVANT OF THE LANDOWNERS AND WE WATCH HOW THEY'RE DOING THIS LITTLE TAP DANCE OF TRYING TO GET AROUND THIS AND SAY OH WE'RE GOING TO LEASE IT WE'RE GONNA THE FACT THAT WE'RE EVEN SAYING WE'RE GONNA LEASE LAND FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS INSULTING WE'RE GOING TO LEASE OUR PEOPLE'S LAND BACK THERE'S NO WAY TO GET AROUND THAT ISSUE AND SAY OH THAT'S RESOLVED AND WE'RE JUST GOING TO ASK UNCLE SAM WE WANT TO LEASE OUR LAND BACK FROM YOU BECAUSE WE WANT TO BUILD A HOSPITAL AND BECAUSE WE WANT TO BUILD A HOSPITAL THAT JUSTIFIES WHY WE SHOULD BUILD IT AT THIS LOCATION WHICH I'M SURE I'M NOT EVEN SURE I AGREE TO THE LOCATION YOU KNOW IT'S CLOSER TO MY NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE COST OF INFRASTRUCTURE IS GOING TO BE WHAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE WHAT IS ALL THIS GOING TO COST US AND HOW IS IT GOING TO BE PAID FOR AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO SUSTAIN IT WHEN HISTORICALLY WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT WITH THE EXISTING PUBLIC HOSPITAL THAT WE HAVE NOW AND COLLEAGUES YOU KNOW THOSE OF YOU HAVE BEEN AROUND THE CORNER YOU KNOW THAT THIS INFUSION OF MONEY THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN IS NOT GOING TO LAST THE ARP MONEY IS GOING TO DRY UP AND DISAPPEAR AND THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE WE'RE GETTING OUT WE BIG ADMINISTRATION BRAGS ABOUT THAT WHEN THEY COME DOWN HERE THEY MUST THINK THEY MUST HAVE THE MIDAS TOUCH THEY MUST HAVE GOLDEN FINGERS WE JUST HAD TO WAIT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM JUST HAD TO WAIT FOR THEM TO GET INTO OFFICE TO MAKE IT HAPPEN BECAUSE BOY THEY CAN DO IT LIKE NO OTHER BECAUSE OUR PEOPLE HAVE GONE THROUGH AND THE WORLD HAS GONE THROUGH THE MISFORTUNE OF A PANDEMIC AND BECAUSE WE HAPPEN TO HAVE THE BUILDUP OF A MILITARY BASE AND YES YOU KNOW THE CONTRACTORS ARE ROLLING THE PROJECTS ARE ROLLING THE MONEY'S FLOWING AND WE KNOW IT'S GOING TO COME TO AN END WHEN THAT BASE IS COMPLETED AND YES OH WE'RE GOING TO GET MORE MILITARY PERSONNEL THAT ARE GOING TO BE PAYING INTO SECTION 30 EVEN WITH THE IF IT'S UP TO 5000 OR DOWN FROM THE ORIGINALLY EIGHT EIGHT THOUSAND MARINES TO FIVE THOUSAND OR FOUR THOUSAND HOW MANY MARINES ARE GOING TO HOUSE UP THERE AT CAMP BLAZE IT'S STILL LESS THAN WHAT WE HAD IN THE 1980S IN TERMS OF MILITARY PRESENCE ON GUAM WE'VE SEEN THE DOWN SCALING THAT HAS HAPPENED WE REMEMBER BRAC WE WERE HERE FOR BRAC SOME OF US AND IS IT GOING TO PAY FOR ALL THIS WONDERFUL GOVERNMENT WE'VE GIVEN THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AS WE CONTINUE TO RAISE THE COST OF GOVERNMENT IT'S ONE THING THAT'S GROWN DURING THE PANDEMIC IS GOVERNMENT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND THE BOTTOM LINE OF WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST OUR PEOPLE I I DON'T KNOW HOW OUR PEOPLE ARE GOING TO PAY FOR ALL THIS THAT WE WANT TO GIVE THEM AND TO MAKE SUCH A BIG DECISION PROBABLY ON THE SING SINGLE LARGEST PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN AND THE MOST EXPENSIVE IN THE HISTORY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND YET THE ONLY ONES THAT ARE ENGAGED IN WANTING TO MAKE DECISIONS ON THIS TO THE EXCLUSION OF EVERYBODY ELSE IS THIS CURRENT ADMINISTRATION AND IF WE WHO YOU KNOW I ALWAYS SAY AS WE GO TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AS AS WE ALL DID A FEW MONTHS AGO AND TELL THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU PLEASE VOTE FOR CAN YOU PLEASE PEOPLE OF GUAM SPARE THAT ONE VOTE JUST FOR ME BECAUSE I I REALLY WANT TO SERVE YOU I REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE IS BETTER AND THE EDUCATION OF YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR HEALTH CARE GOSH ANYBODY CAN WRITE THAT POLITICAL SCRIPT AND THEN WE GET IN HERE AND A/ WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS BECAUSE IT'LL BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF WE GET A HUNDRED PERCENT OF VOTES OF THIS BODY ON THIS BILL OR ARE WE GOING TO DIVIDE WE'RE GOING TO BE DIVIDE 9 6 10 5 WE'LL SEE AS I TOLD THE LAST LEGISLATURE WHEN WE ABDICATE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES WE'RE NOT DOING OUR JOB HERE WHEN WE ACQUIESCE I DO I'M DUMFOUND BY THIS AND LIKE I SAID I'VE WORKED FOR TWO ADMINISTRATIONS YOU KNOW WE JUST CAVE IN INSTEAD OF DOING WHAT'S RIGHT AND WE KNOW WHEN IT'S WRONG WE ALL KNOW WHAT'S WRONG BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS SOME OF US BECAUSE WE'VE COMPROMISED OURSELVES WE HAVE FAVORS WE HAVE CONNECTIONS WE HAVE CONTRACTS BUT WE DON'T TELL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT THAT KEEP THAT TO OURSELVES HOPEFULLY HOPEFULLY NOBODY FINDS OUT BUT I DON'T THINK WE CAN PROCEED AS IRRESPONSIBLY AS THE ADMINISTRATION WANTS US TO IN MOVING FORWARD SIGNING A LEASE BECAUSE WE KNOW THIS THIS PARTICULAR THING IS FOCUSED ON THAT THERE'S NO OTHER PROPERTY WE'RE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW OTHER THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF THIS THIS THIS LAND IS BEING OCCUPIED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND

THERE'S SO MANY OTHER OPTIONS WE CAN DO BECAUSE I I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL I THINK THERE'S SO MUCH MORE MODERN BENEFITS THAT GOSH REMEMBER THE OLD GOSH THE OLD NAVAL HOSPITAL UP THE HILL REMEMBER THE HALLWAYS WERE SO LONG YOU COULD ROLL A BOWLING BALL AND NOW TO SEE THE NEWER FACILITY AND WHAT THE BENEFITS ARE THAT HAVE COME WITH THAT CERTAINLY WE WANT TO SEE THAT FOR OUR PEOPLE BUT I DON'T NECESSARILY AGREE ON ALL THE OTHER PRICE TAG ITEMS WE WANT TO ADD ON BECAUSE WE WANT TO FILL YOU KNOW BUILD THIS MAJESTIC COMPLEX THAT I DON'T KNOW THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN AFFORD AND THEN SAY OH BUT YOU KNOW YOU'RE DENYING THE PEOPLE THE BEST NO I THINK IT'S BEING REALISTIC AND YOU KNOW LET'S BUILD WHAT WE CAN AFFORD AND BUILD WHAT WE CAN COME TO CONSENSUS ON I DON'T HAVE SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL THE ADMINISTRATION'S PUTTING THROUGH AND THAT THEY'RE INTENDING HELL OR HIGH WATER THEY'RE GOING TO DO WHAT THEY WANT WHETHER WE WANT IT OR NOT BUT FOR ANY OF US TO SIT HERE AND ABDICATE OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND ACQUIESCE TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR WHATEVER YOUR REASONS MAY BE THAT'S WRONG OUR JOB IS TO ENSURE HOW THE PUBLIC PURSE WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE PEOPLE AND THE PUBLIC'S PURSE AND HOW THAT MONEY GETS SPENT AND HOW THAT MONEY GETS INVESTED AND WE HAVE TO DELIBERATE THAT AMONG EACH OTHER THAT'S THE PUBLIC PROCESS THAT'S THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN COME TO CONSENSUS COLLECTIVELY ON HOW TO DO THAT BUT TO HAVE THOSE DECISIONS JUST SIMPLY MADE DOWN THE HILL THAT'S WHY WE HAVE YOU KNOW THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM YOU DON'T EVER LEAVE ONE PERSON IN POWER YOU KNOW AS THEY OFTEN SAY IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT SOMEONE'S MADE OF GIVE THEM POWER AND SEE WHAT THEY DO WITH IT SEE WHAT THEY DO WITH THE POWER YOU KNOW IT'S IRONIC BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR HERSELF WHEN SHE USED TO BE IN THE HALLS OF LEGISLATURE USED TO FIGHT AGAINST THE ADMINISTRATION VENEMENTLY WE USED TO BE HERE CRITICIZING UNCLE CARL DOWN THERE OH MY GOD WE WERE THERE HOLDING THE WALLS UP AGAINST CARL GUTIERREZ AND *AI ADAI* WE'RE ON THE HILL IT'S A DIFFERENCE STORY AH POOR CARL YOU KNOW LET HIM BATTLE GVB BUT WE'RE GOING TO DO IT THE WAY WE WANT IT NOW IT'S THE I'M GOVERNOR I'M GOING TO RUN THIS PLACE TO HELL WITH EVERYBODY ELSE WHAT THE HECK IS IT IS THE AIR UP THERE A LITTLE DIFFERENT LITTLE HILL UP THERE AT *ADEUP* WE NEED TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN WE HAVE THESE BIG DISCUSSIONS THAT INVOLVE THE PEOPLE'S MONEY BECAUSE IT'S NOT OUR MONEY OH WE NEED TO BE OPEN AND WE NEED TO BE PUBLIC AND WE NEED TO BE TRANSPARENT AND WE JUST CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT AND SAY THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING IF WE ALLOW THIS TO MOVE FORWARD I THINK THE GOVERNOR NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT THE SENTIMENT OF THE PEOPLE ARE AND THAT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY HERE IN THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE TO REPRESENT THEIR CONCERNS AND THEIR ISSUES AND WE'RE NOT AGREE IN EVERYTHING BUT WE CAN'T ALLOW THIS PROCESS TO MOVE FORWARD AND I AGREE YOU KNOW MY OTHER COLLEAGUE HERE YEAH I WANT PROBABLY YEAH THEY'RE TRYING TO RUSH TO GET THAT LEASE SIGNED BEFORE THIS BILL GETS UP THERE TO BE VETOED BUT GOOD LUCK TO THE GOVERNOR I HOPE SHE FINDS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FUND THE WHOLE THING BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE'S GOING TO FUND IT IF SHE DOESN'T WORK WITH THE LEGISLATURE AND SHE'S DONE VERY LITTLE OF THAT UNLESS SHE'S DONE IT THROUGH BACK DOORS BUT SHE CERTAINLY I GUESS SINCE THAT MEETING THAT HAPPENED A YEAR AND A HALF AGO WHEN THE MEDIA GOT KICKED OUT AND THE GOVERNOR SAID SHE WAS GOING TO WORK THE LATE I DON'T KNOW HAS ANYTHING CHANGED SINCE THEN COLLEAGUES FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT WENT TO THAT MEETING ANY MORE ENLIGHTENMENT ANY MORE ENGAGEMENT SINCE THEN I DON'T THINK SO BUT YOU KNOW IF YOU KNOW MORE THAN ME THEN LET ME KNOW BUT I SUPPORT THIS BILL MADAM SPEAKER I THINK WE NEED TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND I THINK WE MAKE THESE BIG DECISIONS THESE BIG MONEY TICKET ITEMS ANY TICKET ITEM WITH REGARDS TO GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES IT NEEDS TO BE MADE OPENLY HONESTLY AND WITH DELIBERATION AND ENGAGEMENT THAT'S OUR JOB HERE AND WE SHOULD NEVER ABDICATE THAT RESPONSIBILITY ESPECIALLY WHEN WE GO TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND ASK TO SUPPORT THEM HAVE THEM SUPPORT US THAT WE'RE THERE TO SUPPORT THEM AND THEIR INTERESTS AND THEN WHEN WE GET IN HERE WE ACQUIESCE TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT'S NOT WHY WE'RE HERE THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE HERE TO DO WE SHOULD BE HERE TO DO THE RIGHT THING THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY COMMENT ON THIS BILL.

NOTE SENATOR SHELTON PRESIDES

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU ON THE BILL BILL 13-37 I'M SORRY 12-37 SENATOR QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES YOU KNOW IT'S *YA-HU BAI SUPOTTE ESTE NA PRINIPONI LĀO EYU GUE I KUESTION NA ANGGEN SIÑA HIT TA NA'I I TANO' NIHA NA'I HA' HUYONG PUT I HA' TU TI NA' NISISITA*

*MÁS I TÁOTÁO-TA LÁO AN TI MANGÁNA ESTE NA PRINIPONI HEKKUA' LÁO IYO-KU MALAGO-HU PU NA' MÅOLEK I ISLÁ-TA ACHUKA' HÁFA NA PRINIPONI YA ANGEN GAIGE I MEDICAL CAMPUS PAT GAIGE GMH TAMUNING DEBI TA NA' BÅNSA MO'NA I ISLÁ-TA I FAMILIA-TA I FAMAGUON-TA EYU GUE NA MANMALÁGO HIT NOH SO IM JUST SAYING AT THE END OF THE DAY WE REALLY WANT TO SEE A BETTER HEALTHCARE FACILITY AND WE WANT TO SEE A BETTER ALIGNMENT FOR OUR ISLAND OUR PEOPLE AND OUR KIDS AND THE NEXT GENERATION SO YOU KNOW IF IF WE CAN REALLY GIVE THIS LAND TO THE PEOPLE THEN GIVE IT TO THE PEOPLE IF THE GOVERNOR DOES NOT GET THIS LAND FOR THE HOSPITAL THEN I HOPE THAT THESE PEOPLE YOU KNOW NOT WORK WAIT OR OR HAVE TO WORK THE LEGISLATURE TO GET THEIR LANDS BACK FOR IN 24 HOURS GIVE IT TO THEM SIGN IT OVER BECAUSE I APPRECIATE THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE CAME TODAY WHETHER YOU HAVE INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY OR NOT I THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT HERE YOUR COMMITMENT YOUR PASSION AND YOUR INTEREST IN THIS PROPERTY IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT IT'S IMPERATIVE FOR US TO MAKE DECISIONS AND ALTHOUGH THE DECISIONS WE MAKE TODAY ARE GOING TO BE CHALLENGING WHETHER WE SUPPORT THE *FEDARALIS* SUPPORT THE *MAGA'HÁGA* ALL OUR ALL OUR DECISIONS HERE ARE GOING TO BE CHALLENGING BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY I HOPE IT'S OUR GENERAL GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT WE DO OUR BEST TO SERVE THE PEOPLE THAT WE WORK FOR AND AGAIN I IF IF WE GET THIS PROPERTY BACK I HOPE THAT THESE PEOPLE GET THEIR PROPERTY WITHIN 24 HOURS IF WE LEASE IT BACK WE DO WE DO WE DO LEASE BACKS FOR ALL THE PROPERTIES IN CHAMORRO LAND TRUST 99 YEARS THERE'S LEGISLATION OUT THERE TO YOU KNOW EXTEND LAND LEASES EXTEND LEASES PERIOD FOR THE REASON OF FINANCING PURPOSES NO INVESTOR NOR BANK OR ANY GROUP WILL EVER INVEST FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM IT'S INSANE AND AMONG THAT SENTIMENT IT'S AN INVESTMENT FOR OUR PEOPLE THE ONLY THING I KNOW THAT'S FIVE YEAR LEASE IS A CAR OR LOAN AS A CAR TRUST ME I KNOW I OWN LIKE SEVEN CARS ALREADY TOTAL SO YOU KNOW I REALLY I REALLY APPLAUD THE AUTHOR FOR THIS LEGISLATION AND I APPLAUD THE PEOPLE HERE WHO ARE COMMITTED AND PASSIONATE AND HAVE INTEREST IN THIS LAND I MYSELF HAVE HAD LAND TAKEN FROM ME AND I APPLAUD THE SENATOR THE LATE SENATOR ANGEL SANTOS *PARA TODO I CHE'CHO'ÑA* AND YOU KNOW THE THE THE QUOTES THAT HE'S ALWAYS MADE IS THAT GENERATION SHOULDN'T FACE THE SAME CHALLENGES AS THE PREVIOUS ONE SO I HOPE AGAIN THAT IF THIS PROPERTY IS GIVEN BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THAT IT BE USED FOR THE HOSPITAL IF NOT THEN UNFORTUNATELY THE BLACK AND WHITE IS BLACK AND WHITE AND WE WE YOU KNOW I I LOVE MY FREEDOM AND I'M THAT THIS THIS LEGISLATION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT WE WE WANT AS A PEOPLE AND OUR FREEDOMS THE FREEDOM WE NEED TO BE FIGHTING FOR IS OUR OUR STATUS DECOLONIZATION THAT'S WHERE YOU FIGHT THESE PROBLEMS OF THE FEDS IS IN DC NOT AMONGST OURSELVES AND I HOPE WE CAN AGREE TO THAT COLLEAGUES THAT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE FIGHT THIS TOGETHER IN DC AND WITH THAT BEING SAID I THANK YOU GUYS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME MADAM SPEAKER GOD BLESS.*

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA ON THE BILL BILL 12-37 SPONSOR WISH TO CLOSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES AND I THANK YOU AND I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR WORDS ON YOU KNOW IN REGARDS TO THIS BILL SOME QUESTIONS SOME VERY IMPASSIONED STATEMENTS SOME HISTORY ALL OF IT I THINK I LOVE THE DEBATE LIKE THIS THAT REALLY HELPS TO ENLIGHTEN ALL OF US BEFORE I GO INTO MY CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO JUST MAKE ONE FLOOR AMENDMENT I THOUGHT IT WAS SENT IN IT'S A ONE-WORD CHANGE ON PAGE TWO LINE 13 SO IT MIGHT JUST HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE CLERKS NOW MY APOLOGIES I THOUGHT IT'D BEEN THERE A LONG TIME AGO IT'S A CHANGE THE WORD SALE TO THE WORD PURCHASE SO IT'S IS TALKING ABOUT AUTHORIZING A PARTICULAR PURCHASE LEASE LICENSE OR SUBLEASE INSTEAD OF A PARTICULAR SALE SO THAT IT'S THAT ONE WORD CHANGE THE CLERKS HAVE IT IN WRITING BECAUSE WE'VE SENT IT TO THEM THEY JUST HAVEN'T MADE COPIES FOR EVERYONE SO I'VE MOVED THAT WE CONSIDER THAT AMENDMENT WITHOUT IT BEING PASSED OUT.

SENATOR SHELTON: ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO ALLOW US TO DISCUSS THE AMENDMENT WITHOUT A PHYSICAL COPY AT THIS MOMENT NO OBJECTIONS PLEASE PROCEED MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH SO THAT'S THE AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE THE WORD SALE ON LINE 13 OF PAGE TWO TO THE WORD PURCHASE.

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE AMENDMENT PASSES SPEAKER YOU ARE STILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COULD I JUST CONFIRM I HAVE THE CORRECT LINE NUMBER ACCORDING TO THE CLERKS LINE 18 EIGHT OH MY APOLOGIES IF I COULD REDO THAT FLOOR AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE WORD SALE ON LINE 18 OF PAGE TWO.

SENATOR SHELTON: LINE EIGHT OF PAGE 2.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M SORRY LINE EIGHT OF PAGE TWO INSTEAD OF THE WORD SALE TO PUT THE WORD PURCHASE.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES ON THE AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE WORD SELL TO PURCHASE ON PAGE TWO LINE 8 ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR ON THE AMENDMENT I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE BECAUSE THE THE WORD PARTICULAR SALE ON LINE NOT EIGHT IS ALSO FURTHER DOWN IN ON LINE 20 ON THE SAME PAGE WOULD THIS NEED TO BE CHANGED AS WELL THAT'S MY QUESTION.

SENATOR SHELTON: DOES THE AUTHOR YIELD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ACTUALLY I'M GOING TO WITHDRAW THE AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER I THINK I'LL JUST WITHDRAW IT.

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE WITHDRAWAL ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE PASSES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU I HOPE THE INTENTION IS CLEAR WITH THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE CLEAR ENOUGH SO IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO JUST REMIND EVERYONE WHO'S LISTENING THAT THE BILL IS A VERY SIMPLE BILL IT'S A ONE PARAGRAPH BILL THAT REQUIRES THAT ANY SALE LEASE LICENSE OR SUBLEASE OF FEDERAL PROPERTY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THAT THAT'S GOING TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL IF THAT IF TRANSACTION IS GOING TO EXTEND OVER FIVE YEARS IT'S VERY SIMPLE IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL IT'S NOT A BILL TO DETERMINE WHERE THE HOSPITAL WILL BE BUILT OR WHETHER THE HOSPITAL WILL GO FURTHER IT'S NOT A BILL THAT'S GOING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THESE LANDOWNERS ARE GOING TO GET THEIR PROPERTY ULTIMATELY IT'S A BILL THAT THAT DOES IT ALLOWS FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ONE OF THE PEOPLE TESTIFYING IN OUR HEARING WAS ROYCE PALOMO CAMACHO AND SAID VERY CLEARLY WHEN I HEAR RESISTANCE TO THIS BILL IT MAKES ME CURIOUS ABOUT WHY THESE PARTIES FEEL SO OPPOSED TO LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT WE NEED LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT SO THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A SITUATION WHERE A GOVERNOR FOR EXAMPLE PURSUES THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNREASONABLY LARGE AND EXPENSIVE LEGACY INSTITUTION WITHOUT COLLABORATION WITH ELECTED LAWMAKERS WITHOUT INFORMING THE ANCESTRAL LANDOWNERS OR MAKING THE PUBLIC AWARE THIS IS JUST AN EXAMPLE BUT MY COMMUNITY CAN SEE HOW THIS BILL MAY BE SIMILARLY BENEFICIAL IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AND SCENARIOS AND WE NEED TO BE SURE THAT THESE ISLAND ALTERING DECISIONS ARE NOT BEING MADE SOLELY AT THE DISCRETION OF ONE OR A FEW WHO FEEL OFFENDED BY CRITICISM AND NOW HAVE A PERSONAL VENDETTA TO SEE THEIR PLAN THROUGH I DON'T WANT THIS TO BE ANYTHING PERSONAL MAYBE I SHOULDN'T NEVER THE ENDING PART THERE BUT IT'S NOT PERSONAL IT'S IT'S A IT'S WHAT WE ALWAYS DO AS A LEGISLATURE WE WANT TO REVIEW THESE TRANSACTIONS THESE HUGE TRANSACTIONS THAT HAVE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND IN THIS CASE ACTUALLY MIGHT HAVE MORE THAN FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE IMPLICATIONS THAT REQUIRE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO PUT INTO OUR HOSPITAL HOW WE'RE GOING TO BUILD OUR HOSPITAL HOW MANY FLOORS IT MIGHT HAVE WHO'S GOING TO BE SERVED AT THAT HOSPITAL AND THAT TYPE OF THING AND SO ONE OF MY PRE ONE OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS DISCUSSED ABOUT DO WE HAVE CHOICES HERE YOU KNOW THAT WE ONLY HAD TWO CHOICES HERE AND THAT WAS YOU KNOW TO ALLOW THEM TO USE IT THAT WE'RE GOING TO LEASE IT AS A HOSPITAL OR THEY'RE GOING TO USE IT AS A MISSILE I KNOW I DON'T THINK THOSE ARE THE CHOICES THAT WE FACE THE CHOICES THAT WE FACE ARE ARE WE GOING TO DEMAND TRANSPARENCY ON LEASES OF PROPERTY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHERE WE'RE GOING TO PAY THEM OR WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THEM SOME OTHER COMPENSATION FOR USE OF FEDERAL PROPERTY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY TAKEN BY LAND FROM OUR AND ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS WITHOUT KNOWING YOU KNOW ARE WE GOING TO DEMAND TRANSPARENCY ON THAT OR ARE WE GOING TO ALLOW THAT TO GO THROUGH WITHOUT US AND THE LEGISLATURE KNOWING ANY OF THE DETAILS WITHOUT THE PUBLIC KNOWING ANY OF THE DETAILS WITHOUT ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS KNOWING ANY OF THE DETAILS ONE OF THE OTHER CHOICES WE HAVE IS ARE WE GOING TO CONTINUE TO ON THE COURSE THAT PREVIOUS LEGISLATURE SET FOR US TO DEMAND RETURN OF LAND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND TO ORIGINAL

LANDOWNERS ARE WE GOING TO CONTINUE THAT OR ARE WE GOING TO ALLOW SOME OTHER PROCESS TO BE USED THAT THAT AVOIDS A DEMAND FOR RETURN OF EXCESS PROPERTY ALLOWS EXCESS PROPERTY TO BE USED BY THE GOVERNMENT INSTEAD OF RETURNED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND THIS IS A POLICY THAT IS BEING PROPOSED FOR ONE PIECE OF PROPERTY BUT MAY BE USED FOR ALL LANDS AND I WANT EVERYONE TO THINK ABOUT THAT RIGHT THAT'S THE PO THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO DO A BILL THAT IS GENERAL THAT WILL AFFECT ALL LANDS GOING FORWARD ALL OF THESE TYPES OF TRANSACTIONS GOING FORWARD NOT JUST THIS ONE PIECE ALL LAND ALL LANDOWNERS ALSO YOU KNOW THERE'S BEEN A PROPOSAL THAT WHY DON'T WE JUST PAY OFF ANY ORIGINAL LAND OWNERS THAT MIGHT BE AFFECTED WE PAY THEM OFF SO THEY ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN RETURN OF THEIR LAND WELL I THINK THEY'VE TRIED THAT IN SOME CASES AND THESE LANDOWNERS MADE IT VERY CLEAR AT THE HEARING THEY WANT THEIR LAND RETURNED IN THE END IF THERE IS NO OTHER CHOICE WHAT WE HAVE DONE WHEN WE AS A GOVERNMENT HAVE HAD THE LAND RETURNED AND THEN DECIDED WE NEEDED IT FOR AN AIRPORT WE DECIDE WE'RE GOING TO PAY THESE LANDOWNERS THAT WAS SOMETHING WE PUT ON OURSELVES THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE PUTTING ON OURSELVES AND WE MIGHT BE PUTTING OUR ON OURSELVES FOR ALL OTHER LAND HELD BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUT IT'S LIKE THE WAR CLAIMS WHERE WE SAID WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S NOT GOING TO PAY THE WAR CLAIMS OH BUT THEY'RE GOING TO AUTHORIZE US TO OR ALLOW US TO USE OUR OWN MONEY TO PAY FOR WAR CLAIMS ARE WE GOING TO NOW AUTHORIZE LOCAL FUNDS TO BE USED TO PAY LANDOWNERS BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM DECIDED NOT TO DEMAND RETURN OF THAT LAND I MEAN I JUST THINK AT THE VERY LEAST THESE ARE HUGE POLICY SHIFTS THAT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY THE LEGISLATURE AND IN THE INTERIM INSTEAD OF ALLOWING LEASES TO GO THROUGH WITHOUT ANY REVIEW THAT MIGHT IMPACT THOSE POLICY AND THOSE POLICY CHANGES THAT THAT WE COULD AT LEAST ALLOW REVIEW OF THOSE PARTICULAR LEASES AND I KNOW YOU KNOW THE BILL AFFECTS LAND LEASES OF FEDERAL PROPERTY NOT THE PARTICULAR ONE HOWEVER YOU KNOW THE RESPONSE IS JUSTIFIED I USED ONE EXAMPLE BECAUSE IT REALLY SHOWS WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT TRANSPARENCY OR WITHOUT PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THESE THINGS WITHOUT A CONSENSUS BY THE BRANCHES GOING FORWARD WITHOUT QUESTIONS BEING ANSWERED AS TO WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THIS CASE OR THAT CASE WHAT ARE WE GOING TO BE TIED TO NOT JUST IN TERMS OF COSTS BUT WHAT PARTICULAR STIPULATIONS SO I JUST THINK THIS DEMANDING TO KNOW WHAT PARAMETERS WE'RE GOING TO BE BOUND BY AND NOT JUST US BUT BY ALL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND THEIR CHILDREN AND MAYBE THEIR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN JUST LIKE WE DO FOR BONDS BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW LONG THOSE ARE GOING TO BIND US THIS IS TO PREVENT 99-YEAR LEASES FROM BINDING US WHICH IS MUCH LONGER THAN BONDS TO TERMS THAT WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT AND I DON'T WANT THAT PROCESS TO UNDERMINE WHAT DECADES OF LEGISLATURES BEFORE US AND GOVERNORS HAVE ADVOCATED HAVE PUT INTO POLICY EVEN THE COURTS EVEN OUR JUDGES HAVE SAID EVEN DESPITE THE USE OF THE YOU KNOW OR THE CONGRESS'S DISCUSSION REGARDING PUBLIC USE WE HAVE LOCAL JUDGES WHO SAID THAT THE TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY THAT HAVE BEEN MADE THEY MET THAT STANDARD LOCAL I MEAN PUBLIC USE AND THAT THE PUBLIC LAW THAT WAS PASSED BY GENERATIONS BEFORE US OR PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES BEFORE US THAT THAT IS THAT WAS THAT OUTLINED THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE PUBLIC USE OF THESE PROPERTIES AND SO I THINK I JUST DON'T THINK THIS IS THE TIME TO GIVE THAT TO GIVE THAT UP TO GIVE WHAT SO MANY BEFORE US HAVE SOUGHT WHAT THE PEOPLE I THINK STILL CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IS JUST AND I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO GIVE IT UP IN ORDER TO BUILD A HOSPITAL THAT WE CAN DO BOTH WE CAN PURSUE RETURN OF LAND WE CAN PURSUE THE BUILDING OF A HOSPITAL WE CAN PURSUE BENEFIT FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD FEEL THREATENED OR ACT IN FEAR OR THAT WE HAVE NO CHOICES IN THIS AND I THINK WE SHOULD WE SHOULD MAXIMIZE THOSE CHOICES AND CONTINUE TO HONOR HONOR OUR PURSUIT OF JUSTICE SO I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES AGAIN OH I WANT TO MAKE ONE MORE MOTION BEFORE THE END THAT WAS TO ADD CO-SPONSORS SORRY WHERE DID THAT GO IF I COULD ADD UP AGAIN THE HEARING ON THIS BILL WENT VERY LONG BUT IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL HEARING I THOUGHT BECAUSE WE HAD THE LANDOWNERS COME IN AND TESTIFY WE HAVE THEIR TESTIMONY FOR THE RECORDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO SEE WE HAVE THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW MAKING IT VERY CLEAR IN FACT ALL OF THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL SO I'D LIKE TO ADD THE CO-SPONSORS THOSE WHO STAYED WITH ME DURING THE HOURS HOURS LONG HEARING SENATOR FRANK BLAS SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SENATOR JOANNE BROWN THANK YOU TO FOR HELPING ME THROUGH THAT HEARING AND HELPING AND SUPPORTING THE LANDOWNERS THROUGH THAT HEARING AS WELL I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADD SENATORS CHRIS DUEÑAS TOM FISHER JESSE LUJAN TELO TAITAGUE WHO'VE ALSO SUPPORTED HIS BILL ON THE FLOOR TODAY AND SO AND SENATE VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES SO LIKE TO AND ROY SENATOR ROY QUINATA YES SORRY YEAH AND THANK YOU AGAIN COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR

SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND I RENEW MY MOTION TO PLACE THIS BILL ON THE THIRD READING OH SORRY.

SENATOR SHELTON: CHRIS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION.

SENATOR SHELTON: OKAY WE WILL DISPOSE OF YOUR FLOOR AMENDMENT FIRST ON THE AMENDMENT TO PAGE TWO LINE EIGHT OF THE BILL TO CHANGE OH I'M SORRY WE WITHDREW THAT TO ADD CO-SPONSORS TO THE BILL ARE HEARING NO OBJECTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR SHELTON: SPEAKER YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU I'D LIKE TO RENEW MY MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL ON THIRD READING AS AMENDED.

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL ON THE THIRD READING FILE ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN SO COLLEAGUES WE HAVE ONE MORE BILL ON THE SECOND READING FILE BUT IT'S I'D ASK THAT WE RECESS AND MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY I'D LIKE TO COME BACK THOUGH TUESDAY MORNING 10 A.M. AND HOPEFULLY IF THE BILLS ARE ENGROSSED TO VOTE BY THEN SO WE'LL DO THAT BY MOTION AT THAT TIME BUT AT THIS TIME I'D JUST LIKE TO MOVE TO RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY.

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY AT 10 A.M. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES WE ARE IN RECESS.

SENATOR SHELTON: I'D LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY GUAM HISTORY AND CHAMORU HERITAGE DAY.

SENATOR BARNETT: *BIBA CHAMORU.*

SENATOR SHELTON: *BIBA CHAMORU.*

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VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *MANANA SI YU'OS* COLLEAGUES WELCOME BACK FROM THE LONG WEEKEND *MANANA SI YU'OS* COLLEAGUES WE ARE NOW ON BILL 13-37 COR AND I WILL ALLOW THE SPEAKER TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED *MANANA SI YU'OS*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *MANANA SI YU'OS* AND THANK YOU I WOULD MOVE TO PLACE BILL NO. 13-37 COR INTRODUCED BY MYSELF IT'S AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-102D AND ADD A NEW 8311 6 TO CHAPTER 83 OF TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO INCREASING PUBLIC NOTICE AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE ACTIONS BY THE GUAM 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPOSED MEDICAL HEALTHCARE CAMPUS I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT INTO THE THIRD READING AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU MAY PROCEED AT THIS TIME THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU BILL 13-37 COR AIMS TO CREATE TRANSPARENCY FOR THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPOSED MEDICAL HEALTH CARE CAMPUS THROUGH THREE PROVISIONS THE BILL PROPOSES TO ONE INCLUDE REPRESENTATION ON THE 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMITTEE FROM THE GUAM MEDICAL SOCIETY AND THE GUAM MEDICAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE IMPACTED MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCILS AND THE GUAM LEGISLATURE TWO THE BILL PROPOSES TO APPLY THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW REQUIREMENTS IN FIVE GCA CHAPTER 8 TO THE HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMITTEE IT'S WORKING MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS AND TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND THOSE MEETINGS THIRD IT ENSURES THAT RECORDS OF DELIBERATION AND DECISIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THE INTENT OBVIOUSLY IS TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM MEDICAL PROVIDERS AND THE LEGISLATURE ARE INFORMED OF THE MEETINGS THE ACTIONS AND THE DECISIONS SURROUNDING THE DESIGN LEASE AND FINANCING OF THE PROPOSED MEDICAL HEALTH CARE CAMPUS BY MAKING THE GUAM 21ST CENTURY HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE MEETING SUBJECT TO THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW IT'S TO AVOID THE NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH FOIA OR THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT ON SUCH A BIG PROJECT THAT IS BEING CONDUCTED ON THEIR BEHALF AND TO ENSURE THAT HEALTH CARE THAT THAT COMMITS HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS ARE GOING TO CONDUCT THEIR PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW AND WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION SOME OF THESE MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION HAVE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT THEIR OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN *TAMUNING* AND THEY SHOULD HAVE A SAY IN WHAT'S GOING TO OCCUR OR WHERE THE NEW HOSPITAL WILL BE BUILT WHAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN IT AND THIS WOULD PROVIDE THEM JUST SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CONCERNS OR THEIR INPUT IS HEARD MOST IMPORTANTLY IT WOULD GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS WHICH TO THIS POINT HAS NOT HAPPENED IN OCTOBER OF 2021 THE GUAM LEGISLATURE PASSED PUBLIC LAW 3656 WHICH WAS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR ESTABLISHING THIS 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMITTEE IT AUTHORIZED THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN BUILD FINANCE LEASE TRANSFER AND LONG-TERM CAPITAL MAINTENANCE OF THE GUAM 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER THE PROJECT IS CURRENTLY ESTIMATED TO COST ONE BILLION DOLLARS WITH 1.48 MILLION ALREADY INVESTED BY GEDA INTO A CONSULTANT OR MATRIX THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW AND 5GCA CHAPTER 8 STATES ITS PURPOSE THE LEGISLATOR THE LEGISLATURE DECLARES IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS TERRITORY THAT THE FORMATION OF PUBLIC POLICY AND DECISIONS IS PUBLIC IT SHALL NOT BE CONDUCTED IN SECRET THE PEOPLE OF GUAM DID NOT YIELD THEIR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS TO PUBLIC AGENCIES WHICH SERVED THEM THE PEOPLE IN DELEGATING AUTHORITY DO NOT GIVE THEIR PUBLIC SERVANTS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHAT IS GOOD FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW AND WHAT IS NOT GOOD FOR THEM TO KNOW THE PEOPLE INSIST ON REMAINING INFORMED SO THAT THEY MAY RETAIN CONTROL OVER THE INSTRUMENTS THEY HAVE

CREATED THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURES COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN MEETING MINUTES OR PUBLIC NOTICES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AFTER NOVEMBER 2021 HOWEVER GEDA BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES POINTED TO KEY MEETINGS BETWEEN MATRIX THE COMMUNITY DEFENSE LIAISON OFFICE AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND POSSIBLE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN JANUARY OF 2023 OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS BILL GEDA LAUNCHED THE GUAM MEDICAL CAMPUS WEBSITE WHICH INCLUDES STEERING COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS THAT EXTEND ONLY THROUGH OCTOBER 2021 AND VIDEO RECORDINGS EXTEND ONLY THROUGH NOVEMBER 2021 HOWEVER THE GEDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REAL PROPERTY AND HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORTS AFTER NOVEMBER 2021 AND UP UNTIL AUGUST OF 2022 INCLUDE DATES OF MEDICAL CAMPUS RELATED MEETINGS AND VERY GENERAL UPDATES ON THE STATUS OF ACTIONS AND REPORTS ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS FOUND IN THE GEDA REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES THE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED BY PUBLIC LAW 3558 HAS CONTINUED TO MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS SINCE ITS FIRST VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 24 2021 BUT IT IS UNCLEAR WHICH MEETINGS WERE HELD UNDER THE TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED IN PUBLIC LAW 3558 OR THE 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN OCTOBER 2021 BY PUBLIC LAW 3656 GEDA TESTIFIED THAT THERE WERE INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS THAT OCCURRED AFTER THE LAST QUOTE TASK FORCE UNQUOTE MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2021 WHILE WAITING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE MEDICAL ACTION PLAN HOWEVER MOST OF THE WORK WAS BEING DONE BY THE CONSULTANT AS GEDA WAS AWAITING THE FINAL PRODUCT THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE HELD THREE TOTAL OVERSIGHTS ON APRIL 8 2021 NOVEMBER 18 AND OCTOBER 18 SORRY NOVEMBER 18 2021 AND OCTOBER 18 2022 LANDOWNERS TESTIFIED THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OF ANY PLANNING MEETINGS REGARDING THEIR LANDS FELT BYPASS IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING CONSTRUCTION OF GUAM'S NEW MEDICAL CAMPUS ON THEIR SINISTRAL LANDS ADDITIONALLY THE COMMITTEE SENT A TOTAL OF FIVE SEPARATE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS IN OCTOBER 2021 APRIL 2022 JUNE 2022 OCTOBER 2022 AND NOVEMBER 2022 TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH INCLUDING AGENCIES TO SEEK INFORMATION ON THE MEDICAL CAMPUS AND THE PROPOSED SITE DESPITE MEDIA QUOTES TO THE CONTRARY THE FOIA RESPONSES DID NOT YIELD ANY DOCUMENTS INDICATING SPECIFICITY ON ANY AGREEMENT TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE DECISION TO ENTER INTO A 99-YEAR LEASE NOR ANY DOCUMENT SHOWING THAT THE PROPERTY WOULD REMAIN IN THE FEDERAL ASSETS INVENTORY IF THE HOSPITAL WAS NOT BUILT THERE ORAL AND WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON THE BILL INDICATED THAT FOIA REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE MEDICAL CAMPUS IN EAGLES FIELD WERE BEING DENIED ALSO TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA ONE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE PROVIDED IN WRITTEN TESTIMONY INDICATED THAT GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INVOKED THE QUOTE DELIBERATIVE PROCESS EXCLUSION TO SEVERAL FOIA REQUESTS A NEWS ARTICLE PUBLISHED BY THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS ON SEPTEMBER 19 2022 TITLED QUOTE *ADELUP* GEDA KEEP MEDICAL PLAN SECRET UNQUOTE OUTLINED THE NEWSPAPER'S EFFORTS THROUGH FOIA REQUESTS TO GEDA AND *ADELUP* TO OBTAIN THE MEDICAL CAMPUS MASTER PLAN OR TASK ORDER 9 UNDER MATRIX CONTRACT BUT WERE DENIED THE ARTICLE ALSO NOTED THAT THE PLAN WAS ALREADY 95 PERCENT COMPLETE AND THAT THE PROJECT WOULD COST GUAM TAXPAYERS ABOUT 1.4 BILLION OVER SEVERAL DECADES GEDA ANNOUNCED IN MAY OF 2021 THAT IT AGREED TO PAY THE CONTRACTOR MATRIX 1.48 MILLION TO COMPLETE NINE TASK ORDERS REGARDING THE MEDICAL CAMPUS TO INCLUDE UPDATED COST ESTIMATES AND EXAMINATION OF ALTERNATIVE SITES AND WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN TO THE CURRENT HOSPITAL WHEN A NEW ONE IS BUILT ANOTHER TASK ORDER REQUIRES THE PREPARATION OF A MEDICAL HEALTHCARE CAMPUS MASTER PLAN USING THE FINDINGS FROM OTHER TASKS AND TO RECOMMEND A PREFERRED LOCATION THERE IS A MASTER PLAN ON THE WEBSITE WITH RECOMMENDATION BUT PART OF THIS TASK ORDER WAS TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR THE MEDICAL HEALTHCARE CAMPUS TO GIVE AT LEAST TWO PRESENTATIONS TO POLICY MAKERS HOST AT LEAST TWO FORUMS FOR THE MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH INDUSTRIES BEFORE AUGUST 2022 NONE OF THESE CAN BE LOCATED ON THE WEBSITE AND I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY PRESENTATIONS MADE TO POLICY MAKERS BILL 13-37 INCORPORATES HEALTH PROFESSIONALS INTO THE HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMITTEE THE GEDA ADMINISTRATOR TESTIFIED THAT ONLY TWO GOVERNMENT DOCTORS AND ONE OTHER WERE ENGAGED DURING THIS PROCESS OTHER DOCTORS AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS WERE NOT ENGAGED ABOUT THE MOVING OF THE MEDICAL CENTER TO *MANGILAO* AND THERE IS NO REPORT OF THE IMPACT THE CLINICS AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES TO SUCH SUCH AS PHARMACIES AND LABORATORIES THAT MAKE UP THE CURRENT MEDICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN *TAMUNING* RELATIVE TO DELIVERY OF SERVICE AS WELL AS ECONOMIC IMPACT TESTIMONY FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC WAS IN FAVOR OF THE BILL WITH THE ORIGINAL *LALO* LAND OWNERS AND OTHER OTHERS TESTIFYING ON THEIR DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING INFORMATION AND LEARNING OF THE FATE OF THEIR PROPERTIES OF THE MEDICAL

HEALTHCARE CAMPUS AND SO I'M ASKING THAT THE GUAM LEGISLATURE IN ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF A NEW HOSPITAL AS EVIDENCED BY LAWS PASSED TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE IN THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE AND THE HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMITTEE IN THE 36 GUAM LEGISLATURE THAT WE MANDATE AT THIS POINT TRANSPARENCY WE'VE ALREADY AUTHORIZED THAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN BUILD FINANCE AND LEASE AND TRANSFER THE LONG-TERM CAPITAL MAINTENANCE OF A 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER WE ALSO AUTHORIZE FUNDING FROM EITC FUNDS AND FY IN FY 22 WHICH DID NOT MATERIALIZE BUT ALSO AUTHORIZE UP TO 35 MILLION PER YEAR IN LEASE PAYMENTS FOR UP TO 40 YEARS ON A LEASE TO OWN BASIS DECISIONS INVOLVING A PROJECT OF THIS MAGNITUDE THAT IMPACT THE LIVES AND HEALTH CARE OF THE ENTIRE ISLAND SHOULD NOT BE MADE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND THAT IS THE SIMPLE PURPOSE OF THE BILL AND SO I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE MAIN MOTION I SEE SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND *HÁFA ADAI* TO MY COLLEAGUES GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION AND AS YOU KNOW IN THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE I PASSED A BILL THAT WAS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED BY ALL MY COLLEAGUES AND IT BECAME PUBLIC LAW 35-58 WHICH CREATED A TASK FORCE CALLED OUR HOSPITAL OUR LIFE PLANNING TASK FORCE *ESPETÁ-TA LINA'LÁ-TA* THE BILL WAS THEN SENT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND AS I READ HER COMMENTS AS TO WHY SHE DIDN'T SIGN IT INTO LAW BUT ALLOWED IT TO LAPSE INTO LAW INSTEAD HAD ME BAFLED AS TO WHY SHE WOULD DO THIS THIS WOULD BRING BOTH THE ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS THE LEGISLATURE TOGETHER TO OVERSEE THE BUILDING OF A NEW HOSPITAL AND EVERY ASPECT OF THE WORD WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE AT WHAT IS NEEDED WHAT IS THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED INSIDE WHETHER WHAT OTHER AREAS IN THE HOSPITAL THAT WE CAN GROW ON I EVEN BROUGHT UP THE FACT ABOUT THE VETERANS HOSPITAL AS WELL INCORPORATING IT OH NOT ONLY THAT MADAM SPEAKER I EVEN WORKED WITH GEDA TO FIND FUNDING A GRANT ABOUT 1.4 MILLION DOLLARS TO ASSIST THIS TASK FORCE SO IT'S NOT JUST ANY TASK FORCE THAT WE'VE CREATED BUT IT'S A TASK FORCE THAT ACTUALLY HAS SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING BEHIND IT FUNDING THAT WOULD HELP BRINGING IN EXPERTS IN THE FIELD ON BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL NOT ONLY THAT MADAM SPEAKER I'VE WORKED THROUGHOUT THAT YEAR THE 35TH READING ALL THE DOCUMENTS 235 PAGES BY A PRIOR SENATOR WHO DID HIS DUE DILIGENCE IN CREATING DIFFERENT TASK FORCE WITHIN HIS HAS HE HE WAS THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR OF HEALTH ON THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL ALL THIS WORK ALMOST FIVE YEARS OF WORK MADAM SPEAKER NEEDED TO BE ACTED UPON HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE PUT THINGS TOGETHER AND FOR THE SAKE OF SHOWING THE PEOPLE LOOK WE HAVE A PLAN BUT THE PLAN NEVER SEES THE TIME OF DAY IT'S STACKED AND COLLECTED DUST ON OUR SHELVES THE TASK FORCE THAT WAS PASSED INTO PUBLIC LAW ACTUALLY INCORPORATED THE LEGISLATURE LIKE THIS BILL BILL 13 FINALLY INCORPORATES INTO A COMMITTEE THAT WAS CREATED BY THE GOVERNOR AND FAILED TO INCLUDE US IN FACT MADAM SPEAKER I'M HOPING THAT IF THE GOVERNOR IS NOT GOING TO SIGN IT AT LEAST SHE LETS IT LAPSE LIKE SHE DID THE BILL THAT I PUT THROUGH ON THE HOSPITAL TASK FORCE AND HOPEFULLY HOPEFULLY SO BECAUSE ACCORDING TO HER LETTER GIVE ME ONE MINUTE HERE ACCORDING TO HER LETTER TO THE LEGISLATURE AS TO WHY SHE LET IT LAPSE IT WAS STATED HERE I'M JUST GOING TO READ THE LAST THREE PARAGRAPHS I AM THEREFORE OBLIGATED TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN CLEAR LEGISLATION ENCROACHMENT AND MY STRONG DESIRE TO WORK WITH THE LEGISLATURE ON ISSUES THAT MATTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AS SUCH I AM RETURNING BILL 5-35 WITHOUT SIGNATURE IT IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 3558 I'M ALSO ASKING THAT THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THE ENTITIES IMPACTED BY THIS MEASURE COME TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH THE SPIRIT OF BILL 5-35 LS AND IT'S GOOD INTENTIONS I LOOK FORWARD TO THE LEGISLATURE'S MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION IN THIS WORK WELL I HOPE SHE REALLY MEANS THAT BECAUSE NOW A COMMITTEE THAT SHE HAS CREATED WE ARE MAKING AN AMENDMENT TO THAT TO INCLUDE THE LEGISLATURE AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE IMPACTED IN THE PROFESSIONAL HEALTH PROFESSION SO I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES LET'S BE A PART OF THIS NEW HOSPITAL LET'S MAKE SURE OUR T'S ARE CROSSED AND OUR I'S ARE DOTTED AND BE A RESPONSIBLE BODY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE WELCOME SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT SENATOR FISHER I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL I DON'T SEE ANY RATIONAL BASIS FOR OPPOSITION IT DOES NOTHING MORE THAN JUST LIKE ON THE LAST BILL 12-37 IT JUST OPENS THE WINDOW SO PEOPLE CAN SEE WHAT IS GOING ON WITH AN EXPENDITURE OF A BILLION DOLLARS I I I I HOPE TO HEAR SOME SORT OF AN OPPOSITION TO IT THAT SOUNDS RATIONAL JUST FOR MY OWN CURIOSITY I DON'T EXPECT I WILL AND I EXPECT THIS TO ULTIMATELY SUCCEED THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR FISHER ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT OH SENATOR BROWN I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU ON THE MAIN MOTION SORRY I DIDN'T SEE YOUR HAND RISE BUT YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR BROWN: NO WORRIES MADAM SPEAKER IT SEEMS LIKE A MONDAY EVEN THOUGH IT'S TUESDAY MORNING BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH I DO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF OUR SPEAKER TO INTRODUCE IT AND I THINK IT'S RATHER UNFORTUNATE ONCE AGAIN THAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS TO REMIND THE GOVERNOR THAT SHE IS NOT THE ONLY BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT SOMETHING AS CRITICAL AND AS IMPORTANT AS BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL PARTICULARLY WITH THE LARGE PRICE TAG THAT WILL BE ATTACHED TO IT IT'S VERY CRITICAL FOR THE LEGISLATURE AND THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT ALSO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE INVOLVED AND ENGAGED IN THIS PROCESS AND ALSO THAT THE PROCESS BE VERY PUBLIC THE SPEAKER IT OUTLINES ALL THESE MEETINGS THAT OCCURRED AND UNFORTUNATELY THE FACT THAT THERE WERE NO RECORDS KEPT TO THESE MEETINGS VERY SIMILAR TO THE EARLY DAYS OF COVID WHEN THE GOVERNOR HAD ALL THESE ADVISORY MEETINGS WITH THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY ON GUAM AND THOSE MEETINGS WERE NOT RECORDED AND SOMETHING AS CRITICAL AND FEARFUL OF COURSE AT THE TIME FOR OUR PEOPLE DEALING WITH THE UNKNOWN OF COVID AND WHAT THE IMPACTS WOULD BE AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO GO ABOUT DEALING WITH IT TO NOT HAVE THOSE THINGS PUBLIC ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ALL SERVE IN A PUBLIC CAPACITY REALLY YOU KNOW BEGS THE QUESTION AS TO WHY YOU KNOW THIS WHOLE MONGERING OF POWER ON THE HILL AND NOT WANTING TO INCLUDE THE REST OF THE LEADERSHIP IN THIS COMMUNITY AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TO ASSERT OURSELVES ONCE AGAIN TO SAY THAT THESE ACTIONS BECAUSE YOU ARE DEALING WITH PUBLIC RESOURCE YOU ARE DEALING WITH PUBLIC MONEY IT NEEDS TO BE PUBLIC THAT WAY WE CAN ENSURE OTHER THE PEOPLE'S MONEY IS BEING PROPERLY SPENT I DON'T KNOW WHAT MORE TO ADD MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW IT'S JUST REALLY DUMFOUNDING THAT WE HAVE TO COME BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN AND REASSERT THE POSITION OF THE LEGISLATURE AND LIKE I SAID YOU KNOW THE GOVERNOR SERVED BESIDE US FOR MANY MANY YEARS HERE IN THIS VERY BODY AND SHE KNOWS THE ROLE OF THE LEGISLATURE AND MOVING FORWARD I DON'T KNOW ULTIMATELY WHAT THE DECISION WILL BE IN BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE LOCATED WHAT THE ULTIMATE COST IS GOING TO BE I HOPE WE BUILD A BETTER FACILITY THAT'S GOING TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY BUT THAT SHOULD NOT BE A SECRET PROCESS AND CERTAINLY SHOULDN'T BE A PROCESS THAT'S ISOLATED SIMPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE WE SEE TIME AND TIME AGAIN HOW THEY VERY MUCH WANT TO PURSUE THIS PRACTICE AS IF THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT ARE ENGAGED IN MAKING DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC AND TIME AND TIME AGAIN WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW PUBLIC MONEY IS BEING SPENT I MEAN LET'S GO BACK TO THE FEDERAL FUNDS THAT WE'VE RECEIVED FOR COVID WE STILL DON'T HAVE THE DETAILS OF HOW THOSE FUNDS ARE SPENT AND THAT SHOULD NOT BE THE CASE WITH REGARDS TO PUBLIC MONEY I THINK THE MORE LIGHT THAT YOU SHED ON THIS PROCESS THE BETTER WE'RE GOING TO ENSURE THAT MONEY IS BEING PROPERLY SPENT AND BEING SPENT ACCORDING TO LAW AND THERE'S NO OTHER WAY WE SHOULD BE DOING IT I MEAN THAT SHOULD BE AND IS THE STANDARD PRACTICE AND WE SEE THESE CONTINUED EXCEPTIONS OF WANTING TO GO AROUND THAT PROCESS AND NOT INCLUDE THE PEOPLE IN THAT PROCESS IT'S VERY CONCERNING I THINK WE'RE ONLY GOING TO GET PROBLEMS WITH REGARDS TO THAT AND THE GOVERNOR'S NOT GOING TO GET THE SUPPORT SHE WANTS I MEAN THIS IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE COLLECTIVELY WORKING FOR IF IT'S FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE THEN THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE CAN'T HAVE THESE ISSUES MEET THE LIGHT OF DAY AND WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH REGARDS TO ENSURING THAT WE HAVE THE ULTIMATE END THAT'S DESIRED BY OUR COMMUNITY SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND HOPE THAT IT BECOMES LAW THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR BROWN ANYONE ON THE MOTION SENATOR BARNETT THEN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER *MANANA SI YU'OS BIBA MES CHAMORU* I RISE FIRMLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE TO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS IT REALLY IS A NO-BRAINER

ALSO TO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS *TALO UN BIAHI* HERE WE ARE AGAIN ONE MORE TIME HOPEFULLY THEY KEEP SAYING THAT THIS BODY HAS INTRODUCED MANY MEASURES RELATIVE TO TRANSPARENCY RELATIVE TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE TO REALLY TRYING TO GET THE MESSAGE THROUGH TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING DOWN AT *ADELUP* THE VERY BASIC MESSAGE THAT WE ARE A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE AND THAT THE PEOPLE DESERVE TO KNOW WHAT THEIR GOVERNMENT IS DOING 24 HOURS A DAY SEVEN DAYS A WEEK 365 DAYS A YEAR BUT HOW MANY TIMES HAS THIS BODY AND ONES BEFORE IT TRIED TO GET THAT MESSAGE ACROSS ACCORDING TO THE RESEARCH I DID IN THE 35TH AND THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURES A TOTAL OF 17 MEASURES 17 17 MEASURES RELATIVE TO TRYING TO MAKE THIS ADMINISTRATION TRANSPARENT RELATIVE TO TRYING TO MAKE THIS ADMINISTRATION REPORT WHAT THEY ARE DOING RELATIVE TO TRYING TO MAKE THIS ADMINISTRATION CONDUCT ITS BUSINESS IN THE LIGHT OF DAY AND NOT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IN SECRET LIKE THEY HAVE BEEN DOING WITH THIS 21ST CENTURY HEALTHCARE BILLION DOLLAR HEALTHCARE COMPLEX WE'VE SEEN THE HEADLINES *ADELUP* GEDA KEEP PLAN SECRET AND I DON'T THINK THAT JUST THROWING THINGS UP ON A WEBSITE EQUALS TRANSPARENCY BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WITH THIS 21ST CENTURY HEALTHCARE COMPLEX IT'S ABOUT AS TRANSPARENT AS SOY SAUCE *FINADENE* AND IF ANY OF YOU GUYS HAD *FINADENE* ANY OVER THE WEEKEND YOU KNOW YOU CANNOT SEE THROUGH THAT AND SO HERE WE ARE AGAIN ON MEASURE NUMBER 18 NOW IN TRYING TO SEND THE MESSAGE THAT OUR PEOPLE DESERVE TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON BECAUSE WE DIDN'T THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH THIS BILLION DOLLAR HEALTHCARE COMPLEX THEY FOUND OUT *KALAN* EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT ON THE NEWS WHEN THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED THIS PLAN AND THE THING THAT THAT BOTHERS ME AND I THINK BOTHERS THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS IT PROBABLY BOTHERS SOME MEMBERS THAT SHOULD BOTHER SOME MEMBERS OF THIS BODY ALL OF THEM IS THAT WHEN WE FINALLY FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS PLAN FOR THE BILLION DOLLAR HEALTHCARE COMPLEX IT WAS VERY STARTLING TO SEE HOW FAR ALONG THIS PLAN WAS I MEAN THEY PRETTY MUCH HAD THE THE FLOOR PLANS THERE WAS A LOT OF PROGRESS THAT HAD BEEN MADE IN PLANNING THIS BILLION DOLLAR HEALTHCARE COMPLEX BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IN SECRET AND I WAS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS MEASURE I WAS ALSO UNNERVED BOTHERED TO HEAR THE DIRECTOR OF GEDA SAY THAT IF WE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN THOSE MEETINGS THAT SHE TOOK NOTES I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE TYPE OF TRANSPARENCY THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WERE MY GOOD COLLEAGUE SHOULD BECOME USED TO WE HAVE SET A BAR WITH THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW AND IT WAS JUST A COUPLE WEEKS AGO THAT WE WERE ADMONISHED BY THIS ADMINISTRATION IN A PRESS RELEASE THAT THEY HAD SENT FROM DOWN ON THE HILL TO THE GUAM CONGRESS HALL LEGISLATURE ENCOURAGED TO USE GUAM PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE AND ON THIS PRESS RELEASE THEY ADMONISH US BECAUSE APPARENTLY THEY BELIEVE THAT WE DIDN'T NOTICE SOME THINGS ON A WEBSITE YET OUT OF THE OTHER SIDE OF THEIR AMOUNT THEY CONDUCT MEETING AFTER MEETING AFTER MEETING AFTER MEETING AFTER MEETING IN SECRET BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AWAY FROM THE EYES AND THE EARS OF NOT JUST OUR COLLEAGUES HERE IN THE LEGISLATURE BUT AWAY FROM THE EYES AND EARS OF THE ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS WHO DEFINITELY HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE STATUS OF THEIR LAND WHETHER IT'S EXCESS OR NOT AND AGAIN I SAY IT'S A IT'S REALLY A NO-BRAINER BECAUSE IF YOU KNOW IF WE'RE GOING TO BE HELD TO TASK AND IF WE'RE GOING TO BE ADMONISHED AND TOLD TO ADHERE TO ALL THE THE DIFFERENT LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS OF YOU KNOW MAINTAINING AN OPEN GOVERNMENT AS WE SHOULD AND I THINK IT'S ONLY FAIR AND AND LESS HYPOCRITICAL TO HOLD THE ADMINISTRATION TO THE SAME STANDARD WHETHER IT'S BUILDING A BILLION DOLLAR HEALTHCARE COMPLEX OR YOU KNOW HIRING ABOVE STEP OR ANY A NUMBER OF THINGS AND WE DID HEAR SOME DISCUSSION ON THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROCESS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT TRANSPARENCY COMING OUT FROM *ADELUP* I THINK IT'S A IT'S A SHAME THAT SENATORS IN THIS BODY AND OTHERS BEFORE IT HAVE HAD TO WRITE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS JUST TO GET BASIC INFORMATION OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION THE LINE AGENCIES WHAT HAVE YOU AND I'LL JUST SAY THAT SOMETIMES WE GET THIS OH NO IF YOU NEED A DOCUMENT JUST LET US KNOW WE'LL SEND WE'LL SEND IT ALL OVER BUT THE PROBLEM I THINK MANY OF US HAVE WITH THAT IS THAT WE HAVE AT LEAST I HAVE GROWN TO TAKE WHAT OUR GOVERNMENT WHETHER IT'S THE LEGISLATURE OR THE ADMINISTRATION SAYS WITH A GRAIN OF SALT AND SO EVEN THOUGH THEY SAY THAT THEY'LL PROVIDE THE DOCUMENTS MOST TIMES THEY DON'T AND WHEN THEY DO WE'RE FACED WITH THE DOCUMENTS THAT ARE INCOMPLETE FALLING FAR SHORT OF OF THE INFORMATION THAT WE NEED TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS AND SO AGAIN I REALLY BELIEVE THIS IS A NO-BRAINER IF WE WANT TO JUST TAKE THE ISSUE THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE OF THE BILLION DOLLAR HEALTHCARE COMPLEX OUT OF THE EQUATION OUT OF THIS MEASURE THEN I THINK AT THE END OF THE DAY WHAT THIS MEASURE REALLY IS ABOUT IS MAKING SURE THAT EVERYBODY IN OUR GOVERNMENT IS PLAYING BY THE SAME RULES THE THE

RULES OF TRANSPARENCY THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SHOULD COME TO EXPECT FROM NOT JUST SENATORS IN THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE BUT GOVERNORS AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE ALIKE AND SO I DO ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AGAIN IT IS A NO-BRAINER AND I THINK THE PEOPLE OF GUAM EXPECT US TO UPHOLD THE THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF TRANSPARENCY FOR OUR GOVERNMENT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE MAIN MOTION YOU'RE RECOGNIZED PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND *GOF BONITO PÁ'GO NA DIHA FRESKU YAN MAGÁHET BONITO* MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 1337 AND MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE MADE SOME VERY ELOQUENT REMARKS I WON'T DUPLICATE THOSE REMARKS BUT I'LL MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS AND MAYBE DESCRIBE A PRECEDENCE THAT THIS LEGISLATURE CONDUCTS THEMSELVES IN ON AN ANNUAL BASIS WITH REGARD TO VERY SIMILAR METHODOLOGY THAT THIS BILL CALLS FOR OVER THE WEEKEND MADAM SPEAKER I HAD A CHANCE TO INTERACT WITH MANY OF OUR CONSTITUENTS AND ONE OF THEM IN PARTICULAR WHO HAS BEEN APPRECIATING A LOT OF THE WORK MANY OF US ARE DOING HERE WHEN IT COMES TO CHECK IMBALANCE AND TRANSPARENCY YOU KNOW MADE IT CLEAR THAT YOU KNOW SENATOR WE SEND YOU THERE AS OUR REPRESENTATIVES YOU'RE OUR VOICE BECAUSE WE WHILE WE VOTE FOR THE EXECUTIVE AS WELL THE EXECUTIVE JOB IS TO EXECUTE THE MISSION THE MISSION OF THE POLICIES THAT HAVE BEEN SET BY THE BODY THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY SO WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO REMIND YOU THAT THAT'S YOUR JOB YOUR JOB IS TO DEBATE AND SET THAT POLICY AND YOU ARE OUR VOICE FOR AS LONG AS WE VOTE FOR YOU AND PUT YOU IN THERE IF WE DON'T LIKE THE WAY YOU REPRESENT OUR VOICE AND YOU RUN AGAIN WE CAN EASILY CHANGE YOUR VOICE AND I WAS WELL REMINDED OF THAT AND I TOOK IT VERY WELL MADAM SPEAKER EVERY YEAR AS WE DEBATE THE ANNUAL BUDGET ONE OF THE THINGS WE DO IS PREPARE FOR THE INSURANCE POLICY FOR OUR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND EVEN IN A PROCUREMENT THAT IS VERY TIGHTLY HELD AND HAS TO BE FOR THE PURPOSES OF NOT RELEASING PROPRIETARY INFORMATION THIS LEGISLATURE HAS A REPRESENTATIVE I WOULD IMAGINE THE WISDOM OF THAT REPRESENTATION MADAM SPEAKER WAS BECAUSE FIRST AND FOREMOST IT'S A PLAN IT'S A PLAN THAT HAS A LOT OF DETAILS IT'S A PLAN THAT'S GOING TO AFFECT OUR ENTIRE GOVERNMENT AND WE'RE USING PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR THAT AND THE SECOND IS BECAUSE IT REQUIRES AN APPROPRIATION MADAM SPEAKER THAT'S WHAT WE DO ONE OF THE THREE KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND ONLY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS BODY IS TO PASS AN ANNUAL BUDGET THE POWER OF THE PURSE FOR THAT PURPOSE AND THAT PURPOSE ALONE MADAM SPEAKER IT'S ONLY IT'S NOT IT'S ONLY SENSIBLE THAT WE HAVE A ROLE IN HOW THIS PLAN ROLLS OUT THE OTHER ISSUE MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD IMAGINE AND HOPEFULLY IF BILL 12 37 PASSES AND BECOMES LAWS I HOPE IT WILL AND ANTICIPATE IT WILL WE WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED IN THE EVENT THAT A SITE LOCATION IS REQUIRED FOR A LEASE REQUIREMENT THAT THIS BODY IS A PART OF THAT THAT ALL ENCOMPASSES EXACTLY WHAT THIS NOBLE ENDEAVOR WHICH WE ALL AGREE WITH IN TERMS OF ENHANCING OUR MEDICAL CARE ON GUAM ENSURING THAT WE HAVE A STATE OF THE HEART ART HOSPITAL THAT SERVES OUR PUBLIC ALONGSIDE WHAT WE HAVE NOW IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR BUT IN THAT PROCESS AS I CLOSE MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH MANY OF THOSE WHO PUT TOGETHER AS YOU WERE PART OF THAT GROUP THERE WAS SO MUCH REPRESENTATION WHEN OUR PRIVATE HOSPITAL WAS PUT TOGETHER THERE WAS SO MUCH TRANSPARENCY THERE WERE RADIO SHOWS THERE WERE TIMES THAT SENATORS WERE CONSISTENTLY BROUGHT ALONG I INTENDED MANY OF THOSE MEETINGS WITH THE FORMER MARGARET BENZON WHO AT THE TIME WAS THE CEO AND SAW THE PLAN TO FRUITION THEY WOULD HOST US AT HOTEL BANQUET ROOMS AND THE LIKE TO GIVE US A RUNDOWN OF EXACTLY WHERE THEY WERE THROUGH EVERY PHASE OF THAT OPERATION AND THAT WAS A PRIVATE ENDEAVOR OF COURSE THEY GOT TAX CREDITS SO I'M SURE THAT THEY WANTED US TO BE FAV LOOK FAVORABLY UPON THEIR PROCESS AND PROCEDURE I SUPPORT THOSE BECAUSE WE NEED IT WE NEED IT WE NEED IT THEN WE NEED IT NOW WE NEED IT NOW MORE THAN EVER IT'S JUST A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES MADAM SPEAKER THAT ALL WE'RE REALLY CALLING FOR HERE AT THIS POINT IS TO ENSURE WHAT WE'VE ALREADY SET IN THIS BODY AS PRECEDENCE THROUGHOUT ANY MAJOR UNDERTAKING THAT THOSE WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATING THE RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THAT AND THOSE WHO WILL PROP PROBABLY BE INVOLVED IN SOME SORT OF ISSUES WITH REGARD TO LAND LAND REQUIREMENTS ZONING YOU NAME IT SUPPORTING THE EXECUTIVE OR HAVING TO TAKE A ROLE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER IT WILL BE THIS BODY MADAM SPEAKER SO FOR THAT REASON I HOPE AND PRAY THAT OUR COLLEAGUES WILL SEE THE WISDOM IN THIS WISE PROPOSAL THIS IS NOT DESIGNED MADAM SPEAKER TO MICROMANAGE THIS IS DESIGNED SO THAT WHEN WE DELIBERATE AS A BODY WE'RE DELIBERATING ON THE

BASIS OF HAVING ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION MADAM SPEAKER WE'RE ALL AWARE AND I DON'T THINK IT'S CHANGED BETWEEN THE PRIOR LEGISLATURE AND THE LEGISLATURE NOW 35TH AND 36TH AND 37TH THERE IS GOING TO BE REQUIRED A FUNDING SOURCE TO EXECUTE THE MISSION AND SO FOR THAT REASON I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE FOLLOW THROUGH THE ENTIRE PROCESS *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF BILL 1337.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SENATOR DUEÑAS ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING ON LIVE TV I THINK IT'S A WONDERFUL BILL IT'S A GOOD BILL TRANSPARENCY IS THE IS THE FOUNDATION OF TRUST AND IF YOU IF WE'RE GONNA DO SOMETHING AS A SIGNIFICANT AND SPEND A BILLION DOLLARS I THINK WE SHOULD SHINE THE LIGHT ON ON IT AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AND GOING ON WITH WITH THE PROCESS SO I SUPPORT THE BILL IT'S A WONDERFUL BILL IT'S A GOOD BILL AND THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ANYBODY ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR WILL PARKINSON ON THE MAIN MOTION I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR DO WE THINK WE COULD TAKE A QUICK RECESS I HAVE TWO AMENDMENTS BEING UPLOADED AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE A QUICK RECESS JUST SO MY COLLEAGUES HAVE A CHANCE TO REVIEW THEM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I WILL ALLOW JUST A MOMENT'S RECESS SENATOR PARKINSON.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE'RE IN RECESS.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINATRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS COLLEAGUES WE HAVE TWO AMENDMENTS AS PROFFERED BY THE SENATOR FROM *MAITE* AND WE'RE GONNA ENTERTAIN BOTH OF THEM AT THIS TIME ALL OF YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD COPIES PROVIDED TO YOU IF NOT IT IS ALSO ON THE GOOGLE DRIVE SENATOR PARKINSON I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AT THIS TIME PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I APPRECIATE THE LATITUDE YOU'VE GIVEN ME I FOR THE MOST PART STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL BUT THERE ARE A COUPLE TECHNICAL CHANGES I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE FIRST ONE BEING REQUIRING AN APPOINTEE OR A CONFIRMED APPOINTEE OF THE SPEAKER RATHER THAN A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE ITSELF I FEEL THAT THE BILL AS WRITTEN POTENTIALLY PLACES A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE IN AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMITTEE WHICH VIOLATES SEPARATION OF POWERS MORE APPROPRIATELY THE SPEAKER SHOULD DESIGNATE A PERSON AND THAT HAVE THAT PERSON BE CONFIRMED BY THE LEGISLATURE AND THEN THE OTHER ONE IS REQUIRING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES ON ADDITIONAL PEOPLE WITH SO MANY WITH SO MUCH MONEY ON THE LINE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS WOULD ENSURE THAT THERE ARE NO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SEN SENATOR.

SENATOR PARKINSON: AND THAT THE PROCESS IS EVEN MORE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I DO APOLOGIZE WE'LL GO AHEAD AND ENTERTAIN ONE AMENDMENT AT THE TIME PER THE STANDING RULES SO WE'LL GO AHEAD AND COLLEAGUES ENTERTAIN LINE 19 TO 20 PAGE TWO WHICH IS DELETING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ALL THE WAY UP TO DESIGNEE COMMA THEN DESIGNEE OF THE SPEAKER CONFIRMED BY THE LEGISLATURE ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS AMENDMENT SENATOR TOM FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MA'AM I RISE TO ASK A QUESTION OF THE GENTLEMAN FROM *MAITE*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION FIRST.

SENATOR FISHER: THE QUESTION IS THIS MADAM SPEAKER COULD THE GENTLEMAN CLARIFY WHICH LANGUAGE IS BEING SUBSTITUTED BECAUSE I'M READING IT TWO DIFFERENT WAYS I JUST HEARD THE THE SPEAKER CHARACTERIZE THIS AS A WAY I FRANKLY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT I THOUGHT THIS WAS THIS AMENDMENT WAS A TAG TO THE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR PARKINSON WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YEAH SURE AND THIS IS FOR LINE 19 WHERE THE THE FIRST AMENDMENT WE'RE DISCUSSING YEAH WHAT WHAT IT IS IS WE WERE I WAS LOOKING AT THE BILL AS WRITTEN AND IT SEEMED TO PUT A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE POTENTIALLY ON AN EXECUTIVE AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SO I THINK A RATHER MORE APPROPRIATE WAY TO GO ABOUT IT WOULD BE A DESIGNEE OF THE OF THE SPEAKER CONFIRMED BY THE LEGISLATURE TO AVOID ANY ISSUE WITH SEPARATION OF POWERS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR FISHER THAT DOES THAT HELP.

SENATOR FISHER: YES IT DOES AND MADAM SPEAKER MAY I FOLLOW UP WITH A COMMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR FISHER: MADAM SPEAKER I WONDER IF OUR LEGAL COUNSEL THINKS THAT THERE MIGHT PERHAPS BE A CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE WITH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I'M GOING TO TAKE A MIN SENATOR FISHER I'M GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT'S ISSUE TO CONFER WITH LEGAL ON THIS MATTER MOMENTS RECESS.

RECESS

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

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENT TO PROFFER A NEW ONE TO FIX THE CONCERNS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MOTION CARRY SENATOR PARKINSON I WILL ALLOW YOU FOR THE FOR THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YEAH I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I'D LIKE TO MOTION TO ADD AN AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE BILL SO THAT THE SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATURE OR THEIR DESIGNEE WILL BE THE ONE APPOINTING ONTO THE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SENATOR TAITAGUE I RECOGNIZE YOU ON THAT AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I I DO UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES BASICALLY IS JUST TAKES IT AWAY FROM THE JURISDICTION ON ON THE CHAIRPERSON THAT'S HOLDING HEALTH THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND I REALLY THINK THIS IS THE AREA WHERE IT SHOULD BE AT WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS HOSPITAL IS GOING TO TAKE YEARS YOU KNOW TO BUILD AND I WOULD JUST HATE TO SEE THAT SOMEONE WHO HAS ALL THAT INFORMATION AND ACCESS AS A COMMITTEE CHAIR ON HEALTH WHEN IT COMES TO THE HOSPITAL PUBLIC HEALTH OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT HAS HEALTH CARE MATTERS INVOLVED NOT SIT ON THIS COMMITTEE IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THIS YEAR I MEAN IT'S IT'S FORTUNATE THAT NOT ONLY THE SPEAKER IS IS OUR SPEAKER BUT SHE'S ALSO THE COMMITTEE CHAIR ON HEALTH BUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER IN A COUPLE YEARS I THINK THIS WHERE IT'S AT RIGHT NOW MAKES SENSE TOTAL SENSE AND DEFINITELY SOMEBODY WHO'S INVOLVED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING SO I I STAND IN OBJECTION OF THAT I I UNDERSTAND THE INTENT OF OF THE GOOD AUTHOR FOR THIS AMENDMENT BUT I I HAVE TO OBJECT THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE THERE HAS BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN SUPPORT OF SENATOR PARKINSON'S AMENDMENT PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING OUR SENATOR PARKINSON WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YES MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU REALLY THE INTENT OF THIS IS I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A CASE TO BE MADE FOR THE SEPARATION OF POWERS AND A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD NOT BE ON AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD THAT BEING SAID I'M PROFFERING THIS AMENDMENT IN AN EFFORT TO FIX THAT LET'S JUST TRY TO GET A DESIGNEE ON THAT I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL BUT I WANT TO

MAKE SURE THAT WE RESPECT SEPARATION OF POWERS AND SO MUCH AS WE DO THAT'S MY STATEMENT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR OR MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU ON THAT MOTION THERE HAS BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE PARKINSON AMENDMENT PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR PARKINSON I WILL ALLOW YOU THE FLOOR I KNOW YOU HAVE A SECOND AMENDMENT PLEASE INTRODUCE THAT AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO AMEND LINE 24 OF PAGE TWO TO AMEND BILL 13-37 TO READ MEMBERS OF THE 21ST CENTURY HEALTHCARE STANDING COMMITTEE ARE OFFICIALS FOR THE PURPOSES OF TITLE IV CHAPTER 13 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL DISCLOSURE ACT AND SHALL FILE A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO THAT CHAPTER I AM NOT OPPOSED TO MORE MEMBERS BEING ADDED TO THE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE THAT BEING SAID THOUGH I ALWAYS HAVE TO ASK WHO WATCHES THE WATCHERS IN THE IN THE INTEREST OF FULL TRANSPARENCY AND AVOIDANCE OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST I THINK THAT ANY MEMBERS THAT WE SHOULD ADD TO THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD BE IN PARITY WITH EVERYBODY ELSE AND FILE THE SAME FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES AS REQUIRED BY THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAWS THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK SENATOR FISHER I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I WOULD SUGGEST THOUGH THAT AFTER THE WORD DESIGNEE ON THE FIRST LINE WE INCLUDE LANGUAGE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW THAT BEING SAID I DO SUPPORT THIS I LIKE THE IDEA OF SEEING HOW OFFICIALS ON THIS PARTICULAR COMMITTEE ARE MAKING MONEY AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE AN INTEREST UNDISCLOSED IN ANYTHING RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOSPITAL THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO THIS ONE SAYING NOTWITHSTANDING.

SENATOR FISHER: YEAH DO I I KNOW THE FLOOR AMENDMENTS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE WRITTEN.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I I UNDERSTAND BUT I I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT AFTER THE WORD DESIGN ME PERIOD YOU WANT TO NOTWITHSTANDING VERBIAGE IN THERE.

SENATOR FISHER: NOTWITHSTANDING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OKAY.

SENATOR FISHER: ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW MEMBERS OF THE GUAM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YEAH.

SENATOR FISHER: ETC.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I'M GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS JUST SO LEGAL CAN WRITE IT UP.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY THANK YOU.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS COLLEAGUES THERE IS A MOTION TO AMEND THE PARKINSON AMENDMENT BY ADDING NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW ON THAT MOTION BUT AS PROFFERED BY SENATOR FISHER ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MOTION CARRIES ON THE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED ON THAT MOTION DOES ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SENATOR THERESE I WILL GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDED AS AMENDED ON THE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT BUT I JUST WANTED TO PUT ON THE RECORD SO THE AMENDMENT WOULD REQUIRE THAT MEMBERS OF THIS HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMITTEE FILE A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM WHICH IS REQUIRED OF ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS EVERY YEAR SO THE THE

ACTUAL ACT THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL DISCLOSURE ACT REQUIRES IT OF ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS ALREADY OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY *I MAGA'LÁHI* OR *I MAGA'HÁGA* WHOSE APPOINTMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE CONSENT OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* EXCEPT EX-OFFICIAL STUDENT MEMBERS AND BOARDS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IT ALSO APPLIES TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS BY WHATEVER TITLE THEY MAY KNOW BE KNOWN OF ALL AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE GIVEN OR DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL TO HAVE SOLE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR PROCUREMENT OR APPROVED CHANGE ORDERS SO AND THEN WHEN WE LOOK AT THE ACTUAL CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER COMMITTEE IT IS THE ADMINISTRATOR OR DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF GEDA ADMINISTRATORS AND DIRECTORS OF ALL HEALTHCARE AGENCIES DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY OF LAND MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY OF BSP BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY OF BBMR DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SO THERE'S JUST I THINK THE ADDITIONS THAT WE ARE ADDING MAYORS ARE ALREADY REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE AS WELL SO IT WOULD PROBABLY JUST BE THE THE ADDITIONAL MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS BUT I HAVE NO OBJECTION I SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU ANYONE ELSE ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THAT AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I THINK WE FIND WAY TOO MANY TIMES THAT PEOPLE ARE SLIPPING THROUGH THE CRACKS SOMETIMES WHEN IT COMES TO FINANCIALS AND IT'S THERE FOR A REASON YOU KNOW A HUGE REASON TO MAKE SURE THINGS THAT THE MONEY THAT WE PUT FORWARD IS SPENT CORRECTLY AND THAT IF ANYBODY HAS ANY SHENANIGANS GOING ON I LIKE TO USE MY SHENANIGANS THEY HAVE TO THINK TWICE TO DO SO NOW I NOTICED TOO THAT THE TWO INDIVIDUALS THAT WOULD BE APPOINTED BY THE MEDICAL SOCIETY I'M JUST HOPING THIS DOESN'T DETER THEM FROM JOINING THIS COMMITTEE BECAUSE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THIS FACILITY THAT WOULD BE UTILIZING IT TO BRING THEIR INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO THE TABLE SO I'M HOPING THAT YOU KNOW THEY DO JOIN THIS COMMITTEE WITH WITH NO RESERVATIONS AT ALL BUT IN ORDER TO DO THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO SHOW THEIR FINANCIALS SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I DO RISE AND SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE MOTION IF THERE'S NO ONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MOTION CARRIES THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE MAIN MOTION ARE THERE ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK IF SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL BUT I JUST ASKED MY COLLEAGUES THAT IN THE FUTURE SO WE DON'T HAVE ANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES TALKING ABOUT 17 DIFFERENT MEASURES FOR TRANSPARENCY THAT ANY BILL THAT'S INTRODUCED THAT IMPACTS YOUR COMMITTEE AS OR AMEND THE BILL TO ADD YOUR COMMITTEE SO WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS AND THE REASON WHY I BRING THIS UP BECAUSE THIS 3656 WAS A BILL I INTRODUCED AND IT WAS SUPPORTED AND I WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION WE WOULD HAVE ADDED EVERYBODY ANYBODY WANTS TO BE ADDED I WOULD SUPPORT THAT AND FOR REASON OF TRANSPARENCY AND THAT HOPEFULLY FUTURE BILLS WILL JUST NIP THIS AND WE MOVE ON THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR JESSE LUJAN ON THE MAIN MOTION YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LUJAN: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER *HU REKOKNISA HÁO* THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 37-COR IT'S REALLY HAS BEEN SAID EARLIER IT'S A COMMON SENSE BILL IT'S A PUBLIC HOSPITAL BEING FUNDED BY PUBLIC FUNDS IT SHOULD BE SHOULD HAVE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PUBLIC SCRUTINY AND SO AS THE THOSE OF YOU REMEMBER BACK IN THE 60S THE FIFTH DIMENSIONAL THEY SAID LET THE SUN SHINE IN THEIR SONG LET THE SUN SHINE IN *ININA' NI SEMNAK* SO THE MORE THE SUNSHINE IS IS PUT UPON THE THINGS THAT ARE BEING DONE WITH PUBLIC FUNDS THE BETTER IT IS SO AGAIN THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I AM FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 13-37 THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR LUJAN ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SEN SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU MAY CLOSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER AND TO MY COLLEAGUES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* FOR ALL YOUR STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AND I DO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT YEAH IT IS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN OUR COLLEAGUE FROM *DEDEDO* OR *YIGO* THAT PASS THE ORIGINAL LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING THIS COMMITTEE AND I'D LIKE TO ADD AS CO-SPONSORS TO THE BILL THOSE AGAIN WHO ATTENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND IT WAS A PART OF YOU KNOW THAT SERIES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT THAT REALLY WENT FOR MANY HOURS AND IF I COULD ADD SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SENATOR JOANNE BROWN SENATOR FRANK BLAS SENATOR JESSE LUJAN SENATOR SABINA PEREZ I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADD SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS AND DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS THIS MORNING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SPEAKER TERLAJE I'LL STILL RECOGNIZE YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SO IN CLOSING I JUST YEAH WANT TO YOU KNOW REAFFIRM THAT IT IS THE GOAL OF THE BILL THAT WOULD WITH A PROJECT OF THE THIS MAGNITUDE THAT COMMITS THE PEOPLE OF GUAM'S RESOURCES FOR DECADES TO COME AND ONE THAT IMPACTS THE HEALTH CARE OF EVERY RESIDENT OF THIS ISLAND IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS PROCESS IS MADE MORE TRANSPARENT SO THAT THE PUBLIC IS BROUGHT ALONG STAKEHOLDERS CAN STATE THEIR CONCERNS AND ALL OF US CAN UNDERSTAND EVERY DECISION MADE ALONG THE WAY SO THAT IN THE END WHEN BEARING THE BURDEN OF THE COSTS THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE SATISFIED WITH THE PRODUCT AND THE VALUE THAT THEY RECEIVED ESPECIALLY NOW WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY VARIABLES THAT REMAIN AT PLAY AND THAT WILL IMPACT STAKEHOLDERS AND THE PUBLIC IN YEARS TO COME SO THANK YOU AGAIN TO MY COLLEAGUE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I RENEW MY MOTION TO PLACE A BILL INTO THIRD READING AS AMENDED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SO ON THE MOTION THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE SO ON THE MOTION COLLEAGUES TO PLACE BILL NO. 13-37 COR TO THE THIRD READING VOTING FILE ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER ON THE MOTION I'M SORRY SENATOR PARKINSON I WILL ADDRESS YOU AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVED TO GO BACK TO LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION WITHOUT ANY OBJECTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MOTION CARRIES PLEASE PROCEED SENATOR PARKINSON OH WAS THERE AN OBJECTION TO TO MOVE BACK TO CONCURRENCE TO PUT A BOARD MEMBER ON.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: POINT OF INQUIRY MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: STATE YOUR POINT OF INQUIRY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH JUST FINDING OUT WHY WE ARE GOING BACK TO GOING BACK TO MOTIONS AND CONCURRENCE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE ARE GOING BACK TO LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE TO ADD A BOARD MEMBER INTO THE THIRD READING FILE THAT WE DIDN'T DO EARLIER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I'M SORRY MADAM SPEAKER CAN YOU SAY THAT AGAIN IT WAS A LITTLE BIT MUFFLED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE ARE GOING BACK TO LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE SO THAT WE CAN ADD A MEMBER WHO WAS INCLUDED IN THE COMMITTEE ON RULES THAT NEED TO GO THROUGH SO IS THERE STILL AN OBJECTION SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: NO THERE'S NO OBJECTION THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH SENATOR BLAS I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU MINORITY LEADER.

SENATOR BLAS: JUST FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXPLAINING THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN CONCURRENCE I BASICALLY HAD THE CLERK GO BACK BECAUSE THERE WAS SOME CORRECTION THAT WAS NECESSARY JUST FOR CLARITY WITHIN THE COMMITTEE REPORT EVERYTHING BUT IT HAD CLEARED ALREADY THE COMMITTEE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MINORITY LEADER SO NOTED SO ON THE MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING OR HEARING NONE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PARKINSON PLEASE STATE YOUR MOTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE AGRICULTURE POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES PUBLIC TRANSIT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE THE NOMINATION OF JENEI A. AGUON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PARKINSON OKAY THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON MAJORITY LEADER SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AT THE AT THIS MOMENT.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT WE RECESS UNTIL 5 PM TODAY FOR VOTING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* ON THAT MOTION WITHOUT ANY OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE WILL BE BACK FOR FIVE O'CLOCK VOTING.

RECESS