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**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I TINITUHON I HUNTAN I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* FOR THE PRAYER OR SORRY CLERK WILL PLEASE DETERMINE WHETHER WE HAVE A QUORUM.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AUGUSTINE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *GAIGE YU.*

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** MADAM SPEAKER THERE IS NO QUORUM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SERGEANT OF ARMS COULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE SENATORS FOR OUR SESSION *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* RECESS.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SESSIONS BEEN CALLED TO ORDER WE'RE NOW IN THE PRAYER WILL SENATOR ROY QUINATA KINDLY LEAD US.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** COLLEAGUES PLEASE JOIN ME HEAVENLY FATHER WE COME TO YOU IN PRAYER FOR ALL THE POLICY MAKERS GATHERED HERE TODAY AND OUR GOOD WORK FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WE ASK YOU TO GUIDE OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR WORDS AS THEY DELIVER AS WE DELIBERATE THESE POLICIES SO THAT WE CAN HELP THE PEOPLE OF OUR GREAT ISLAND GIVE THEM THE WISDOM THE STRENGTH AND THE INSIGHT SO THAT THEIR DECISION WILL BENEFIT ALL OUR CHILDREN LIVING HERE WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO STILL WHO ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM TYPHOON MAWAR THOSE WHO ARE WORKING HARD TO RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER TO OUR ISLAND BRING YOUR HEALING COMFORT TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY TYPHOON MAWAR ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE FIRST RESPONDERS AND RESPONDING SWIFTLY AND OTHER PERSONNEL ON THE FRONT LINES IN RESPONSE TO THESE EFFORTS FINALLY WE ASK YOU TO BLESS ALL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND YOU'RE GREAT WITH YOUR GRACE AND MERCY HELP THEM THROUGH THESE CHALLENGING TIMES WITH THE FAITH AND TRUST IN YOU IN YOUR NAME WE PRAY AMEN.

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

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL ISLAND AND COUNTRY WE HONOR STAFF SERGEANT ENRIQUE SALAS CRUZ AND THE FAMILY OF STAFF SERGEANT ENRIQUE SALAS CRUZ FOR MAKING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN SERVICE AND DEFENSE OF OUR ISLAND AND OUR COUNTRY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** FOR THE RECITATION OF *INIFRESI* WILL SENATOR JOANNE BROWN KINDLY LEAD US.

**SENATOR BROWN:** *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*

*LENGGUÁHI, I AIRE, I HANOM, YAN I TANO' CHAMORU NI' IRENSIÁ-KU DIRECHO GINEN AS YU'OS TÁTA. ESTE HU AFITMA GI HILO' I BIPBLIA YAN I BANDERÁ-HU, I BANDERAN GUÁHAN.*

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WILL SENATOR FRANK BLAS KINDLY LEAD US IN THE SINGING OF THE GUAM HYMN AND SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS IN THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

**SENATOR BLAS:** *FANOHGE 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 SAN NICOLAS:** 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'ÁSE'* KINDLY BE SEATED GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES CLERKS PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL CALL.

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

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

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *BUENAS HÁFA ADAI* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNALS DATED APRIL 24, 2023 MAY 30, 2023 JUNE 1, 2023 AND JUNE 19, 2023 SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S BEEN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNALS ON THOSE DATES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES THANK YOU CLERK FOR GETTING ALL THOSE JOURNALS DONE 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 THE MOTION THAT COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNALS ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES 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:** THESE MESSAGES ARE ALSO LOCATED ON THE DRIVE ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA ON THAT MOTION TO APPEND THE MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN* IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE ON REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES MAJORITY LEADERS SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE 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:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* KINDLY PROCEED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED THAT BILLS INTRODUCED BILL NUMBERS 140-37 COR THROUGH 142-37 COR AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED RESOLUTION NUMBERS 147-37 LS AND 148-37 COR THROUGH 149-37 COR BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THEIR FIRST READING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION REGARDING THE FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON MOTIONS MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO EXCUSING SENATORS NOT PRESENT TODAY HEARING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED UNDER MOTIONS.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL UNDER MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** YES MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH BARRETT ANDERSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CRIMINAL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I'M SORRY SENATOR I THINK THOSE ARE ALREADY ON THE AGENDA THEY'RE UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE SO WE'LL.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** OKAY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'LL GET THERE NEXT.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** OKAY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SO UNDER MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO BILL TO PLACE BILL 130-37 COR AS INTRODUCED BY MYSELF CO-SPONSORED BY SENATOR ROY QUINATA SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS SENATOR WILL PARKINSON SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS AND SENATOR TOM FISHER AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF CONCESSION AGREEMENTS OF THE ANTONIO B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM AND THAT WE ALLOW THE FIVE DAYS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE POSTED TODAY SO ALLOW THE FIVE DAYS SO TO BASICALLY BE THE LAST BILL ON THE AGENDA.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SENATOR TAITAGUE THERE'S AN OBJECTION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** NO NO MADAM SPEAKER.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OH.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** MADAM SPEAKER I JUST HAVE AN INQUIRY ABOUT THE TIME FRAME WHEN IF IT'S GOING TO BE POSTED IN FIVE DAYS WHEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO SPEAK ON THE MEASURE THEN WHAT DAY WOULD THAT BE IS MY QUESTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IF IT'S PLACED ON THE AGENDA IT'S PLACED ON THE AGENDA IT'S GOING TO BE COME UP WHEN IT COMES UP.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** WHEN IT COMES UP IT COMES UP NO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** UNLESS WE MAKE MOTIONS TO RECESS AND WE COME BACK AT RECESS.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** MADAM SPEAKER THERE WAS A QUESTION THERE WAS A MOTION MADE THAT IT MEETS THE FIVE-DAY RULE BEFORE IT GOES ON THE AGENDA BEFORE WE ADDRESS IT SO THAT'S A MOTION THAT'S ALREADY IN PLAY THE QUESTION I HAD ASKED IS WHAT IS THE FIFTH DAY TO MAKE THAT THAT WAS MY ONLY QUESTION I HAD I'M NOT OBJECTING BUT IF YOU'RE SAYING I MEAN YOU'RE TWISTING IT A LITTLE BIT HERE SO IT'S JUST A VERY SIMPLE QUESTION AND IF THE AUTHOR OF THE THE MOTIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN COULD YOU PLEASE RESTATE YOUR MOTION AND OR WOULD YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION ABOUT I'M NOT SURE THE QUESTION YIELD TO THAT QUESTION AND PLEASE RESTATE YOUR MOTION BECAUSE I HEARD A MOTION TO PLACE ON THE AGENDA.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU THAT'S CORRECT MADAM SPEAKER BUT THE THE MOTION IS ALSO TO ALLOW THE FIVE DAYS FOR THE PUBLIC REVIEW ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA WHICH WILL BASICALLY BRING IT TO MONDAY IF IT ONCE IT'S POSTED TODAY IF ALLOWED BY THE BODY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MY QUESTION WAS ANSWERED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION I I OBJECT ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES STILL UNDER MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION UNDER MOTION IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION NOT I DON'T SEE ANY HANDS SO WE'RE UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH BARRETT ANDERSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION COMMISSION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** JUST ONE MINUTE RECESS PLEASE ONE MINUTE RECESS.

## RECESS

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS THANK YOU MAJORITY LEADER COULD YOU KINDLY PLEASE RESTATE YOUR MOTION.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** YES MADAM SPEAKER *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH BARRETT ANDERSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION COMMISSION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE THE NOMINATION OF ELIZABETH BARRETT ANDERSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION COMMISSION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING THE NOMINATION OF JASON W. BAZA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM BANKING AND INSURANCE BOARD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE THAT NOMINATION IN THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING THE NOMINATION OF STEPHEN R. HOLLISTER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE THAT NOMINATION IN THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADERS SENATOR ROY QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE THE TO THE VOTING FILE THE NOMINATION OF DAVID J. JOHN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ECONOMIC AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTOR SPEAKER WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL DISABILITY SERVICE SELF-DETERMINATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOUSING PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE GUAM BUILDUP TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF DAVID J. JOHN ONTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE STILL ON LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MARITIME TRANSPORTATION AIR TRANSPORTATION PARKS TOURISM HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS THE NOMINATION OF YOLANDA M. PADRONES TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE THE NOMINATION OF YOLANDA M. PADRONES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MARITIME TRANSPORTATION AIR TRANSPORTATION PARKS TOURISM HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS THE NOMINATION OF DONALD I. WEAKLEY, SR. TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE A.B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF DONALD I. WEAKLEY, SR. INTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING THE NOMINATION OF ALEXANDRIA SANDY GOULD YOW TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM REAL ESTATE COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF ALEXANDRIA SANDY GOULD YOW TO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR I MEAN UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE IF NOT WE ARE NOW ON CONSENT CALENDAR THERE ARE NO ITEMS WE'LL PROCEED TO SECOND READING FILE AND THE SECOND READING FILE THE FIRST BILL IS BILL NUMBER 20-37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 20-37 COR-LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE ON THE THIRD READING FILE AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2103 AN ACT TO AMEND 2103 AND 2014 OF ARTICLE 1 SECTION 2201 OF ARTICLE 2 AND SECTIONS 2701 2702 2703 AND 2705 OF ARTICLE 7 ALL OF CHAPTER 2 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO RESTORING ACCESS TO FEDERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WITH FELONY DRUG CONVICTIONS ON THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON IS YOUR MOTION CAN YOU CLARIFY IF THE BILL IS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YES MA'AM AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT SO WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 20-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND JUSTICE AND CULTURE IT'S ON THE DRIVE SENATOR PARKINSON YOU MAY PROCEED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THE FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996 PUTS A LIFETIME BAN ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE CONVICTED OF DRUG FELONIES THIS WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY THEN PRESIDENT CLINTON DURING THE WAR ON DRUGS ERA PEOPLE CONVICTED OF RAPE MURDER AND OTHER VIOLENT FELONIES ARE NOT SIMILARLY BANNED FROM PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SECTION 115 OF THIS MEASURE PROPOSED A LIFETIME BAN PERMANENTLY DISQUALIFYING OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS FROM RECEIVING PUBLIC BENEFITS PROVIDED BY SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ALSO KNOWN AS SNAP AND THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM ALSO KNOWN AS TANF UNDER THIS BAN IF A PERSON HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF FEDERAL OR STATE FELONY OFFENSE INVOLVING THE POSSESSION USE OR DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE INCLUDING CANNABIS THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FEDERAL LAW ALLOWS STATES AND TERRITORIES TO OPT OUT OF THIS BAN AND 49 OUT OF 50 STATES HAVE OPTED OUT IN SOME FORM SOUTH CAROLINA AND GUAM REMAIN THE ONLY TWO JURISDICTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES WITH SUCH A BAN BILL 20-37 WOULD OPT GUAM OUT OF THE SNAP AND TANF BAN FOR DRUG OFFENDERS LIKE THE 49 OTHER STATES THAT HAVE DONE SO ADDITIONALLY WHEREAS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE LIKE SNAP AND TANF IS DENIED TO GUAM RESIDENTS WHO ARE CONVICTED OF A FELONY OFFENSIVE POSSESSING A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE FELONS WHO ARE CONVICTED OF VIOLENT YET NON-DRUG RELATED CRIMES SUCH AS MURDER DOMESTIC ABUSE OR ARMED ROBBERY ARE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE WELFARE BENEFITS UPON RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION MAKE THAT MAKE SENSE MOST PEOPLE RETURNING HOME FROM PRISON HAD BEEN STRUGGLING IN SOME SIGNIFICANT WAY PRIOR TO THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM SURVEYS CONSISTENTLY SHOW THAT SUBSTANTIAL PORTIONS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED HAVE HISTORIES OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES HOMELESSNESS OR PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE THE STIGMA OF THE CRIMINAL CONVICTION INCARCERATION ALONE MAKES THE RE-ENTRY PROCESS INCREASINGLY CHALLENGING BUT PARTICULARLY DAMAGING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO RE-ENTER SOCIETY AFTER A PERIOD OF INCARCERATION ONLY TO BE RESTRICTED ON ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SUBSISTENT LEVEL BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO FEED THEMSELVES OR CLOTHE THEIR CHILDREN SNAP AND TANF MAY BE PARTICULARLY CRITICAL TO PREVENT RECIDIVISM AMONG FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS TRANSITIONING BACK TO THEIR HOME COMMUNITIES IN THIS CONTEXT SNAP OR TANF HELP THESE INDIVIDUALS TO MEET THEIR BASIC SURVIVAL NEEDS DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH THEY ARE SEARCHING FOR JOBS OR HOUSING THUS REDUCING THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THEY WILL RETURN TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY TO SECURE FOOD OR OTHER ESSENTIALS FOR THEMSELVES OR FOR THEIR FAMILIES WE SHOULD NOT PUNISH PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM DRUG ADDICTION FOR LIFE BY TAKING AWAY FOOD FROM THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES ESPECIALLY WHEN SUCH STABILITY CAN PROVIDE A PATHWAY TO WORK AND PRODUCTIVITY IN SOCIETY WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE PORTION OF OUR POPULATION THAT DOES NOT WORK CANNOT PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND ARE CAUGHT IN CYCLES OF POVERTY MORE OFTEN THAN NOT PEOPLE COMING OUT OF OUR PRISON SYSTEM NEED SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE TO ADJUST BACK INTO SOCIETY SNAP AND TANF PROVIDE BASIC FOOD ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD IT AND WITHOUT THAT BASE OF SUPPORT THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO STAY OUT OF A JOB AND FALL BACK INTO DRUG ADDICTION WE HAVE ALSO SEEN HOW NATURAL DISASTERS LIKE TYPHOON MAWAR HAVE MADE IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR OUR PEOPLE TO BUY NECESSITIES LIKE FOOD WITH THE DISASTER SNAP PROGRAM CURRENTLY ONGOING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE EVERY SINGLE DAY ARE LINING UP FOR ASSISTANCE AND THOSE WITH FORMER DRUG FELONIES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO LINE UP WITH THEM THEY NEED THIS ASSISTANCE JUST AS MUCH AS EVERYONE ELSE DOES FOOD WATER HOUSING EVERY SINGLE PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO ALL OF THESE THINGS ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO MAY BE STRUGGLING TO GET BACK ON THEIR FEET WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE DRUG ADDICTION AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND BEGIN TO TREAT IT AS ONE DENYING PEOPLE FOOD ON THEIR PATH TO RECOVERY DOES NOT SERVE THE INTERESTS OF GUAM OR ITS PEOPLE AND I URGE MY COLLEAGUE TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE BILL WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER JUST A SIMPLE QUESTION FOR THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** IS THERE ANY OTHER BECAUSE THIS IS IN REFERENCE TO FELONY CONVICTION IS THERE ANY OTHER RESTRICTION OTHER THAN THIS THAT IS PLACED ON THE FOOD STAMP ON THE FOOD ASSISTANCE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WILL THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YES SIR I BELIEVE THIS IS THE ONLY RESTRICTION ON FOOD ASSISTANCE IS JUST THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GUAM AND SOUTH CAROLINA WITH EVERYBODY WITH EVERYONE ELSE IN THE COUNTRY THEY HAVE OPTED OUT OF THIS BAN.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AND ASK THE AUTHOR THAT I BE ADDED ON AS A CO-SPONSOR THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU ON THE BILL WITH ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** OBVIOUSLY I'M A CO-SPONSOR TO THIS LEGISLATION BUT I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION AND I COMMEND THE MAIN AUTHOR OF THIS BILL BECAUSE IT'S TIME TO GIVE PEOPLE A SECOND CHANCE AND YOU KNOW WE OBVIOUSLY SOMETIMES HAVE SOME ISSUES IN OUR LIVES AND UNFORTUNATELY MAKE SOME BAD DECISIONS AND CHOICES IN OUR LIFE WE ALL HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO BUT OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A A SECOND CHANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS TO RESET THEIR LIVES AND GET BACK ON TRACK WITH THEM RECOVERY RIGHT SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REDEVELOP THEIR LIVES AND GROW WITH THE COMMUNITY SO I AGAIN SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION AS A CO-SPONSOR AND I COMMEND THE AUTHOR THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL THE 20 ANYONE ELSE SENATOR I MEAN VICE SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *MANANA SI YU'OS AND SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND THANK THE GOOD SPONSOR FOR INTRODUCING IT MADAM SPEAKER NOW MORE THAN EVER WE SEE HOW MANY SUPPORT SERVICES ARE MAKING A CRITICAL IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY AND AS WE OVERCOME COVID-19 TYPHOON MARWAR THERE ARE MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO NEED THESE SERVICES SO THAT THEY CAN REBUILD AND BE MORE RESILIENT WHEN INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COMMUNITY COMMIT CRIMES AFTER THEY SERVE THEIR TIME WELL WE NEED TO DO OUR PART TO HELP THEM BE REHABILITATED AND BECOME PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY MADAM SPEAKER WE NEED TO MAKE IT SO THAT THERE IS AN ABILITY FOR FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS TO SURVIVE SO THAT THEY DON'T TURN TO A LIFE OF CRIME AND SO THAT WE CAN REDUCE RECIDIVISM AS SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S SERVICE CORPORATION FOR OVER A DECADE I HAVE MET HUNDREDS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS AND THEY WANT TO MAKE A BETTER LIFE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEY NEED OUR HELP AND FOR THIS REASON I WANT TO SHARE MADAM SPEAKER I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT OUR COLLEAGUES LITERALLY LOOK AT THIS MEASURE AND AND GIVE IT A A FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION AND IF THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION DOES NOT MIND I HOPE HE TOO CAN CONSIDER ME TO BE A CO-SPONSOR BUT THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' SAINA MA'ÁSE'*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SAINA MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER IS THERE ANYONE ELSE SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES YOU KNOW I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME RESEARCH ON THIS BUT WASN'T QUITE SURE ON SOME OF THE OTHER LAWS OR OTHER STATES THAT HAVE JUST MODIFIED MOSTLY THAN JUST COMPLETELY ALLOWED THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM TO BE BE LIFTED FOR THOSE WHO ARE CONVICTED FELON SO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COLORADO AND



CONNECTICUT THOSE IN INDIVIDUAL ONES IT SAYS HERE THAT THEY MODIFIED THEIR LAWS TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS WITH PRIOR FELONY DRUG CONVICTIONS TO REGAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR TANF AND SNAP BENEFITS BY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING DRUG EDUCATION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS THIS WAS BROUGHT UP DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING SO MY QUESTION IS TO THE AUTHOR HAS THIS BEEN CONSIDERED TO BE PLACED IN THE BILL TO ALLOW THIS TYPE OF TREATMENT PROGRAMS OR EVEN EDUCATION DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMS BEFORE THEY AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS PRO OF THE SNAP PROGRAM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YES MADAM SPEAKER YES AND DISCUSSIONS WITH PEOPLE THAT RAN THESE PROGRAMS THESE SAFEGUARDS ARE ALREADY IN PLACE THEY ALREADY ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO GO TO THESE TREATMENTS AS WELL AS THEY HAVE MECHANISMS IN PLACE TO PREVENT ABUSE AND WASTE AND RECIDIVISM IF THEY DO STEP OUT OF STEP OUT OF THE LINE BASICALLY.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SO OH MADAM SPEAKER AM I CONTINUE.

**NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES**

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR SENATOR TAITAGUE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER WELL ACTUALLY THAT DIDN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION BECAUSE IT WASN'T A YES OR NO IF THE PROGRAMS ARE IN PLACE SO ONCE AGAIN I'M GOING TO ASK ARE THERE IN PLACE PROGRAMS REQUIRING INDIVIDUALS WHO'VE CONVICTED OF A FELONY TO TAKE THESE PROGRAMS IS IT REQUIRED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** I DO NOT BELIEVE THEY ARE REQUIRED MA'AM.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER IN THE CONVERSATION THAT ONLY GUAM AND ANOTHER PARTICULAR STATE HAVE ARE STILL WAITING PENDING THE CHANGE BUT I I DON'T THINK THAT'S CORRECT I'LL ASK THE QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION IF WHAT STATES HAVE OPT NOT TO ALLOW THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM FOR CONVICTED FELONS.

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

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YES MA'AM SOUTH CAROLINA AND GUAM.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SO THEY AND AND THOSE ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT OPT NOT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT BUT YET THEY'RE OKAY THAT'S I GUESS I'M GETTING THE WRONG INFORMATION MAYBE MY INFORMATION IS LIKE A COUPLE YEARS OLD OR SOMETHING BUT I WILL GET WITH THE THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION JUST TO CLARIFY THAT CONCERN THAT I HAVE AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SPEAKER TERLAJE I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME PLEASE PROCEED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND WOULD JUST LIKE TO AS COMMITTEE CHAIR WHO HEARD THE BILL I WANT I WANT TO SAY THAT I'M GRATEFUL TO THE SPONSOR FOR BRINGING THIS UP BECAUSE IT POINTED OUT A GAP THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THIS GAP VERY MUCH IMPACTS WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND OTHERS SO THERE WAS A RESEARCH DONE IN 2015 BY THE SENTENCING PROJECT THAT EXAMINED DATA FROM THE U.S. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REPORTS THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS AND U.S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE AND SEVERAL OTHER STUDIES ON THE ON THE BAN ON TANF AND SNAP BENEFITS AND WHAT IT FOUND WAS THAT THERE WAS NO DATA TO SUBSTANTIATE THAT THE BAN HELPED TO PREVENT OR REDUCE DRUG ABUSE AND DRUG-RELATED CRIMES HOWEVER IT THE BAN WAS LINKED TO INCREASED RATES OF RECIDIVISM HARMFUL TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH AND CONTRIBUTING TO SWOLLEN PRISON POPULATIONS THE BAN ALSO WAS NOT SHOWN TO BE EFFECTIVE WITH THE REDUCTION OF WELFARE FRAUD BUT WAS PROVEN TO BE A BARRIER TO THE SUCCESSFUL FOOD SECURITY RE-ENTRY INTO SOCIETY FAMILY REUNIFICATION SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE FROM ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS OR HOUSEHOLDS AND THOSE IMPACTED BY THE BAN WERE FOUND TO BE WOMEN CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR WOMEN COMPROMISED THE VAST MAJORITY OF RECIPIENTS OF BOTH TANF AND SNAP BENEFITS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SENTENCING TRENDS IN RECENT DECADES SHOW A SHARPLY RISING

NUMBER OF WOMEN CHARGED WITH DRUG OFFENSES AND THE WOMEN THE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN PRISON ROSE COMPARED TO THE INCREASE IN MEN DEPENDENT CHILDREN WHO HAVE COMMITTED NO CRIME THEMSELVES ARE IMMEDIATELY IMPACTED BY THE BAN RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES AND DRUG OFFENDER INCARCERATION RESULTING FROM THE WAR ON DRUGS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SENTENCING POLICIES HAVE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED AFRICAN AMERICANS AND OTHER MINORITIES OF COLOR FOR THESE DISPROPORTIONATELY LOWER INCOME POPULATIONS A SUDDEN LOSS OF A JOB OR CHANGE IN FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES SEVERELY IMPACTS THEIR STABILITY AND SINCE THE TANF AND SNAP BANS WERE ENACTED MOST STATES HAVE TAKE HAVE TAKEN ACTION AS THE SPONSOR STATED EXCEPT FOR GUAM AND SOUTH CAROLINA THEY WERE STILL THE ONLY ONES WITH A FULL BAN IN PRACTICE AND YOU KNOW RELATIVE TO AN EARLIER SPEAKER'S QUESTION REGARDING DRUG TESTING SO WE DID THAT WAS RAISED AT THE HEARING WE DID INQUIRE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH IF THAT WAS SOMETHING THEY THOUGHT WE SHOULDN'T PUT ONTO THIS BILL BUT THEIR TESTIMONY STATED THAT IN MOST STATES THEY ARE RELYING ON THE PROBATION AND PAROLE WHEN THESE PEOPLE GET OUT OF PRISON OR ARE RELEASED ON IN SENTENCING THAT THAT THAT'S WHERE DRUG MONITORING WOULD TAKE PLACE NOT IN THEIR FOOD BENEFITS BUT ON THEIR REGULAR SENTENCING AND WHATEVER THE JUDGE REQUIRES THEM TO DO TO BE PLACED IN THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL SO THEY SAID THAT MOST STATES THAT CONDITION FOR DRUG TESTING WAS THE BURDEN ON PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICERS SO AGAIN I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND THE TESTIMONY THAT WE HEARD AT THE HEARING I THOUGHT WAS WAS VERY GOOD PEOPLE WHO LITERALLY WILL BE IMPACTED BY THIS WHO HAD BEEN IMPACTED BY THIS AND AND BECAUSE THEY WERE ABLE TO GET SNAP BENEFITS DESPITE THEIR PREVIOUS OFFENSE THEY WERE ABLE TO RENEW THEIR LIVES AND REALLY START AGAIN AND NOW WE'VE GOT THEM TO BE SOCIAL WORKERS AND COUNSELORS IN OUR COMMUNITY HELPING OTHERS TO TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES AND SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* I SUPPORT THIS BILL.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *BUEN PRUBECHU* SPEAKER TERLAJE SENATOR JOANNE BROWN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED AT THIS TIME.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR THIS BILL AND AND I THINK AT A MOST FUNDAMENTAL LEVEL I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EAT FOOD I MEAN THAT'S THE BASIC THING THAT WE NEED TO EXIST BUT I ALSO WANT TO RELAY AND I DON'T I DON'T THINK IN ANY MEANS THE MESSAGE SHOULD BE THERE THAT BY SUPPORTING THIS BILL WE'RE SUPPORTING THE DYNAMICS OF WHAT'S LEADING AND WHAT HAS LED TO THE CHALLENGES OUR COMMUNITY IS MANY COMMUNITIES IN THE U.S. MAINLAND ARE FACED WITH SOME OF OUR MAJOR CITIES AND PARTICULARLY SAN FRANCISCO IN PARTICULAR WHICH I HAVE A FONDNESS FOR BUT YOU KNOW SEEING THE CONTINUED DECLINE OF THE IMPACT TO THEIR COMMUNITY AND THEIR SOCIETY OF WHERE THEY ARE ECONOMICALLY NOW BECAUSE IT'S BECOMING A CITY THAT'S UNSAFE TO BE IN I MEAN MY GOODNESS THEIR MAIN JUST A WEEK AGO THEIR MAIN SHOPPING MALL ESSENTIALLY HAS TURNED IT OVER TO THE BANKERS BECAUSE THEY JUST DON'T SEE THE FUTURE IN THE AT LEAST IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE COMING IN DROVES AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST TO VISIT SAN FRANCISCO SO IT'S JUST NOT WORTH HOLDING ON TO ANYMORE CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT WOW WHAT A MAJOR CHANGE BECAUSE OF WHAT'S GOING ON YOU KNOW I WAS RAISED IN A TIME WHERE YOU KNOW YOU WERE EXPECTED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS THAT YOU TAKE DON'T TAKE WHAT'S NOT YOURS GO TO SCHOOL GET EDUCATED WALK A STRAIGHT LINE AND YOU'LL HAVE A GOOD LIFE AND WE'VE GOTTEN TO THE POINT IN OUR COMMUNITY UNFORTUNATELY FOR A WHOLE VARIETY OF REASONS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS THAT OUR DRUG PROBLEM IS A GROWING PROBLEM AND IT'S ONE THAT IN EVERY SINGLE FACET OF OUR LIFE AFFECTS ALL OF US WHETHER YOU HAVE OR YOURSELF OR YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER WHO'S ADDICTED TO ILLEGAL DRUGS YOU'RE A VICTIM OF IT EVERY SINGLE MEMBER IN OUR COMMUNITY IS A VICTIM OF THE GROWING DRUG PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE ON OUR ISLAND THE FACT THAT GOING THROUGH A FAST FOOD DRIVE THROUGH IS JUST ABOUT THE AMOUNT YOU NEED TO GO BUY YOUR DRUGS THESE DAYS IS VERY TELLING ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF ILLEGAL DRUGS THAT ARE IN OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE THE PRICE OF IT HAS DROPPED SO MUCH THAT IT'S IT'S REACHABLE FOR JUST ABOUT ANYONE AND EVERYONE WHO WANTS IT AND IT AFFECTS PEOPLE FROM ALL DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE YOU THINK OH IT'S THE UNEDUCATED IT'S THE UNEMPLOYED IT'S GOSH SOME OF OUR MOST SOPHISTICATED PEOPLE WALKING IN OUR COMMUNITY THE MOST STYLISH WITH THE NICEST CLOTHES AND CARS AND STATUS ARE ON IT IN ADDITION TO THAT OUR GROWING CRIME PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE ON OUR ISLAND THE SENSE OF NOT FEELING SAFE IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY IN OUR OWN HOMES IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE DRUG PROBLEM ON GUAM WE HAVE IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT RUB SHOULDERS WITH DRUG DEALERS IN THIS ISLAND

WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE THEY KNOW WHO THEY ARE BUT WHAT HAPPENS NOTHING THEY'RE MAJOR INVESTORS AND BUSINESSES THAT WE PATRON WHAT HAPPENS NOTHING AND YET MORE OF OUR PEOPLE BECOME VICTIMS OF USE AND MISUSE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IN OUR COMMUNITY SO I WILL SUPPORT THIS BILL BUT I'M NOT GOING TO BE SAYING I'M DOING IT BECAUSE OH YOU KNOW WOW IT'S IN THING THESE DAYS AS A MATTER OF FACT IT'S A GROWING PROBLEM THAT'S ERODING OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR SOCIETY AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IF YOU HAVE A CHILD OR GRANDCHILD I'M SURE THAT'S A THOUGHT THAT'S CROSSED YOUR MIND SOMETIMES WE JUST NEED TO CALL THINGS FOR WHAT IT IS YOU KNOW WE WANT TO BE TOO POLITICALLY APPROPRIATE AND SAVVY AND WE DON'T WANT TO HOLD PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN ACTIONS WE WANT TO SAY THAT THEY'RE VICTIMIZED BY THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY LIVE IN THEY'RE VICTIMIZED BY THEIR UPBRINGING THEY'RE VICTIMIZED BY THE ABUSE THAT THEY'VE RECEIVED AND SOMEHOW THAT'S A FREE LICENSE TO GO AHEAD AND DO THE VERY SAME THING TO OTHERS AND I THINK WE NEED TO CALL THAT OUT I THINK AT SOME POINT WE NEED TO SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH THAT THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE THAT YOU DON'T GO AND TAKE WHAT IS NOT YOURS MY GOODNESS THE ELDERLY IN OUR COMMUNITY CAN'T EVEN BE SAFE YOU CAN'T EVEN LEAVE THINGS IN YOUR GARAGE BECAUSE YOU'RE WORRIED SOMEONE'S JUST GOING TO WALK UP AND TAKE IT WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR HOUSE MAKE SURE YOUR SECURITY SYSTEM'S ON MAKE SURE YOU'VE ENCLOSED YOURSELF AS IF YOU'RE IN YOUR OWN PRISON AT NIGHT TO BE SAFE SO THAT YOUR FAMILY CAN GO TO SLEEP AND HOPEFULLY WAKE UP SAFELY THE NEXT TODAY THAT'S WHAT OUR ISLAND HAS COME TO AND A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THAT IS THE MISUSE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND I I GIVE ANYONE CREDIT THAT'S ABLE TO GROW FROM WHATEVER CHALLENGES THEY HAVE WHO DOESN'T WHO HASN'T WHO DOESN'T HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND OR EVEN A CLOSE FRIEND THAT HAS GONE THROUGH THIS I HAVE I HAVE A VERY GOOD FRIEND THAT I GREW UP WITH VERY SAME OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENCE IN LIFE WHO WENT OUT THERE NOT ONLY ABUSED DRUGS BUT YOU KNOW IT WAS HELPING DISTRIBUTE IT WAS ARRESTED CONVICTED SERVED TIME IN JAIL I NEVER LOOKED AT THAT PERSON DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE WE WERE THE SAME WE CAME UP THE SAME AND AT SOME POINT THAT PERSON GOT THEIR LIVES TOGETHER AND WENT ON TO DO VERY WELL AND IT'S A VERY HARD-WORKING BUSINESS PERSON IN THIS COMMUNITY I GIVE THAT GOOD FRIEND OF MINE EVEN MORE CREDIT BECAUSE THE ROAD THAT THAT INDIVIDUAL WALK WAS EVEN HARDER AND YET THEY DID YOU KNOW THEY TOOK IT AND THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL WITH IT AND THEY TURNED THEIR ADVERSITY INTO SOMETHING EVEN BETTER AND WORKED EVEN HARDER TO MAKE THEIR LIVES BETTER AND THEIR FAMILY BETTER AND THEIR FAMILY PROUD OF THEM ULTIMATELY SO YES IT'S POSSIBLE TO GROW FROM IT BUT BY NO MEANS WE SHOULD MAKE THIS SCENE THAT THIS IS EVER ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT IF YOU CAN GO AND BUY DRUGS YOU CAN GO AND BUY FOOD BUT PEOPLE MAKE CHOICES AND SOMETIMES THEY DON'T MAKE THE BEST OF CHOICES AND SOMETIMES THEIR FAMILIES SUFFER AS A RESULT OF THEIR BAD CHOICES WE SEE IT EVERY DAY AND I JUST THINK IT'S NOT OKAY IT'S NOT OKAY TO SAY OH *AI ADAI AI* LOOK WHAT HAPPENED I YOU KNOW LET'S JUST LET IT GO *OMBE* IF WE WANT A BETTER GUAM IF WE WANT A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT LIKE MY DAD ONCE TOLD ME I'VE LIVED MOST OF MY LIFE JOANNE YOU YOU HAVE YOUR WHOLE LIFE AHEAD OF YOU IT'S UP TO YOU TO DECIDE HOW YOU WANT TO LIVE YOUR LIFE IT'S UP TO YOU TO DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO STUDY FOR SCHOOL I'LL ALWAYS BE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU BUT YOU KNOW AT SOME POINT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE ON YOUR OWN RESPONSIBILITIES BUT THAT'S YOUR CHOICE AND MY FATHER NEVER DOGGED ME AGAIN ABOUT MAKING SURE I DID MY HOMEWORK OR MAKING SURE I STUDIED OR MAKING SURE I WAS A GOOD STUDENT OR MAKING SURE OH GOSH YOU GOT TO DO ALL THIS TO MAKE ME PROUD THAT WAS NEVER A CONVERSATION WE EVER HAD TO HAVE AGAIN BECAUSE I KNEW THE RESPONSIBILITY WAS MINE TO DETERMINE WHAT FUTURE I WANTED AND I THINK WE NEED TO START ENSURING THERE'S GREATER SENSE OF SELF-RESPONSIBILITY THAT THERE IS RIGHT FROM WRONG THAT YOU JUST DON'T GET TO ABUSE AND HARM THIS COMMUNITY AND THINK *AI ESTA* I GOT SECOND THIRD FIFTH CHANCE BECAUSE AT SOME POINT YOU KNOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS THAT WE NEED TO TAKE BEFORE WE SEE YOU KNOW WHAT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH THIS IS NOT OKAY WE NEED TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE CHOICES IN OUR LIVES AND OUR COMMUNITY WE EACH HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THAT SO I DO SUPPORT THIS BILL BUT I'M NOT YOU KNOW DOING IT GREAT FANFARE TO SAY OH YOU KNOW EVERYBODY'S THE VICTIM BECAUSE THE BIGGER VICTIMS ARE THE INNOCENT HARD-WORKING PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT GET UP EVERY DAY AND GO TO WORK AND DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES AND THEY CARRY THAT BURDEN ENTIRELY ON THEIR SHOULDERS IT'S THE ELDERLY IN OUR COMMUNITY I'VE WORKED VERY HARD ALL THESE YEARS AND HAVE RETIRED THAT SHOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE IN PEACE IN THEIR HOMES AND NOT FEEL UNSAFE BECAUSE THEY'RE WORRIED SOMEONE'S GOING TO COME AND TAKE WHAT THEY HAVE IN THEIR HOME OR HARM THEM AND THAT'S THE COMMUNITY WE LIVE IN TODAY VERY SAD REALITY WHETHER WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT OR NOT WHETHER WE WANT TO

ACKNOWLEDGE OR NOT BECAUSE WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME FOCUSING ON THOSE THAT PERPETUATE THE CRIMES OUT THERE WE CALL THEM THE VICTIMS THEY ARE THE VICTIMS THAT WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT WELL MAYBE WE DO YES BUT THE ONES THAT ARE HARMED THE MOST ARE THE INNOCENT PEOPLE OUR COMMUNITY THAT DO THE RIGHT THING AND YET THEY BECOME VICTIMIZED BECAUSE OTHER PEOPLE CHOOSE TO MAKE BAD DECISIONS AND IRRESPONSIBLE DECISIONS AND SOME RIGHT DOWNRIGHT SELFISH DECISIONS BECAUSE THEY'RE ONLY THINKING ABOUT THEMSELVES THEY'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN THEY'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT THEIR PARENTS THEY'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT THEIR BROTHER THEIR SISTER THEIR NEIGHBOR SO COLLEAGUES I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT AS WE PASS THIS AND SAY YES YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY YES YOU HAVE A ROAD FOR A PROMISING FUTURE YES WE WILL PROVIDE THE SUPPORT TO YOU TO DO THAT BUT WE ALSO NEED TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE START THINKING THAT THEY HAVE A SENSE OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY YEAH SOMETIMES YOU JUST GOT TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS BECAUSE WE SHOULD NOT BE SITTING CONDONING AND SUPPORTING THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT'S LEADING TO THE DEGRADATION OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THE LACK OF SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT OUR PEOPLE FEEL EVERY SINGLE DAY AND ALL WE NEED TO DO IS LOOK AT THE NEWSPAPER WHAT FEW ARE LEFT ALL WE NEED TO DO IS LISTEN TO THE RADIO STATIONS AND PROGRAMS WHAT FEW ARE LEFT AND NOW WE'RE DOWN TO ONE EVENING NEWS CHANNEL WHEN YOU HOPEFULLY GET YOUR CABLE BACK THAT YOU CAN WATCH AND ALL WE HEAR IS ABOUT THE CONTINUED CRIME IN OUR COMMUNITY MY GOODNESS LAST WEEK TO HEAR THAT A CHILD WAS DOWSED WITH GAS YOU GOTTA WONDER YOU GOTTA WONDER WHAT'S GOING THROUGH PEOPLE'S MINDS PARENTS WHOEVER THEY ARE CARETAKERS OF THESE INNOCENT CHILDREN THAT WOULD EVEN THINK TO CONSIDER TO DO SOMETHING SO CRAZY TO HARM AN INNOCENT THREE-YEAR-OLD CHILD AND THAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHAT A SHAME SO I DON'T HOLD THIS BILL UP IN FANFARE BECAUSE UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS AN END RESULT OF THE VICTIMIZATIONS THAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY I HOPE PEOPLE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING POSITIVE WITH IT AND MAKE BETTER OF THEIR LIVES BUT ALSO HOLD THEMSELVES RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS BECAUSE I DON'T SEE THEM AS THE REAL VICTIMS IT'S OUR PEOPLE THAT ARE THE VICTIMS AND I THINK WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY COMMENT ON THIS BILL.

**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

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

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING TO YOU I RISE IT'S KIND OF WITH A A MIXED INCLINATION I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL I UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS TRYING TO DO BUT I ALSO FULLY JOIN IN THE RESERVATIONS RAISED BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER IN MY PROFESSIONAL HISTORY I'VE SPENT QUITE A BIT OF IT OF COURSE IN OUR COURTS OF LAW AND I HAVE SEEN QUITE A BIT OF WELL THE SCOURGE OF DRUG ABUSE YOU KNOW THE THE DOCKET SHEETS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT ARE EXPLODING WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE YOU KNOW GENERALLY THIRD DEGREE FELONIES FOR POSSESSION OF CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE IN FACT JUST OVER THE WEEKEND WE SAW A FORMER HERO HERE ON GUAM A MMA FIGHTER WHO WAS ARRESTED YET AGAIN FOR DRUG OFFENSES IT TOUCHES EVERY SINGLE ASPECT OF OUR SOCIETY AND I WORRY VERY MUCH ABOUT SENDING A MIXED MESSAGE HERE THAT WE IN THE LAW-ABIDING COMMUNITY WORK OVERTIME ESSENTIALLY TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE WHO VIOLATE THE SOCIAL CONTRACT AND HURT ALL OF US THROUGH THEIR ACTIONS THE IMPORTATION THE MANUFACTURE THE POSSESSION THE DISTRIBUTION OF CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE AND WORSE AND HERE WE ARE SAYING IN A SENSE YOU DO YOUR TIME BUT WHEN YOU COME OUT YOU DON'T REALLY NEED TO WORRY ABOUT FOOD INSECURITY BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO COVER THAT FOR YOU AND IT SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE TRUNCATED THE VERY IDEA THAT ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE THAT YOU BREAK THE LAW YOU VIOLATE THE SOCIAL CONTRACT THERE WILL BE A CONSEQUENCE YOU MIGHT HAVE TO GO TO JAIL FOR IT FREQUENTLY YOU DO AND THEN WHEN YOU ARE RELEASED FROM JAIL WELL WHEN YOU COMMIT A CRIME LIKE THIS I THINK IT'S INCUMBENT UPON SOCIETY TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT THESE CONSEQUENCES MAY BE LIFELONG DISABILITIES IT WASN'T TOO LONG AGO THAT FELONY CONVICTION PROHIBIT YOU PROHIBITED YOU FROM EXERCISING A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO VOTE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WHO WE ELECT TO GOVERN IT IS ALSO VERY TRUE THAT CONVICTED FELONS HAVE A GREATER OBSTACLE TO OVERCOME IN SECURING EMPLOYMENT THAT IS A CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR ACTION IT'S NOT A CONSEQUENCE OF ANYTHING WE AS A SOCIETY DID HAD THEY NOT ENGAGED IN THESE NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES WELL THEN THEY WOULDN'T HAVE THOSE BARRIERS TO OVERCOME YOU KNOW EVERYTHING I'VE SAID I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WOULD GAIN SAY WHAT I'VE SAID IT'S JUST IT'S JUST THE TRUTH BUT AT THE

SAME TIME THIS IS A QUESTION OF NOURISHMENT FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT GETTING YOU KNOW OVERLY SPIRITUAL OR RELIGIOUS IN THERE SO I NOTICED THAT MY BROTHER SENATOR QUINATA LED US IN PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS SESSION ESSENTIALLY ASKING THAT WE DO THE RIGHT THING AND IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW DOING THE RIGHT THING WOULD BE TO LET AN INDIVIDUAL BE MALNOURISHED AND PERHAPS STARVE AND THAT WOULD EXTEND TO THE FAMILY BY NO MEANS DO I MEAN INITIATE ANYTHING I SAID EARLIER YOU KNOW ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES I JUST HOPE THAT WE ARE AS ATTENTIVE TO ISSUES OF FOOD INSECURITY AND IS ATTENTIVE TO THE PLIGHT OF THE POOR AS WE ARE TO FELONS HERE WE ARE TAKING AFFIRMATIVE STEPS TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE INJURED US THROUGH THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE RECEIVING CERTAIN BENEFITS AND IT'S NOT CLEAR TO ME THAT WE ARE EXPENDING THE SAME AMOUNT OF EFFORT THE SAME AMOUNT OF VERVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF ENTHUSIASM ON FEEDING THE REST OF OUR COMMUNITY I HOPE WE DO THAT TOO WOULD BE PROPER BECAUSE THESE BENEFITS THAT WE ARE PERHAPS GOING TO EXTEND TO CONVICTED FELONS WILL REQUIRE OF US OUR SOCIETY AN OPEN-ENDED COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE THESE BENEFITS THERE IS A RECIPROCAL OPEN-ENDED COMMITMENT FROM THOSE WHO RECEIVE BENEFITS UNDER THE PROGRAM TO STAY CLEAN TO STAY LAW ABIDING TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY AS OPPOSED TO ERODING THE COMMUNITY WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN DOING SO I ALSO RISE TO MADAM SPEAKER I ALSO RISE TO OFFER AN AMENDMENT AND I'VE SPOKEN TO THE LEGAL COUNSEL ABOUT ABOUT THE AMENDMENT AND WE'RE WORKING ON IT RIGHT NOW THE THE THRUST OF THE AMENDMENT IS AS FOLLOWS IF YOU ARE RECEIVING SNAP BENEFITS AND IF YOU ARE RECEIVING TANF BENEFITS UNDER THIS PROGRAM YOU HAVE A RECIPROCAL OBLIGATION NOT TO USE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND THEREFORE YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTING SO LONG AS YOU RECEIVE THESE BENEFITS UNDER THIS PROGRAM I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ON THAT AND I THINK WE JUST ABOUT HAVE IT DRAFTED PROCEDURALLY I DON'T KNOW HOW THE CHAIR WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED ON THAT MAYBE TAKE A SHORT RECESS WHILE WE HAVE IT PASSED OUT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT SHE'S SENDING IT TO THE CLERKS SO WE'LL PLACE IT ON THE DRIVE AND PASS COPIES OUT SO WE WILL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS BUT I WOULD ASK THAT ALL SENATORS IF YOU'VE GOT FLOOR AMENDMENTS PLEASE GET YOUR FLOOR AMENDMENTS READY BEFORE YOU SPEAK ON THE BILL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*'.

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

**SENATOR FISHER:** SO ONE MINUTE RECESS.

## **RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED THE AMENDMENT HAS BEEN PASSED OUT.

**SENATOR FISHER:** MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THIS AND THANK YOU TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THEIR ALWAYS EFFICIENT WORK IN GENERATING THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT THE AMENDMENT SIMPLY READS FORMERLY CONVICTED FELONS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SNAP OR TANF BENEFITS UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTING THE DURATION OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR SNAP AND OR TANF BENEFITS NOW THERE IS A RELIEF CLAUSE IN THIS IT SAYS THAT TWO CONSECUTIVE POSITIVE DRUG TESTS CONSECUTIVE NOT JUST INDIVIDUAL BUT TWO CONSECUTIVE POSITIVE DRUG TESTS SHALL AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY SUCH INDIVIDUALS FROM CONTINUING TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS I DON'T I DON'T BELIEVE THIS AMENDMENT IS PARTICULARLY JARRING OR EARTH SHAKING IF WE ARE GOING TO MAKE A OPEN-ENDED COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW THESE PEOPLE TO RECEIVE FOOD BENEFITS IF WE CONTINUE TO FULFILL OUR REQUIREMENT TO TAKE CARE OF OUR FELLOW ISLANDERS AS WE DO IT IS NOT UNJUST UNFAIR OR OVERLY BURDENSOME TO REQUIRE THEM TO ALSO REMAIN DRUG FREE THAT IS THE VERY SAME PHENOMENON THAT GOT US IN THIS MESS SO I'M ANXIOUS TO HEAR WHAT MY COLLEAGUES FEEL ABOUT THIS AND JUST A MOMENT MA'AM AND SO MA'AM I PROFFER THIS AMENDMENT ON THE FLOOR THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I STAND OPPOSED TO THIS AMENDMENT I DO NOT THINK THAT THIS AMEN THIS SHOULD GO ON AS AN AMENDMENT IF THIS WERE TO IF THE AUTHOR OF THIS AMENDMENT WOULD LIKE TO RELITIGATE THIS QUESTION I THINK THE BEST AVENUE WOULD BE TO DO IT AS

ITS OWN STANDALONE BILL AS IT STANDS I BELIEVE THE AMENDMENT IS REDUNDANT AND IT ADDS A UNNECESSARY COST BASIS RIGHT NOW AS THE BILL HAS BEEN WRITTEN IT COST US NOTHING ON GUAM IT'S FEDERAL DOLLARS GOING IN NO DOLLARS GOING OUT ZERO FUND FISCAL IMPACT TO US EXCEPT THE POSITIVES BUT IF WE ADD THIS DRUG TESTING COMPONENT NOW THERE IS A COST BASIS NOW THIS COSTS US SOMETHING AS WELL THIS IS ALSO A REDUNDANT A REDUNDANT THING BECAUSE THIS IS ALREADY A DRUG-FREE PROGRAM IF UM IF WE HAVE IF WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT PEOPLE BEING ON DRUGS WHILE YOU KNOW WHILE THEY'RE RECOVERING FELON THEN THAT'S WHAT THE PAROLE OFFICERS ARE FOR THEY DO DRUG TESTING THIS IS KIND OF THEIR LANE SO LET'S LET THE PAROLE OFFICERS DO THEIR JOB AND LET'S NOT ADD A COST BASIS TO A BENEFIT THAT WILL COST US NOTHING THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE GET OFF THINKING THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MAKE IT EASY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO'VE BROKEN THE LAW WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO DID NOT BREAK THE LAW UPSTANDING CITIZENS BUT HERE WE'RE ALLOWING YOU KNOW FREE-FOR-ALL TO DON'T HAVE TO TAKE A DRUG TEST YES THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL DRUG TEST WHEN GOING INTO THE THE SNAP PROGRAM FOR EVERYBODY BUT NOW WE'RE LOOKING AT A DRUG A CONVICTED FELON WHO HAS TO GO THROUGH THEIR OWN PROBATION YOU KNOW GUIDELINES IN FACT IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN AND I'D ASK IF THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR OF THE BILL BILL 20 WOULD YIELD TO A QUESTION THAT ACCORDING TO THE BILL ITSELF IT REQUIRES THEM TO FULFILL THEIR PROBATION BEFORE THEY AVAIL THEM OF OF THE SNAP PROGRAM COULD I ASK THE AUTHOR OF THE ORIGINAL BILL IF CAN YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WILL THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** NO I'M GOOD.

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

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SO HE HE HE'S SAYING NO IT'S NOT REQUIRED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** HE DID NOT YIELD TO THE QUESTION SENATOR SO YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OH WAIT SO HE REFUSES TO DEFEND HIS BILL BY NOT ANSWERING ONE OF OUR QUESTIONS YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER THIS INDIVIDUAL PROFFERING IN A BILL ANY OF US PROFITING A BILL DON'T DO THAT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE BILL SENATOR.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THAT THAT'S WHAT I'M SPEAKING ON MADAM SPEAKER IS THERE I'M TALKING ABOUT THE BILL ITSELF AND HOW THE AMENDMENT COMBINES TOGETHER TO MAKE IT MAKES SENSE IF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO'S CONVICTED OF A A FELONY A DRUG FELONY THEY SHOULD BE TESTED YOU'RE YOU'RE THE INDIVIDUAL WANTING TO YOU KNOW TAKE THIS OUT SAYING NO IT'S NOT NEEDED YOU KNOW WE'RE JUST GOING TO LET THEM YOU KNOW FREE FOR ALL AND NOT HAVE TO TAKE ANY DRUG TEST THROUGHOUT THE TERM THEY'RE TAKING SNAP PROGRAMS YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER WE ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IN THE BILLS THAT WE INTRODUCE IN THIS BODY WE FIND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY OPPORTUNITIES THAT ALLOW INDIVIDUALS SUCH LIKE THIS PROGRAM I MEAN I I SUPPORT THE BILL TO PROVIDE MECHANISMS IN THERE FOR SAFETY PRECAUTION REASONS WE CAN'T GO BACK AFTER HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE TESTED POSITIVE AND THEY'RE CONTINUING TO OR THE WE FIND OUT THE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN TAKING DRUGS BUT IT'S OKAY BECAUSE THEY DON'T NEED A DRUG TEST THEY DON'T HAVE TO TAKE A DRUG TEST AND WE KNOW DOGGONE WELL THOSE SAME INDIVIDUALS ARE OUT USING BUT FOR THEM AH IT'S OKAY I'M STILL GOING TO GET MY SNAP DOESN'T MATTER WHAT KIND OF MESSAGE ARE WE SENDING OUT YOU'VE GOT SEVERAL STATES WHO'VE MADE AMENDMENTS SEVERAL STATES TO THIS BAN THE THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION SAYS OH ALL BUT GUAM AND AND SOUTH CAROLINA RIGHT THAT'S TRUE THEY HAVEN'T ADDRESSED IT AND GUAM IS ADDRESSING IT NOW BUT HE DOESN'T AND HE FAILS TO BRING INTO PLAY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN AMENDMENTS TO THOSE LAWS IN THE OTHER STATES MANY AMENDMENTS AND SOME OF THEM REQUIRE DRUG TESTING SOME OF THEM REQUIRE PROGRAMS WHAT WOULD IT HURT WE'RE GOING TO

TRY TO TELL THAT INDIVIDUAL WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO TELL THAT INDIVIDUALS WE'RE GIVING YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP YOU OUT AND ALL IT TAKES IS JUST A DRUG TEST TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S INCENTIVE INCENTIVE FOR THAT CONVICTED FELON TO GO ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW BECAUSE THERE WILL BE A DRUG TEST INVOLVED AND IT'S NOT JUST ONE MADAM SPEAKER IT'S TWO CONSECUTIVE I'M SURPRISED THE THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT ONLY ACTUALLY INCLUDED TWO CONSECUTIVE DRUG TESTS NOT JUST ONE WHAT ARE WE SAYING HERE THAT IT'S OKAY TO BE A DRUG OFFENDER BECAUSE GUESS WHAT I'M STILL GOING TO GET THIS SNAP WE DON'T HAVE TO TAKE ANY DRUG TESTS LET'S GIVE THEM A REASON TO STAY ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS FOR THOSE WHO'VE SERVED THEIR TIME AND TRYING TO GO OUT THERE AND GET A JOB AND HERE WE ARE TODAY TRYING TO ASSIST IN THAT MANNER BUT WE'RE ALSO TRYING TO BE RESPONSIBLE ABOUT IT AND TRYING TO HELP THAT INDIVIDUAL TO STAY ON THE COURSE OF CLEANING UP THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE AMENDMENT AND THEN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I'M GONNA BE EFFICIENT AND SPEAK LITTLE BIT TO THE BILL AS WELL BECAUSE I SUPPORT THE BILL BUT I DO SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER THE PROFFER OF THE AMENDMENT MENTIONS THAT THERE IS NO COST BASIS AND I AGREE ONE OF THE THINGS I ASKED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND OTHERS ASKED PUBLIC HEALTH WAS DID WOULD WOULD THIS EVER DISPLACE ANYONE WHO OTHERWISE NEEDS THIS BENEFIT WHO IS NOT PRECLUDED BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT CONVICTED DRUG USERS THEY'RE REGULAR PEOPLE WHO UM I'M FORTUNATE FOR THEM THAT DON'T HAVE THAT AFFLICTION BUT THEY ARE ALSO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE OF COURSE ARE IN NEED OF FOOD ASSISTANCE I WAS HAPPY TO KNOW THAT NO ONE'S DISPLACED BECAUSE THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN-ENDED TO THE POINT OF WHERE INDIVIDUALS WHO APPLY IF THEY QUALIFY THEY GET THE BENEFIT AND THE MORE THAT APPLY THE MORE THE FEDERAL BENEFIT APPLIES AND THE GENEROSITY OF OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT BUT I SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT REALLY BECAUSE OF ONE SCOURGE THAT EXISTS AND IS SO UNFORTUNATE WITH SOMEONE WHO'S ADDICTED TO ANY FORM OF DRUG BUT PARTICULARLY METHAMPHETAMINE WHICH MANY OF MY GOOD COLLEAGUES SPOKE TO EARLIER AND THAT IS THE ABUSE OF PROGRAMS THE ABUSE OF GETTING SOMETHING AND THEN TURNING IT AROUND AND SELLING THAT COMMODITY TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT A HABIT MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE ONGOING CASES IN OUR COURT WE KNOW OF THIS WE'VE HAD PEOPLE EVEN IN OUR OWN FAMILIES WHO COME TO US AND ASK US FOR ASSISTANCE AND WE KNOW THAT THEY HAVE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BUT THEY'LL SAY WELL SO AND SO TOOK THE CARD WENT TO SOME OF THE FAMOUS STORES HERE AND BOUGHT A BUNCH OF HIGH-END PRODUCTS SUCH AS MEAT PRODUCTS AND THE LIKE AND TURNED THEM AROUND AND SOLD THEM FOR NOTHING TO CONTINUE TO USE I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF HELL SOMEBODY'S IN TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT'S A FACT OF THE MATTER YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER DON'T KNOW HIS NAME ON THE TOP OF MY HEAD BUT I KNOW IT'S IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT IT WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH EXTREMELY COMPELLING THAT CAME TO TESTIFY ON THIS LEGISLATION HE TALKED ABOUT HOW HIS LIFE WAS RIDDLED WITH DIFFICULTY BECAUSE OF HIS ADDICTION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND HIS ROAD TO RECOVERY INCLUDED AVAILING OF THIS PROGRAM WITHIN THAT STATE BUT HE WANTED TO COME HOME AND WAS MADE AWARE EITHER BY COMING HOME AND FIGURING OUT OR KNOWING THAT WHEN HE CAME HOME THIS BENEFIT WILL NO LONGER EXIST THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO'S HELPED TENS IF NOT HUNDREDS OF OUR INDIVIDUALS ON GUAM RECOVER FROM THIS SCOURGE OF ADDICTION PARTICULARLY CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE BUT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS ALSO VERY CLEAR THAT HE KNOWS AND SUPPORTS THE FACT THAT THE PROGRAM ITSELF HAS THOSE RESTRAINTS AND BARRIERS THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL IN OPPOSITION TO THIS AMENDMENT STATES THAT PROBATION AND OTHER MECHANISMS FOR ENSURING VIOLATIONS AND WHAT WOULD HAPPEN DURING DURING VIOLATIONS ARE THERE FOR THAT BUT I I SAY IT SHOULD BE SPECIFIC TO THIS PROGRAM AND I DARE SAY IF WE HAD THAT INDIVIDUAL BEFORE US TODAY WHO SPOKE SO ELOQUENTLY ABOUT HIS JOURNEY I THINK HE WOULD AGREE WITH THIS AMENDMENT WHEN I CLOSE MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE I'M VOTING FOR THIS BILL AS WELL WITH OR WITHOUT THIS AMENDMENT I HOPE THIS AMENDMENT PASSES BUT I CLOSE BECAUSE IT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT JUST IRKS MY SOUL I GUESS WHENEVER I HEAR LIKE I SAID I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF HELL AN INDIVIDUAL IS IN TO TAKE FOOD OUT OF THEIR OWN CHILDREN OR THEIR OWN FAMILY'S MOUTH BY ABUSING A BENEFIT BUT I NEVER WANT THAT HELL TO TRANSLATE TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO GET THAT BENEFIT MANY TIMES THE INDIVIDUAL'S AVAILING OF THIS BENEFIT ARE NOT NECESSARILY DOING IT PARTICULARLY JUST FOR

THEMSELVES THEY COULD BE FEEDING A HOUSEHOLD THAT HAS THREE GENERATIONS IN IT AN ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BROUGHT CHILDREN INTO THIS WORLD AND MOST ESPECIALLY HUNGRY CHILDREN WHO NEED THIS SO IF THE LORD HAS TOUCHED YOUR HEART AND YOU'VE MADE THAT TRANSFORMATION AND YOU'VE TURNED YOUR LIFE AROUND AND BY GOLLY YOU SHOULD NOT BE DENIED THE BENEFIT OF NUTRITION AND THE ABILITY TO REBUILD YOUR LIFE BUT THEIR DOGGONE SHOULD BE A SAFEGUARD TO MAKE SURE THAT BECAUSE OF THE SCOURGE OF YOUR ADDICTION SHOULD IT CONTINUE THAT YOU COULD TAKE ONE OUNCE OF FOOD OUT OF A CHILD'S LIFE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WANT TO THANK THE AUTHOR FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MEASURE IT'S A REALLY GOOD THING I OFTEN CARRY THIS BOOK WITH ME AND IT SAYS BELIEVE IN MIRACLES BUT DON'T DEPEND ON THEM THIS AMENDMENT I WAS MAULING IT OVER AND I WAS LIKE I THINK THIS AMENDMENT MAKES MAKES A LOT OF SENSE AND IT KEEPS PEOPLE HONEST AND I KNOW THAT PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS MAY HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY AND SERVED THEIR TIME AND I BELIEVE IN SECOND CHANCES BUT AT THE SAME TIME YOU SHOULDN'T ALWAYS JUST GIVE WHEN YOU YOU WANT TO HELP HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE AND KEEP THEM HONEST AND THAT'S WHERE THIS AMENDMENT'S I THINK TAKING US AND I APPLAUD THE AUTHOR OF BOTH THE AMENDMENT AND THE BILL I THINK IT'S A GOOD BILL AND SECOND CHANCES ARE GREAT I'VE SEEN PEOPLE WHO HAVE YOU KNOW WHO HAVE DONE SOME THINGS AND COME BACK AND YOU KNOW THEY'RE SO GRATEFUL BECAUSE THEY WERE GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE AND IT'S THE MIRACLES THAT I LIKE TO SEE ALL THE TIME IS WHEN ACTUALLY PEOPLE ARE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT THEY WERE GIVEN AND GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE THEY COME OUT OF THAT VERY RESILIENT AND WONDERFUL I ALSO WANTED TO MAKE A A POINT AND YOU KNOW THE OUR PREVIOUS SPEAKERS OVER THERE YOU KNOW HOW ELOQUENT THEY ARE AND BRINGING TO LIGHT OUR DRUG PROBLEM I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE DRUG PROBLEM FOREVER I KNOW HOW DEVASTATING ICE CAN BE HOW THE ADDICTION IS SUCH SO STRONG IT'S JUST GRIPPING AND HOLDS GRABS YOU AND IT CASES YOU AND JUST PUTS YOU IN THIS HORRIBLE STATE AND SO THIS AMENDMENT ADDS THAT EXTRA MECHANISM POSSIBLY TO HELP THEM RECOVER AS WELL AND SO I APPLAUD THE AMENDMENT I APPLAUD THE THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL AND MY GOOD FRIEND OVER THERE SENATOR FISHER FOR THE FOR THE AMENDMENT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON THE AMENDMENT I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT BUT I'M JUST CURIOUS WE ALL TALK ABOUT SECOND YOU KNOW SECOND CHANCE THIRD CHANCE SO FORTH BUT IT SAYS AFTER TWO CONSECUTIVE POSITIVE DRUG TESTS SO IT AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED BUT THERE'S NOTHING HERE SAYING THAT IF YOU GO TO A REHABILITATION AFTER THE SECOND DRUG TEST THAT YOU CAN GET BACK ON AND THAT'S WHAT NORMALLY ALL THE DRUG USERS GO THROUGH THEY GO TO THE REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND THEN THEY THEY GET BACK ON TRACK AND WE HOPE THEY'LL STAY BACK ON TRACK BUT JUST SAYING TWO CONSECUTIVE TESTS EVEN THOUGH YOU GO TO THE THE REHAB PROGRAM YOU CAN'T GET BACK ON I THINK I THINK MAYBE THE AUTHOR MAY WANT TO CONSIDER THAT AND MAYBE WRITE AN AMENDMENT THERE THAT SAYS TWO CONSECUTIVE POSITIVE DRUG TESTING SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY AN INDIVIDUAL FROM CONTINUING TO RECEIVE SNAP OR OR THE TANF BENEFITS BUT IF THEY GO TO THE REHABILITATION AND THEY'RE CLEAR AND THEY STAY CLEARED HOW CAN THEY GET BACK ON WHEN THE TWO TWO CONSECUTIVE TESTS BUMPS THEM OFF I'M JUST SAYING IS THAT WE CAN'T PREACH SECOND CHANCE THIRD CHANCE BECAUSE AFTER EVERY EVENT THEN THERE'S A SECOND CHANCE BUT THIS DOESN'T GIVE A SECOND ROUND SO I'M KIND OF LIKE I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT BUT THERE'S GOT TO BE A COURSE OF ACTION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL WAS PROSECUTED AND HE GOT OUT THAT'S HIS FIRST CHANCE YEAH *MANAGUGAT* TOOK DRUGS OKAY TESTED POSITIVE AH HE'S NOT TAKING METH BUT HE'S SMOKING POT MARIJUANA OKAY SECOND TIME OKAY I STOPPED I WENT TO THE REHAB BUT BECAUSE THE WAY THE BILL THE AMENDMENT IS WRITTEN YOU DON'T HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE AND WE WE GOTTA ALWAYS LEAVE JUST A LITTLE BIT OF ROOM FOR PEOPLE TO GET BACK ON THEIR FEET BECAUSE I KNOW THAT DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WILL BE WILL BE ARGUING THAT THERE'S ALWAYS SHOULD BE ANOTHER CHANCE AND THERE'S ALWAYS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE EVERYBODY A SECOND CHANCE BECAUSE FOR EVERY EVENT



THEY DO IT'S A NEW EVENT IT'S NOT A REPEATED OFFENSE IT'S DIFFERENT IS WHEN YOU SAY I'M SORRY BUT YOU KEEP DOING THE SAME THING THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR FRANK BLAS, JR. YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT WHILE I HAVE TO AGREE WITH THE GENTLELADY FROM *TUMON* THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE GENTLEMAN FROM *IPAN* GAVE YOU KNOW WHEN I LOOKED AT IT TWO CONSECUTIVE DRUG TESTING OKAY I'LL COMPROMISE BECAUSE YEAH WHILE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL AND GETTING HIM BACK ON TRACK LET'S TALK ABOUT WHY WHY WAS THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE FIRST OFF YOU WANT TO SAFELY ASSUME THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE WHO CAN PROVE AVAIL OF THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING ABLE TO RECEIVE THE ASSISTANCE OUR LAW ABIDING LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS THAT THERE ARE NOT A BURDEN TO A A CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OR TO SOCIETY BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY DID I TOO BELIEVE IN OKAY LET'S GIVE THEM A CHANCE WHAT MY STRUGGLE IS THAT MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE I USED TO WORK IN THAT WORLD I USED TO COME FACE TO FACE WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS I USED TO HEAR THE REASONS AND THE EXCUSES GIVEN IT'S THE WAY THEY WERE DOING IT NEVER ONCE HAVE I HEARD THAT IT WAS GOOD FOR THE BECAUSE IT WAS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY OR THAT WHILE I WAS ON IT OR WHILE I WAS DISTRIBUTING IT THAT I REGRET IT OR I KNEW THAT I WAS OR I WAS GOING TO HURT SOMEBODY NEVER ONCE NOW THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL THAT SAYS OKAY YOU MESSED UP WE'LL GET YOU BACK ON TRACK WE'LL HELP YOU WITH THAT WHAT THIS AMENDMENT PROPOSES IS THAT WE GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE TO YOURSELF AND TO THE COMMUNITY THAT YOU CAN DO IT THAT'S ALL THIS IS AND IT'S RANDOM IT'S NOT COMPULSORY THAT YOU KNOW WHEN YOU I'VE KNOWN DRUG PROGRAMS RANDOM DRUG PROBLEMS THAT RAN FOR MANY YEARS IN DIFFERENT ENTITIES AND KNOW OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WHILE SUBJECT TO THE RANDOM DRUG TESTING NEVER GOT TESTED BECAUSE THEY NEVER NEVER RANDOMLY SELECTED AND IF YOU'RE NOT USING DRUGS WHAT DO YOU FEAR FOR IT I NEVER ONCE FEARED EVER HAVING TO TAKE A DRUG TEST WHETHER IT BE RANDOM OR MANDATORY OR COMPULSORY BECAUSE I NEVER USED IT SO WHAT'S THE FEAR YOU SHOULD FEAR IT IF YOU'RE GOING TO DECIDE THAT YOU WANT TO TRY TO DECEIVE THE SYSTEM AGAIN AND THE REASON WHY THIS IS GOING TO BE PLACED ON YOU AND AS FAR AS HE SAFETY NET IF YOU WILL AS YOU PUT YOURSELF THERE TO IT NOBODY FORCED YOU TO DISTRIBUTE NOBODY FORCED YOU TO USE IT NOBODY FORCED YOU TO COMMIT A DRUG-RELATED CRIME BUT YOU AND IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE THE TEST BE SUBJECT TO THE RANDOM DRUG TEST DON'T APPLY IT'S YOUR CHOICE SO I DON'T SEE ANY FEAR IN THIS AMENDMENT I SEE IT AS A WAY TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK THAT'S ALL IT IS AND IF WE WANT TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT DEALING WITH OUR PROBLEM A MEASURE SUCH AS THIS WILL HELP IGNORING IT AND SAYING THAT IT'S UNNECESSARY IT'S AN INTRUSIVE OF MY RIGHTS IN OTHER WORDS THE OTHER EXCUSES THAT ARE GIVEN WHAT ABOUT FOR THOSE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS THAT TRULY NEED THE HELP THAT ALSO NEED TO HELP THIS IS A LONG-STANDING ISSUE IN A LONG-STANDING PROBLEM AND IF OUR GOVERNMENT WANTS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT AS THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT HAS STATED GOT TO BE VERY CAREFUL OF MAKING SURE THAT THE CONSEQUENCES TO YOUR ACTIONS HELP TO DICTATE WHAT YOUR FUTURE CAN BE THERE'S AN OLD ADAGE YOU DO THE CRIME YOU DO THE TIME TRUST ME WHEN YOU DO THE CRIME IT TAKES A LONG TIME SO I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT WHEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION I WILL STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL ITSELF AS WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND A FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT LIKEWISE THE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE IN THE BILL I'D BE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AS WELL THIS AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER AND THE BILL ITSELF ACTUALLY IS IS TO GIVE THOSE FOLKS AN OPPORTUNITY A CHANCE YOU KNOW WHO OF US IN HERE HAS NOT DONE SOMETHING IN THE PAST NOT NECESSARY DRUGS BUT THAT WE HAVE REGRETTED AND HAVE PAID FOR IT IN WHATEVER WAY WHATEVER THE THE PAYMENT IT IS AND WE'RE GIVING IT A A CHANCE EITHER SECOND THIRD OR FOURTH CHANCE HONEY I'LL NEVER DO THAT AGAIN BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE A CONSEQUENCE AS WELL AND I ASSUME AT THIS POINT AS WELL THAT THE ORGANIZATION OR THE AGENCY THAT WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE AGAIN REINSTATING THE SNAP BENEFITS OR TANF BENEFITS AND THE AGENCY THAT WOULD BE DOING THE DRUG TESTING OR OR PRIOR TO THE TO THE BENEFITS BEING REINSTATED WILL SAY THAT HEY YOU KNOW THIS IS YOUR SECOND CHANCE BUT LIKEWISE YOU'RE GOING TO BE SUBJECTED TO A RANDOM DRUG TEST AND JUST SO YOU KNOW THAT A RANDOM DRUG TEST AND SHOULD YOU FAIL TO CONSECUTIVE DRUG TESTS THAT YOU WOULD NO LONGER BE YOU WOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THE

PROGRAM AGAIN THIS AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER AND THE BILL IN GENERAL WILL GO TO THE THE THOSE I MEAN REINSTATEMENT OF THESE FOLKS ARE FOR THOSE FOLKS WHO TRULY WANT TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES TRULY WANT TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES WANT TO TURN IT AROUND THEY MUST NOT THINK FOR A MOMENT THAT OH THAT'S ALL RIGHT I CAN FALL OFF THE I CAN FALL OFF THE BEN THE THE TRUCK AGAIN I CAN GET UP AND I'LL STILL GET REINSTATED THEY THEY GOT TO THINK ABOUT IT THEY THEY HAVE IT HAS TO BE IN THEIR MINDS AS WELL THAT YOU KNOW ESPECIALLY IF THEY'RE SUPPORTING A FAMILY AND THAT OH MY GOSH I I MIGHT LOSE THIS AGAIN I MAY ALSO LOSE WHATEVER OTHER BENEFITS I MAY HAVE THIS DRUG THE DRUG TESTS I MAY LOSE THE HOUSING BENEFIT I HAVE BECAUSE OF THIS THERE HAS TO BE A CONSEQUENCE THERE HAS TO BE AGAIN THESE ARE FOR FOLKS WHO REALLY WANT TO CHANGE CHANGE THEIR LIVES AND THAT MADE MISTAKES IN THE PAST OR HAVE MADE A MISTAKE IN THE PAST I WANT TO CHANGE AND GIVEN AGAIN THE HONEST THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT CHANGE I THINK WE'RE WE'RE GOING A LONG WAYS TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT I THINK ASKING FOR ARE CALLING FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE DRUG TESTING AND A FAILURE OF THAT THE INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS FAIL THAT THEY'RE DOING JUST THE OPPOSITE THEY'RE NOT DOING A GOOD ENOUGH JOB OR KEEPING UP AND THEIR END OF THE DEAL TO REALLY CHANGE AND BE BETTER MEMBERS OF SOCIETY FOR WELCOMING THEM THAT WELCOMING THEM TO BE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY BUT IF THEY DECIDE TO CONTINUE DOWN THAT ROAD THAT'S THE DECISION THEY MAKE WE SAID WE WANT TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE BUT NOW IT'S UP TO YOU WE'RE SAYING LOOK HELP ME HELP YOU I LIKE WHY I SAID THEY WANT THEY DON'T WANT TO HELP THEMSELVES AT SOME POINT HE'D JUST SAY OKAY ALREADY THIS IS UPON YOU SO THIS AMENDMENT AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER JUST GOES TO THE TO AGAIN THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY WANT TO CHANGE AND REALLY HAVE LOOKED AT THEIR LIVES AND REGRETTED THAT ROAD THEY'RE GOING DOWN AND MAYBE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO LOOK BACK AND SAY HEY YOU KNOW I WAS IN A BETTER ROAD BEFORE AND NOW LOOK AT WHERE THIS HAS TAKEN ME BUT YOU KNOW SOCIETY IS SAYING LOOK I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE AND IF I KEEP IN THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW I'LL BE FINE BUT IF I FALL OFF AGAIN I GO DOWN THIS ROAD AGAIN SOCIETY SAYS NO NO MAS SO THIS PUTS IN PLACE AGAIN THE ACCOUNTABILITY TO THAT INDIVIDUAL THAT WOULD NOT HAVE IN THE BACK OF THEIR MINDS THAT I IF I FALL DOWN NO WORRY THEY'LL JUST PUT ME BACK ON THIS WE BELIEVE IN SECOND THIRD AND FOURTH CHANCES BUT THERE'S A POINT WHERE WE SAY LOOK IF YOU WON'T HELP YOURSELF THERE'S NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO AT THIS POINT I THINK IT'S A GREAT AMENDMENT IT'S A GREAT BILL NOW BUT IT'S ONLY GREAT FOR THOSE AGAIN WHO WANT TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES WHO WANT WHO HAVE LOOKED AT THEIR LIVES AND AND COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT MAN THEY WENT DOWN THIS WRONG PATH AND WANTING TO CORRECT THEMSELVES AND GOING DOWN THIS ROAD WE'RE ALL FOR THAT I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IN THIS IN THIS HALL DISAGREES WITH THAT I MEAN I THINK WE ALL HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS FOR ONE WAY OR ANOTHER FOR WHATEVER IT IS NOT NECESSARY DRUGS BUT AT SOME POINT YOU SAY HEY MAN YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE CAN I DO WHAT ELSE CAN I DO WE'VE HELPED YOU AND NOW YOU GOT TO BE ABLE TO HELP YOURSELF SO THIS AMENDMENT JUST REINFORCES THE FACT THAT LOOK OKAY NOW THE ONUS IS ON YOU NOW OKAY THIS IS WHAT WE'RE DOING AS A FAMILY AS A SOCIETY WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU OUT BUT YOU NEED TO HOLD UP YOUR END OF THE DEAL TO KEEP THOSE BENNIES COMING IN SO WITH THAT AGAIN I I STAND A FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT AND LIKEWISE AND FOR THE BILL SO IT'S A GREAT AMENDMENT AND I ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

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

**SENATOR BROWN:** I ALSO RISE IN SUPPORT AT THIS AMENDMENT CERTAINLY THANK MY GOOD COLLEAGUE SENATOR FISHER FOR INTRODUCING IT YOU KNOW THEY OFTEN SAY THAT IF YOU YOU DON'T WORK FOR SOMETHING YOU DON'T VALUE IT AND YOU KNOW I THINK SOMETIMES WE'RE LOSING GRASS SO SOME OF THOSE FUNDAMENTAL VALUES IN OUR COMMUNITY WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT ANY SWEAT INTO SOMETHING WHEN THINGS ARE JUST HANDED TO YOU MAYBE YOU DON'T APPRECIATE IT AS MUCH MAYBE YOU TAKE IT FOR GRANTED YOU KNOW MY GRANDPARENTS WORKED VERY HARD AS I'M SURE MANY OF OUR GRANDPARENTS DID THEIR PARENTS MY PARENTS WORKED VERY HARD FAR MORE THAN I HAVE IN MY LIFE I I GOT TO RECEIVE A LOT OF THE BENEFITS OF THEIR HARD LABOR AS MANY OF US HAVE AS MANY OF OUR YOUNGER GENERATIONS COMING UP HAVE YOU KNOW WE THINK THAT'S HOW IT SHOULD BE YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO WORK HARD YOU WANT TO GIVE YOUR CHILDREN THE BETTER OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAYBE YOU DIDN'T HAVE IN YOUR LIFE BUT YOU KNOW AT THE OTHER END SOMETIMES WORKING FOR WHAT YOU HAVE YOU APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE YOU WORK FOR IT BECAUSE YOU MAKE SACRIFICE AND SOMETIMES WE LOSE SIGHT OF THAT BECAUSE EVERYTHING'S SO EASY NOWADAYS IN OUR WOKE SOCIETY YOU KNOW WE JUST ALLOW THINGS TO HAPPEN

AND WE JUST DON'T HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE ANYMORE BECAUSE WE CAN TALK OUR WAY OUT OF IT OR TRY AND JUSTIFY IT OR VICTIMIZE OURSELVES WITH IT INCLUDING SOME OF THE BAD CHOICES THAT WE MAKE YOU KNOW AN ADVERSITY IN LIFE IS ACTUALLY A GOOD THING I THINK ESPECIALLY NOW THAT I'M GETTING OLDER BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT'S HOW YOU GROW THAT'S HOW YOU LEARN THAT'S HOW YOU APPRECIATE WHAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR LIFE AND I THINK WE SOMETIMES LOSE SIGHT OF THAT AGAIN IT'S NOT UNCOMMON MADAM SPEAKER WE SEE IT EVERY DAY MY GOODNESS SOMEONE'S COMMITTED A CRIME AND THEN THEY GO OUT AND THEY GET ARRESTED AND THEY'RE BACK OUT AGAIN ON THE STREETS AND THEY'RE COMMITTING ANOTHER CRIME THEY HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN PROSECUTED FOR THE LAST CRIME THAT THEY WERE CHARGED WITH AND IT JUST BECOMES A WAY OF LIFE AN AI IT'S NORMAL IT'S ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE AN INDIVIDUAL CHOOSES TO MAKE THOSE SAME DECISIONS AND WE SAY OH ADAI THEY THEY DIDN'T YOU KNOW THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE ADVANTAGES NAY THEY THEY DIDN'T DO THEIR EDUCATION THEY DON'T COME FROM MUCH SO YOU KNOW IT'S OKAY SOTBLA THAT'S OKAY SOTBLA LET IT GO IT'S OKAY NO PROBLEM AND I GUESS I COULD BUY THAT MADAM SPEAKER IF WE DIDN'T LIVE IN A COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW WHERE WE GOT YOU KNOW BUSINESSES OUT THERE EMPLOYERS OUT THERE THAT ARE TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO COME AND APPLY FOR JOBS TO WORK IF THERE WERE NO OTHER OPPORTUNITY THEN WE COULD PROBABLY SAY WE UNDERSTAND SAY YOU KNOW IT'S IT'S WE CAN EXPLAIN THAT BUT WHEN YOU HAVE A COMMUNITY THAT WANTS PEOPLE TO WORK THAT MEETS PEOPLE AND THE PLACE YOU SHOULD GO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE ALL AROUND US ESPECIALLY NOW AS WE'RE TRYING TO REBUILD OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR ECONOMY WHEN YOU CAN GO TO WORK AND LEGITIMATELY MAKE A GOOD LIVING AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND TAKE CARE OF YOUR FAMILY AND BE RESPONSIBLE CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY WHEN THOSE OPPORTUNITIES ARE RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF US BUT WE CHOOSE NOT TO DO IT BECAUSE WE THINK THE ALTERNATIVE IS THE WAY TO GO AND HARMING OUR PEOPLE AND OUR FAMILIES OUR COMMUNITIES WE CLAIM WE CARE ABOUT IS THE WAY TO GO AND WE HAVE GOTTEN VERY LAID BACK ABOUT THAT I DON'T KNOW I'M JUST SPEAKING OF POSITION OF FRUSTRATION BECAUSE I I JUST SEE IT AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THIS IS OKAY TELL ME WHO DOESN'T HAVE SCARS ON THEIR LEGS AND THEIR KNEES WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN THROUGH ADVERSITY HERE THAT THE ROAD IS JUST PAVED THAT WE LIVE THAT YOU KNOW WONDERFUL LIFE I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY I'M NOT THAT PERSON I'M SURE THERE'S EVERYBODY HERE'S HAD CHALLENGES AND YOU WORK HARD AND YOU TRY TO GET ON TRACK AND YOU SACRIFICE TO GET TO WHERE YOU NEED TO GO IN LIFE BECAUSE I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE THAT FOR MY OWN CHILD I THINK OH IT GETS HANDED TO YOU BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU'RE JUST BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE NO I WANT MY CHILD TO LEARN AND BE EDUCATED AND WORK HARD AND AS I OFTEN TELL THEM IF YOU DON'T I'M GOING TO CASH IT ALL IN AND GIVE IT TO MY FAVORITE CHARITY BECAUSE AT LEAST I KNOW IT'S GOING TO A GOOD CAUSE AND I JUST THINK WE NEED TO EXPECT MORE OF OURSELVES AND WE NEED TO REQUIRE MORE OF OURSELVES TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND NOT THIS A DAY NO SECOND THIRD FIFTH CHANCE NO THERE THERE AIN'T YOU KNOW WE DON'T ALL HAVE NINE LIVES YOU DON'T GET TO KEEP REOFFENDING AND HARMING THIS COMMUNITY AND YOU KEEP GETTING REWARDED FOR IT I THINK WE NEED TO REQUIRE MORE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS COMMUNITY I THINK WE'D HAVE A BETTER COMMUNITY IF WE DID THAT'S NOT A BAD THING AND IT'S NOT SAYING OH MAN YOU MADE A MISTAKE YOU'RE SCARRED FOR LIFE NO YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW FROM ADVERSITY THAT'S HOW WE LEARN THAT'S HOW WE MAKE BETTER CHOICES IN OUR LIVES BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO REWARD BAD BEHAVIOR ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE THAT GET UP EVERY DAY AND WORK HARD ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT DO HARD LABOR YOU KNOW US FOR YOU KNOW WE'RE ALRIGHT WE'RE IN THE BUILDING WITH THE AIR CON WELL THERE'S A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE GET OUT THERE AND BUST THEIR YOU KNOW WHAT'S EVERY DAY TO MAKE IT BY SOME OF THEM HAVE SEVERAL JOBS YOU KNOW I HAVE A YOUNG MAN THAT WORKS AT A CLINIC THAT I GO TO AND I DID NOT KNOW HE ALSO HAD A SECOND JOB BECAUSE I ALSO WENT TO A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT AT ONE OF OUR FOOD COURTS AND THERE HE WAS AGAIN HI MA'AM YES YOU KNOW AFTER WORK I COME HERE AFTER I WORK AT THE CLINIC I COME HERE AND I WORK HERE I THOUGHT WOW THERE'S ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT I RUN INTO THAT YOU KNOW WE TALK ABOUT THEM THEY GOT TWO OR THREE JOBS TO MAKE IT BY THANK GOODNESS HE'S YOUNG AND HAS THE ENERGY CAN YOU IMAGINE YOU'RE 50 OR 60 YEARS OLD HAVING TO DO THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE THAT AGE THAT STILL GET UP AND GO TO WORK BECAUSE SOME OF THEM HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR GRANDCHILDREN BECAUSE THEIR OWN SONS AND DAUGHTERS THAT THEY RAISE THEY'RE NOT THERE TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY CHOSE A DIFFERENT PATH AND THEY'VE GOT THEIR PARENTS WHO ARE ELDERLY WHO ARE GETTING SICKLY AND UP IN THE YEARS AND THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ARE RAISING THEIR CHILDREN BECAUSE THE PARENT OR PARENTS FOR WHATEVER REASON HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO TAKE ON THAT RESPONSIBILITY THERE'S HONOR IN WORK WE CAN'T ALL MOVE FORWARD WHEN THERE'S ONLY A FEW PEOPLE CARRYING THE LOAD AND IT

DOESN'T MEAN OH YOU KNOW WE JUST WE CANCEL PEOPLE THAT YOU KNOW THEY WEREN'T PERFECT WHO'S PERFECT HERE WHO DIDN'T LEARN FROM THEIR LESSONS YOU KNOW WHO DIDN'T TOUCH THE STOVE AND GET BURNED SO WE HAVE TO FIND OUT NA/ ARE WE REALLY GOING TO BURN OURSELVES WE JUST HAD TO CHECK IT OUT AND SURE ENOUGH WHAT MOM AND DAD TOLD YOU THAT LOOK LOOK BUT WE SHOULDN'T GLAMORIZE IT EITHER AND ESPECIALLY WHEN OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO SUFFER FROM THESE BAD CHOICES IF IT IF YOU WANT TO MAKE BAD CHOICES FOR YOURSELF AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE IN YOUR OWN LITTLE ISOLATED WORLD THAT IS AFFECTED BY IT THEN SO BE IT HAVE AT IT BUT WHEN YOUR BAD CHOICES THAT YOU MAKE IN YOUR LIFE ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU THE PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE IN YOUR SOCIETY YEAH I THINK THE REST OF US HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THAT SOME PEOPLE WANT TO GLAMOR *EY LANA* I'M A THREE-TERM FIVE-TERM DRUG DEAL CONVICTED DRUG FELON WOW LOOK AT ME GOSH IF I SAID THAT I HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF SHAME BECAUSE I'M LIKE YEAH I MADE SOME REALLY BAD CHOICES AND I'M I'M OUT HERE ADVOCATING SO OTHERS DON'T BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD SAY OH NO PROBLEM TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SYSTEM ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE A GROWING NUMBER OF OUR OWN PEOPLE ON SOCIAL WELFARE INSTEAD OF LESS NUMBERS WHICH MEANS LESS PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE WHO CAN ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO COULD BE WORKING AND CONTRIBUTING ARE NOT WORKING ARE NOT OUT THERE WORKING AND EARNING A LIVING ESPECIALLY IF THEY'RE OUT THERE NOT WORKING AND THEY'RE ON DRUGS I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT YOU KNOW EVERYBODY'S CHECKING AND THE PROBATION OFFICER TO CHECKING MAKE SURE EVERYBODY'S NOT ON DRUGS BUT MY GOODNESS WE CAN'T EVEN GUARANTEE SUPERVISORS A BUS DRIVERS ARE CHECKING ON THEIR EMPLOYEES THAT ARE DRIVING OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN AROUND IT WE CAN'T EVEN GUARANTEE THAT EVEN THOUGH THAT'S THEIR JOB THEY'RE NOT THERE EVERY MORNING CHECKING THEIR BUS DRIVERS BECAUSE IF THERE WERE WE WOULDN'T HAVE THE RECENT INCIDENCES THAT WE'VE HAD WHERE BUS DRIVERS CAN'T EVEN PROPERLY OPERATE THE BUS BECAUSE THEY'RE OH MY GOODNESS THEY ARE SO HIGH THAT THEY CAN'T EVEN OPERATE THEIR BUS AND THEY'VE BEEN DRIVING OUR KIDS AROUND THAT'S HOW BAD IT IS PEOPLE BUT NO WE'LL WAIT UNTIL IT'S A MAJOR CATASTROPHE AND THEN OH MY GOODNESS WE'RE GOING TO RUSH IN HERE TO BE THE SAVIORS RIGHT WHEN WE GET THERE I THINK WE NEED TO WORK ON THE FOUNDATION AND THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH SAYING HEY YES WE MADE MISTAKES BUT YOU KNOW WHAT IF YOU WANT TO GO DOWN A GOOD ROAD THEN YES YOU SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE YOU NEED TO MAKE BETTER CHOICES BECAUSE OTHERWISE WHAT REINFORCEMENT IS THERE WHAT REINFORCEMENT IS THERE FOR THOSE IN OUR SOCIETY CONTINUE TO COMMIT CRIMES TIME AND TIME AGAIN THEY MAKE THAT THEIR CAREER AND THEIR CONTINUE TO HARM OUR COMMUNITY AND IT'S NOT OKAY I THINK WE NEED TO STAND UP HERE IN THIS FLOOR AND SAY YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S NOT OKAY AND WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY BUT YOU KNOW WHAT IF YOU KEEP SCREWING UP TIME AND TIME AGAIN WELL NO WE DON'T KEEP GIVING YOU OPPORTUNITIES BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE IT'S GOTTEN US WHERE WE ARE TODAY IN THIS SOCIETY ON THIS ISLAND WHERE WE DON'T LIVE FREELY WHERE WE DON'T FEEL SAFE WHERE WE CAN'T GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE WHAT A SHAME I THINK MY FAMILY DESERVES BUT I THINK ALL OUR FAMILIES DESERVE BETTER THAN WHAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET THAT IF THE IDEA IS HEY WHATEVER YOU KNOW THAT'S IT DON'T WORRY YOU FALL WE'RE RIGHT THERE AND WE'LL KEEP THEM BEING THERE TO CATCH YOU I THINK WE'VE SEEN TOO MUCH OF THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT MADAM SPEAKER SO WITH THAT YOU KNOW I THANK THE SPEAKER BUT I ALSO WANT TO DIG UP A POINT WITH THE SPONSORS NOW THAT THERE'S A COST HE HAS A CONCERN IT'S A FEDERAL PROGRAM LAST WEEK WHAT'S IT JUST LAST MONDAY SAME THING FARM SERVICES AGENCY FEDERAL PROGRAM THAT COVERS THESE TYPE OF DISASTERS OUR OWN PEOPLE WORK AT FSA BUT WE DON'T CARE TO REALLY GET INTO THAT RIGHT BECAUSE OH WE WANT TO HELP OUR PEOPLE REGARDLESS I THINK WE JUST NEED TO BE CONSISTENT IF WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A ROAD AT LEAST HAVE SOME CONSISTENCY WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER BUT WITH THAT I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT THANK YOU TO SENATOR FISHER FOR BRINGING IT FORTH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN SENATOR FISHER YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THIS DISCUSSION HAS BEEN BOTH ENLIGHTENING AND VERY VERY INTERESTING AND I APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO SPOKE ON THE AMENDMENT AND WILL SPEAK I SUPPOSE ON THE MAIN MOTION I WAS LISTENING TO SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED THERE WAS AN ISSUE ABOUT WHETHER THIS IS IN SOME SENSE THE AMENDMENT REDUNDANT BECAUSE IN UNDER THE PAROLE AND PROBATION SYSTEM RANDOM DRUG TESTING IS

ADMINISTERED AND THAT OF COURSE IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT BUT I WOULD A MIND OR REMIND RATHER THE PRINCIPAL SPONSOR OF THE BILL THAT THERE ARE TWO SPECIES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL QUALIFY FOR TANF AND SNAP BENEFITS AND IF YOU'D CARE IT'S ON PAGE SEVEN OF THE ORIGINAL BILL BEGINNING AT LINE THREE THE END OF IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED PROBATION PAROLE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS A RE-ENTRY COURT PROGRAM OR ANY OTHER POST-CONVICTION MONITORING PROGRAM THEN THEY CAN GET IN SO I HOPE IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED PROBATION OR IF YOU WERE INCARCERATED AND NOW HAVE COMPLETED YOUR TERM OF PAROLE YOU ARE NO LONGER SUBJECT TO TESTING OR REPORTING OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT YOU BEGIN JUST AS ANY OTHER CITIZEN WOULD EXCEPT FOR SOME DISABILITIES THAT WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY AND I THINK WHERE THE GENTLEMAN IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE REDUNDANCY ISSUE IS BEGINNING ON LINE SIX OF PAGE SEVEN AND IT SAYS THE INDIVIDUAL IS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLYING WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION PAROLE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ETC AND SO FORTH CERTAINLY UNDER THAT SECOND UH THAT SECOND SPECIES OF QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS THEY MAY BE SUBJECT TO DRUG TESTING SO SO I THINK THAT THE INDIVIDUAL THE PRINCIPAL SPONSOR IF HE REFLECTS ON HIS LANGUAGE THERE I THINK THAT HE IS PARTIALLY WRONG AND PARTIALLY RIGHT THIS NEVERTHELESS IT'S TO ME THIS IS A QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND I AND I SAY THAT WHEN I COMPLETELY APPRECIATE THE CHARITY WITH WHICH WITH WHICH WITH THE ORIGINAL BILL IS OFFERED THIS IS PROVIDING FOOD SECURITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO FOR WHATEVER REASON WHATEVER REASON MAY BE FACING MALNOURISHMENT AND HUNGER SO I DO UNDERSTAND THE CHARITABLE IMPULSE BUT AT THE SAME TIME I ALSO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS BEEN SAID REPEATEDLY THAT THERE MUST BE CONSEQUENCES TO AN ACTION ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES I THINK IT WAS SENATOR BLAS WAS POINTING OUT THAT YOU KNOW THE DISABILITY THAT FLOWS FROM YOUR FELONY CONVICTION IS NOT IN ANY WISE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMUNITY IT IS THE INDIVIDUAL HIMSELF WHO ELECTED TO COMMIT THE CRIME NEVERTHELESS WE HAVE NOT SHUT THE DOOR ON THIS INDIVIDUAL WE HAVE NOT EXCLUDED THEM OR OSTRACIZED THEM FROM THE COMMUNITY UNDER THIS BILL WE ARE ACTUALLY GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SNAP AND TANF BENEFITS BUT IN RETURN AND THIS IS NOT EGREGIOUS OR OVERBEARING OR OR YOU KNOW TOO MUCH OF A BURDEN ON AN INDIVIDUAL WE'RE SIMPLY ASKING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL REMAIN CLEAN DRUG FREE AND THAT IS A FAIR RETURN FOR INVITING THEM BACK INTO THIS PROGRAM IF THEY CHOOSE NOT TO STAY CLEAN THEN THAT IS AGAIN THEIR CHOICE NOT OURS WE ARE NOT HERE ALWAYS TO INSULATE AND PROTECT PEOPLE FROM THEIR OWN ACTIONS THIS BILL WHICH WAS OFFERED AND I BELIEVE THE AMENDMENT WHICH HAS BEEN OFFERED AS WELL TOGETHER THEY REQUIRE RESPONSIBILITY WE ARE ENTITLED TO PRESUPPOSE THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RECEIVING SNAP BENEFITS AND TANF REMAIN CLEAN THAT IS A FAIR ASSUMPTION ON THE COMMUNITY'S PART THAT THEY REMAIN CLEAN WE DON'T HAVE TO ANTICIPATE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO FAIL AND THEN WE HAVE TO RUSH IN AND FIX THE PROBLEM BEFORE IT ARRIVES ARISES BECAUSE THAT'S THEIR PROBLEM THEY'RE THE ONES WHO CHOSE NOT TO REMAIN CLEAN I'M AFRAID THAT THE BILL IN A SENSE HAS OPENED KIND OF A PHILOSOPHICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE I SENSE THAT THERE IS A LIKE I GUESS A MAJORITY FACTION HERE WHO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF RESPONSIBILITY THOSE AS MY COLLEAGUE MENTIONED WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY OR HAVE WORKED IN THIS TRADE SUCH AS IN THE COURTS OR IN THE VICE SPEAKER IN HER INSTANCE WORKED IN I GUESS WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE WE SEE THE MILL THAT HAS ARISEN IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM WHERE PEOPLE ARE JUST CHURNED IN AND CHURNED OUT ON THESE PROGRAMS WITH TENS BREATHTAKING I WAS IN A COURTROOM ONCE AND A PERSON HAD VIOLATED 30 TIMES IN THEIR OBLIGATION TO PROBATION YET THE JUDGE DID NOT PUT THAT PERSON IN JAIL THAT'S IT'S ALWAYS A HEAD SCRATCHER IT'S ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY IT IS NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK THAT WHEN SOMEBODY RECEIVES A BENEFIT LIKE THIS THAT THEY RENEW THEIR PROMISE TO THE REST OF US WHICH IS A STAY CLEAN THEY STOP FOMENTING THIS THIS CRIMINAL VIRUS ON THE ISLAND AND REPAY THE COMMUNITY BY STAYING CLEAN I DON'T I JUST YOU KNOW I I CAN APPRECIATE OTHER WELL I APPRECIATE THE GENTLEMAN'S CONCERN THAT IT WAS A LITTLE BIT REDUNDANT BUT IT'S NOT ENTIRELY REDUNDANT SO I JUST HOPE MY COLLEAGUES WILL SUPPORT IT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO ONE MINUTE ONE MINUTE MADAM SPEAKER WHAT ABOUT THE THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT I APPRECIATE THE BREAK THAT YOU GAVE ME THERE I LOOK AROUND THE CHAMBER AND I SEE THERE'S SIGNIFICANT ABSENCE IN THE CHAMBER TO WORK ON THIS IMPORTANT BILL AS WELL AS THIS AMENDMENT SO I WOULD ASK THE SPEAKER TO ISSUE A CALL OF THE HOUSE TO GET THESE INDIVIDUALS IN TO VOTE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ARE YOU MAKING A MOTION FOR THE CALL OF THE HOUSE.

**SENATOR FISHER:** I'M THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM MOTION TO CALL THE HOUSE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THE CALL OF THE HOUSE PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS.

**SENATOR FISHER:** OKAY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE HAVE AN AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION ON THE AMENDMENT THERE'S AN OBJECTION SO ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS AMENDMENT FAILS SO WE'RE BACK ON THE BILL AND SO IS THERE ANYONE WHO HASN'T YET SPOKEN ON THE BILL WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER GREAT DISCUSSION THIS MORNING ON THIS MEASURE WHICH I I DO SUPPORT I'M ALSO SUPPORTED THAT AMENDMENT I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO PASS THAT AND I'M SURE THAT THIS BILL IS GOING TO PASS AND I KNOW A LOT OF THE DISCUSSION HAS BEEN ABOUT UM WELL SOME OF THE DISCUSSION HAS BEEN ABOUT REWARDING THERE'S BEEN THIS TRAIN OF THOUGHT THAT BY ALLOWING CONVICTED FELONS TO AVAIL OF THE SNAP BENEFITS THAT WE'RE SOMEHOW REWARDING BAD BEHAVIOR AND LET ME JUST PREFACE WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY BY SAYING THAT THERE ARE ONLY A COUPLE THINGS THAT I HATE MORE THAN CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE I CANNOT STAND CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE AND WHAT IT'S DONE TO OUR ISLAND BUT I'M JUST NOT SURE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE REWARDING CONVICTED FELONS WHO CAN AVAIL OF SNAP BENEFITS BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY ENDURED THEIR PUNISHMENT FOR THE CRIME WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SENTENCES AND I'M JUST NOT SURE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DRUG DEALERS BECAUSE DRUG DEALERS ARE GETTING OFF THE DRUG DEALERS ARE GETTING OFF AND YOU KNOW WHO THE DRUG DEALERS ARE BY WHO REPRESENTS THEM IN COURT IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME FEW LAWYERS THAT REPRESENT THE DRUG DEALERS AND THEY GET OFF AND THE DRUG DEALERS ARE NOT APPLYING FOR SNAP BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT GETTING CONVICTED AND THEY'RE GETTING AWAY WITH IT AND I WANTED TO KIND OF PUT SOME A LITTLE PERSONAL TOUCH TO THIS AND TALKING ABOUT SOME OF THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS LIFETIME BAN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR LIFETIME BAN IF YOU'RE A CONVICTED FELON YOU CAN NEVER GET ON SNAP AND I KNOW ONE OF THE PREVIOUS MEN SPEAKERS HAD TALKED ABOUT BABY JOE TAIMANGLO AND HIS REPEATED RUN-INS WITH THE LAW AND I KNOW WE'RE ALL SCRATCHING OUR HEADS WONDERING HOW SOMEONE CAN CONTINUE TO COMMIT VIOLENT CRIMES THAT JEOPARDIZE OUR COMMUNITY BUT THEN TURN AROUND AND GET RELEASED BACK OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY TO COMMIT MORE CRIMES THAT'S ONE EXAMPLE OF A FAILURE AND I'LL JUST SAY IT BUT I KNOW ANOTHER FIGHTER ANOTHER FORMER MIXED MARTIAL ARTS FIGHTER WHO OVER 10 YEARS AGO WAS CONVICTED IT WAS A FELONY CONVICTION RELATED TO CRYSTAL METH AND I'LL JUST SAY THAT ON OUR ISLAND WHERE WE'RE VERY IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT BUT WE'RE VERY STRICT ON THE PUNISHMENT FOR METH ANY POSSESSION OF CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE IS A FELONY WHETHER YOU ARE THE MAN OR A LOW-LEVEL STREET USER THAT WERE ARRESTING OUT THERE ON THE STREETS AND SO THIS GENTLEMAN THAT I KNOW WAS CONVICTED AGAIN A FELONY CONVICTION OVER A DECADE AGO BUT IN THAT IN THAT 10 YEARS HE HAS COMPLETELY TURNED HIS LIFE AROUND HE'S A FATHER OF THREE CHILDREN WORKS VERY HARD IN IN THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY BUT BECAUSE THIS MAN AND I DON'T WANT TO SAY MADE A MISTAKE RIGHT BECAUSE IT IS A CHOICE I AGREE WITH SOME OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS BUT BECAUSE THIS MAN MADE A CHOICE AND CAUGHT THAT CONVICTION HE COULD NEVER GET ON THE SNAP BENEFITS AND IT'S A STRUGGLE WHEN WE HAVE THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE ADDICTED TO DRUGS WHO CATCH THAT CASE CATCH THAT CONVICTION AND A RELEASE BACK OUT IN A COMMUNITY WHERE YOU CAN GET CRYSTAL METH FOR AND I THINK IT WAS SENATOR BROWN WHO HAD TALKED ABOUT THE THE PRICE OF A FAST FOOD MEAL IT SEEMS LIKE NOWADAYS AND SO THINK ABOUT THE COMMUNITY THAT WE'RE SENDING THESE PEOPLE BACK OUT INTO SENDING THEM OUT INTO A COMMUNITY WHERE *MACHUCHUDA* I METH AND WE ALL KNOW IT THE MYTH IS EVERYWHERE IT'S CHEAPER THAN IT'S EVER BEEN AND SO WE SEND THESE PEOPLE OUT INTO THIS COMMUNITY AFTER THEY PAID THEIR DEBTS TO TO SOCIETY AND IT'S ALMOST LIKE WE SET THEM UP FOR FAILURE AND THIS MAN IS HIS FAMILY'S BREADWINNER PAID HIS DEBT TO SOCIETY WAS RELEASED BACK OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY WORKS VERY HARD IN THE RECOVERY WORLD BUT HAS TO WORK EVEN HARDER BECAUSE SOMEONE STANDING NEXT TO HIM WHO WASN'T CONVICTED OF OF A FELONY CAN'T WILL GET THOSE SNAP BENEFITS THAT HE CAN I ALSO KNOW OF A RECOVERY MOM THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL HIM RECOVERY MOMS AND THIS THIS LADY IS 70 YEARS OLD 70 YEAR OLD LADY AND SHE TOO WAS CONVICTED IT WAS A FELONY ABOUT 12 YEARS AGO BUT SHE HAS BECOME ONE OF THE PROMINENT LEADERS IN THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY BUT SHE CAN'T GET THE SNAP SHE'S ALREADY PAID HER DEBT TO SOCIETY AND I GET WHAT THE THE AMENDMENT WAS ABOUT AND THAT'S WHY I VOTED FOR IT BUT I

THINK A LOT OF THE ISSUES WITH THE CRYSTAL METH AND THE EPIDEMIC THAT WE'RE FACING AS AN ISLAND IS IT'S NOT NECESSARILY THE FAULT OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE WE ARREST THROUGH WHAT I LIKE TO CALL INCIDENTAL BYCATCH AND IF YOU'RE I KNOW SENATOR DUEÑAS IS A FISHERMAN INCIDENTAL BY CATCH IS WHEN YOU CAST A NET FOR ONE THING AND THEN YOU END UP CATCHING YOU KNOW SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY AND SO WHILE THESE POLICE OFFICERS ARE OUT HERE PATROLLING OUR STREETS THEY'LL PULL OVER SOMEWHERE WITH A BROKEN TAIL LIGHT AND THEY'LL FIND CRYSTAL METH WHETHER IT'S RESIDUE IN A PIPE OR BAGGIES OR WHATEVER RIGHT AND SO THESE THESE LOW-LEVEL ADDICTS WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM A DISEASE YES SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION TO ONE OF THE THE MOST DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO MAN IF YOU IF YOU LOOK UP TREATMENT FOR CRYSTAL METH FDA TREATMENTS THERE'S NO TREATMENT THAT'S WHY I FEEL LIKE IF YOU'RE CONVICTED YOU PAY YOUR DEBT TO SOCIETY I DON'T THINK WE'RE REWARDING PEOPLE I THINK WE'RE TRYING TO DO WHAT WE CAN AS A GOVERNMENT TO HELP THEM SUCCEED AGAINST TREMENDOUS ODDS WHERE SO MANY OF OUR PEOPLE FAIL AND IT'S HEARTBREAKING TO SEE THESE STORIES LIKE THE BABY JOE TAIMANGLO'S BUT THERE ARE OTHER STORIES OF OTHER PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T END UP LIKE THAT WHO MADE IT OUT ALIVE WHO MADE A CONSCIOUS COMMITMENT BECAUSE OF WHERE THEY'VE BEEN TO HELP OTHERS OUT OF THE MESS THEY'RE IN AND SO I'M HESITANT TO BLAME THESE LOW-LEVEL DRUG ADDICTS FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE SEE OUT HERE IN THE COMMUNITY NOW GRANTED IF YOU'RE ADDICTED TO DRUGS THAT'S ONE THING BUT WHEN YOU'RE SO *KINENI* ANY THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO JEOPARDIZE AND ENDANGER OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH VIOLENT MEANS THROUGH THEFT AND I AGREE YOU SHOULD BE PUNISHED DEFINITELY YOU SHOULD BE PUNISHED BUT THE PROBLEM IS NOT NECESSARILY THE LOW LEVEL ADDICT ON THE STREET THE PROBLEM IS LIKE ONE OF OUR PREVIOUS SPEAKERS SAID THAT ALLEGED DRUG DEALERS ON THIS ISLAND RUB ELBOWS WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THAT'S THE PROBLEM IS OUTSIDE OF THE LIMITED TREATMENT OPTIONS THAT WE HAVE AND I WANT TO SHOUT OUT TO EVERYBODY WHO WORKS IN TREATMENT AND RECOVERY FACING OFTEN WHAT SEEMS LIKE INSURMOUNTABLE ODDS BUT THEY GET UP EVERY DAY AND THEY TRY AND DO GOOD THE GOOD WORK BUT WHEN YOU HAVE ALLEGED DRUG DEALERS THROWING CONCERTS OPENING RESTAURANTS STARTING BUSINESSES THAT GET GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AFTER GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AFTER GOVERNMENT CONTRACT THAT'S THE PROBLEM AS WE ARE LETTING THE DRUG DEALERS SLIDE AND WHEN WE TRY AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT OH WE CAN'T DO ANOTHER *MANDAÑA* BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH OFFICERS SO LET'S FOCUS ON TREATMENT WE'RE SIMPLY NOT DOING ENOUGH TO BUST AND TAKE DOWN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE POISONING OUR COMMUNITY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING METH SO READILY AVAILABLE OUT HERE ON THE ISLAND AND GOD KNOWS OUR PEOPLE ARE ALREADY ON ANY GIVEN DAY WAKING UP AT A AT A DEFICIT WAKING UP STRUGGLING WITH ISSUES THAT MANY TIMES LEAD PEOPLE TO TURN TO ADDICTION AND OUR PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEY'RE LOSING BECAUSE ALL TOO OFTEN IT SEEMS LIKE THESE DRUG DEALERS AGAIN WHO WE SEEM TO BE CELEBRATING ON OUR ISLAND ARE GETTING AWAY WITH IT BECAUSE THEY'RE GOOD THEY'RE GOOD WITH PEOPLE AT *ADELUP* THEY'RE GOOD WITH PEOPLE AT THE COURT THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY AND WE ALL KNOW IT AND WE ALL SEE IT YET WE COME IN HERE AND WE TALK ABOUT PUNISHING THE AVERAGE JOE CRUZ WITH A BUSTED TAILLIGHT WHO'S CLEARLY STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION BUT IS IS NOT FLOODING OUR STREETS WITH THE SUBSTANCE THAT HE'S ADDICTED TO I THINK WE AS A BODY CAN CAN DEFINITELY TRY AND DO MORE AND WORK HARDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE THESE DRUG DEALERS WHO ARE REALLY GOOD FRIENDS WITH SOME OF THE HIGHEST ELECTED OFFICIALS ON THIS ISLAND WHO GET AWAY WITH IT WE CAN DO MORE TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE PUNISHED BECAUSE IF WE DON'T THEN WE'RE JUST SETTING OUR PEOPLE UP TO FAIL WE ARE THEY'RE GETTING ARRESTED THEY'RE SERVING THEIR TIME AND IF THEY THEY MAKE IT OUT OF DOC WHERE SOME PEOPLE SAY IT'S EASIER TO GET METH THAN IT IS OUT HERE ON THE STREET THEY MAKE IT OUT OF DOC THEY COME OUT HERE ON THE STREET AND THEN THEY'VE GOT TO DEAL WITH EVERYBODY THAT THEY USED TO RUN WITH THAT TEMPTATION AND MAYBE BECAUSE THEY DON'T GET THE SNAP BENEFITS MAYBE BECAUSE THEY ARE NEVER GOING TO GET THE SNAP BENEFITS FOR AS LONG AS THEY LIVE IT DOESN'T JUST AFFECT THEM IT AFFECTS THEIR KIDS IT AFFECTS THEIR THEIR HOUSES IT AFFECTS THE GENERATIONS OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE UNDER THAT ROOF AND SO I DON'T THINK ANYONE IS TRYING TO REWARD ANYBODY HERE FOR BAD BEHAVIOR I THINK THAT IN THIS SITUATION BECAUSE OF CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE AND HOW HARD IT IS TO BEAT NOT JUST AS A INDIVIDUAL BUT AS A COMMUNITY THAT WE NEED TO TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN YOU SERVE YOUR TIME AND YOU COME OUT AND YOU'RE CARRYING THAT CONVICTION THAT WE GIVE YOU A REASON TO NOT TURN BACK TO THAT LIFE BECAUSE IF YOU CAN'T GET SNAP AND YOU'RE OUT HERE TRYING TO GET A JOB AND AND YOU'VE GOT THAT ON YOUR RECORD AND IT'S HARD SNAP HELPS PEOPLE GET JOBS AFTER THEY HAVE A FELONY CONVICTION BUT IF THEY CAN'T GET IT HOW ARE THEY GOING TO FEED THEIR FAMILY THEY'RE GOING TO TURN RIGHT BACK TO CRIME RIGHT THEY'RE GOING

TO BE RIPPING THE COPPER OUT OF THE GENERATOR DOING WHATEVER THEY CAN TO MAKE ENDS MEET AND PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE AND SO I STAND IN THE SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I THINK THAT IT'S JUST ONE ONE THING THAT WE CAN DO TO HELP STEM THE TIDE AND THERE ARE MANY OTHER THINGS THAT I THINK WE CAN DO THAT ESPECIALLY TO HIT HARDER AND TO MAKE THESE DRUG DEALERS UNCOMFORTABLE AND I THINK THAT THIS BODY HAS DONE GREAT THINGS AND I SEE MEASURES LIKE THAT COMING AND SO I WOULD JUST ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AS I AM AND THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO HASN'T SPOKEN ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER WHEN I THINK ABOUT THIS BILL I THINK OF TWO WAYS YOU COULD LOOK AT IT WITH YOUR MIND AND WITH YOUR HEART WHEN I LOOK AT WHAT MY MIND TELLS ME IT TELLS ME THAT THIS BILL THIS THIS ADDITION TO THIS PROGRAM IT WILL COST US NOTHING IT ADDS MORE FEDERAL DOLLARS TO GUAM AT NO COST TO US NOBODY GETS PUSHED OUT SOMEONE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE AVAIL THIS PROGRAM IS NOT GOING TO BE PUSHED OUT BECAUSE SOMEBODY ELSE TOOK THEIR SPOT THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS EVERYBODY GETS HEALTH CARE THIS WILL HELP PREVENT THE CRIME WE ARE AFRAID OF BY SOLVING THE PRACTICAL PROBLEM BECAUSE IF WE DON'T HELP THESE PEOPLE FIND FOOD THEN THEY WILL HELP THEMSELVES TO FIND FOOD THEY WILL HELP THEMSELVES TO OUR BUSH CUTTERS TO OUR COPPER WIRE AND GENERATORS TO OUR SCHOOLS DURING TYPHOONS SO EVEN AMONG THE MOST CYNICAL OF PEOPLE THEY CAN SEE THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO DO THIS THE QUESTION BEFORE THIS BODY REALLY IS DO WE WANT MORE MONEY AT NO COST TO US TO HELP OUR PEOPLE OF GUAM AND IF I'M ANSWERING WITH MY MIND THAT ANSWER IS YES BUT THEN I CONSIDER THE ARGUMENTS OF THE HEART ADDICTION WE'VE ALL BEEN THROUGH THE DISASTER THAT IS THIS TYPHOON SO CONSIDER THOSE WITH ADDICTION THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND THOSE CLOSEST TO THEM HAVE TO WATCH THAT DISASTER HAPPEN IN SLOW MOTION DAY AFTER DAY AND RECOVERY STARTS WITH COMMUNITY AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT BINDS COMMUNITY TOGETHER IS FOOD AND DRINK SINCE BEFORE HISTORY WE HAVE BEEN IN COMMUNION WITH EACH OTHER BREAKING BREAD AND SUPPORTING EACH OTHER RECOVERY STARTS WITH FOOD AND THAT IS THE GLUE THAT HOLDS SOCIETIES TOGETHER IT IS THE FIRST STEP FOR THESE PEOPLE TO COME BACK AND WE SHOULD NOT BE DENYING THEM FOOD THIS MODERN AGE WE LIVE IN IS HARD ENOUGH THERE ARE PLENTY OF WAYS TO INFLICT PUNISHMENT ON PEOPLE INCLUDE MORE HARDSHIPS ON THEM SO THAT THEY REALLY FEEL THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTION BUT IT SHOULDN'T BE DONE WITH FOOD THIS IS AMERICA AND IN AMERICA ONCE YOU'VE PAID YOUR DEBT TO SOCIETY YOU GET TO HAVE A CLEAN SLATE AND PART OF THAT IS AVAILING YOURSELF WITH THESE PROGRAMS TO HELP YOURSELF GOD ON YOUR FEET BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THIS IS GUAM WE DO NOT LET PEOPLE ON GUAMS GO HUNGRY OR STARVE THAT IS NOT WHO WE ARE OFTEN THE SMART THING TO DO AND THE RIGHT THING TO DO ARE SOMETIMES IN CONFLICT BUT TODAY THEY ARE NOT TODAY THE SMART THING TO DO IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO AS A CATHOLIC I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS AND THE POWER OF SECOND CHANCES AND HELPING OUR NEIGHBOR AND HELPING THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING IN THIS LIFE BECAUSE IN ALL OUR LIVES WE WILL STRUGGLE AND WE WILL NEED A HAND UP AND SO IT BEHOVES US TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS AND BE GOOD CITIZENS AND A GOOD COMMUNITY TO EACH OTHER FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO DRINK I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU INVITED ME IN I NEEDED CLOTHES AND YOU CLOTHED ME I WAS SICK AND YOU LOOKED AFTER ME I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO VISIT ME THEN THE RIGHTEOUS WILL ANSWER HIM LORD WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY AND FEED YOU OR THIRSTY AND GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK WHEN DID WE SEE YOU A STRANGER AND INVITE YOU IN OF NEEDING CLOTHING AND CLOTHE WHEN DID WE SEE YOU SICK OR IN PRISON AND GO TO VISIT YOU THE LORD WILL REPLY TRULY I TELL YOU WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE YOU DID FOR ME SO I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL AND I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND IT SO THAT SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNES AND SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN BE ADDED ON AS CO-SPONSORS AT THE REQUEST AND I BELIEVE SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON REQUESTED AS WELL AND AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO RECESS TILL TWO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** LET'S FIRST TAKE THE MOTION FOR THE ADDITION OF SPONSORS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES AMENDMENT PASSES AND NOW ON YOU HAVE ANOTHER MOTION I CAN'T PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU HAVE AN OBJECTION ALL RIGHT WE'RE BACK ON THE MOTION TO ADD SPONSORS IS THERE AN OBJECTION THAT'S WHAT I JUST CALLED NO OBJECTION TO SPONSORS MOTION PASSES AMENDMENT CARRIES YOU HAVE ANOTHER MOTION.



**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YES I'D LIKE TO MOTION TO RECESS MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S AN OBJECTION TO THE MOTION TO RECESS ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND THERE'S A MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PACE BILL NUMBER 20-37 COR LS AS AMENDED ONTO THE THIRD READING FILE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 20-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING FILE THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND THIS IS A MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL AS AMENDED ONTO THE THIRD READING ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS THANK YOU SENATOR WE'RE NOW IN RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

### **RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS CLERKS CAN YOU PLEASE DETERMINE WHETHER WE HAVE A QUORUM

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE MADAM SPEAKER THERE IS NO QUORUM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S NO QUORUM SO WE WILL STAND IN RECESS AND FOR ABOUT 10 MORE MINUTES AND WE'LL CHECK AGAIN WHETHER WE HAVE COURT RECESS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS COLLEAGUES WERE ON SECOND READING WE ARE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 36-37 COR MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 36-37 COR TO THE BOTTOM OF THE FILE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WHEN ARE ON BILL NUMBER 42-37 SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED A PLACE BILL OF 42-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS ON THE THIRD READING FILE I'D ALSO LIKE TO DISCUSS THE MEASURE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER IT'S A VERY SIMPLE MEASURE THAT I WOULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT AND IT'S ONE OF THOSE MEASURES THAT I WAS SURPRISED WE DIDN'T ALREADY HAVE IN A PLACE SIMPLY THIS BILL WOULD REQUIRE THE AVAILABILITY OF AEDS OR AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS ON ALL SCHOOL CAMPUSES OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION BY JUNE 30TH OF NEXT YEAR AND THE BILL WAS A SPURRED INSPIRED BY A NATIONAL INCIDENT I DON'T KNOW IF WE HAVE ANY BUFFALO BILLS FANS IN HERE BUT THERE'S AN INCIDENT WITH THE BUFFALO BILL SAFETY DAMAR HAMLIN WHO SCARED ME BLESS YOU BLESS YOU SENATOR SHELTON AMEN ANYWAY DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF THE AEDS THIS HE WAS ABLE TO TO LIVE AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT IT'S ABOUT THE THE MEASURE SAW OVERWHELMING SUPPORT DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND AGAIN IT'S JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS YOU KNOW THE GYM I GO TO AND EVEN A LOT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES THAT YOU YOU KIND OF GO INTO TO DO ERRANDS OR PAY BILLS YOU'LL SEE THESE AEDS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN THE EVENT OF ANY KIND OF EMERGENCY AND SO AGAIN WHEN I LOOKED AT WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS REQUIRED IN OUR IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS I WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THAT IT WAS NOT AND NOW I'M HERE TO OFFER THIS BILL THAT AGAIN I I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES I WILL FIND IT IN IN THEIR HEARTS TO SUPPORT MADAM SPEAKER THAT THERE'S REALLY

NOT MUCH ELSE TO SAY LIKE I SAID IT'S A VERY SIMPLE MEASURE AND I AM AGAIN ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN BOTH SUPPORTIVE BILL 42-37 I WAS THERE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING I DID HAVE SOME CONCERNS THOUGH YOU KNOW OF COURSE THE COST OF THESE OF THESE DEFIBRILLATORS TO TO THE SCHOOLS OR HOW MANY IT'S GOING TO YOU KNOW AFFECT ON DOE AND THEN I WAS TOLD THAT AND IF IF I CAN MADAM SPEAKER WOULD LIKE TO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION TO CONFIRM THAT THESE DEFIBRILLATORS THE COST PER SCHOOL FOR THESE TO DEFIBRILLATORS AND DOES DOE HAVE THOSE THAT FUNDING FOR IT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MA'AM I WILL UNFORTUNATELY WE DON'T HAVE AN EXACT FIGURE AS TO HOW MUCH THESE AEDS WILL COST I KNOW THAT THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS DOING THE MATH ON THAT AND YOU KNOW WE DON'T LINE ITEM FUN FOR TYLENOL OR OTHER THINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO RUN A SCHOOL AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE MANDATING THE PLACEMENT OF THESE AEDS AND YOU KNOW WHEN DOE DOES THE MATH AND THEY COME BACK WITH A FIGURE WE'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING BUT THAT BEING SAID THEY DO HAVE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE TO THEM AND SO I HOPE THAT SATISFIES THE ANSWER THE QUESTION MA'AM.

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

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU TO THE GOOD AUTHOR FOR ANSWERING MY QUESTION GREATLY APPRECIATED I THINK IT WAS AROUND 800 PER PER UNIT FOR EACH DEFIBRILLATOR AND AND IT'S DEFINITELY NEEDED BUT ONE OF THE OTHER QUESTIONS THAT I BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR ARE DURING PUBLIC HEARING WAS THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW WONDERING IF WE ACTUALLY HAD ONE ON GUAM I ASKED A COUPLE PEOPLE WHO WERE WELL VERSED ON THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND THEY THEY REALLY COULDN'T ANSWER ME SO DID SOME RESEARCH AND FOUND OUT THAT THERE IS A GOOD SAMARITAN LAW AND THE REASON WHY THIS YOU KNOW I THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT IS THAT YOU HAVE TEACHERS WHO ARE WORKING THERE AND AND AT THESE SCHOOLS ALONG WITH THE OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOLS AND SOME OF THEM ARE KIND OF HESITANT TO EVEN TOUCH ANYBODY WHO'S IN TROUBLE BECAUSE THEY MIGHT GET SUED SO I JUST WANTED TO YOU KNOW CLARIFY THERE IS A GOOD SAMARITAN LAW IN PLACE IN FACT IT'S GUAM CODE ANNOTATED CHAPTER 20 SECTION 2 2104 PERSONS RUNNING EMERGENCY ASSISTANT EXEMPT FROM CIVIL LIABILITY IT SAYS ANY PERSON WHO RENDERS EMERGENCY CARE ASSISTANCE WITHOUT COMPENSATION AT THE PLACE OF AN EMERGENCY OR ACCIDENT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY CIVIL DAMAGES RESULTING AS AN ACT OR ADMISSIONS EXCEPT FOR SUCH DAMAGES AS MAY RESULT FROM GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR MISDEMEANORS SO I WAS REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT AND AND I'M GLAD TO KNOW THAT WE DO HAVE THIS ON THE ON THE BOOKS SO THAT TEACHERS WON'T HESITATE TO GRAB THAT DEFIBRILLATOR THE EMPLOYEES AT DOE WILL NOT HESITATE TO GRAB THE MACHINE TO HELP SOMEBODY WHO'S IN DIRE NEED SO YOU KNOW I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND GREATLY APPRECIATED THE THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL INCLUDE ME AS A CO-SPONSOR THANK YOU.

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

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE SPONSOR AND I RISE TO ASK HIM THAT QUESTION THE QUESTION BEING THE FOLLOWING SECTION THREE REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION GDOE HAS TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION TO FUND THIS NO LATER THAN JUNE 30TH OF 2023 MIGHT I SUGGEST THAT WE GIVE GDOE A LITTLE MORE LEAD TIME AND PERHAPS THE SPONSOR WOULD CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO BRING THAT OUT TO SAY JULY 30TH 2023 AND I I DON'T KNOW IF HE WILL YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES I WILL MA'AM AND I THANK THE GOOD SENATOR FROM IPAN FOR THE QUESTION I HATE TO SAY THAT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE A TYPO THAT MAY MAY HAVE SHOULD HAVE READ JUNE 30TH 2024

YEAH I BELIEVE BECAUSE AND AND TO REFERENCE THE SENATOR TAITAGUE HAD ASKED AND I SLIPPED MY MIND IT'S ACTUALLY IN THE BILL HERE ON A PAGE THREE SECTION C GDOE SHALL ANNUALLY REQUEST FROM THE LEGISLATIVE TRADITIONAL FUNDING OR AMENDMENTS OF THE LAW AND THE REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION SO I'D BE OPEN TO AN AMENDMENT OR MAYBE I CAN COOK ONE UP SENATOR FISHER IF YOU DON'T MIND.

**SENATOR FISHER:** IF YOU'D LIKE TO MADAM SPEAKER IF THE SPONSOR WOULD LIKE TO AMEND IT HERE ON THE FLOOR THAT'D BE FINE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** HE WILL HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY WHEN HE CLOSES ON THE BILL YOU YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AS WELL I DON'T I DON'T KNOW IF THE SPONSOR WAS AWARE THAT WE HAD A BUDGET HEARING ON THE DEPARTMENT GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT AND I ASKED THEM ABOUT THIS BILL AND THEY WERE FULLY IN SUPPORT OF IT THEY SAID THEY DEFINITELY WANTED TO SEE THIS GO THROUGH AND THEY ALSO REMINDED ME THAT THE DEFIBRILLATORS THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT USES ARE NOT THE SAME KIND OF DEFIBRILLATOR THAT ARE FOUND IN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS THE ONES THAT ARE FOUND IN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS ARE EASY TO BE TRAINED ON VERY EASY TO BE TRAINED ON AND THEY'RE ALSO EASY TO USE SO I COMMEND THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL AND I DO SUPPORT IT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL ANYONE ELSE ON THE BILL SENATOR SHELTON.

**NOTE SENATOR SHELTON PRESIDES**

**SENATOR SHELTON:** SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL A SIMILAR PROVISION HAS BEEN IN GUAM LAW FOR A WHILE AUTHORIZING THE SETUP OF THESE DEVICES AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATION DEVICES SINCE 2000 AND BUT I I DON'T THINK THAT MANY PUBLIC BUILDINGS HAVE ACTUALLY PUT THEM IN SO BY THIS BILL WE ARE MANDATING THAT DOE SHALL DO THAT AS A REQUIREMENT OF ADEQUATE EDUCATION IT LOOKS LIKE AND SO I SUPPORT THAT AND I THINK IT'S CONSISTENT WITH ONE OF THE LAWS THAT WE PASSED LAST TERM TO HAVE LICENSED PARAMEDICS ALSO ON GUAM SO WE EXPANDED OUR EMS CAPABILITIES SO THAT WE HAVE LICENSED PARAMEDICS AND WE HAVE THIS CONTINUUM OF CARE FROM SITE OF INCIDENT RESPONDERS ALL THE WAY TO THE HOSPITAL'S ER AND SO THE TESTIMONY AT THE HEARING WAS THAT THE TYPES OF DEFIBRILLATORS THEY'RE THINKING TO PUT INTO DOE ARE GOING TO BE USED BY IT LOOKS LIKE ANYONE THAT ACCORDING TO DOE IS SUPPOSED TO GIVE US RULES AND REGS AND THEY WILL DETERMINE WHO GETS TO USE IT OR WHO WILL BE TRAINED IN IT BUT ACCORDING TO THE TESTIMONY BY THEIR NURSE THAT THEY ARE ABLE THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO TRAIN THE LAY PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOL'S I TOO SHARE THE CONCERN OF ONE OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS MY COLLEAGUE FROM TAMUNING THAT YOU KNOW WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THESE WITHOUT LIABILITY SO OF COURSE THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS ACT LIMITS LIABILITIES IN SCHOOL SCHOOL'S ACTIONS OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION'S ACTIONS BUT BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE ON THE CAMPUS PARENTS' THESE ARE INTENDED ACCORDING TO THE BILL TO BE USED DURING EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SPORTS EVENTS AND AND ANY TIME AND BE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME THAT THE SCHOOL CAMPUS IS BEING USED SO I I WOULD LIKE TO JUST ADD AND MEANT TO BE LIKE REITERATE WHAT'S VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT MY PREVIOUS COLLEAGUE REFERRED TO AS THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW BUT THIS IS THE LAW THAT'S PLACED INTO OUR AUTUMN PUBLIC ACCESS TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATION ACT OF 2000. SO THIS PROVISION FOR TORT IMMUNITY WAS PROVIDED IN THAT ACT IF WE PUT THIS INTO ANY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS I'M JUST MAKING AN AMENDMENT TO REPEAT IT AGAIN HERE IN PARTICULAR FOR THESE AEDS THAT ARE BEING PUT INTO THE SCHOOLS IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY FOR THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN USING THESE IN A GOOD FAITH SO THAT MY AMENDMENT'S BEEN PASSED OUT IS TO ADD A NEW SECTION 7117.1.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THANK YOU SPEAKER ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND YOU KNOW I THINK THE THE GOOD AUTHOR THIS AMENDMENT WHO WAS ALSO HAD THAT SAME CONCERNS I DID ON THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW BUT YOU KNOW AS I RE I WAS READING THIS I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE ADDING MORE TO IT OR MAKE IT MORE RESTRICTIVE WHEN THE LAW THAT'S ALREADY ON THE BOOKS RIGHT NOW IS LESS RESTRICTIVE I MEAN IT'S IT'S JUST ONE PARAGRAPH THAT SIMPLY SAYS ANY PERSON WHO RENDERS EMERGENCY CARE ASSISTANCE WITHOUT COMPENSATION AT THE PLACE OF AN EMERGENCY OR ACCIDENT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY CIVIL DAMAGE RESULTING AS AN ACT OR A MISSION EXCEPT FOR SUCH DAMAGES AS MAY RESULT FROM GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WANTING OMISSIONS I MEAN THAT THAT COVERS EVERYTHING YOU KNOW BUT NOW NOW WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IS WE'RE PROBABLY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL WORDING THAT THAT MAY JUST YOU KNOW BE UNNECESSARY TO DO SOMETIMES LAWS THAT THAT ARE PASSED AND AND WHEN SOMEONE IS TRYING TO READ AND COMPREHEND THE LAW THEY THEY FIND ANOTHER LAW IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND IT DOESN'T JIVE WITH EACH OTHER YOU KNOW AND THEN NOW IT COMES INTO QUESTION I DO BELIEVE THAT THIS PARTICULAR AMENDMENT WILL NOT REALLY PROVIDE TOO MUCH OF A YOU KNOW DEBATE BACK AND FORTH OR WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU MEAN I MEAN YOU'RE STICKING STRICTLY TO THE DEFIBRILLATORS NOTHING HERE IN THE AMENDMENT TAKES AWAY FROM THE CURRENT LAW IN THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED CHAPTER 20 SECTION 2104 I JUST WOULD LIKE THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT YOU KNOW ANSWER THE QUESTION WHETHER THIS IS REALLY STARTING TO BE MORE RESTRICTIVE AND INSTEAD OF BROADER LIKE THE CURRENT LAW THAT'S ON THE BOOKS RIGHT NOW OR IS THE INTENTION JUST TO DISCUSS THE DEFIBRILLATOR.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SURE AND THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION NOT MEANING TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW NORMALLY THESE GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS I DON'T HAVE THAT PROVISION IN FRONT OF ME THAT SHE'S REFERRING TO BUT NORMALLY GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS APPLY TO PHYSICIANS WHO ARE ALSO ACTING IN THEIR CAPACITY BEING BEING AT A CERTAIN PLACE OR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS BUT WHEN THEY PASSED THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATION ACT ALLOWING THESE TO BE PUT INTO PUBLIC FACILITIES THAT THEY SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED THAT IMMUNITY WOULD BE GRANTED TO NON-MEDICAL PERSONNEL THE PERSON WHO PROVIDES THE CPR AND THE AED TRAINING SO EVEN THE TRAINERS AND ALSO THE PERSON OR ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SITE WHERE THE AED IS LOCATED SO EVEN THE PRINCIPLES FOR EXAMPLE OR THIS ATHLETIC DIRECTORS THAT'S IN SECTION SUBSECTION B OF MY PROPOSED AMENDMENT I THINK THAT'S WHAT DISTINGUISHES IT IS IT EXTENDS BEYOND JUST THE PERSON USING IT BECAUSE SOMETIMES IN LAWSUITS THEY WANT TO BRING IN OTHER PEOPLE WHERE THEY CAN FIND THE MONEY AND SO IT EXTENDS TO THE TRAINING AND TO THE THE SITE THAT HAS THE DEFIBRILLATOR IN IT I HOPE THAT ANSWERS THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** DOES THAT SATISFY YOUR QUESTION SENATOR TAITAGUE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU TO THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT FOR ANSWERING MY QUESTION AND YOU KNOW AS I MENTIONED IT'S THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED CHAPTER 20 SECTION 2 2104 AND AND EVEN IN THAT SECTION ON THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW IT DOESN'T YOU KNOW TALK ABOUT CERTAIN PROFESSIONALISM YOU KNOW DOCTORS OR NURSES OR FIREFIGHTERS OR ANYBODY LIKE THAT IT'S PRETTY BROAD BUT YOU KNOW AS LONG AS THERE'S NO CONFUSION BETWEEN THE TWO LAWS BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TWO TWO EXAMPLES OF YOU KNOW TOWARD IMMUNITY ON THE BOOKS BUT AND I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO JUST GET SOME ANSWERS AND TO ENSURE THAT THIS WILL NOT CONTRADICT EACH OTHER AS WE DISCUSS THE LAW FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD FOR ANY OTHER REASON SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THANK YOU ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE TERLAJE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NO OBJECTIONS HEARING NO OBJECTIONS OF AMENDMENT PASSES SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU ARE STILL RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY ONE MORE TIME THE EARLIER DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DATES SO THE BILL ACCORDING TO SUBSECTION B SAYS THAT THIS ACCESS TO THE DEFIBRILLATORS ON CAMPUSES SHALL BE MADE OR COMPLETED BY DOE BY JUNE 30 2024 WHICH IS ABOUT A YEAR FROM NOW SO PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF NEXT SCHOOL YEAR THESE SHOULD BE IN PLACE WE TALKED ABOUT THE COSTS AND I GUESS SINCE THEY HAVE A YEAR TO INSTALL THESE THIS UPCOMING BUDGET MIGHT BE ABLE TO COVER THIS BUT BUT ON SECTION 3 OF THE BILL IF THE SPONSOR WOULD YIELD IT SAYS THAT THEY

WILL SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION NO LATER GEN JUNE 30 2023 WHICH IS IN A FEW DAYS WE HAVE A FISCAL NOTE THAT TALKS ABOUT THE COST ACCORDING TO THE FISCAL NOTE THEY GOT THIS COSTS FROM DOE AND IT JUST LAYS OUT WHAT SOMEBODY ESTIMATED THE COST TO BE I DON'T THINK ANY PROCUREMENT HAS ACTUALLY TAKEN PLACE FOR REAL SO I JUST WANT TO KNOW IF IF AND THEN IT SAYS THAT DOE IS GOING TO ANNUALLY REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDING OR AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW AND I WANT TO KNOW IF THAT'S NECESSARY OR IF THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO COVER THIS FROM THEIR EXISTING BUDGETS IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TOTAL IF THAT'S CORRECT IF THE SPONSOR WILL YIELD.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** OKAY SENATOR BARNETT DO YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** COULD THE SPEAKER RESTATE THE QUESTION PLEASE I'M SORRY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SO THE MANDATE IS THAT THESE BE INSTALLED BY JUNE 30 2024 WHICH IS SO A YEAR FROM NOW NO PROBLEM BUT THAT THEY MUST SUBMIT THEIR REQUEST NO LATER THAN JUNE 30 WHICH IS JUST IN A COUPLE DAYS 2023 AND THEN IT SAYS THAT THEY SUBMITTED REQUESTS UP ANNUALLY FOR THIS AND I'M JUST WONDERING IF IT'S ANTICIPATED THEY WOULD JUST BE ABLE TO FIT THIS INTO THEIR REGULAR BUDGET OR IF THIS IS SOME EXTRAORDINARY COST ITEM THAT NEEDS TO BE LINE ITEMED IN THE BUDGETS.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THAT QUESTION I I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT COMING I JUST WANT TO STRIKE OUT THE AFTER THE WORD ACT IN SECTION THREE I WOULD JUST STRIKE OUT NO LATER THAN JUNE 30TH 2023 AND YOU'RE RIGHT I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY WOULD ANNUALLY REQUEST FUNDING FROM US FOR THINGS THAT THEY'VE ALREADY RECEIVED AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT'S A COST SO ENORMOUS THAT ED WARRANTS EXTRA FUNDING I I BELIEVE THEY CAN COVER IT WITHIN THEIR BUDGET MA'AM I HOPE THAT SATISFIES THE ASK HER THE QUESTION THANK YOU THANK YOU SPEAKER THANK YOU NO FURTHER QUESTIONS AND I SUPPORT THE BILL THANK YOU THANK YOU SPEAKER ON THE BILL ON THE BILL IF THERE'S NO ONE ELSE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL MA'AM CAN ASK FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS WHILE THEY PASS OUT THE AMENDMENT UNLESS IT'S ALREADY BEING PASSED OUT ALL RIGHT IT'S BEING PASSED OUT RIGHT NOW OKAY THANK YOU YEAH AGAIN REALLY NOT MUCH TO SAY IT'S A VERY SIMPLE BILL THAT I I THINK I ACTUALLY COULD SAVE LIVES AND SO WE'RE JUST ASK AGAIN FOR MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT WE'RE PASSING ON AN AMENDMENT NOW AND THAT WOULD AMEND SECTION THREE OF THE BILL AND IT WOULD STRIKE ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE THE LAST SIX WORDS OF LINE 14 AND SO IT WOULD READ THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION SHALL SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION TO HILES TO FUND SECTION TWO OF THIS ACT PERIOD THANK YOU AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AND AGAIN I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE HELP US PASS THIS MEASURE ALL RIGHT SO.

**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT SO ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT LINE 16 PAGE THREE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION OR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK SENATOR FISHER ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MA'AM IF I COULD ASK THE SPONSOR A QUESTION ABOUT THE AMENDMENT YEAH.

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

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU IN THE EVENT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DOESN'T DO IT WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IN YOUR IN THE SPONSOR'S OPINION ON THE BILL AS A WHOLE

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** TO SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION

**SENATOR FISHER:** CAN WE SAY DO IT I MEAN SUBMIT A COST

**SENATOR BARNETT:** CAN YOU ASK THE SPEAKER TO ASK HER THE QUESTION TO PLEASE ELABORATE ON ON WHAT HE MEANS IF THEY DIDN'T DO IT THANK YOU

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR FISHER

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT AS I WAS SAYING WHEN THEY DIDN'T DO IT IT MEANS IF THEY DON'T FULFILL THEIR REQUIREMENTS OF THAT SECTION IS IT THREE SECTION THREE DOES THAT MEAN THAT THERE WILL BE NO DEFIBRILLATORS

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** DO YOU MEAN IF THEY DON'T SUBMIT A REQUEST.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OR THEY DO NOT INSTALL SORRY WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** WELL I I'M NOT REALLY MUCH OF AN ASSUMPTION PERSON BUT I WOULD JUST ASSUME THAT IF THEY DON'T SUBMIT IT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO USE IT OUT OF THE MONEY THAT THEY HAVE IN THE BANK THANK YOU

**SENATOR FISHER:** I'M SORRY

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** COULD YOU PLEASE REPEAT THAT SENATOR

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR BARNETT

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU I WOULD SO YOU'RE SAYING IF THEY DON'T SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION TO THE LEGISLATURE TO FUND A SECTION TO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN

**SENATOR FISHER:** YEAH MADAM SPEAKER THE THRUST OF THE QUESTION IS BECAUSE IT READS GDE SHALL SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION BECAUSE IT'S PART OF THE SAME BILL IF THEY DON'T REQUEST AN APPROPRIATION FOR THESE DOES THAT MEAN THERE WILL BE IN OTHER WORDS IS THIS GOING TO BE A AT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S DESIRE SO THEY DON'T SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR MONEY DOES THAT MEAN IT'S DEAD

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WITH A SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION THANK YOU MA'AM YES I WOULD WELL THE THE BILL ITSELF MANDATES THE PLACEMENT OF AEDS AT THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AND SO AGAIN I WOULD JUST ASSUME IF THEY DON'T ASK US FOR THE APPROPRIATION THEN THAT WOULD MEAN THAT THEY HAVE FOUND MONEY IN THE BANK TO PAY FOR IT AND IF IF THEY DON'T END UP ASKING FOR IT THEN I'LL CALL THEM AND SAY HEY WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK FOR IT DO YOU NEED MONEY AND HOW MUCH THANK YOU I HOPE THAT SATISFIES THE QUESTION

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER ON THE BILL S

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WAIT I'M SORRY WE WERE ON CLOSING AND HE MADE AN AMENDMENT WE WERE ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT

**SENATOR QUINATA:** ON THE AMENDMENT YES PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INQUIRY NO AMENDMENT BUT APPOINTMENT CREATURE THE AUTHOR COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR THIS LEGISLATION I THINK IT'S A VERY VALID INITIATIVE AND IT'S OBVIOUSLY A NECESSITY AND LIFE-SAVING DEVICE SO WITH THAT BEING SAID I I WOULD THINK THAT IT'S PRUDENT FOR OUR BODY TO ALSO AUTHORIZE FOR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT FACILITIES TO PROCURE SUCH ITEMS SO THAT WE CAN ALSO ENSURE THAT YOU KNOW ANY RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT FACILITY HAS THAT AVAILABLE AND READY TO ACT AND AT THE CERTAIN TIME BUT I UNDERSTAND IT'S ONLY FOR DOE FACILITIES OH CAN'T COUNT AND THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THAT OR CAN WE ADD TO THAT

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WHAT THE AUTHOR YOU KNOW TO THE QUESTION

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MA'AM COULD I'M SORRY BECAUSE CAN THE SPEAKER RESTATE THE QUESTION MY APOLOGIES

**SENATOR QUINATA:** SENATOR BARNETT FUNNY MEMBER I JUST WANTED TO FIND OUT WHY WE ONLY ARE ARE ITEMIZING SPECIFICALLY DOE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE ARE PLENTY KIDS THERE BUT OTHER GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AS WELL AS OURSELVES WE DO NOT HAVE AED AVAILABLE THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE DOESN'T HAVE AED. SO I WOULD THINK THAT IT'S VERY PRUDENT OF OUR BODY TO ENSURE AND PROCURE FOR ALL

GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AND AGENCIES SO THAT IT'S READILY AVAILABLE TO ALL THE PEOPLE ON PERSONNEL AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE WOULD RESPOND TO YOU

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MADAM SPEAKER I ACTUALLY AGREE WITH MY GOOD COLLEAGUE FROM YIGO THE GIGOLO FROM YIGO AND YEAH I I'M OPEN TO ANY TYPE OF AMENDMENT AND THE REASON WHY I ONLY MANDATED IT IN THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOLS AS WELL FIRST OF ALL BECAUSE I HAVE OVERSIGHT OF GDOE AND SECOND OF ALL I'M THINKING OF THE KIDS I THOUGHT OH THIS IS SOMETHING AGAIN THAT I FELT THERE WAS A GAP IN CARE THAT I WANTED TO CLOSE BUT I WOULD SUPPORT AEDS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND AND JUST A POINT OF INFORMATION ON THE FUNDING I DON'T KNOW SPECIFICALLY THE FUNDING SOURCE BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE FEDERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PLACING AEDS AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AND SO YEAH I WOULD SUPPORT PLACING AEDS I'M NOT SURE IF THERE'S AN AMENDMENT BEING PROFFERED OR ANYTHING BUT IT DOES SOUND LIKE A GREAT IDEA THANK YOU

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA YOU HAVE THE FLOOR

**SENATOR QUINATA:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I GUESS CAN I ASK FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS THEN WE'LL MAKE AN AMENDMENT SENATOR TELO IS ASKING IF IT'S JERMAINE

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YEAH SO WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS

**RECESS**

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

**SENATOR QUINATA:** MADAM SPEAKER I'LL WITHDRAW THAT AMENDMENT AND I'LL WORK WITH THE AUTHOR ON AN ADDITIONAL POLICY THANK YOU

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU OKAY SO WE'RE A REMINDER WE'RE ON AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION THREE OF THE BILL AND THE AUTHOR HAS BEEN CLOSING ON THE BILL SO ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THIS AMENDMENT OR THE BILL HAS TO BE DONE RIGHT NOW ANYONE ELSE WANTS TO SPEAK ON THIS AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AUGUSTINE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON ON THE ON THE AMENDMENT EVEN IF YOU HAVE LEFT IT AT JUNE 30TH IT WOULDN'T MATTER BECAUSE ON JULY 17TH WE'LL BE HEARING THE THE BUDGET ON DOE AND IF THAT'S BROUGHT UP DURING THE BUDGET HEARING WHEN THEN WE'LL ADDRESS IT THEN BECAUSE MAYBE WHENEVER THEY SUBMITTED JULY 17 IS GOING TO BE THE KEY AND SENATOR BARNETT IS AWARE OF THAT THAT THE BUDGET HERE IN DOE IS GOING TO HAPPEN IF HE MAKES THAT THAT STATEMENT AND GET DOE TO COME OVER THE COURSE THEN WE INCORPORATE IN THEIR BUDGET AND WE FIGURED THAT OUT FROM THERE REGARDLESS IF IT WAS JUNE 30TH OR NOT WE WOULD DEAL WITH IT ON THE BUDGET THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I DO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AUGUSTINE ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR LUJAN

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER IT'S NOT ON THE AMENDMENT BUT IT'S A POINT OF INQUIRY TO THE TO THE AUTHOR

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INQUIRY

**SENATOR LUJAN:** YOU KNOW WHERE WHERE IT SAYS THE AED AEDS SHALL BE PROVIDED DURING SCHOOL HOURS SCHOOL SPORTING EVENTS AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES THE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL DO THEY HAVE TO HAVE A PORTABLE DEFIBRILLATOR WHEREVER THEY GO THEY HAVE FIELD TRIPS THEY HAVE SENIOR TRIPS THAT THEY GO OFF ISLAND AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE SPORTING EVENTS I KNOW IN CONTACT SPORTS THERE ARE FIELD EVENTS I KNOW THERE ARE AMBULANCES OR THE AMBULANCES AS AS THERE BUT IN SOME SOME SPORTING EVENTS THE AMBULANCE IS NOT THERE SO DO THEY NEED WOULD THEY BE REQUIRED TO TO HAVE A PORTABLE DEFIBRILLATOR WITH THEM AS WELL BECAUSE IT SAYS YOU KNOW THE THE PREM ON THE PREMISES BUT ALSO AVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL HOURS SCHOOL SPORTING EVENTS AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTING EVENTS ARE JUST NOT CONFINED TO BUILDING WISE THEY'RE IN IN FIELDS EITHER THEIR FIELD SOME OTHER FIELD OR FIELDS

OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL AND ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE SO THAT COULD PREVENT THEM FROM HAVING ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE IF THEY DON'T HAVE IF CAN BE TRANSLATED THAT A A PORTABLE DEFIBRILLATOR IS NOT WITH THEM OR A TRAINED PERSONNEL IN THE USE OF A DEFIBRILLATOR SO THAT'S MY QUESTION TO THE TO THE AUTHOR

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES MA'AM GOOD CATCH I MEAN WHAT WOULD THE A GOOD SENATOR LIKE ME TO DRAFT AN AMENDMENT TO COVER THAT BECAUSE WE COULD COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT SAYS TO INCLUDE OFF-CAMPUS FIELD TRIP

**SENATOR LUJAN:** BECAUSE YOU KNOW I DON'T WANT THEM TO USE AS AN EXCUSE TO THEY CAN'T GO OKAY GO TO THE MOVIES BECAUSE SENATOR BARNETT WE DIDN'T PACK AN AED SENATOR BARNETT DID NOT ALLOW US TO GO YEAH BECAUSE WE HAVE TO HAVE THIS AND YOU KNOW I MEAN I'M JUST SAYING BECAUSE IT'S FIXING THE BUILDING BUT THEIR ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING THERE ARE SPORTING EVENTS THAT DO NOT HAVE AMBULANCE ON ON ON SITE THEY HAVE SENIOR TRIP SO THEY GO AT TIMES THE FIELD TRIPS AND AND ALL THAT AND SO THAT YOU KNOW THEY CAN READ IT AS AS SUCH WE CAN'T GO BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE PERSONNEL TRAIN OR A A DEFIBRILLATOR WITH US SO YEAH

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION CAN I GET JUST A MOMENT'S RECESS JUST TO TWEAK THAT OUT A LITTLE BIT

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ONE MINUTE RECESS THANK YOU WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR LUJAN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU I THINK THE I THINK THE THE AUTHOR HAD ANSWERED IT I THINK SPEAKING TO THE AUTHOR THERE ARE SOME FEDERAL GUIDELINES THAT DICTATE TO SCHOOL CAMPUSES VERSUS OUTSIDE SO I THINK WE'RE COVERED WITH THIS I'M SATISFIED WITH THE WITH THE AUTHOR'S UH RESPONSE THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN ON THE AMENDMENT [MUSIC] SPONSOR YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER WHEN DO I ADD THE CO-SPONSORS OR DO I CLOSE THEM AFTER THANK YOU SO MUCH YEAH SO I JUST CLOSED ON THE AMENDMENT AND THANK SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN FOR HIS SUPPORT TO PUSH THROUGH THE FUNDING FOR THIS IN A EXPEDITED MANNER AND SO YEAH THAT'S IT I'M JUST CLOSING ON THE AMENDMENT

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES YES SO ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION ON THE AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND BECAUSE I CAN'T HEAR IF THERE'S ANY OBJECTION ON THE AMENDMENT RAISE YOUR HAND IF NOT AMENDMENT PASSES CLOSING ON THE BILLS SENATOR BARNETT

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO OPEN ENOUGH FOR ANY CO-SPONSORSHIPS I KNOW THAT SENATOR TAITAGUE HAD INDICATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO CO-SPONSOR SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR LUJAN AND SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS ANYONE ELSE SENATOR FISHER SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR QUINATA ALSO SENATOR FRANK SENATOR FRANK BLESSED I THINK WE HAVE EVERYBODY

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I WANT TO SAY CO-SPONSORS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION CLERKS DO YOU HAVE THE MOTION YOU HAVE IT AFTER THE ONES YOU NAMED YOU ARE ASKING THAT EVERYONE ELSE BE INCLUDED AS WELL I

**SENATOR BARNETT:** WAS ALSO ASKING IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED YEP

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IN THE END WE'LL ALL BE INCLUDED

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I KNOW THANK YOU SURE



**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SO THE CLERK'S ASKING TO MAKE IT CLEAR AFTER THE NAMES THAT YOU LISTED EVERYBODY ELSE INCLUDING

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YEAH DID I FORGET ANYONE

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES SO IS IT EVERYBODY ELSE TO BE INCLUDED AFTER THAT

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES I WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO BE A CO-SPONSOR

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT SO AND THEN EVERYONE ELSE INCLUDING ME IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION NO OBJECTION TO THE CO-SPONSORS FURTHER CLOSING ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT THAT'S

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THAT IT I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU AGAIN TO MY COLLEAGUES AND I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE IT TO THE THIRD READING FILE AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 42-37 COR IS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW CONTINUING IN SECOND READING ON BILL NUMBER 44-37 COR SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER BILL 44 IT'S AN ACT AT A NEW SUBSECTION 7112D AND 7112.2 OF CHAPTER 7 TITLE 17 GCA RELATIVE TO CREATING THE SAFE SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT OF 2023. IT'S A PRETTY SIMPLE BILL AND AGAIN IT'S JUST ONE OF THOSE MEASURES WHERE I I WOULD LIKE TO I'M SORRY MA'AM LET ME JUST START OVER THERE I'D LIKE TO MOTION TO MOVE A BILL 44-37 TO THE ON THE TO PLACE ON A THIRD READING FILE I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS IT THANK YOU ALL RIGHT

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** DID YOU READ THE TITLE

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YES I CAN AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION 7112D AND 71 12.2 OF CHAPTER 7 TITLE 17 GCA RELATIVE TO CREATING THE SAFE SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT OF 2023.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU YES BILL 44 AGAIN IT'S A MEASURE THAT WE PROFIT AFTER VISITING THE DIFFERENT SCHOOL CAMPUSES AROUND THE ISLAND OF THIS TERM AND WHAT I FOUND TROUBLESOME WAS WHEN I HAD VISITED SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL AND THIS IS SOMETHING WE'VE BEEN READING ABOUT IN THE NEWS LATELY BECAUSE THE PASSAGE OF THE TYPHOON AND THE SUBSEQUENT UTILITIES OUTAGES HAVE AFFECTED THIS BUT WHEN I WENT TO SOUTHERN HIGH WAS SHOCKED TO SEE HOW WIDESPREAD AND PREVALENT MOLD INFESTATION WAS AT SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL AND IT WAS EVEN PREVALENT IN CLASSROOMS THAT ARE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND CLASSES IN AND IT WAS JUST EVERYWHERE AND I KNOW THAT PERHAPS THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY OF SOUTHERN HIGH MIGHT HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THIS MOLD INFESTATION MAYBE THE STUDENTS BECAUSE THEY THEY GO TO THIS SCHOOL DEFINITELY THE TEACHERS AND THE STAFF BUT I'M JUST NOT SURE IF THE PARENTS OR THE FAMILIES OF THE STUDENTS OR OTHER PUBLIC AT LARGE HAD ANY IDEA JUST HOW BAD IT WAS AND THEN WHEN I WENT TO GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL I FOUND OUT THAT THEY HAD ACTUALLY CLOSED OFF SEVERAL CLASSROOMS DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS AND IF YOU'VE EVER HAD TO MITIGATE ASBESTOS THE BASICALLY THE WAY THEY THEY MITIGATED IN THE SHORT TERM IS THEY ENCAPSULATE IT WHICH IS BASICALLY THEY COVER IT RIGHT BUT BECAUSE OF THE FOOT TRAFFIC IN AND OUT OF THIS CLASSROOM WHICH GRANITE WASN'T BEING USED BY THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TO ACTUALLY HAVE CLASSES IN BUT JUST BECAUSE I GUESS OF THE TRAFFIC OF PEOPLE GOING IN AND OUT TO ASSESS WHETHER ANY FURTHER DAMAGE HAD OCCURRED IT HAD LED TO CRACKS IN THE ENCAPSULATION WHICH I BELIEVE POSED A RISK YOU KNOW NOT JUST TO THE STUDENTS AND THE STAFF AT THE SCHOOL BUT ALSO TO THE THE MAINTENANCE FOLKS WHO GO IN THERE AND ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS AND TO ANYBODY WHO WOULD HAPPEN TO GO INTO THESE CLASSROOMS AND WHEN I STARTED TALKING TO PEOPLE ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS AT GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL THEY WERE SHOCKED THEY WERE SURPRISED BECAUSE WE NEVER KNEW ABOUT IT YOU KNOW SAME THING WITH SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL I WAS SENT A LOT OF PICTURES OF RODENT INFESTATION AND JUST A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT ISSUES THAT HAVE PLAGUED THAT YIGO CAMPUS FOR FOR MANY MANY YEARS AND AGAIN THESE FINDINGS ARE NEVER MADE PUBLIC AND SO THAT'S WHAT THIS THIS BILL DOES IS IT REQUIRES THE SUPERINTENDENT TO RECEIVE AND RETAIN REPORTS OF MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS FACILITIES DEFECTS

STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS SAFETY CONCERNS THE PRESENCE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FROM STUDENTS FACULTY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PARENTS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS AND THEN TO MAKE THESE NOTIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC AND ALSO TO NOT JUST IDENTIFY THEM BUT TO REMEDIATE AND MITIGATE FACILITIES FROM ANY NUMBER OF HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS WHICH ARE WHICH ARE LISTED HERE IN THE BILL AND TO FURTHER DEVELOP A WARNING SYSTEM TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF AREAS OF SCHOOL PROPERTY THAT MAY CONTAIN HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES OR INFESTATIONS UNTIL THAT AREA IS REMEDIATED SO FOR EXAMPLE IN THE CASE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL THEY SHOULD HAVE PLACED ON THE DOOR SOME TYPE OF WARNING OR NOTIFICATION THAT THERE WAS ASBESTOS EXPOSED AND PRESENT IN THE CLASS AND SO AGAIN IT'S A IT'S A SIMPLE MEASURE UNFORTUNATELY THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION I THINK BECAUSE THE SUPERINTENDENT HAD BEEN OFF ISLAND DIDN'T PROVIDE TESTIMONY ON THIS BILL BUT WE DID HAVE SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS WHO TESTIFIED IN FAVOR OF IT AND A LARGE PART OF THE TESTIMONY AT THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE BECAUSE LIKE I SAID IT'S VERY SIMPLE TO IT'S ABOUT TRANSPARENCY IT'S ABOUT BEING TRUTHFUL AND COMING FORWARD AND SHARING THE CONDITIONS IN THE SCHOOLS WITH THE VERY PEOPLE THAT THESE CONDITIONS AFFECT AND SO WITH THAT BEING SAID I WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSION AND DEBATE AND HOPEFULLY THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES TO TO GET THIS MEASURED THIS MEASURE PASSED SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THE TYPHOON HAS EVEN MADE IT EVEN WORSE FOR OUR SCHOOLS AND THE DAMAGES THAT ARE CAUSED FROM THIS LATEST STORM HAS EXASPERATED THE THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE WITH OUR SCHOOLS AS FAR AS FUNDING IS CONCERNED THAT'S GOING TO GROW AS WELL YOU KNOW I WENT TO THE PUBLIC HEARING AND AS I WAS LOOKING AT THIS PARTICULAR YOU BILL I MEAN I WAS LOOKING FOR THE BBMR THE FISCAL NOTE FOR THIS BILL AND IT'S SAYING THAT IT'S GOING TO NEED SOME FUNDING NOBODY FROM DOE SHOWED UP NOBODY COME CAME TO SHOW AND I WAS WONDERING OKAY WELL MAYBE THIS BILL IS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH IS GOING TO BE DOING WHEN THEY DO THEIR INSPECTIONS WHEN THEY GO TO THE SCHOOLS SO THE FIRST QUESTION I HAVE TO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION IS ARE THESE REPORTS PRETTY MUCH SIMILAR TO WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH IS GOING TO ALSO PROVIDE TO THE SCHOOLS IN THE EVENT IT DOESN'T PASS MUSTARD

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND WHERE THE SPEAKER IS COMING FROM BUT I THINK ONE OF THE BIG DIFFERENCES AT LEAST THAT I CAN TELL OFFHAND IS FOR EXAMPLE IN THE THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION OF SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL I READ THE INSPECTION REPORT I'VE READ ALL THE INSPECTION REPORTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AT SEVERAL OF THE CAMPUSES AND THEY DON'T ADDRESS MOLD INFESTATION AND SO AGAIN I THINK THIS BILL WHILE IT KIND OF FALLS IN THE SAME BALLPARK AS TO WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH DOES IT PROVIDES THE MORE INSTANCES AND HAZARDS FOR SCREENING AND MITIGATION FOR THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC ABOUT AND AND I THINK PUBLIC HEALTH WHEN THEY DO THEIR INSPECTIONS THEY'RE LOOKING AT THINGS LIKE THE LIGHT COVERS AND THE YOU KNOW OBVIOUSLY RIGHT IF THERE'S ROACHES OR RATS AND ALSO THINGS ABOUT THE DISTANCE OF THE DOORS FROM THE FLOORS BUT I DIDN'T REALLY SEE A LOT OF WELL MUCH OF ANYTHING REALLY ABOUT ASBESTOS OR OR ANY OF THESE RISKS LIKE CHLORINE GAS OR PCBs IN ANY OF THESE PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS SO I THINK THAT IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF A DEPARTURE FROM WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH DOES BUT ALL AGAIN IN THE VEIN OF TRANSPARENCY AND AND THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARE REALLY NOT JUST LISTING THESE HAZARDS AND AND FINDING THE REMEDIATION AND THE MITIGATION BUT MAKING THAT THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE THE PUBLIC MAN WHICH IS SOMETHING I DON'T SEE IN KIND OF YOUR RUN-OF-THE-MILL ROUTINE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION REPORTS I HOPE THAT SATISFIES THE QUESTION THANK YOU

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR TAITAGUE

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING MY QUESTION I WAS KIND OF CONCERNED BECAUSE YOU KNOW I DON'T THINK THERE ARE PEOPLE OVER AT DOE THAT ARE YOU KNOW HAVE THE PROFESSIONALISM WITH KNOWING WHAT TOXICITY IS ALLERGENS ORIGINAL UNION FLORA CONNECT CONTAMINATION HAZARDS SO IT'S DEFINITELY NOT GOING TO BE ANYBODY DOING THESE REPORTS FROM DOE BECAUSE IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE THESE REPORTS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE DONE BY SOMEONE

WHO HAS A BACKGROUND A BIOLOGICAL BACKGROUND AN ENVIRONMENTAL BACKGROUND SO THEN IT TAKES YOU TO SECTION TWO OF THE OF THE BILL AND IT CLEARLY STATES THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL RECEIVE AND RETAIN ANY REPORTS OF INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS FACILITIES DEFICIT STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS SAFETY CONCERNS AND THE PRESENCE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL FROM STUDENTS FACULTY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PARENTS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS COPIES OF SUCH REPORTS SHALL BE INCLUDED WITH ANY PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION FOR SERVICES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A SO IT'S CLEAR THIS BILL IS GOING TO ALLOW DOE TO GO OUT AND PROCURE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE BACKGROUND IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL YOU KNOW CONTAMINATION AND ALL THESE OTHER AREAS THAT PUBLIC HEALTH DOES NOT COVER SO YOU KNOW THERE IS A COST ASSOCIATED WITH IT SO MY QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR IF HE SHOULD YIELD HOW MUCH IS THAT GOING TO COST

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION HOW MUCH WILL THAT COST

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** TO PROVIDE ON ON THE SECTION ON IT'S OKAY I KNOW YOU WERE TALKING TO SOMEONE SENATOR SO LET ME JUST LET YOU KNOW WHAT THE QUESTION WAS SECTION TWO IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE INFORMATION THAT'S GOING TO BE NEEDED IS NOT GOING TO COME FROM DOE EMPLOYEES IT'S GOING TO FROM COME FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE YOU KNOW THE BACKGROUND IN IN THESE AREAS LIKE YOU KNOW CHEMISTRY AND MICROBIOLOGY ETC DOWN THE LINE SO BUT THERE IS A SECTION COPIES OF SUCH REPORTS SHALL BE INCLUDED WITH ANY PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION FOR SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THE PARAGRAPH A SO THAT'S OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS GOING TO COST BECAUSE WE NEED TO HAVE PEOPLE COME OUT THERE AND START DOING THESE REPORTS SO MY QUESTION IS HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD

**SENATOR BARNETT:** SURE HONESTLY WE WON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST UNTIL WE ASSESS ALL THE ISSUES BUT I WILL SAY FOR THE THE MOLD WHICH WAS EXISTENT IN EXISTENCE BEFORE THE PASSENGER TYPHOON MAWAR AND HIS ONLY MULTIPLIED I WANT TO SAY TENFOLD SINCE THE TYPHOON'S PASSAGE WE'VE HEARD ESTIMATES AROUND 13 MILLION DOLLARS TO MITIGATE THAT MOLD AND AND YES WELL I UNDERSTAND THAT THE YOU KNOW THE GDOE SCHOOL AID OR THE GDOE MAINTENANCE PERSON MIGHT NOT BE A CHEMIST OR A BIOLOGIST OR A PATHOLOGIST OR AN EXPERT IN WHAT TYPE OF MOLD DOES WHAT I THINK THE INTENT IS IF IF YOU SEE SOMETHING YOU SAY SOMETHING SO IF YOU SEE FOR EXAMPLE MOLD IN A CLASSROOM YOU WOULD THEN NOTIFY YOUR YOUR MANAGER AND THEN THEY TAKE IT UP TO THE SUPERINTENDENT AND THEN THE SUPERINTENDENT HOPEFULLY ENGAGES GUAM EPA OR OR PUBLIC HEALTH TO CONDUCT ANY ANY TYPE OF FURTHER ASSESSMENT THAT'S OUTSIDE THE REALM OF EXPERTISE SO SO YEAH I THINK AS AS WE GO THROUGH AND IDENTIFY A LOT OF THESE HAZARDS AT THE SCHOOL AND IT COULD BE SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS IDENTIFYING A MOLD AND OH THERE'S MOLD EVERYWHERE AND THEN YOU BRING SOMEONE IN FOR FURTHER ASSESSMENT AND THEN YOU FIND OUT OH IT'S THIS TYPE OF MOLD WHICH DOES THAT BUT YEAH I THINK AS WE GO INTO THE SCHOOLS AND WE WE FIND THESE HAZARDS THEN WE GET A BETTER IDEA OF EXACTLY HOW MUCH THEY'RE GOING TO COST TO MITIGATE AND I HOPE THAT SATISFIES A TO ASK HER THE QUESTION THANK YOU

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU THAT SENATOR FOR THE ANSWER BUT YOU KNOW I THINK YOU'RE JUST SKATING BECAUSE IT DIDN'T TELL US A PRICE I MEAN WE'RE PUTTING LEGISLATION TRUTH TO THIS BODY WE SHOULD AT LEAST KNOW HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST THIS GOVERNMENT HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS ISLAND IT'S ALMOST LIKE AN UNFUNDED MANDATE AND THIS IS WHAT WE WE DON'T WANT TO START DOING EVERYBODY HERE WANTS TO MAKE SURE I MEAN WE'VE BEEN BEHIND THE THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION ON ROUND TABLES ON OTHER BILLS AND RALLIED BEHIND THEM TO TO HAVE SAFER SCHOOLS FOR OUR CHILDREN NOT JUST OUR CHILDREN BUT THE EMPLOYEES OUR TEACHERS AS WELL THE ADMINISTRATION OF THESE SCHOOLS WE ALL WANT THAT SAFE SAFETY MECHANISM IN PLACE BUT THERE YOU KNOW IF YOU LOOK AT SECTION TWO THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL RECEIVE AND RETAIN ANY REPORTS OF INCLUDING AND THEN IF YOU GO FURTHER DOWN IT SAYS COPIES OF SUCH REPORTS SHALL BE INCLUDED WITH ANY PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION EXPLAINS ALL THESE SHALLS BUT LIKE I SAID DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING DOE WAS NOT PRESENT TO EVEN GIVE US A BALLPARK ON HOW MUCH THIS IS GOING TO COST THE ONLY GOOD THING ABOUT THIS IS THAT THE

MAJORITY OF REPORTS HERE WILL ACTUALLY COME FROM PUBLIC HEALTH I MEAN WE WE TALK ABOUT THE TEACHERS NOT BEING ABLE TO HAVE A YOU KNOW BIOSECURITY YOU KNOW A LEVEL OR YOU KNOW HAVE THESE THESE OTHER TOXICITIES WHAT IS IT EXPERIENCE TO DO THAT WELL I DON'T THINK THE SUPERINTENDENT OF GUAM IS GOING TO ALSO HAVE A REQUIREMENT TO ALSO HAVE A BIOLOGICAL DEGREE BEING A SUPERINTENDENT AS WELL HE'S GOING TO NEED HELP BUT WE KEEP PUTTING THESE BILLS ON WITH NO FUNDING THAT'S A BIG ISSUE BUT THE BIGGER ISSUE IS NOT ONLY DOES IT HAVE NO FUNDING WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COME I MEAN NOT EVEN A BALLPARK REMEMBER PEOPLE WE ARE SPENDING TAXPAYERS MONEY NOT YOUR MONEY TO THROW IT UP IN THE SKY AND SAYING OKAY YOU KNOW I'LL GET THIS OH DON'T WORRY YOU KNOW I'LL PUT IT IN THE BUDGET BILL OR OH DON'T WORRY I'LL MAKE SURE IT GOES INTO THAT SECTION OF THE LAW I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT BUT JUST SHOW ME WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING TO COME FROM SHOW ME THE MONEY WE CAN'T CONTINUE IN THIS BODY TO SPEND IN DEFICIT AND THAT'S NOT MY WORDS THAT WAS THE WORDS OF BBMR THAT CAME DOWN HERE WITH DOA THAT CAME DOWN HERE WE ARE NOW SPENDING IN DEFICIT BUT WE CONTINUE TO PUT OUT THESE UNFUNDED MANDATES YOU KNOW THAT'S WRONG YOU KNOW DOGGONE WELL THAT'S WRONG EVEN A FIFTH GRADER KNOWS THAT'S WRONG AT LEAST COME UP WITH A FIGURE AT LEAST LET'S HEAR FROM DOE LIKE I SAID AGAIN THEY NEVER SHOWED UP FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING AND I WENT THROUGH THE COMMITTEE REPORT HOPEFULLY MAYBE THEY PROVIDED A TESTIMONY THAT I CAN LOOK AT AND SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY MAYBE THERE'S A FUNDING IN THERE WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO USE BUT NADA IT'S NOT THERE SO WHAT DOES HIS BODY DO CONTINUE ON LIKE IT'S NO BIG DEAL EVERYBODY HERE WANTS TO MAKE SURE LIKE I SAID AND COUNTLESS TIMES NOT BECAUSE YOU INTRODUCED A BILL THAT YOU FEEL THAT IT'S MORE IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THESE SCHOOLS BECAUSE YOU INTRODUCE THE BILL ABSOLUTELY NOT EVERYBODY IN THIS BODY WANTS TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN AND OUR TEACHERS AND THOSE WORKING AT THESE SCHOOLS EVERY SINGLE BUDDY EVERY SINGLE BODY YEAH BUT ONCE AGAIN WE'RE STANDING HERE I MEAN I I WAS REALLY SICK LAST WEEK I COULDN'T ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING I MEAN NOT THE PUBLIC AND THE SESSION WHERE BILLS WERE THROWN DOWN THIS BODY'S THROAT WITHOUT EVEN HAVING A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO DISCUSS HOW MUCH MONEY WAS REALLY THERE WHAT'S THE TRUE FIGURE I WAS SO IF IT WASN'T BECAUSE I HAD COVID I WOULD HAVE JUMPED DOWN HERE AND I WOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING BIG TIME YOU CAN'T DO THIS COME ON BE RESPONSIBLE OF THE TAXPAYERS MONEY ON THIS ISLAND WE'RE SPENDING IN DEFICIT BUT NO YOU KNOW IT JUST ALL THESE VOTES WENT THROUGH LIKE NOBODY CARED LIKE THEY'RE SPENDING YOU KNOW THIS IS LIKE WHAT PIXIE DUST IS THAT WHAT YOU GUYS ARE SPREADING OUT HERE IS PIXIE DUST WE NEED TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE AND I ASKED A GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION BECAUSE IT DOES MAKE SENSE BUT AT LEAST CAN WE HEAR FROM DOE HOW MUCH THIS IS GOING TO COST THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER T

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** HANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE BILL

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW AS I READ THE BILL IT'S ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CREATING A REPORTING SYSTEM REPORTING IT RECORDING IT AND BE AVAILABLE WHEN THEY WHEN THEY PUT ON RFP OR A OR AN IFB THAT'S WHAT THE INFORMATION IS FOR AS WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH DOESN'T DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN WRITE AN INSPECTION THEY DON'T EVEN REFER YOU TO ANY SPECIFIC PRIVATE COMPANY BECAUSE THEY CAN'T COULD THERE BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST THEY IDENTIFY WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE AND THEN THEY DO IT BUT THERE ARE SOME ISSUES LIKE THE AUTHOR THE BILL MENTIONED THAT NOT EVEN PUBLIC HEALTH IDENTIFIES THEM WHEN THEY GO WALKING THE BUILDING THEY CHECK IT OUT THEY FIND SOMETHING GREAT IF THEY DON'T FIND SOMETHING THEY MOVE ON IT'S ALMOST LIKE THEY'RE LOOKING FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS AND I SAY THIS FROM EXPERIENCE I WAS ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION I WAS THE CHAIRMAN I ATTENDED A LOT OF THE INSPECTIONS BACK THEN AND WHEN WHEN PUBLIC HEALTH GOES THROUGH THERE IT'S IT'S A IT'S A SWEEP IT'S NOT A DETAIL INSPECTION AND WITH THIS THIS JUST ONLY REQUIRES SO I I UNDERSTAND WHERE MY COLLEAGUE COMES UP WITH A COST BUT THE COST WON'T BE DETERMINED UNTIL AN EVALUATION IS MADE UNTIL AN IFB IS OUT INFORMATION FORBID OR PROPOSAL TO DETERMINE WHAT IT COULD COST AND YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AN EXPERT TO SAY THERE'S MORE YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AN EXPERT TO SAY THERE'S A CRACK YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AN EXPERT TO SAY THE WATER FOUNTAIN DON'T WORK THAT'S WHAT THIS REPORT THIS THIS LAW DOES IT REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO WRITE A REPORT IN OTHER WORDS EVERYONE IN THE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS REQUIRED IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING AND REPORT IT THEN IT'S IT'S FUNNELED TO THE PRINCIPAL THEN SENT UP TO SUPERINTENDENT OR THE DEPUTY

SUPERINTENDENT SO IT'S COMPILED THEN WHEN THEY GO OUT FOR AN IFB OR AN RFP THEN THEN THEY USE THE REPORT NO WE ASK ABOUT MONEY IT'S QUITE A FEW MILLIONS OF DOLLARS STILL SITTING IN ERP THE DEAL WE HAS THEY'RE KICKING OUT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE KICKING OUT A BUNCH OF CONTRACTS UNTIL WE SEE IT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AND AT THE SAME TIME WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY IS DOE IS GOING TO FEMA AND EVERYBODY ELSE TO DETERMINE HOW THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE OR THEIR THEIR THEIR BUILDINGS CAN BE CAN BE HARDENED SO THAT IT'LL BE READY TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS COMING BACK OR TO CONVERT BACK TO A SHELTER SO WITH THIS BILL I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT IT'S A REPORTING MECHANISM AND IF YOU READ THE BILL IT NEVER TALKS ABOUT MONEY AND I LIKE THE IDEA THAT MY VICE CHAIR SAYS ABOUT MONEY BECAUSE I LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST BUT AT THE SAME TIME I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT WHICH WILL HEAR ON JULY 17TH WHEN HE WILL BE TESTIFYING ABOUT THE BUDGET OF DOE WHEN WE HEAR FROM HIM THEN WE CAN ASK HIM HAVE YOU STARTED THE REPORTING MECHANISM HAVE YOU STARTED TO RECORD WHAT ARE THE THE PROBLEMS YOU HAVE IN DOE AND HAVE YOU STARTED TO DETERMINE BECAUSE THEY DO HAVE A NEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT A CRP GUY AND AND AND LET THEM FIGURE IT OUT LET THEM TELL US WHAT'S GOING ON AND THEN WE MOVE FROM THERE BECAUSE I KNOW THE OVERSIGHT CHAIRS IS ANXIOUS TO HEAR THEIR REPORT AND TO SEE SOME MOVEMENT NOT JUST THE EXCLUSIVE WAITING FOR ANOTHER BILL TO COME OUT BUT WITH THAT MADAM MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND THEN WE'LL KNOW WHAT THE MONEY WILL COST BUT RIGHT NOW YOU CAN NEVER IDENTIFY THE MONEY BASED ON THIS ON THIS ON THIS BILL THANK YOU

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR BROWN YOU HAD YOUR HAND UP ON THE BILL

**SENATOR BROWN:** YOU KNOW I DO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS THAT SENATOR TELO HAD RAISED I MEAN OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO HAVE A PRICE TAG ATTACHED TO IT BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU AND ONE OF THE CHALLENGES I'VE SEEN OVER THE YEARS WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS THE LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY POUR MORE MONEY EVERY SINGLE YEAR BUT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE POUR IN ISN'T ALWAYS CONCURRENT WITH THE OUTCOMES AND THE FACT THAT WE'RE GOING BACK TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE BASIC STRUCTURAL AND INTEGRITY OF BUILDINGS AND THE MAINTENANCE OF THE BUILDINGS IS CONCERNING PRIMARILY BECAUSE YOU KNOW IF YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM YOU WOULD THINK THAT THOSE THAT DO IT EVERY DAY WOULD BE ADDRESSING THESE CONCERNS BUT YOU KNOW I GUESS THERE'S A PART OF ME THAT'S A BIT JADED BECAUSE I'VE HEARD THESE COMMENTS RESPONSES EXCUSES AND EXCUSES ON TOP OF EXCUSES WHY BASIC THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE ARE NOT BEING DONE AND IT'S FRUSTRATING BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE'RE LEGISLATORS WE DON'T HAVE THE ARMS AND LEGS TO GO INTO AN AGENCY SUCH AS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ACTUALLY DO THAT JOB THE FACT THAT THIS BILL WILL REQUIRE NOW THESE REPORTS TO BE COLLECTED AND CONSOLIDATED AND THAT THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ALSO CAN KEEP TRACK ON WHETHER OR NOT THESE CONCERNS ARE BEING ADDRESSED I THINK HOPEFULLY THE DESIRES HOPEFULLY THIS WILL ENCOURAGE SOME POSITIVE OUTCOMES BECAUSE NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU KNOW THERE'S AN AGENDA THAT'S LISTED OUT OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF AND IT'S MORE PUBLIC IT'S MORE READILY ACCESSIBLE IN TERMS OF INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED SO WE CAN COME BACK AND SAY OKAY WHERE ARE WE AT THIS STAGE IN THE GAME YOU KNOW WHY DIDN'T THIS CONCERN THAT YOU KNOW WAS RAISED X AMOUNT OF MONTHS OR YEARS AGO WHY TODAY HAS IT NOT BEEN ADDRESSED YOU KNOW AS I MENTIONED LAST WEEK ON ANOTHER ANOTHER ISSUE AND WE WERE CALLED INTO EMERGENCY SESSION YOU KNOW THE COMPLAINT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BEFORE IS WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY YOU'VE NOT FUNDED US WITH ENOUGH FUNDS AND WE NEED MORE FUNDS TO DO THESE THINGS AND NOW THAT THEY HAVE MORE MONEY THAN THEY'VE EVER HAD THE RESPONSE IS WE CAN'T PROCESS WE CAN'T PROCURE THE THINGS WE NEED TO DO OR WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PERSONNEL WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE APPLYING FOR THESE MAINTENANCE POSITIONS THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T GET THE JOB DONE AND I THINK YOU KNOW WE KIND OF HAVE AN EXPECTATION AS A PUBLIC YOU KNOW THESE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES CAN BE ADDRESSED AND SHOULD BE ADDRESSED YOU KNOW WHEN I ATTENDED THE THE MEETING THE ROUNDTABLE MEETING YOU KNOW ONE OF THE PRINCIPALS HAD COMMENTED THAT YOU KNOW OUR CHILDREN AND OUR DESERVING AND OUR TEACHERS ARE DESERVING OF SURROUNDINGS US AS WELL AS THIS LEGISLATURE AND BY ALL MEANS THEY SHOULD BE I MEAN I WENT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL BUT I DIDN'T HAVE AIR CONDITIONING THAT'S HOW LONG AGO I WAS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL WE HAD AIR CONDITIONING IN THE LIBRARY TO KEEP OUR BOOKS FOR MOLDING BUT I STILL FELT I GOT A VERY

VERY GOOD PUBLIC EDUCATION EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW I DIDN'T HAVE ALL THE THINGS THEY HAVE NOW TO TO SUPPOSEDLY LEARN WITH BUT YOU KNOW THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT EITHER THE SPILL THIS BUILDING IS YOU KNOW 76 YEARS OLD THIS BUILDING FOR ALMOST 25 YEARS OR MORE REMAINED ABANDONED I REMEMBER COMING IN HERE AND WATCHING THE BIRDS FLY AROUND BECAUSE THE DECISION HAD BEEN MADE MANY YEARS AGO YOU KNOW THAT THEY WERE GOING TO REBUILD A NEW LEGISLATURE AND THERE'S A LOT OF CONTROVERSY BECAUSE WHAT THE LEGISLATURE BACK THEN WANTED TO BUILD WAS QUITE OSTENTATION IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SIX STORY BUILDING THAT HAD ALL THESE FANCY THINGS THAT WERE TO BE DESIGNED INTO IT THAT THE PUBLIC JUST SAID NO NO NO ABSOLUTELY NOT AND SO THIS BUILDING SAT HERE WHILE WE SPENT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS LEASING AND THEN OF COURSE WITH THE HELP OF A HISTORIC PRESERVATION WE'RE ABLE TO GET THE BUILDING REFURBISHED AND REBUILT BUT I KNOW THIS BUILDING DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THIS AND THIS PUBLIC ON THIS SESSION HALL DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THIS AFTER THE TYPHOON A LOT OF OUR STAFF INCLUDING THE GOOD RULES CHAIRMAN I KNOW CAME IN HERE OVER THE WEEKEND ALSO TO GET THIS SESSION HALL PREPARED SO THAT WE COULD COME IN HERE AND MEET AS FLAWLESSLY AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED BUT THAT TAKES WORK THAT TAKES INVESTMENT THAT TAKES TIME IT'S NOT JUST AGE A LOT OF OLDER BUILDINGS ON THIS ISLAND THAT ARE WELL MAINTAINED BUT THAT'S THE CHALLENGE IS HOW DO YOU ADDRESS IT AND HOW DO YOU ADDRESS IT WHEN IT'S STILL A MINOR PROBLEM AND NOT ALLOWED TO GO ON FOR MONTHS OR YEARS SO IT BECOMES A BIGGER PROBLEM BECAUSE WE CANNOT AND I'M SURE AT SOME POINT WE'LL TALK ABOUT SIMON SANCHEZ BUT WE CANNOT REBUILD ALL THESE SCHOOLS ON GUAM WE JUST CAN'T AFFORD THEM THERE'S JUST NO PRACTICAL WAY TO AFFORD THEM I REMEMBER JFK WE'VE ADDED ON 15 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR TO DEBT SERVICE FOR THE NEXT WELL THAT WAS 40 YEARS NOW WHAT 30 YEARS LATER I WAS A DPW AND JFK WAS RECONSTRUCTED WE JUST CAN'T DO THAT MAYBE WE DO IT FOR SIMON SANCHEZ THAT WAS BUILT IN THE EARLY 70S BUT THERE'S NOT TOO MANY MORE SCHOOLS FINANCIALLY THE TAXPAYERS OF GUAM ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD THESE WHOLE IDEA THAT WE JUST DEMOLISHED SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND REBUILT THEM THAT MONEY DOESN'T FALL FROM TREES SO ENSURING THAT WHEN THESE FACILITIES ARE IN OPERATION THAT THEY'RE MAINTAINED AT THE MOST BASIC LEVEL OF SANITATION AND THEY HAVE A STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY THAT THEY NEED I THINK WE ALL AGREE IS NECESSARY BUT MORE IMPORTANT I LIKE THE IDEA OF PUTTING FEET TO THE FIRE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN CHARGE AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WANT TO BE IN CHARGE OF THINGS THEY WANT TO BE THE BIG BOSS THEY WANT TO MAKE ALL THE BIG TOUGH DECISIONS WELL SOMETIMES THEY DO MAYBE THEY DON'T ALWAYS BUT DELIVERING ON THAT RESPONSIBILITY I THINK IS VERY CRITICAL AND THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER FOR IT BECAUSE I'LL TELL YOU I'M MY EYES GLAZE OVER ALREADY I'M JUST YOU KNOW ALL THESE YEARS LATER HEARING THE SAME OLD EXCUSE THE SAME OLD REASON WHY THIS THAT WHATEVER DOESN'T HAPPEN JUST GET TIRED OF IT AFTER A WHILE ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE USED TO GOING IN AND TAKING AN OPERATION AND GETTING IT DONE AND ACCOMPLISHING IT SO PUTTING THIS MAKING IT PUBLIC IT'S THERE FOR EVERYONE TO SEE WE CAN HAVE AN EXPECTATION I WOULD ASSUME WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME THAT THESE ISSUES CAN AND SHOULD BE ADDRESSED SO THAT WE ENSURE THAT OUR CHILDREN HAVE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT IT'S VERY DISHEARTENING TO STILL HEAR THAT WE DON'T HAVE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN OUR SCHOOLS FOR OUR KIDS TO LEARN IT LEARNING IS CHALLENGING ENOUGH BECAUSE NOWADAYS OUR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE UNFORTUNATELY YOU KNOW THE DYNAMICS OF OUR SOCIETY NOW DON'T ALWAYS HAVE THE SAME SUPPORT BASE I MEAN I CAME HOME I HAD A GRANDPARENT THERE AT THE END OF THE DAY I HAD THE SUPPORT YOU KNOW TO ENCOURAGE ME TO TO DO MY STUDIES AND AND DO WELL AND EXCEL BUT NOT EVERY YOUNG PERSON HAS THAT OPPORTUNITY TODAY AND SOMETIMES SCHOOL IS THE ONLY STABLE PLACE THEY HAVE TO GO WHERE THEY FEEL A SENSE OF COMMUNITY SOMETIMES EVEN A SENSE OF FAMILY EVEN YOU KNOW WE HEARD DURING THE PANDEMIC SOME SOME OF THESE CHILDREN IT'S THE ONLY PLACE THEY GET A GOOD MEAL FOR THE DAY SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT AND YOU KNOW WE TALK ABOUT HOW YES OUR CHILDREN ARE IMPORTANT BUT YOU KNOW WE GOT TO DO WITHOUT JUST TALKING ABOUT IT AND CERTAINLY PUTTING A GREATER SENSE OF ACCOUNTABILITY TO ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS BECAUSE I'LL TELL YOU A LOT GET TO SLIP AND SLIDE OUT OF THESE YOU KNOW SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY WE GET OUR CHECKS EVERY TWO WEEKS WHO CARES WHETHER WE PERFORM OR NOT AND I THINK WE WANT TO SEE THE LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE IN ALL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INCLUDING MOST IMPORTANTLY OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM SO I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AND I HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE TO KEEP TRACK OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BECAUSE I THINK WE ALL WANT TO SEE THE BETTER IMPROVEMENTS FOR OUR CHILDREN THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY COMMENT ON THIS BILL

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL ON THE BILL.

**NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES**

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THE MAIN MOTION I'LL RECOGNIZE SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE MAIN MOTION YOU MAY PROCEED

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL I I TOO AGREE WITH HOLDING FEET TO THE FIRE WHEN IT COMES TO SCHOOLS AND ESPECIALLY THEY HAVE SET THEIR OPENING FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST AND I THINK IT'S GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER TO GET THAT DONE AND I REALLY THINK WE NEED THE HELP OR THEY WILL NEED THE HELP OF THE GOVERNOR AND EVERY AGENCY OF THIS GOVERNMENT INCLUDING US SO THIS IS GOING TO HELP I AGREE AND I ACTUALLY TOTALLY AGREE WITH THE WHOLE PREMISE OF THE BILL AND THAT IS THINGS WERE HAPPENING IN THE SCHOOLS EVEN THE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS DID NOT KNOW ABOUT IT SO THEY WERE BEING EXPOSED TO THINGS WITHOUT ANYONE BEING INFORMED AND SOMETIMES THESE AREAS WERE NOT BEING ISOLATED OR THEY WEREN'T BEING PROTECTED FROM INFESTATIONS AND OTHER THINGS OR SOMETIMES THE PRINCIPLES HAD MADE THESE COMPLAINTS VERY CLEARLY TO DOWNTOWN AND DOWNTOWN WAS NOT CLEARLY ACTING ON IT WELL AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I HAVE HEARD YOU KNOW IN THE DIFFERENT HEARINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND SO ONE OF THE THE THINGS I WANT TO MAKE SURE IS OKAY SO THERE'S DIFFERENT PORT PARTS OF THIS BILL AND OF COURSE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL RECEIVE AND RETAIN REPORTS ABSOLUTELY IT SHOULD ACTUALLY BE THE REVERSE THAT WE SHOULD MANDATE THAT SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRINCIPLES REPORT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT AND THE MAINTENANCE PEOPLE THAT THEY REPORT THAT THEY HAVE A DUTY TO REPORT BECAUSE IT MIGHT IT MIGHT NOT PUT THE KIDS AT RISK BUT THEY SHOULD REPORT IT ANYWAYS WITHOUT ANY FEAR OF ANY KIND OF RETRIBUTION FOR REPORTING THESE THINGS OR YOU KNOW MAKING THE SCHOOL LOOK BAD AND I JUST WANT ALL THE PRINCIPLES AND AND EVERYBODY INVOLVED IN EVERY SCHOOL WE KNOW THAT THESE SCHOOLS ARE OWED WE KNOW THAT THERE'S HUGE CHALLENGES AND WE KNOW THAT WE WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE COME THIS FAR IF NOT FOR ALL THE HELP OF ALL OF THE PARENTS ESPECIALLY AND THE PRINCIPALS AND THE TEACHERS PUTTING IN THEIR OWN PERSONAL RESOURCES TO TAKE CARE OF THESE SCHOOLS SO THIS IS NOT TO PUT AN EXTRA BURDEN ON YOU IT'S REALLY JUST TO HELP IN THAT WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE AND NOBODY WE'RE NOT GOING TO HEAR ANYMORE THAT YOU KNOW TWO YEARS LATER OH I'VE BEEN REPORTING THIS FOR TWO YEARS WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE BILL IS THAT WE ARE GOING TO SEE FROM DAY ONE IF THE SUPERINTENDENT RECEIVES REPORTS OF ISSUES IN THE SCHOOLS SECTION ON PAGE THREE D7 IS GOING TO REQUIRE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT DEVELOPS A WARNING SYSTEM TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE AREAS THAT CONTAIN HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES OR INFESTATIONS UNTIL REMEDIATED ON SUBSECTION THREE SAME D3 PAGE THREE IT REQUIRES THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT IS GOING TO NOTIFY STUDENTS FACULTY SCHOOL PERSONNEL PARENTS AND REGULATORY AGENCIES OF THE DISCOVERY SOMETIMES THERE IS A DISCONNECT BETWEEN WE HAVE AN INFESTATION IN THE SCHOOL AND GETTING ANY OTHER HELP FROM ANY OTHER AGENCY IN THE GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS IS SAFE OR NOT SAFE AND I REALLY FEEL DOE JUST JUST YOU KNOW I HOPE THEY WILL ACCEPT THAT GET HELP SEEK HELP DON'T BE AFRAID TO GET THAT AND WE'RE JUST GONNA ALL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF IT AND AND BUT BETTER THAT FOR EXAMPLE ISOLATING A WING OF A SCHOOL THEN THEN EXPOSING CHILDREN WHO MIGHT BE EXTREMELY VULNERABLE TO THAT HAD THEY KNOWN PARENTS COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING ELSE RIGHT KEPT THEM OUT OF SCHOOL FOR THAT DAY WHATEVER BUT THERE ARE CHOICES AS OPPOSED TO LEAVING THEM NO CHOICE AND EXPOSING THEM SO SECTION TWO OF THE BILL WHERE IT SAYS THAT SUPERINTENDENT SHALL RECEIVE AND RETAIN REPORTS FROM STUDENTS FACULTY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES PARENTS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS I HAVE AN AMENDMENT I'M GOING TO MAKE LATER THAT'S JUST GOING TO ADD THE WORD PRINCIPLES IN THERE OBVIOUSLY PRINCIPLES ARE PART OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES BUT THE REASON I WANT TO ADD THEIR NAME IS BECAUSE I SEEM TO DETECT AT SOME OF THESE HEARINGS THAT PRINCIPLES FEEL AFRAID THAT IF THEY MAKE A BIG DEAL ABOUT IT THAT THEY ARE GOING TO SOMEHOW SOMETHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THEM AND I DON'T KNOW IF THIS WILL ACTUALLY PROTECT THEM BUT I I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WHEN THEY READ THEIR NAME IN HERE THAT THAT MEANS THEY THEY SHOULD REPORT TO THE SUPERINTENDENTS WITHOUT ANY FEAR ON SECTION 3 OF THE BILL I HAD A COUPLE QUESTIONS I WOULD I WOULD LIKE TO JUST DISCUSS WITH THE SPONSOR UM SO I AGREE WITH REPORTING THE SUPERINTENDENT KEEPS THIS LIST IT'S UP TO THE SUPERINTENDENT TO DO EVERYTHING IN PART D SO THAT IS ASSESS REMEDIATE THE HAZARDS AND THE INFESTATIONS BY HIRING OR DOING WHATEVER THEY HAVE TO DO ISOLATING THE AREAS DEVELOPING NOTIFICATIONS AND NOTIFYING THE STUDENTS PARENTS PERSONNEL INVESTIGATING INSPECTION SCHEDULES REPORTING THEIR FINDINGS TO REGULATORY AGENCIES I THINK THIS

IS WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO GET THE HELP RIGHT THESE ARE THE EXPERTS EPA IF YOU THINK IT'S A GAS YOU'RE NOT SURE REPORT IT TO EPA AND LET THEM TELL YOU AND LET THEM TELL YOU HOW TO REMEDIATE THIS CERTAIN TYPE OF GAS OR MODE OR WHATEVER AND DEVELOP A WARNING SYSTEM TO THE PUBLIC I I THINK D ACTUALLY IS IS ENOUGH FOR THE WHOLE SECTION OF 7112.2 ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION THAT'S D A IS A LITTLE BIT WHERE I GUESS WHERE FOR ME QUESTIONS ARISE SIMILAR TO ONE OF THE PRECEDING SPEAKERS IT'S LIKE WE EXPECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO TO IDENTIFY MICROBIOLOGICAL AND PATHOGENIC HAZARDS INCLUDING BACTERIA YEAST FUNGI AND VIRUSES I FEEL LIKE THAT'S EXTREMELY BROAD LIKE WE'VE GOT FUNGI AND PROBABLY BACTERIA IN EVERY BATHROOM AND TO SAY THAT WE ARE GOING TO MAKE THE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT ON EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE THINGS NO UNLESS THEY BECOME A HAZARD OR THEY THINK IT MIGHT BECOME A HAZARD NUMBER TWO INSECTS I MEAN THAT'S COVERED IN D INFESTATIONS RODENT INFESTATIONS COVERED IN D NUMBER FOUR SUBSTANCES HAZARDOUS THAT'S ALREADY COVERED BY EVERY OTHER LAW YOU KNOW I MEAN AND IT'S COVERED IN D ASSESS AND REMEDIATE HAZARDS I MEAN HAZARDOUS THINGS NUMBER FIVE NOXIOUS OR TOXIC GAS HAZARDS I DON'T KNOW THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN REMEDIATING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND D THE REASON WHY I'M SAYING THIS IS BECAUSE IF WE'RE GONNA I FEEL LIKE WHAT THEY NEED TO REMEDIATE SHOULD BE CONTROLLED BY OTHER STATUTES I MEAN IF WE'RE SAYING THAT RODENTS ARE NOT CONTROLLED BY ANY OTHER STATUTE WELL THEIR INFESTATIONS ARE COVERED IN D BUT I I I DON'T KNOW I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS I THINK IT'S REASONABLE THAT WE MIGHT HAVE RED ANTS IN THE SCHOOL PLAY YARD AND THAT'S AN INFESTATION OF RED ANTS BUT WE DON'T NEED TO CLOSE DOWN A SCHOOL OR YOU KNOW I DON'T KNOW I JUST FEEL LIKE IT A LOT OF THIS I DON'T WANT IT TO BE OVER BROAD THAT WE REALLY TIE THE HANDS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT FROM MOVING FORWARD I GUESS WHAT REALLY BROUGHT MY ATTENTION TO THIS IS NUMBER SIX TOXICITY OR ALLERGENS ORIGINATING IN FLORA I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT I THINK IF YOU LOOK DOWN ALL OUR FAMILIES WE'RE GOING TO FIND PEOPLE WITH ALLERGIES TO DIFFERENT THINGS AND A LOT OF THEM DIFFERENT FLOWERS ON GUAM MY DAD WAS TOTALLY ALLERGIC TO THE YELLOW ONE AND YOU KNOW SOME OF THE OTHERS IN MY FAMILY DIFFERENT ONES SO I'M JUST AFRAID THAT I DO NOT THINK THE SUPERINTENDENT NEEDS TO WORRY ABOUT ALLERGENS ORIGINATING IN FLORA UNLESS IT'S ALREADY LIKE CONTROLLED BY ANOTHER PROVISION OF LAW LIKE I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW I'M TRYING TO THINK WHAT WOULD MAKE IT TOXIC ALLERGENS AND TOXICITY IS DIFFERENT HAZARDS IN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS I HOPE THERE'S SOME KIND OF STANDARD OPERATING POSITION PROCEDURES FOR TESTING WATER GENERALLY THEY'RE GETTING THEIR WATER FROM GWA I REALLY HOPE THE SCHOOLS DO NOT HAVE TO DO THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT TESTING OF WATER AND GWA THAT'S THEIR RESPONSIBILITY THEY ARE PUMPING THE WATER INTO THE SCHOOLS WE ARE GIVING THAT TO OUR CHILDREN THAT'S GWA'S RESPONSIBILITY SO THAT'S WHY I'M KIND OF THINKING THAT WE COULD REMOVE A AND THE BILL WOULD STILL BE POWERFUL IT WOULD ACHIEVE ITS PURPOSE WITHOUT GOING OVER BROAD AND PUTTING MANDATES ON THE SUPERINTENDENT THAT THAT I JUST FEEL ARE THIS WOULD BE A CHALLENGE EVEN FOR EPA TO ENFORCE B IS TO CONDUCT ANNUAL INSPECTIONS OF REMEDIATED HAZARDS I HAVE NO NO OBJECTION TO B AND C I WOULD I GUESS I WOULD ADD THAT TO I WOULD JUST I DON'T KNOW MAYBE JUST ASK THE AUTHOR IF HE WOULD YIELD TO A DISCUSSION ON ON THE SUBSECTION A IF IF WE REMOVED SUBSECTION A AND LEFT ONLY SUBSECTION D WOULD THAT BE ENOUGH OR DO YOU FEEL LIKE THE SCHOOLS I KNOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MOLD SO I GUESS THE PREMISE IS THAT MOLD IS NOT COVERED BY ANY OTHER STATUTE ON GUAM AND THAT MODE IS ALLOWED AND I DON'T KNOW IF WE'VE INVESTIGATED THAT RIGHT LIKE WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH'S RESPONSE TO WHY IN THEIR SANITARY INSPECTIONS MOLD IS NOT COVERED SO MAYBE THE SPONSOR MIGHT YIELD TO THAT OR OR WHY ACROSS THE NATION IF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH IS NOT ENFORCING IT THEN IT MUST NOT BE ENFORCED BY PUBLIC HEALTH ACROSS THE NATION AND I JUST I THINK MAYBE EVEN THEY'RE GOING TO ARGUE THERE ARE CERTAIN TYPES OF MOLD THAT ARE DEADLY CERTAIN TYPES OF MOLD THAT ARE HARMLESS I MEAN I DON'T KNOW BUT I'M I GUESS THAT'S WHY I DON'T WANT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO HAVE TO BECOME A BIOLOGY BIOLOGISTS SPECIALIST HAZARDOUS MITIGATION SPECIALISTS I DON'T WANT THAT WE WANT HER TO BE AN EDUCATION SPECIALIST OR HIM AND AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT AND I WANT THIS COMMON SENSE WHEN IT COMES TO YOU KNOW ASSESSING THE SCHOOLS.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SPEAKER I'LL ASK WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD SENATOR BARNETT ON THE INQUIRY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ONE MORE THING I'D JUST LIKE TO DO THROW IN BEFORE HE HE DOES IF HE WANTS TO YIELD HIS SO THIS THE SCHOOLS HAVE TOLD US THAT BEFORE THEY OPEN THEY ARE DOING WHAT'S CALLED



CHECKLIST RIGHT OPENING CHECKLIST AND I WANT TO KNOW ARE THESE THINGS INCLUDED IN THEIR OPENING CHECKLIST OR NOT IS ARE THESE TOTALLY NEW PARAMETERS THAT WE'RE ASKING THEM TO CHECK FOR THAT THAT THEY WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO CHECK FOR EITHER RIGHT AND AND SO I JUST I THINK HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND INFESTATIONS MAKES SENSE SO IF THE SPONSOR WILL YIELD.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SPEAKER SENATOR BARNETT THERE WERE A COUPLE OF INQUIRIES THERE I'M HOPING YOU WOULD YIELD COULD YOU YIELD YOU MAY PROCEED SENATOR BARNETT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU I THANK THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER FOR ALL THOSE QUESTIONS YEAH IT'S SECTION A NUMBER ONE MICROBIOLOGICAL AND PATHOGENIC HAZARDS INCLUDING BACTERIA YEAST FUNGI AND VIRUSES THAT'S JUST MOLD BASICALLY IT'S A FANCY WAY OF PUTTING MOLD IN THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER IS RIGHT WE DON'T KNOW IF THIS MOLD IS HARMLESS OR THIS MOLD IS HARMFUL BUT WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT AND SOMEONE HAD MENTIONED FIFTH GRADERS BEFORE IS THAT IT ACTUALLY GOT A COMPLAINT FROM A PARENT OF A FIFTH GRADE STUDENT BECAUSE THEIR CHILD HAS ASTHMA AND THEY BELIEVE THAT IT WAS BEING IRRITATED AND AGGRAVATED BY THE PRESENCE OF MOLD IN THE CLASSROOM AND SO THAT'S WHY THAT'S INCLUDED HERE AND THAT'S WHY EVERYTHING ELSE IS INCLUDED HERE IS THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AND PARENTS THAT EXIST IN THE SCHOOL FACILITY SO I WANTED TO GET THEM DOWN AS JUST SOME OF THE THINGS AND I THINK I I MIGHT JUST PROFFER AN AMENDMENT HERE FOR SECTION A THAT WOULD MAYBE READ THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION FOR INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING AND I'LL GET THAT WORKED ON BUT YEAH I AGREE I DON'T THINK THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT IS GOING TO BE REQUIRED TO BE A MICROBIOLOGIST OR A LOUIS PASTEUR OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT I THINK WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS WHEN THESE THESE ISSUES ARE IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMON FOLK IF YOU WILL THEN THAT WOULD REQUIRE AN ASSESSMENT WHERE THEY GO OUT AND THEY FIND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE EXPERTISE TO ASSESS IT WHETHER IT'S PUBLIC HEALTH OR THE GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OR YOU KNOW A CONTRACTOR AND THAT'S WHY THEY WOULD TACK THIS ON TO THE PROCUREMENT I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUNDING BUT I WOULD JUST SAY WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST TO MITIGATE SOMETHING IF WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE MITIGATING SO I WOULD I WOULD JUST SAY THAT IT'S A JUST A LITTLE BIT OF CART BEFORE THE HORSE BUT YEAH I AGREE WITH THE CONCERNS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER BUT AGAIN I FEEL LIKE THAT THAT WE'RE JUST LISTING DOWN THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE THINGS THAT THAT WE KNOW EXISTED THE SCHOOL SETTING SO THAT THEY'RE LISTED DOWN AND SO THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT IS AWARE THAT THESE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS THAT THAT PEOPLE ARE ARE BRINGING UP AND THEN SECTION D I FEEL IN MY INTERPRETATION IS SECTION A KIND OF LISTS THE THINGS THAT WE CAN BE LOOKING OUT FOR AND THEN SECTION D REQUIRES GDOE TO DEVELOP THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR EVERYTHING THAT WAS LISTED IN IN THE PREVIOUS SECTION SO I'M NOT SURE IF THAT ADDRESSES ALL OF THE INQUIRIES THAT THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER HAD AND I'M MORE THAN WILLING TO YIELD TO ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS THAT ANYONE MAY HAVE THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR BARNETT SPEAKER TERLAJE DOES THAT SUFFICE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YEAH I THINK THE SPONSOR FOR YIELDING AGAIN I'M JUST CONCERNED THAT WE'RE WE'RE ALLOWING THEM TO RECEIVE AND RETAIN REPORTS AND MAKE THOSE PUBLIC SEND THEM TO AGENCIES AND AND OH NOTIFY PARENTS WHEN THEY RECEIVE REPORTS BUT SUBSECTION A 7112.2 A AND SECTION THREE SAYS THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL DEVELOP PROCEDURES TO IDENTIFY AND REMEDIATE AND IT DOESN'T SAY IT SAYS MICROBIOLOGICAL AND PATHOGENIC HAZARDS INCLUDING BACTERIA YEAST FUNGI AND VIRUSES AND AND AS I SAID EARLIER THE WHOLE LIST SO I INCLUDING ALLERGENS ORIGINATING IN FLORA AND I THINK WE NEED TO MANDATE OPENING OF THE SCHOOLS RIGHT WE WANT SANITARY PERMITS WE WANT THEM TO PASS THEIR SANITARY PERMITS AND IF THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE SANITARY GUIDELINES THEN LET'S FIX THOSE OR IF THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH EPAS WHAT THEY'RE DEFINING AS HAZARDOUS THEN LET'S FIX THOSE BUT I DON'T WANT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND PUBLIC HEALTH EPA OSHA AND EVERYBODY TO DETERMINE WHAT IS SAFE AND WHAT IS NOT SAFE I THINK THAT REPORTING SHOULD HELP TAKE CARE OF THAT BECAUSE EVERYTHING WILL BE REPORTED SHE CAN STUDY IT AND DO ASSESSMENTS AND AND REMEDIATE IF THEY ARE HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES OR INFESTATIONS INCLUDING HIRING CONTRACTORS WHAT SHE'S ALREADY AUTHORIZED TO DO AND THEY CAN INSPECT BUT YEAH I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE OURSELVES LISTING OTHER THINGS NOXIOUS OR TOXIC GAS HAZARDS I DON'T KNOW I REMEMBER YOU KNOW

THIS IS JUST AN EXTREME EXAMPLE BUT IN HIGH SCHOOLS YOU HAVE LABS AND THEY ARE OBNOXIOUS AND TOXIC GASES THAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DEALING WITH IN THERE AND LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH THOSE THINGS SO I DON'T KNOW I'M JUST SAYING I DON'T WANT TO BE OVER BROAD AND SO I I TRUST THAT THE AUTHOR HAS YOU KNOW DONE A LOT OF RESEARCH ON THIS BUT I STILL THINK THAT IF THIS IS IF IT'S JUST MOLD THAT WASN'T COVERED IN THE EXISTING REGULATIONS THEN MAYBE YOU KNOW WE CAN WRITE HAZARDOUS MOLD SOMEWHERE HERE AND NOT INCLUDE EVERY OTHER MICROBIOLOGICAL AND PATHOGENIC HAZARD THAT MAY BE OUT THERE OR IN HERE OR ON OUR MICROPHONES AND EVERYWHERE I DON'T KNOW I HOPE I HOPE HE GETS MY POINT BUT THAT'S WHY I'M JUST WORRIED THE LANGUAGE IS TOO BROAD THAT'S REALLY THE BOTTOM LINE I'M NOT SAYING NONE OF THOSE IS IS RELEVANT I'M SAYING THE LANGUAGE IS VERY BROAD AND IT'S GOING TO COVER THINGS THAT I DON'T THINK WE INTEND TO COVER OTHERWISE I SUPPORT THE BILL I JUST LIKE TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO ADD THE WORD PRINCIPALS SECTION TWO.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON SECTION TWO TO ADD THE WORD PRINCIPALS ARE THERE ANY OBJECTION OR ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU AND I SUPPORT THE BILL.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SPEAKER ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SENATOR BARNETT YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE MAIN MOTION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** MADAM CAN I CALL FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** WE'LL TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS.

**RECESS**

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

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU I HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT I HOPE WILL ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE'RE RAISED BY MY COLLEAGUES IT'S IN THE DRIVE AND IT'S TO AMEND SECTION THREE OF THE BILL TO READ A A NEW SUBSECTION 7112.2 IS ADDED A CHAPTER 7 TITLE 17 GUAM CODE AND ANNOTATED TO HEREBY READ AS THE FOLLOWS AS FOLLOWS 71 2.2 ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND INFESTATIONS A THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL DEVELOP PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER NINE TITLE FIVE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED PROCEDURES TO IDENTIFY AND REMEDIATE CONDITIONS OF THE FACILITIES OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AND THEN I STRUCK THROUGH ALL THE WAY DOWN TO HEAR ANY SUBSTANCE OR INFESTATION DEEMED TO BE HAZARDOUS BY INCLUDING WE'RE NOT LIMITED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SO JUST TO ASK FOR THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR THIS AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS OR ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AT THIS TIME ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I THINK THAT BASICALLY SIMPLIFIES WHAT THE GOAL IS OF THIS BILL WHICH I SUPPORT I THINK DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WHEN THEY COME DOWN FOR THEIR BUDGET HEARING AND OTHER THINGS GOING FORWARD IN TERMS OF A LOT OF THE RECENT LEGISLATION KIND OF TRYING TO FOCUS ON GETTING THINGS BACK ON TRACK WILL LET US KNOW WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS ARE IN TERMS OF TRYING TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE BUT YOU KNOW MADAM CHAIR BASICALLY IN ANY OPERATION WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH FACILITIES ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE'RE GETTING TO HERE IS KIND OF LIKE A HAZMAT OVERVIEW AND BASICALLY AN OVERVIEW OF ANYTHING THAT REALLY CREATES ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT SEEMS TO HAVE COME TO PLAY WITH A LOT OF THE RECENT FOCUS AND ENERGY ON ENSURING THAT OUR SCHOOLS CAN COME INTO COMPLIANCE YOU KNOW PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THE REAL INTERACTION IS BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT'S REALLY WHERE KIND OF THE RUBBER WAS HITTING THE ROAD IN TERMS OF INSPECTIONS IN TERMS OF ENSURING THAT THE ENVIRONMENT YOU KNOW IS

ACCEPTABLE AND ADEQUATE FOR A PROPER LEARNING ENVIRONMENT SO I THINK IT THIS IS A SIMPLIFICATION OF SOMETHING THAT REALLY ENCOMPASSES ALL OF MORE OF THE TECHNICAL LANGUAGE THAT WAS INCLUDED EARLIER SIMPLY BECAUSE ONCE AGAIN ANYONE INVOLVED IN FACILITIES MAINTENANCE OR MAINTENANCE OF ANY OPERATION REALLY THAT REQUIRES BUILDING STRUCTURES VEHICLES ANYTHING THAT HAS ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS ESSENTIALLY THAT'S WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO YOU NEED TO ENSURE THAT THOSE SPACES COMPLY WITH PROPER ENVIRONMENT WHICH MEANS THE ERROR YOU BREATHE WHICH MEANS SURFACES THAT YOU TOUCH WHICH MEANS A BUILDING THAT'S NOT GOING TO FALL IN YOUR HEAD YOU KNOW ANYTHING THAT REALLY IS PERTAINS TO SAFETY AND THE WELL-BEING OF THOSE OCCUPYING THAT SPACE FOR A TIME CERTAIN SO I THINK IT'S A LOGICAL AMENDMENT I THINK IT DOESN'T PUT AN OVER ARCHING BURDEN ON THE SUPERINTENDENT BE IT THE CURRENT SUPERINTENDENT OR THE INCOMING SUPERINTENDENT WHOEVER GETS TO DRIVE THIS SHIP WHEN THIS BILL IS PASSED AND WORK ON IMPLEMENTING IT I THINK I THINK THE LOGIC IS THERE AND I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE AN EASY READ WITH REGARD TO THIS AMENDMENT SAYING WE GET IT WE UNDERSTAND THESE REPORTS WILL BE COMPILED BECAUSE THERE ARE THEY'RE ACTUALLY VITAL IN TERMS OF MOVING FORWARD AND DETERMINING YOU KNOW THE PATHWAY THERE PUBLIC HEALTH ALREADY KNOWS WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR WHEN THEY GO OUT AND HAVE TO USE THEIR CHECKLIST TO DEEM A FACILITY SAFE FOR OPERATION THAT RUNS THE GAMUT OF EVERYTHING THAT THAT FACILITY IS GOING TO DO TEACHING AND LEARNING YOU KNOW NUTRITIONAL YOU KNOW SUPPORT IN TERMS OF CAFETERIA FEEDING YOU KNOW USING OF RESTROOMS I MEAN JUST IT'S NO DIFFERENT REALLY THAN WHAT WE ASK AS THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL HAS BEEN KIND OF PUSHING SINCE MOVING TOWARDS TRYING TO BRING THESE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES INTO COMPLIANCE NO DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE ASKED OF ANY OTHER ESTABLISHMENT WHERE THERE'S AN EXPECTATION THAT THEIR SANITARY ENVIRONMENT PROPER ENVIRONMENT AN ENVIRONMENT THAT'S CONDUCIVE IN THIS CASE TO LEARNING AND JUST YOUR OVER WELL WELL-BEING WHEN YOU'RE INSIDE OF A BUILDING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN FOR HOURS FOR A ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR AND HOPEFULLY FOR ALL OF THEM 12 SCHOOL YEARS AND THEN MOVING ON TO BETTER AND GREENER PASTURE SO I THINK IT'S A GOOD AMENDMENT I THINK IT ENCOMPASSES WHAT THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE BILL IS AND I SUPPORT IT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE WELCOME SENATOR DUEÑAS ANYONE ELSE ON THE CHRIS BARNETT AMENDMENT IF NOT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTION SENATOR SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE SENATOR BARNETT AMENDMENT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU I WANT TO THANK THE SPONSOR OF THE AMENDMENT FOR THIS AMENDMENT I THINK IT MAKES THE BILL MUCH STRONGER IT'S VERY CLEAR NOW TO ME WHAT THE MANDATE FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT IS AND IT'S NOT OVERLY BROAD WHICH I WAS WORRIED ABOUT I WAS ALSO THINKING THAT THESE YOU KNOW THEY'RE ON A SUPER SHORT TIME FRAME AUGUST AND THESE ARE SUPPOSEDLY KNOWN REQUIREMENTS TO THEM IF THEY'RE NOT ALREADY THEN THEY SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN EVERY CHECKLIST THAT THEY HAVE AND SO THIS JUST REINFORCES THAT AND AND PUTS IT DIRECTLY ON THE SUPERINTENDENT IT'S NOT THE PRINCIPAL'S JOB TO MITIGATE HAZARDOUS FACILITIES I THINK IT'S A GOOD PLACEMENT ON THE SUPERINTENDENT IT'S A PRINCIPAL'S JOB TO REPORT THOSE THINGS AND THEN IT'S THE DOE SCHOOL SYSTEMS JOB TO MITIGATE THEM ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HAZARDOUS AND AND YOU KNOW THINGS THAT REALLY REQUIRE COMPLEX AND REGULATORY HELP AND I ALSO WANTED TO MENTION SO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT THE PUBLIC HEARING ALSO OFFERED THAT THEY HAVE GUIDELINES TO ASSIST DOE IN GETTING READY AND NOT JUST THEY'RE GOING TO COME IN IN THE END AND INSPECT AND YOU FAIL OR YOU YOU LOSE BUT IT'S THEY HAVE GUIDELINES AND IF DOE FOLLOWS THIS GUIDELINES THAT THEY THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO HELP THEM THAT PUBLIC HEALTH WILL CAN THEN HELP THEM TO GET THESE SCHOOLS READY BUT AS I SAID EARLIER IT'S GOING TO TAKE EVERY AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM I TRULY BELIEVE THAT TO GET THESE SCHOOLS READY BY AUGUST THAT'S ONE MONTH SO I SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT AND AGAIN I THINK IT MAKES THE BILL ABSOLUTELY STRONGER AND I HOPE WE GET TO THE INTENT WHERE HAZARDS ARE EXPOSED TO THE PUBLIC THEY'RE EXPOSED TO THE PARENTS MOST ESPECIALLY AND THAT WE CAN KEEP THE STUDENTS AWAY FROM THEM IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE HARMED THAT'S THE GOAL AND I THINK THIS THIS WILL GET US TO THAT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *BUEN PRUBECHU* SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE CHRIS BARNETT AMENDMENT IF NO ONE ELSE WISHES TO SPEAK ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR ON THE MAIN MOTION FOR CLOSING.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ALSO FOR THEIR DISCUSSION AND THEIR IDEAS THEIR COMMENTS AND CONCERNS ON THIS BILL I THINK YOU KNOW THE END OF THE DAY COMING OUT WITH A BETTER BILL THAN THE ONE I PUT IN AND THAT WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE LIVELY DISCUSSION AND AGAIN THE IDEAS FROM MY COLLEAGUES HERE ON ON THE FLOOR AND SO I THANK THEM FOR THAT AND I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A CO-SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES TO I BELIEVE VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR DUEÑAS YES SENATOR BROWN SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR BROWN YEAH I WANT TO PUT EVERYBODY I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S OKAY WITH SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR FISHER NO ALL RIGHT WELL YEAH EVERYBODY WITH THE EXCEPTION I BELIEVE OF SENATOR FISHER AND SENATOR TAITAGUE ARE YOU OKAY SENATOR BLAS THANK YOU AND ALSO SENATOR SABINA IS THAT CAN I DO THAT.

**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SHE'S ALREADY A SPONSOR.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** OH THAT'S RIGHT HELLO SHE WAS THE RIGHT THERE SINCE THE BEGINNING THANK YOU I THANK HER FOR HER HER SUPPORT AS YOU KNOW MANY OF THE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO INCLUDE SPONSORS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION HEARING NO SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU AND AGAIN I JUST I'M VERY GRATEFUL AND I'M VERY HUMBLLED BY THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR THIS MEASURE AND I DEFINITELY THANK THEM AND I LOOK FOR A SWIFT PASSAGE OF THIS WHEN IT GETS TIME TO TO VOTE ON IT AND THAT BEING SAID I'VE MOVED TO PLACE BILL 44-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING FILE FOR VOTING LATER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE BILL 44-37 COR IS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO I'D LIKE FOR THE BODY TO RECONSIDER ADDING I'D LIKE TO MOTION TO FOR THE BODY TO RECONSIDER BILL NUMBER 20-37 COR AN ACT TO RESTORE ACCESS TO FEDERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WITH FELONY DRUG CONVICTIONS TO AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE ONTO THE THIRD READING FILE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO RECONSIDER BILL NO. 20-37 COR AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES THE STANDING RULES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION AND THERE'S AN OBJECTION.

**SENATOR BLAS:** POINT OF ORDER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IS THERE AN OBJECTION IS THERE A.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY THE MOTION IS TO TO PUT IT ON THE JUST TO UNDERSTAND IT SO I KNOW WHAT I'M VOTING ON HERE THAT THE MOTION IS TO PUT THE BILL IN THE THIRD READING FILE THIRD READING FILE IS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** NO IT'S A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY WHICH WHICH DENIED PUTTING THE BILL ON THE THIRD READING.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THAT WOULD RECONSIDER IT INTO SECOND READING SO.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** IT WOULD GO TO THE SECOND READING FILE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY THANK YOU MADAM I JUST WANTED TO VERIFY THAT THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES IS THAT AN OBJECTION SENATOR BLAS IS THERE.

**SENATOR BLAS:** I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT CLEAR IT'S GOING BACK INTO THE SECOND IF THE MOTION PASSES IT WILL BE RECONSIDERED IN SECOND READING IF THE MOTION PASSES SO THERE'S A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY ON BILL NUMBER 20-37 COR NOTWITHSTANDING THE STANDING RULES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 20-37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MOTION TO MOVE BILL 20-37 COR LS AND ACT TO RESTORE FEDERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO OTHERWISE INELIGIBLE INELIGIBLE EXCUSE ME TO OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WITH FELONY DRUG CONVENTION CONVICTIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU ON THE MOTION DOES ANYONE LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE SENATOR FISHER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU MR. PARKINSON I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE BODY RECONSIDER MY AMENDMENT TO THAT BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I THINK WE CAN JUST TAKE YOUR AMENDMENT STRAIGHT UP WITHOUT A RECONSIDERATION SO COPIES SHOULD BE ON THEIR TABLES YOU'RE MAKING A MOTION TO AMEND THE BILL.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES I AM MAKING A MOTION TO AMEND THE BILL ON MY AMENDMENT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES.

**SENATOR FISHER:** THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED THAT WOULD REQUIRE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** CAN THE GOOD SENATOR FROM IPAN THE IPANESE IF HE DOESN'T MIND REFRESH OUR MEMORY ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE AMENDMENT BECAUSE IT'S BEEN A MINUTE THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR THIS IS YOUR 15 MINUTES ON THE BILL TO TO SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT ABOUT THE BILL AND TO TALK ABOUT YOUR AMENDMENT SO YOU'VE MADE A MOTION ON THE AMENDMENT SO NOW WE'RE ON THE AMENDMENT YEAH.

**SENATOR FISHER:** OKAY SO BEING HEARD ON THE AMENDMENT THE AMENDMENT JUST TO REFRESH THE GENTLEMAN'S MEMORY IT ADDS SECTION 9 AND IT SAYS THAT 2706 RANDOM DRUG TESTING FORMERLY CONVICTED FELONIES FELONS RATHER ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SNAP AND OR TANF BENEFITS UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTING FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR SNAP AND OR TANF BENEFITS TWO CONSECUTIVE POSITIVE DRUG TESTS SHALL AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY SUCH INDIVIDUALS FROM CONTINUING TO RECEIVE SNAP AND OR TANF BENEFITS AND I KNOW THAT ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES WHO'S ASKED ABOUT THIS WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE EARLIER DISCUSSION SO IF I'LL JUST I'LL JUST GO AHEAD AND AND REITERATE WHAT WAS SAID THE THRUST OF THE MAIN BILL IS TO ALLOW PEOPLE CONVICTED OF DRUG FELONIES TO AT SOME POINT IN THEIR RECOVERY BEGIN TO RECEIVE THESE BENEFITS THE AMENDMENT ITSELF REQUIRES A BIT OF A QUID PRO QUO HERE IF YOU ARE TO RECEIVE THOSE BENEFITS THEN YOU MUST REMAIN CLEAN AND HOW DO WE DO THAT WE DO THAT BY DISCOVERING WHETHER SOMEBODY THROUGH TESTING WE DISCOVER WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE VIOLATED A CONDITION BY RE GOING BACK TO THE USE OF DRUGS ANOTHER ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES EXPRESSED A CONCERN THAT INDIVIDUALS WERE NOT GETTING A SECOND CHANCE UNDER THIS LAW OR THIS AMENDMENT I WOULD JUST LIKE HIM TO CONSIDER THE FACT THAT IT REQUIRES TWO CONSECUTIVE POSITIVE DRUG TESTS NOT MERELY TWO DRUG TESTS BUT TWO CONSECUTIVE DRUG TESTS SO AS A PRACTICAL MATTER IF A PERSON TESTS POSITIVE FOR THE USE OF

CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE THEY ARE NOT IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED FROM THE PROGRAM BUT IF THEY COME IN FOR A CONSECUTIVE DRUG TEST AND ARE POSITIVE THEY ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE PROGRAM IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT IF AN INDIVIDUAL TESTS POSITIVE THAT AND THERE IS AN INTERVENING DRUG TEST THAT SHOWS NEGATIVE AND THEN A SUBSEQUENT POSITIVE THEY ARE STILL NOT EXCLUDED SO THEY DO GET THAT SECOND CHANCE AND I HOPE THAT HELPS TO QUELL SOME CONCERNS ABOUT A OVERLY DRACONIAN OUTCOME HERE WHAT IT DOES REQUIRE OF THE INDIVIDUAL IS THAT THEY MAKE A POSITIVE ACTUAL AFFIRMATIVE CHOICE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS NOT TO USE THESE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IT'S NOT ONEROUS SINCE WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THOSE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IN ANY CASE IT MERELY REQUIRES RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE INDIVIDUAL IT REQUIRES THAT PERSON TO ACTUALLY INVEST OR REINVEST IN THE SOCIAL CONTRACT AND LIVE AS SUCCESSFUL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AS WE CARE FOR THEM THROUGH SNAP AND TANF BENEFITS BUT IT ALSO REQUIRES THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS NOT CONTINUE TO BREAK THE LAW THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE AN OVERLY ONEROUS OR BURDENSOME REQUIREMENT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL SO I HAVE SAID BEFORE THAT THE BILL THE BILL ITSELF IS MOTIVATED BY A SENSE OF CHARITY AND I THINK THAT IS COMMENDABLE BUT WHILE WE WORK THROUGH OR WHILE WE I GUESS WHILE WE ACCOMPLISH OUR AGREEMENT ONE WITH ANOTHER IF WE ARE GOING TO GIVE YOU THE BENEFITS THEN YOU MUST AGREE TO SOMETHING VERY SIMPLE THAT IS TO OBEY THE LAW IF YOU REFUSE TO OBEY THE LAW IT IS NOT OUR CHOICE THAT YOU NOT OBEY THE LAW RATHER IT IS THE INDIVIDUAL'S CHOICE SO IT WOULD BE ERRONEOUS TO THINK THAT A PERSON WHO TESTS POSITIVE CONSECUTIVELY TWICE IS BEING TREATED UNFAIRLY IT IS IN FACT THAT PERSON WHO HAS MADE THE ELECTION TO ELIMINATE THEMSELVES FROM THE TANF OR SNAP PROGRAM AND AND THANK YOU MA'AM I TO CONTINUE I JUST BE REITERATING WHAT I HAVE SAID THIS MORNING AS WELL AS JUST RECENTLY SO I WOULD JUST ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO VOTE AND SUPPORT THIS BILL TO BRING MORE ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE AMENDMENT THE AMENDMENT THANKS THANK YOU SENATOR TO CONSIDER AND SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT IT DOES NO MORE THEN BRING PEOPLE AND IT'S ACTUALLY YOU KNOW TO BE HONEST WITH YOU MA'AM IT'S ALSO AND IT'S ALSO A KIND OF A BIT OF A COERCIVE ELEMENT TO KEEP PEOPLE ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW IF THEY WANT TO CONTINUE TO GET THE SNAP BENEFITS AND THE TANF BENEFITS AND IF THEY ARE IN FACT EARNEST IN FEEDING THEIR FAMILIES AND FEEDING THEIR CHILDREN THEN THE SELECTION THE CHOICE IS EASY STAY CLEAN AND WE WILL WE WILL ALLOW YOU TO HAVE THE BENEFITS IF YOU DON'T STAY CLEAN AND THERE ARE ONEROUS RESULTS IT IS NO FAULT OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IT IS THE FAULT OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS ELECTED IN SPITE OF THE MANY TOOLS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN SPITE OF THE MANY TOOLS THEY'VE ALREADY EXPLOITED TO QUIT USING DRUGS IT'S THEIR CHOICE TO CONTINUE THE USE AND ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES AND SO I WOULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT AND MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

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

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST HAD A QUESTION FOR THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT.

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

**SENATOR BARNETT:** COULD HE PLEASE EXPLAIN FORMERLY CONVICTED FELONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WILL THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES I WILL I AGREE WITH THE SENATOR THAT THAT IS KIND OF AWKWARDLY PHRASED ONCE CONVICTED YOU ARE NOT FORMALLY CONVICTED YOU ARE CONVICTED SO THE AND I'M GLAD HE POINTED THAT OUT I MEAN IT'S ADDING THAT ADVERB DOESN'T REALLY MAKE TOO MUCH SENSE FORMALLY CONVICTED ONCE YOU'VE BEEN CONVICTED YOU HAVE BEEN CONVICTED UM I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S I THINK IT'S SUPERFLUOUS I DON'T KNOW THAT IT HAS ANY IMPACT ON THE ACTUAL THRUST OF THE AMENDMENT I HOPE I'VE ANSWERED THE GENTLEMAN'S QUESTION MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU I WOULD JUST CAUTION THAT THE DEFENDANT IS EITHER CONVICTED OR EXONERATED FORMERLY CONVICTED TO ME MEANS THE DEFENDER WAS CONVICTED APPEALED AND THE

CONVICTION WAS ULTIMATELY VACATED SO I WOULD JUST I DON'T KNOW IF HE WANTS TO REMOVE THE WORD FORMERLY OR IF HE'S GOOD WITH IT I'M JUST OFFERING THAT MA'AM.

**SENATOR FISHER:** I THINK THAT THAT I THINK THAT IS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD WILL THE SENATOR SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES I DO I THINK THAT THAT IS A I THINK THAT'S KIND OF AN ASTUTE OBSERVATION I CAN SEE SOMEBODY PERHAPS OVER LITIGIOUSLY MAKING THAT ARGUMENT BUT I THINK HE'S CORRECT I WOULD LIKE TO STRIKE THE WORD FORMERLY AND CHANGE IN THE WORD CONVICTED CHANGE LOWERCASE C THE FIRST LOWERCASE C TO UPPERCASE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU FOR YIELDING TO THE QUESTION SENATOR BARNETT YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR FISHER:** I'M SORRY IF THE GENTLEMAN WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE AMENDMENT I GOT NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YEAH YOU SENATOR BARNETT YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU I'M GOOD MAYBE IF THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT WOULD LIKE TO JUST CROSS THAT OUT IF THAT'S WHAT HE SO DESIRES THAT'S SOMETHING I WOULD SUPPORT THANK YOU NOTHING FURTHER MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I YOU KNOW I I SPOKE ON THIS THIS MORNING AND I ASKED THE QUESTION SURE AFTER TWO CONSECUTIVE THERE THEY'RE BUMPED OFF THE SNAP PROGRAM MANY OF US I DON'T KNOW HOW CORRECTION LET ME JUST CORRECT MYSELF AND I DIDN'T SAY MANY I KNOW OF MANY FOLKS THAT WERE ADDICTED IT TOOK THEM A COUPLE YEARS TO GET OFF IT AND WHEN THEY FINALLY CLEAR WITH THIS AMENDMENT THERE'S NO RECOURSE FOR THEM TO GET BACK ON AND GET SOME ASSISTANCE THAT'S WHAT CONCERNS ME SURE WE CAN TALK ABOUT YOU CAN MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION SURE YOU YOU MADE THE WRONG DECISION YOU GOT CAUGHT AND YOU GO TO JAIL MAYBE HE DIDN'T HAVE A GOOD ATTORNEY KEEP OUT OF JAIL BUT AT THE SAME TOKEN ONCE YOU'RE CONVICTED YOU'RE CONVICTED THAT'S DONE YOU TAKE A TEST YOU FAIL TAKE ANOTHER TEST YOU FAIL BUT IF THE INDIVIDUAL GOES TO A FULL REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND IT'S CLEARED AND IT'S GOOD TO GO FOR THE PAST TWO THREE YEARS OR EVEN FIVE YEARS OR EVEN MORE HE CAN'T GET ANY SNAP ASSISTANCE I DON'T SEE ANY RECOURSE FOR THIS AND I ASKED THAT EARLIER IS THERE A RECOURSE AFTER THE TWO BECAUSE REMEMBER THIS AMENDMENT IS THROUGHOUT THE TIME THEY'RE GETTING SNAP THEY COULD BE ON SNAP FOR 10 YEARS AND ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY SLIP THEY GOT CAUGHT TWO CONSECUTIVE TESTS HOW SOON IS THE TWO CONSECUTIVE TESTS THERE'S ONE RIGHT AFTER THE OTHER ONE MONTH TWO MONTHS LATER THREE MONTHS SIX MONTHS THERE'S A PROCESS THAT PEOPLE GO TO TO REHABILITATE THEMSELVES AND THAT'S WHAT CONCERNS ME IS THAT ONCE THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN REHABILITATING AND HE'S AND HE'S DOING HIS BEST HE'S FOCUSED THIS PROGRAM IS TO ASSIST THEM SO THEY'RE NOT STARVING BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY BUSINESSES OUT THERE THAT WON'T HIRE ANYBODY THAT ARE CONVICTED AND THAT'S WHAT CONCERNS ME IS THAT WHAT IS THE RECOURSE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL THAT DIDN'T PASS TWO CONSECUTIVE TESTS AND FINALLY CLEANS UP SO HE CAN GET SOME ASSISTANCE THAT'S THAT'S WHAT MY RESERVATION IS ON THIS AMENDMENT OTHERWISE I SUPPORT THE BILL THE AMENDMENT NOW I'M REQUESTING THIS BECAUSE I NEED THAT THAT LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT NEED THAT HELP BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY ON GUAM IT TOOK THEM SOME OF THEM FOUR OR FIVE YEARS TO GET CLEANED UP DIFFERENT INTERVENTION BY FAMILY FRIENDS CO-WORKERS THEY GOT INVOLVED AND THEY FINALLY HELPED THEY CLEANED IT UP THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PARKINSON AND THEN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SO SENATOR PARKINSON.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** AS MY GOOD COLLEAGUE SAID BACK THERE THERE IS NO RECOURSE IF SOMEBODY SLIPS UP AND THEY FAIL THEIR TWO RANDOM DRUG TESTS THEY ARE JUST BACK TO A LIFETIME BAN THE ENTIRE PURPOSE OF THIS LEGISLATION IS TO STOP AND OPT OUT OF THIS LIFETIME BAN THIS AMENDMENT JUST BRINGS

US RIGHT BACK TO LIFETIME MAN WITH EXTRA STEPS AND SO FOR THAT REASON I'M OPPOSED TO THIS AMENDMENT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR SAN NICOLAS.

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT I THINK AFTER TWO TRIES AND YOU WERE FOUND AGAIN TO NOT QUALIFY FOR THIS I THINK THAT'S A SAFE MEASURE THAT MAYBE YOU DON'T DESERVE THESE CHANCES I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT BECAUSE IT PUTS THE RESPONSIBILITY ON THOSE WHO ARE TAKING WHO MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS AND HOLDS THEM TO HOLDS THEM RESPONSIBLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS THIS IS A VERY VERY RESPONSIBLE AMENDMENT IT'S A GOOD AMENDMENT AND IT'S SENDING A STRONG I MEAN IT'S JUST SOME IT'S JUST NICE TO HEAR THAT WE AS ELECTED OFFICIALS NOW WE'RE ENGAGING AND FINALLY RECOGNIZING HOW BAD OUR SITUATION IS WHEN IT COMES TO DRUG DRUG ADDICTION HERE ON THIS ISLAND PARTICULARLY MEH AND I THANK THE AUTHOR FOR PROFFERING THE THE BILL BECAUSE IT'S REALLY HIGH TIME WE START TALKING ABOUT THIS AND SENDING A MESSAGE TO PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT YES WE'RE GONNA YOU KNOW WE'RE GONNA TRY TO HELP YOU OUT BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ALSO TRY TO HELP YOURSELF AND MAYBE WHEN YOU DO MAKE THE COMMITMENT AND YOU DO COME OUT AND YOU'VE DONE AND YOU'VE PAID YOUR YOUR DEBTS TO SOCIETY SOCIETY THAT YOU REMAIN CLEAN AND THE THE DRUG THING THAT WE'RE HAVING SUCH A TRAGEDY YOU KNOW I'VE SEEN IT AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR I'VE SEEN IT AS A CUSTOMS OFFICER I SEE IT AS A BUSINESSMAN HOW IT HOW IT AFFECTS OUR OUR FAMILIES OUT THERE AND IT'S JUST SUCH A TRAGEDY AND IT'S A IT'S REALLY NICE THAT AND IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY RECOGNIZING WHAT A DESTRUCTIVE HOW HOW METH DESTROYS OUR FAMILIES AND SO I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE THE BILL AND I SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE DONE PAYING YOUR DEBTS TO SOCIETY WE'RE HOPING THAT YOU REMAIN CLEAN AND YOU STAY CLEAN AND IT SHOULDN'T TAKE TWO IT SHOULDN'T TAKE TWO BEFORE YOU'RE DISQUALIFIED FROM THAT AND IT ALSO HOLDS THOSE PEOPLE WHO WHO PAY THEIR DEBTS TO SOCIETY HOLDS THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS EVEN AFTER THEY PAID THEIR DEBTS TO SOCIETY AND THAT'S WHY THIS IS A GOOD AMENDMENT AND I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT AND I THANK THE GOOD AUTHOR SENATOR FISHER REALLY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE REALLY GOOD HONORABLE GENTLEMAN THANK YOU FOR OFFERING THIS AND TO THE GOOD SENATOR UP THERE SENATOR PARKINSON FOR FOR FOR ACTUALLY PROFFERING SOMETHING THAT WE DO NEED AND PEOPLE DO NEED SECOND CHANCES BUT THEY MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE AND IT'S OUR JOB TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY REMAIN ACCOUNTABLE THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER JUST A REAL SHORT YOU KNOW I'M NOT GOING TO REITERATE WHAT I SAID EARLIER BUT I THINK YOU KNOW WE WE'VE GIVEN THEM AN OPPORTUNITY THIS BILL WHICH I DO SUPPORT GIVES THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO TO GO ON THE SNAP PROGRAM TO HAVE BENEFITS YOU KNOW RESIDISM IS SOMETHING THAT WAS BROUGHT UP EARLIER HOWEVER LIKE ANYBODY REGARDLESS IF IF YOU'RE BREAKING THE LAW THEN YOU WILL NO LONGER BE AVAIL YOURSELF TO ANYTHING I MEAN THIS IT'S NOT JUST DRUGS MADAM SPEAKER FRAUD YOU KNOW SNAP THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE FRAUDULENTLY TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE SNAP PROGRAM AND THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED MADAM SPEAKER TO YOU KNOW AVAIL THEM OF THE SNAP PROGRAM HERE THIS AMENDMENT SIMPLY SAYS TWO CONSECUTIVES HOW MANY CHANCES DO WE NEED TO KEEP GIVING INDIVIDUALS ONE WE'RE GIVING THEM A CHANCE ON THIS BILL NUMBER ONE NUMBER TWO WE SAID THAT IN THE EVENT THEY COME OUT CONSECUTIVELY IF THEY TEST POSITIVE ONCE THEY'RE STILL NOT KICKED OUT BUT IF THEY TEST POSITIVE A SECOND TIME IN A ROW THEN MADAM SPEAKER THAT'S ABUSE YOU KNOW I IT IT JUST WE'RE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO HELP BUT WE CAN'T LET INDIVIDUALS CONTINUE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO BE GOOD ABIDING CITIZENS SO I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT AND APPRECIATE THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER YOU KNOW TALKING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF FINDING A WAY TO TO ASSIST THEM AND THEN AND ALSO BEING RESPONSIBLE WE ALL HAVE TO HAVE THAT RESPONSIBILITY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATORS SENATOR BLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER OBVIOUSLY I SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT SHOULD THIS AMENDMENT PASS I'LL SUPPORT THE BILL BUT LET'S YOU KNOW WE TALK ABOUT THE CHANCES HERE THAT WE WANT TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BETTER LIFE LET'S GO BACK TO THE GENESIS OF THIS WHOLE THING FIRST OFF BEFORE YOU CAN BE YOU ARE CONVICTED OF A DRUG CRIME THAT'S WHAT MADE YOU



RIGHT NOW WHERE'S THE LAW STANDS INELIGIBLE WHAT THIS BILL PROPOSES AND WHAT THIS AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO DO IT SAYS OKAY DESPITE THAT CONVICTION STRIKE ONE WILL GIVE YOU THAT OPPORTUNITY AND IF YOU FALL OFF THE WAGON WHEN YOU FIRST WHEN FIRST OFF YOU'RE SUBJECTED TO A RANDOM DRUG TEST NOT A COMPULSORY DRUG TEST NOT A DRUG TEST THAT SAYS EVERY MONTH YOU WILL BE DRUG TESTED IT'S AT RANDOM AND LET'S SAY THAT YOU NOW GET SELECTED AND YOU HAVE TO GO FOR YOUR RANDOM DRUG TESTING AND YOU TEST POSITIVE STRIKE TWO BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT WAS UNANIMOUS ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY AND IN THAT OPPORTUNITY IF YOU FIGURE OUT OKAY ALREADY STRIKE TWO I SHOULD GO TO BE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS AND THEN YOU TAKE ANOTHER RANDOM DRUG YOU GET SUBJECT TO ANOTHER RANDOM DRUG TEST AND YOU TEST POSITIVE AGAIN STRIKE THREE YOU KNOW THERE'S AN OLD ADAGE FOOL ME ONCE SHAME ON YOU FOOL ME TWICE SHAME ON ME FOOL ME THREE TIMES WHAT A SHAME MAN WE'RE GIVING THIS INDIVIDUAL THE OPPORTUNITY IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK FOR OH EXCUSE ME BY THE WAY YOU'RE A SEX OFFENDER WHEN A SEX OFFENDER GETS CONVICTED HE GETS PUT ON A SEX OFFENDER AT REGISTRY NO MATTER WHAT REHAB HE GOES THROUGH FOR LIFE EVERYWHERE THAT SEX OFFENDER HAS TO GO TO TO CHANGE HIS RESIDENCE AND EVERYTHING HE'S GOT TO REGISTER FOR LIFE YOU THINK THEY GIVE A DAMN AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WENT TO REHABILITATION NO AND THERE'S ANOTHER THING JUST RECENTLY OVER THE LAST COUPLE WEEKS MEMBERS OF THIS BODY HAVE BEEN VERY CRITICAL ABOUT DRUG OFFENSES OR OFFENSES INVOLVING DRUGS ESPECIALLY IN WHILE COMMITTED IN THE MIDST OF A DISASTER MEMBERS OF THIS BODY HAVE BEEN VERY CRITICAL ABOUT HOW DRUGS HAVE BEEN DRUG USE AND DRUG-RELATED CRIMES HAVE BECOME RAMPANT ON THIS ISLAND WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING WELL THIS AMENDMENT GIVES US THAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING BECAUSE IF JAIL TIME CAPS SCARE THEM IF GETTING ARRESTED EVERY OTHER DAY BECAUSE THEY GET RELEASED FROM PRISON THAT DOESN'T SCARE THEM THEN MAYBE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS BECAUSE OF THEIR STUPIDITY IT'S STUPIDITY IF YOU'RE GONNA FAIL CONSECUTIVE DRUG TESTS AND WE WANT TO LET THAT GO I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING HEATED IN THIS DISCUSSION RIGHT NOW BUT FOR GOD'S SAKE PEOPLE ARE DYING BECAUSE OF DRUG USE PEOPLE ARE DYING BECAUSE OF DRUG TRAFFICKING BECAUSE OF DRUG CRIMES THIS OP THIS AMENDMENT HERE GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A SMALL BUT VERY SIGNIFICANT STAND IT'S THAT SIMPLE SO I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES PLEASE I KNOW WE WANT TO HELP BUT AS THE GOOD SENATOR THE GOOD GENTLEMAN FROM CROSS ISLAND ROAD SAID IF YOU WANT TO REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE THEN DO IT RIGHT AND DO THE RIGHT THING AND THERE SHOULD BE CONSEQUENCES FOR YOUR ACTION BECAUSE THE LAST TIME I CHECKED IN THE BASEBALL I PLAYED STRIKE THREE IS YOU'RE OUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON ON SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR AND I ALSO WON'T REITERATE MY INITIAL COMMENTS ON THIS AMENDMENT AND NOW THAT WE'RE RECONSIDERING IT BUT I WILL SAY ONE THING I I DON'T SHARE MY GOOD FRIEND THE SENIOR GENTLEMAN FROM *YIGO* BECAUSE THERE'S TWO OF THEM I JUST I DON'T SHARE THAT POSITION AND SIMPLY PUT THE REASON WHY IS THE BILL IS GOING TO OPEN THE DOOR TO ALLOW THAT CONVICTED FELON TO AVAIL NOW OF THIS OPPORTUNITY WHEREBY THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO AVAIL OF THAT OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE OF THEIR CONVICTION I WOULD IMAGINE AND I WOULD PRAY THAT THAT INDIVIDUAL HAS ALREADY SOUGHT IF NOT COMPLETED REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO CHANGE THEIR LIFE TO THE POINT TO WHERE THEY SEE THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE CHANCE TO BECOME IN THE GOOD GRACES OF THIS PROGRAM TO RECEIVE THESE BENEFITS FOOD BENEFITS YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ACTUALLY DISCUSSED NOT JUST HERE BUT IN THE MAINLAND THOSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO AREN'T EVEN CONVICTED OH OF COURSE THAT'S A RADICAL STEP BUT JUST THINK OF THAT INDIVIDUALS IN GOOD STANDING WHO HAVEN'T BEEN ARRESTED OR CAUGHT OR OTHERWISE EVEN ACCUSED BUT THAT THE PROGRAM SHOULD CONTAIN SOME TIME OF RANDOM TESTING THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE DEBATING HERE BUT THAT'S BEEN DISCUSSED BEFORE IMAGINE THIS NOW SO I ALSO ONCE AGAIN WANT TO SUPPORT MANY OF THE COMMENTS BY THE RETIREMENT SPEAKERS WHO ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE OUR GOOD SENATOR FROM *HÁGAT* I THINK HE MADE SOME VERY VERY STRONG PRESENTATIONS OF BEING DULY RESPONSIBLE HAVING BEEN GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE AND AN OPPORTUNITY THE BILL IS GOOD BUT THE CONDITIONS I THINK ARE APPROPRIATE I MEAN IMAGINE PRIOR TO THIS BILL BEING INTRODUCED THERE'S NO OPPORTUNITY NOW THERE IS OPPORTUNITY ALL WE'RE SAYING IS IT COMES WITH A DUTY AND A RESPONSIBILITY AND TWO CONSECUTIVE DRUG TESTS AT THAT RANDOM I THINK THAT'S REASONABLE AND I THINK IN LIGHT OF A LOT OF THE COMMENTS FROM OUR GOOD COLLEAGUES I HOPE THIS AMENDMENT PASSES

BECAUSE I THINK IT SENDS A GOOD MESSAGE FROM THIS BODY AND ALL THE OTHER EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING MADE TO DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO CURB THE SCOURGE OF DRUG ABUSE PARTICULARLY METHAMPHETAMINE WHICH IS RAVAGING OUR ISLAND THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

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

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH I CERTAINLY ALSO ONCE AGAIN RISE AND SUPPORTED THIS AMENDMENT I'M NOT GOING TO REITERATE ALL THE POINTS I MADE EARLIER TODAY BUT I CERTAINLY WOULD SAY OUR GOOD COLLEAGUE FROM BARRIGADA DOESN'T HAVE A REASON TO APOLOGIZE I THINK HE'S RELAYED THE SENTIMENT TO A LOT OF OUR PEOPLE A LOT OF OUR PEOPLE ARE FEELING WHO ARE ARE PROBABLY THE BIGGEST VICTIM IN THIS WHOLE PROCESS OF THE SCOURGE OF THE DRUG ABUSE THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT'S CREATED YOU KNOW THE SENSE OF INSECURITY IN THAT AND THE LACK OF SAFETY THAT OUR PEOPLE SHOULD FEEL ON THEIR ISLAND IN THEIR HOMES AND WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND I AGREE I MEAN WE'RE OPENING UP AN OPPORTUNITY AND EVEN THOUGH IT'S ON THE FEDERAL TAXPAYERS BACK IT'S STILL ON THE BACK OF SOMEONE THAT'S WORKING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS ECONOMY TO GENERATE THE MONEY THAT PAYS FOR ALL THESE PROGRAMS I THINK WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD ABUSE IT JUST BECAUSE OH THE FED'S PAYING FOR IT THE TIMES COME MADAM SPEAKER I THINK A LOT OF OUR PEOPLE ARE JUST THEY'RE FED UP AND THEY HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE AND IF OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY AGAIN NO ONE'S PERFECT WE ALL ARE WE ALL HAVE OUR CHALLENGES WE ALL SOMETIMES MAKE MISTAKES JUST A QUESTION OF DEGREE BUT IF YOU DO CHOOSE TO IMPROVE YOUR LIFE IF YOU DO CHOOSE TO WALK AWAY FROM DRUG ABUSE AND THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE CONNECTED WITH IT AND YOU MAKE THAT RESPONSIBLE DECISION WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU BUT FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO CONTINUE TO HARM THIS COMMUNITY I DON'T THINK IT'S OKAY I THINK ENOUGH IS ENOUGH I THINK OUR PEOPLE HAVE PUT UP WITH ENOUGH AND CONTINUE TO SUFFER FROM IT AND FOR US TO NOT ALLOW AND PUT THOSE IN CHECK THAT BRING HARM ON OUR PEOPLE THAN WE FEEL WE HAVE FAILED AS LEADERS TO ADDRESS THIS GROWING PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITY AND I HAVE TO SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH SO I CERTAINLY SUPPORT SENATOR FISHER'S AMENDMENT CERTAINLY THANK HIM FOR BRINGING IT FORTH ONCE AGAIN I THINK THIS IS KIND OF LEGISLATION AND AMENDMENTS ARE PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS AMENDMENT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR LUJAN ON THE AMENDMENT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I ONCE AGAIN RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT SO IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER ABOUT CHANCES GIVEN AND ACTUALLY THIS THIS AMENDMENT CALLS FOR ACTUALLY THIS THE THIRD CHANCE FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL OR THE INDIVIDUALS THEY WOULD BE CONSIDERED OF COURSE AFTER THEY'VE BEEN CONVICTED BUT THEN THIS THIS AMENDMENT CALLS FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE FAILING TWO CONSECUTIVE DRUG TESTING RANDOMLY IN ESSENCE THAT WOULD BE THE THIRD CHANCE OUR CAUCUS LEADER HAD MENTIONED EARLIER AS WELL ABOUT THIS BODY BEING CRITICAL ABOUT DRUG USE AND ALMOST EVERY BILL OR EVERY ROUND TABLE WHERE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE AG'S INVOLVED THEY TALK ABOUT AND AND AND WE KNOW ABOUT 90 PLUS PERCENT OF THE OF CRIMES COMMITTED AS A COMPONENT OF DRUG USE DRUG PARAPHERNALIA BEING FOUND WE'RE AN ALL-TIME HIGH IN REGARDS TO METH USE HERE ON OUR ISLAND LIKewise AN ALL-TIME LOW IN COST WE'RE OFTEN CRITICAL OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM ON CATCH AND RELEASE THE AG IS VERY CRITICAL AND THAT AS A MATTER OF FACT HE'S CALLING FOR HEY THEY'VE BEEN CAUGHT WITH WITH DRUGS INCARCERATE THEM THEY'RE NOT THEY'RE NOT SAFE FOR SOCIETY THEY'RE NOT SAFE FOR THEM TO BE OUT IN SOCIETY BECAUSE THEY'VE CHANGED FROM THAT PERSON THAT THEY USED TO BE TO THE PERSON THAT HAS TAKEN DRUGS THEY'RE NOT THAT SAME PERSON SO I I SUPPORT THIS BILL WITH THE ADDENDUM OF THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE THE BILL GIVES THEM THE THIRD OR THE BILL GIVES THEM A CHANCE THIS AMENDMENT GIVES THEM THE THIRD CHANCE BASICALLY WITH WITH THIS BUT ALSO HOLDS THEM ACCOUNTABLE HOLDS THEM ACCOUNTABLE I MEAN RIGHT NOW AS IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER AS WELL THAT THEY'RE NOT I MEAN RIGHT NOW YOU'RE CONVICTED AND YOU'RE ON THE SNAP PROGRAM THEY THEN YOU'RE OFF THE PROGRAM SO EVEN WITH THAT IN PLACE EVEN WITH THAT IN PLACE WE HAVE ALL-TIME HIGH IN THIS USAGE AN ALL-TIME LOW IN ITS COST SO THAT IN ITSELF IS NOT A DETERRENT NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE NUMBERS ARE IN REGARDS TO FOLKS THAT ARE ON SNAP THAT MAY BE CONVICTED I DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE NUMBERS ARE MAYBE MAYBE THOSE NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE BUT IN GENERAL THAT IN ITSELF HAS NOT DETERRED THE ALL-TIME HIGH IN USAGE WE'RE SAYING WE DON'T

WANT YOU TO GO HUNGRY BUT LIKEWISE WE WANT YOU TO TO WE DON'T WANT YOU TO BE USING DRUGS AND BE A MENACE TO SOCIETY AS WELL WE'RE GIVING YOU AN OPPORTUNITY NOW WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO HELP YOURSELF THIS IS THREE CHANCES ALREADY AND IF YOU CAN'T KEEP UP TO THAT AT WHAT POINT DO WE SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH AND WE CAN'T BE AS A BODY BE CRITICAL OF ITS USE OF DRUG USE OR METH USE HERE ON OUR ISLAND IF WE DON'T ALSO PUT THIS AMENDMENT IN AND SAY HEY LOOK YOU HAVE TO BE YOU TAKE RESPONSIBILITY WE'RE GIVING YOU A THIRD CHANCE PRIOR TO THAT THEY WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN YOU ANY CHANCE WE'RE GOING BEYOND ABOVE AND BEYOND GIVING YOU THE THIRD CHANCE NOW YOU GOT TO HELP YOURSELF AND IF THEY DON'T WANT TO HELP YOURSELF THAT MEANS THEY DON'T WANT TO HELP SOCIETY THEY DON'T WANT TO BE BETTER CITIZENS AND IF THEY DON'T WANT TO BE BETTER CITIZENS DO WE WANT TO REWARD THEM FOR THEIR BAD BEHAVIOR AND HAVING NO CONSEQUENCE SO AGAIN THE BILL IS COMPASSIONATE SINCE WE DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY OF OUR BROTHERS SISTER GO HUNGRY BUT THIS AMENDMENT AGAIN HOSTS THEM RESPONSIBLE TO SOCIETY ALTHOUGH WE DON'T CONTRIBUTE HERE TO TO THE THE PAYMENT FOR THE SNAP PROGRAM BECAUSE THE FEDERAL PROGRAM BUT TAXPAYERS DO AND SO WE DON'T JUST WANT IT A FREE-FOR-ALL THAT YEAH YOUR BAD BEHAVIOR COULD BE REWARDED BECAUSE IT'S NOT IT WON'T HINDER YOU THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT AND ESPECIALLY IF THEY HAVE FAMILIES THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT THIS WILL HANDLE AFTER THE THIRD STRIKE THIS WILL HINDER YOU CONTINUING TO RECEIVE THIS BENEFIT THESE AREN'T KIDS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THESE AREN'T IMBECILIES WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO IF THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO DO AS SUCH WE'RE CARING ABOUT THEM BUT THEY DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT US OR THEIR FAMILIES FOR THAT MATTER WE NEED TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS AS WELL THIS IS GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND AND YES WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES BUT WE ALWAYS SAY DON'T REPEAT THAT MISTAKE AND THE PERSON THAT'S ON DRUGS ON METH IT'S NOT THAT SAME PERSON THAT WE KNEW WAS ONCE GOOD AND SMART AND MAYBE VALEDICTORIAN OR WHATEVER IT MAY BE THEY'RE NOT THE SAME PERSON ANYMORE SO THEY NEED THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT YES WE'RE GIVING YOU AN OPPORTUNITY BUT THE THERE ARE PARAMETERS OF THAT OPPORTUNITY IT'S UP TO YOU NOW THE ONUS IS ON YOU WHY SHOULD THE ONUS BE ON THE REST OF SOCIETY WHY WOULD THE BURDEN CONSTANTLY BE ON SOCIETY ON PEOPLE OR ON CITIZENS THAT ARE WELL BEHAVED IN GOOD CITIZENS IF THEY WANT TO CLEAN UP THEMSELVES AND BE A PART OF A GOOD SOCIETY AND GOOD CITIZENRY THEN YES YOU'LL BE YOU'LL AVAIL YOURSELVES TO THE BENEFITS OF BEING AS SUCH BUT IF NOT AND YOU DON'T IT'S VERY SIMPLE HOW SYMPATHETIC CAN WE BE HOW MANY SORRYS HOW MANY I WON'T DO IT AGAIN ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO LISTEN TO HOW MANY CRIMES HAVE TO BE COMMITTED HOW MANY TIMES DO THEY HAVE TO TO GO AGAINST THEIR FAMILIES OR WHATEVER IT IS AGAINST THEIR FAMILIES FOR US TO SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH SO AGAIN I SUPPORT THE BILL WITH THE AMENDMENT THAT WILL HOLD THAT PERSON ACCOUNTABLE AND AGAIN IT'S IT'S NOT THAT WOULD BE THEIR FIRST OFFENSE BUT IT'D BE THE THIRD TIME NOT CONVICTED BUT TWO CONSECUTIVE DRUGS TESTING AND FAILURE AFTER THE TWO RANDOMLY THERE'D BE IN ESSENCE AT THEIR CHANCE MADAM SPEAKER WITH THAT AGAIN I ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT FROM SENATOR PROFFERED BY SENATOR FISHER HE'S A GREAT AMENDMENT TO TO A COMPASSIONATE BILL WITH THAT THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SHELTON.

**NOTE SENATOR SHELTON PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE AMENDMENT SPEAKER THERESE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU I WANT TO THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE DISCUSSION ON THIS AMENDMENT IT'S BEEN VERY VERY GOOD I I'M ENCOURAGED THAT WE ARE ALL VERY UNITED IN OUR SENTIMENT ABOUT THE SCOURGE THAT DRUGS HAVE HAD ON GUAM ON THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ON OUR *MANÁMKO'* AND EVERYONE OUR CHILDREN MY AND I I UNDERSTAND THE AMENDMENT IS INTENDED SO THAT WE DON'T REWARD PEOPLE FOR DRUG OFFENSES AND WE DON'T REWARD THEM FOR BEING ADDICTED I JUST WANT TO PUT ON THE RECORD DURING THIS DEBATE THAT I'M JUST AFRAID THE AMENDMENT DOES NOT ADDRESS WHAT HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT TODAY AS THE REAL ISSUES THAT WE ARE FACING ONE IS THAT WHEN THEY ARE ADDICTED THIS AMENDMENT IS GOING TO TEST PEOPLE AND SEE WHETHER THEY ARE THEY'VE BEEN USING DRUGS SO THEY'RE GOING TO DO DRUG TESTING ON THEM THAT'S IT DRUG TESTING IT DOESN'T REQUIRE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE CONVICTED OF ANYTHING FURTHER THEY'RE GOING TO BE ARRESTED THEY'RE GOING TO BE DRUG TESTED SO WHAT IT'S GOING TO TELL US IS WHO'S ADDICTED THAT THEY CONTINUE TO USE DRUGS THEY CONTINUE TO NOT HAVE OVERCOME THAT ADDICTION OR THEY'VE RENEWED THEIR

ADDICTION THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE STUDIES OVER AND OVER HAVE SHOWN US THAT ADDICTION I MEAN PUNISHING THEM BY NOT GIVING THEM FOOD IS NOT GOING TO DETER THEM FROM USING THE DRUGS AND SO WHEN WE SAY OH IF THEY WERE REALLY MOTIVATED BY THEIR FAMILIES THEY WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT OR THEY YOU KNOW THEY'D KEEP THE SNAP BENEFITS AND NOT DO THE DRUGS SOME OF THEM YES BUT THAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH ADDICTION THAT THAT THAT'S NOT MY SCIENCE THAT'S THE SCIENCE OF ADDICTION IS THAT THEY ARE NOT MAKING THOSE DECISIONS THAT'S WHY IT'S NOT A DETERRENT THAT'S WHY THIS BAN HAS BEEN LIFTED IN THE STATES ALL OF THE STATES BECAUSE IF IT WAS A DETERRENT THEY WOULDN'T HAVE LIFTED IT BECAUSE NOBODY WANTS THE DRUGS AND EVERYBODY'S TRYING TO FIND SOMETHING THAT WILL DETER IT BUT MY REAL ISSUE WITH THIS AMENDMENT IS THAT IN IN SINGLING OUT FIRST OF ALL THE BAN SINGLES OUT DRUG FELONIES IT DOES NOT BAN OTHER FELONIES OTHER FELONS IT DOESN'T BAN ASSAULT FELONS IT DOESN'T BAN RAPISTS FROM GETTING SNAP OR TANF THE BAN DOES NOT PREVENT OTHER FELONS FROM GETTING THIS FOOD IT PREVENTS DRUG FELONS ONLY AND AS WAS STATED EARLIER BY ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES ON GUAM THIS WOULD BAN NOT THE DEALERS NOT THE TRAFFICKERS BUT MIGHT BAN ONLY THE USERS SO OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN OUR SYSTEM THAT WE ARE GOING TO DENY FOOD FROM WHO ARE ALREADY OUT OF PRISON SERVE THEIR SENTENCE I WOULD MUCH RATHER BAN AND TIE IT TO THINGS LIKE ONE OF THE SOME OF THE OTHER STATES HAVE DONE THEY'VE TIED IT TO WE'RE GOING TO BAN THOSE DRUG TRAFFICKERS OR WE'RE GOING TO BAN THOSE WHO GET ARRESTED AGAIN FOR TRAFFICKING DEALING WE'RE GOING TO BAN THOSE WHOSE CRIMES ORIGINALLY HAD INJURY OR DEATH OR WE'RE GOING TO BAN THOSE WHOSE CRIMES WERE ALSO TIED TO FRAUD ON SNAP BENEFITS TOGETHER WITH THE DRUGS BUT THEY MAKE A A DISTINCTION BETWEEN BANNING THOSE WHO WE'RE NOT EVEN BANNING THOSE WHO WE'RE BANNING WE WOULD BE BY THIS AMENDMENT ONLY YEAH RESERVE BANNING THOSE WHO ARE ADDICTED NOT THOSE WHO ARE DEALING AND TRAFFICKING THESE DRUGS AND I I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO GET TO THOSE PEOPLE I THINK THAT SHOULD BE OUR PRIORITY AND IF THIS WASN'T A DETERRENT I WOULD BE I WOULD BE ALL FOR IT BUT I'M JUST I'VE READ ALL THE STUDIES BEFORE WE REPORTED THIS OUT OF COMMITTEE AND IN EVERY STATE THEY RECOGNIZE IT IS NOT A DETERRENT AND IN FACT IT'S THE OPPOSITE WHEN YOU DON'T GIVE THEM FOOD IT INCREASES THE RECIDIVISM IT MAKES IT THEY HAVE THE NUMBERS PERCENTAGES MORE LIKELY FOR THEM TO GET BACK INTO PRISON BUT MOST COMPELLING FOR ME IS THAT I MEAN THIS IS A FEDERALLY PAID BENEFIT SO THERE'S NO BURDEN ON THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO EXTEND THIS BENEFIT IT'S THE OPPOSITE IF WE DO NOT EXTEND IT WE ARE GOING TO BE PAYING IT LIKE WE ARE PAYING FOR IT NOW FOR EVERYONE WHO IS ADDICTED WE ARE TRYING TO PUT THEM THROUGH REHAB AND WE ARE PAYING FOR EVERYTHING THAT GOES ALONG WITH IT PRISON WE ARE PAYING FOR THE FOOD EVERYTHING AND IF THE STUDIES SHOW THAT GIVING THEM FOOD MIGHT MAKE THEM GET A JOB MIGHT HELP THEM I MEAN YES YOU'RE YOU'RE CORRECT BUT THEY'RE YOU KNOW THEY'VE BEEN TESTED TWICE WELL THAT IS THAT IS WHAT THE COURTS ARE DEALING WITH AND THIS AMENDMENT WILL NOT REMEDY THE CATCH AND RELEASE SYSTEM AT THE COURTS THAT'S THIS THIS AMENDMENT DOESN'T DO THAT THIS DOESN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THEIR SENTENCE AND WHETHER THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN TOTALLY REHABILITATED BEFORE THEY WERE RELEASED IT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE RISK WHEN THEY WERE RELEASED ALL OF THOSE HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH AT THE COURT THEY HAVE TO BE SOLVED IN THE PRISONS AND THE COURTS BEFORE RELEASE THIS IS A TOOL FOR THE COURTS TO SAY AND THEY ASK FOR IT FOR RE-ENTRY THEY HAVE A RE-ENTRY PROGRAM THAT SAYS YOU NEED TO GET YOURSELF ON YOU KNOW FOOD THIS I'M SURE WOULD HELP THEM TO GRADUATE THOSE PEOPLE OUT OF THOSE SYSTEMS AND IT'S NOT GOING TO SAVE US A BURDEN BY BY DENYING THEM DESPITE THEM TESTING POSITIVE AND IT'S NOT GOING TO GET THE PEOPLE WHO I THINK WE REALLY SHOULD BE GETTING RAPISTS MURDERERS TRAFFICKERS WE SHOULD SOLVE THAT CATCH AND RELEASE SYSTEM BUT MOST COMPELLING FOR ME IS THAT TANF IS ONLY GIVEN TO THOSE PEOPLE WITH CHILDREN SO YOU DENY TANF YOU DENY THE CHILDREN IN SOME CASES THEY CAN APPLY FOR JUST THE CHILDREN BUT THAT DECREASES THEIR OVERALL AMOUNT THAT THE FAMILY UNIT IS ENTITLED TO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE IT'S NOT NECESSARILY A WAR REWARDING THOSE WHO ARE USING IT'S TAKING CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES AND IF THEY WANT TO GO OUT AND USE AND THEY ARE NOT AND THEY'RE DERELICT IN TAKING CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES THIS IS GOING TO HELP ALL OF US THEIR FAMILY THE REMAINING FAMILY TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES TO TAKE CARE OF THE CHILDREN AND I SAY WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THE REOFFENDERS ANOTHER WAY WE CAN ADDRESS THE REOFFENDERS BUT I DON'T WANT TO ADDRESS THEM BY PUNISHING THEIR FAMILIES GIVING THEM LESS AMOUNTS LESS CASH LESS FOOD I DON'T WANT TO PRETEND LIKE WE'RE WE'RE DETERRING THEM WHO ARE ADDICTED FROM ANYTHING BY DENYING THEM FOOD IF WE COULD DO THAT WE WOULD HAVE STOPPED THIS EPIDEMIC A LONG TIME AGO THAT'S THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE CAN'T AND WE ARE COMING TO REALIZE THAT ALL THE STATES HAVE REALIZED THAT AND IF THEY WANT TO USE IT AS A PUNISHMENT THEN THEY HAVE MADE

IT SPECIFIC TRAFFICKERS THEY SAID WILL CONTINUE TO BE BANNED REAL FENCES OF TRAFFICKING CRIMES INVOLVING HARM OR KILLING THEY WILL BE FOREVER BANNED THOSE ARE PUNISHMENTS THOSE ARE NOT DETERRENTS BUT THEY'RE PUNISHMENTS SO WE'RE GOING TO USE IT AS A PUNISHMENT I JUST WANT TO I'M JUST WANT TO PUT IT ON THE RECORD THAT I THINK THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO AND PEOPLE TO PUNISH VERSUS THOSE WE WANT TO GET INTO SOCIETY WE WANT TO GET OUT OF INTO REHAB AND WE AND WHILE THEY'RE IN REHAB THEY'RE GOING TO NEED FOOD I'M SORRY THAT'S FACTS OF LIFE IT FEELS TO ME THAT YOU DENY THEM FOOD AS ADDICTS YOU'RE COMPLICATING THE SITUATION AS OPPOSED TO ANY CHANCE OF REMEDYING IT SO I'D JUST LIKE TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES I MEAN I TOTALLY HEAR EVERYTHING THAT YOU'VE SAID AND I AGREE DRUGS WE GOT TO GET THIS OUT OF GUAM WE'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF OUR CUSTOMS WE'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF OUR BORDERS WE'VE GOT TO SHORE UP OUR PORT STOP THE DRUGS FROM COMING IN AND WE'VE GOT TO GO AFTER TRAFFICKERS AND DRUG DEALERS LIKE NOBODY'S BUSINESS AND WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE IF WE ARE RELYING ON REHAB THAT THAT IS RELIABLE AND IF WE ARE RELYING ON SOME KIND OF SENTENCE THAT IT'S GOING TO PUNISH THEM AND REHABILITATE THEM AND GET THEM OUT THEN IT SHOULD BE ALSO RELIABLE BUT I JUST DON'T WANT TO MAKE IT THAT WE'RE GOING TO DENY THEIR CHILDREN MORE MONEY OR FOOD FOR THAT FAMILY BECAUSE THE PERSON IS A DRUG ADDICT I DON'T WANT TO REWARD HIM BUT I JUST DON'T THINK DENYING HIM FOOD IS GOING TO STOP HIM AND DENYING HIS FAMILY'S FOOD THIS IS THE CRUX OF THE SITUATION THESE PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE DRUGS EVEN IF YOU SAID YOUR CHILDREN WILL STARVE THAT IS THE PROBLEM THAT WE ARE FACING THAT IS THE NATURE OF THE BEAST FOR THOSE REASONS I JUST WANT TO MAKE FOOD AVAILABLE AND I I AGREE WITH ALL OTHER SENTIMENTS WE WANT TO PUNISH THEM IN ANOTHER WAY LET'S PUNISH THEM WE WANT TO DETER THEM LET'S REALLY DETER THEM BUT LET'S FOR SURE GO AFTER THOSE NOT JUST ADDICTED USERS BUT THOSE WHO ARE COMMITTING CRIMES INVOLVING HARM TO PEOPLE THOSE WHO ARE DEALING THESE DRUGS AND LET'S LET'S DO THAT WITH YOU KNOW SPECIFIC CRAFTING IN THAT REGARD SOMEONE THANK MY COLLEAGUES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT THERE HAS BEEN AN OBJECTION WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE SENATOR BARNETT I MEAN I'M SORRY SENATOR FISHER WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH I JUST HAD TO TAKE A DEEP BREATH AFTER THAT LAST SPEECH I I I FRANKLY I WOULD JUST WONDER WHETHER OR NOT THE SPEAKER WHO JUST SAT DOWN HAS EVEN READ SENATOR PARKINSON'S BILL THIS BILL IS NOT DESIGNED TO PUNISH PEOPLE WHAT SENATOR PARKINSON HAS DONE IS BRING FORWARD A BILL THAT WOULD ALLOW PEOPLE WHO ARE ADDICTED TO DRUGS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED TO ACTUALLY GET THE BENEFITS OF TANF AND SNAP HOW THAT IS CHARACTERIZED AS PUNISHMENT IS A QUESTION FOR THE AGES BECAUSE I SURE DON'T UNDERSTAND IT I DURING THAT SPEECH I WAS LOOKING FOR A COHERENT THREAD THROUGHOUT IT AND COULD FIND NONE PUNISHMENT WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT WE ARE PUNISHING NO ONE WE ARE GIVING THEM QUITE THE OPPOSITE WE ARE GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO REJOIN SOCIETY AND ASK NO MORE THAN THEY DO WHAT EVERY PERSON IN THIS ROOM DOES WHICH IS OBEY THE LAW THAT IS HARDLY A PUNISHMENT AND WE ARE TOLD THAT THE AMENDMENT IN THIS CASE IS DEFICIENT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING TO STOP DRUGS FROM COMING IN BUT IT DOES TAKE A STEP AT ENFORCING THE PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE AND ANY OTHER DRUG THAT YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT YOU TELL US THAT WHAT HAVE WE WELL I WOULD ASK THE PRIOR SPEAKER WELL WHAT HAVE YOU HAVE DONE WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT CUSTOMS IS THERE A BILL ON THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW TO STRENGTHEN CUSTOMS WE TALK ABOUT IMMIGRATION IS THERE A BILL ON THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW TO ADDRESS IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS IS THERE A BILL RIGHT NOW ON THIS FLOOR TO DO SOMETHING TO STRENGTHEN THE PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES YOU KNOW THIS IS A SENATORIAL BODY THE PEOPLE ELECTED US TO LEAD AND WE ARE NOT LEADING WE ARE LAGGING I WOULD PUT TO YOU THAT PEOPLE ON GUAM RIGHT NOW ARE WONDERING WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE LOST OUR MINDS THE PEOPLE ON GUAM WANT US TO ENFORCE OUR DRUG LAWS THEY DON'T WANT US TO WEASEL THROUGH THE LAWS WE TRY TO PASS TO HOLLOW THEM OUT SO IN FACT THERE IS NO ENFORCEMENT THERE IS A REALITY THAT THIS BODY AND OUR SPEAKERS NEED TO UNDERSTAND THERE IS AN ENEMY AT OUR GATES AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE ENEMY WE'RE GOING TO CRUSH THE ENEMY AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT BY MOLLY CODDLING HAND-HOLDING AND WRINGING OUR HANDS BECAUSE AN INDIVIDUAL CAN'T SEEM TO OBEY THE LAW AGAIN THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WHO ARE WATCHING THIS WHICH I WOULD SAY IS PROBABLY A SIZABLE AMOUNT NOW THAT THE ELECTRICITY IS COMING BACK ON ARE SITTING THERE WONDERING SENATORS YOU DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT CRYSTAL

METHAMPHETAMINE ALL YOU WANT TO DO IS HOLD THE HANDS OF PEOPLE WHO REPEATEDLY BREAK OUR LAWS BUT NO WE HAVE BEEN GENEROUS AND WE HAVE SAID YES YOU CAN HAVE TANF BENEFITS ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE VIOLATED THESE THESE STATUTES YOU CAN HAVE SNAP BENEFITS ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE VIOLATED THESE STATUTES BUT WE ARE REQUIRING YOU ONE THING STAY OFF DRUGS QUIT FEEDING IN TO THE INDUSTRY OF CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE ON THIS ISLAND AND THEN WE BRING OUR HANDS AGAIN AND SAY OH WE'RE GOING AFTER THE USERS WE'RE NOT GOING AFTER THE DEALERS WELL LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING THE DEALERS DON'T NEED OUR ASSISTANCE BECAUSE THEY ARE RAKING IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FROM OUR PEOPLE AND DON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE BUYING CAR LOTS OR OPENING RESTAURANTS OR SHOWING UP AT ATHLETIC EVENTS AND SITTING AROUND POPPING BOTTLES OF CRISTAL THEY'VE GOT ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THEM NOW WE ASK SOMETHING VERY SIMPLE WE WILL ALLOW YOU TO HAVE TANF WE WILL ALLOW YOU TO HAVE SNAP BENEFITS BUT YOU MUST OBEY THE LAW I JUST WANT TO REITERATE SENATORS ARE WE GOING TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT THE CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE PROBLEM OR ARE WE JUST GOING TO LEAVE IT ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION ARE WE JUST GOING TO SIT AROUND AND WATCH THIS ISLAND SMOLDER IN ROON BECAUSE THE ENEMY GOT THROUGH THE GATES AND WE DID NOTHING TO STOP THE ENEMY EXCEPT TO PERHAPS NEGOTIATE ARE WE LEADING OR ARE WE LAGGING NOW I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE WILLIAM SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON FOR BRINGING THIS BILL FORWARD BECAUSE IT IS MOTIVATED BY CHARITY NO ONE CAN GAIN SAY THAT BUT IT IS CHARITY THAT REQUIRES A GOOD FAITH ACCEPTANCE OF THAT CHARITY WHICH IS YOU WILL NOT CONTINUE TO USE DRUGS AND WE WILL BE MERCIFUL WE'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE BUT IF YOU HAVE TWO CONSECUTIVE PROBLEMS HERE YOU'RE OUT YOU ARE OUT YOU CANNOT SHARE IN THESE PARTICULAR BENEFITS PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE GOING TO CRUSH THIS ENEMY WE'RE NOT GOING TO ALLOW THIS ENEMY TO DESTROY OUR ISLAND WE'RE NOT GOING TO ALLOW THE ENEMY TO DESTROY OUR FAMILIES WE'RE NOT GOING TO ALLOW THE ENEMY TO DESTROY OUR INSTITUTIONS WE WILL BE MERCIFUL BUT WE WILL EXTRACT JUSTICE THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THERE HAS BEEN AN OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND AMENDMENT PASSES SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** MADAM CHAIR I MOVE.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** I'M SORRY SENATOR PARKINSON LET ME GIVE A MOMENT.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** SURE.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** A CHANCE TO OUR COLLEAGUES IF ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL WHO HAS NOT SPOKEN ON THE BILL YET SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MADAM CHAIR I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 20-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR AND ACT TO RESTORE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE CONVICTED DRUG OFFENDERS AND PLACE IT ON THE THIRD READING FILE.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** ON THE MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES.

**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT COLLEAGUES I AM GOING TO RECESS IN A FEW MINUTES HOWEVER I JUST WANT TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENTS SO TOMORROW MORNING WE WILL BE HAVING A JOINT PROCLAMATION AND RECORD AND RESOLUTION PRESENTATION WITH THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE HERE IN OUR PUBLIC HEARING ROOM IT IS GUAM WAR SURVIVORS REMEMBRANCE DAY IT'S A LAW PASSED BY SENATOR BLAS AND OTHERS OF COURSE HERE IN THIS BODY TO REMEMBER OUR WAR SURVIVORS ON JUNE 28TH SO IT'S AN UNUSUAL YEAR DUE TO TYPHOON RECOVERY SO WE'RE NOT ABLE TO CONDUCT ALL OUR NORMAL EVENTS BUT SENATOR BLAS HAS REQUESTED THE PRIESTS TO RECOGNIZE IN ALL THEIR MASSES THE INTENTION FOR OUR GUAM WAR SURVIVORS AND WE WILL THE GOVERNOR WILL BE ISSUING A PROCLAMATION TO CELEBRATE THAT DAY AGAIN AS GUAM WAR SURVIVORS DAY AS IS MANDATED BY LAW AND WE WILL ALSO BE PRESENTING A RESOLUTION WE HAVE ASKED THAT YOU INVITE ANY WAR SURVIVORS OR ANY WHO ARE LISTENING ARE WELCOME AND INVITED TO PLEASE JOIN US 10 A.M. TOMORROW IN THE GUAM PUBLIC HEARING ROOM IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE ANY OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS IF NOT THEN WE WILL RECESS UNTIL 2 P.M. TOMORROW

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**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*

IS BACK IN SESSION GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES WE ARE RESUMING ON THE SECOND READING BEGINNING WITH BILL NUMBER 62-37 COR SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. I MOVED TO A PLACE OF BILL 62 -37 COR AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION 1204 1206 AND 12108 B AND TO REPEAL 1207 R AND T ALL THE CHAPTER 12 TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE PROCESS FOR CHARTER SCHOOL PETITIONS I MOVED TO PLACE IT IN THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WANT TO DISCUSS

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU THANK YOU I THINK I WANT TO START DECADES BACK IN 1975 THERE'S A BILL SIGNED INTO LAW WHICH PROVIDED TAX CREDITS FOR TUITION PAYMENTS AND PRIVATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND IT WAS RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND THIS WAS A LAW THAT WAS PROFFERED BY SPEAKER ADAM AND ADDRESSED BY A FORMER GOVERNOR RICKY BURDELLO AND I THINK THAT THAT BILL IS AHEAD OF ITS TIME BECAUSE IF YOU FAST FORWARD TO LAST YEAR THE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT PRIVATE RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS ARE ENTITLED TO PUBLIC FUNDING AND SO WHAT BILL 62-37 DOES IS AMEND THE CHARTER SCHOOL LAW TO ALLOW FOR PRIVATE RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS TO AVAIL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL PROCESS AND TO FILE A CHARTER SCHOOL PETITIONS WHICH IS YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO GOES TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY MORNING IT WAS A VERY HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT AND SO AGAIN BILL 62-37 ALIGNS OUR EXISTING CHARTER SCHOOL LAW WITH THE SUPREME COURT RULING AGAIN AND ALLOWING PRIVATE RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS TO AVAIL OF PUBLIC FUNDING AND CHARTERS AND IT ALSO MANDATES THAT THE CHARTER SCHOOL COUNCIL ALLOW A NEW CHARTER A PRIVATE SCHOOL THAT SPECIALIZES OF COURSE IN RELIGION AND CHAMORRO LANGUAGE PHYSICAL FITNESS MUSIC AND THE ARTS AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE A GREAT COMPLEMENT TO THE EXISTING ARRAY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AS WE HAVE HAD YOU KNOW THERE'S THE HISTORY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT WHEN WE FIRST ALLOWED FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS IT WAS A ROUGH START AND I KNOW BECAUSE I HAD BEEN IN THE MEDIA AND I'D COVERED YOU KNOW A LOT OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT ONE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOLS THE GUAN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL HAD HAD WITH MAINTAINING ACCREDITATION AND JUST YOU KNOW ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE USE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS BUT I HAVE TO SAY AS THE CHAIR OF EDUCATION CHARTER SCHOOLS AND THE CHARTER SCHOOL PROCESS HAS DEFINITELY COME A LONG WAY TO BE MORE ACCOUNTABLE AND I THINK THAT A BIG PART OF THAT IS YOU KNOW THE COUNCIL IS HEADED BY A VERY ASTUTE AND CAPABLE LADY AT MISS BENJI AND SO FAST FORWARD TO TODAY WE'VE GOT SOME GREAT CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT I THINK COMPLEMENT WHAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION HAS TO OFFER AND AGAIN THIS BILL RECEIVED OVERWHELMING SUPPORT IN THE PUBLIC HEARING NOT JUST FROM PEOPLE IN IN PRIVATE RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS BUT ALSO FROM SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS OF THE GUAM BOARD OF EDUCATION TESTIFIED IN FAVOR OF THIS MEASURE AND I THINK THAT WAS BECAUSE THEY REALIZED THAT OBVIOUSLY FAITH IS A BIG PART OF OUR ISLAND'S FABRIC AND CULTURE AND HISTORY BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THAT NOT EVERY CHILD FITS INTO KIND OF THAT THAT COOKIE-CUTTER EDUCATION THAT IS OFFERED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND AGAIN I'M MY HEART'S IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM I'M A PRODUCT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM I'M A PROUD GEORGE WASHINGTON GECKO BUT AND GOING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL I FELT LIKE THINGS WERE LACKING TO KEEP ME INTERESTED AND THEN LOOKING AT THE AGAIN THE ARRAY OF THE DIFFERENT CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT THAT OFFER REALLY AN ALTERNATIVE FOR OUR PEOPLE FROM YOU HAVE THE GUAHAN ACADEMY WHICH DOES DIRECT INSTRUCTION UH YOU HAVE SCIENCE IS FUN AND AWESOME OR SIFA WHICH IS A STEM CURRICULUM AND LET ME JUST EXPAND A LITTLE BIT ON THE STEM AND SO STEM IS OFFERED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM BUT WHAT CHARTER LIKE SIFA DOES FOR EXAMPLE IS IT ALLOWS A STEM A FULL STEM CURRICULUM SO IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT WHO'S EXCELLING IN SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING OR MATH THEY MIGHT GET JUST A LITTLE BIT OF THAT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM BUT IF THEY ENROLL IN A CHARTER LIKE SIFA IT BECOMES

THEIR ENTIRE CURRICULUM AND I THINK THAT THAT'S WHERE I SEE THE VALUE IN CHARTER SCHOOLS IS THAT YOU HAVE YOU KNOW SOME OF OUR PEOPLE MIGHT NOT WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO GO TO COLLEGE AND SO THEY MIGHT AVAIL OF A TRADE SCHOOL LIKE THE SCHOOL DOWN IN AGAT IT'S HEADED BY THE MCMANUS FAMILY OR YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT HAVE A STUDENT WHO IS MAYBE ADEPT AT TECHNOLOGY AND THE TABLETS AND THE IPADS AND YOU KNOW THEY WOULD GO OVER TO ILEARN AND SO WHAT I THINK WE DO BY ALLOWING FOR A PRIVATE RELIGIOUS CHARTERS OF COURSE WE'RE ALIGNING OUR EXISTING CHARTER SCHOOL LAW WITH THE SUPREME COURT RULING BUT WE'RE ALSO ALLOWING THE AVAILABILITY OF A PRIVATE SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR OUR PEOPLE AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL COST FOR THE STUDENTS AND SO THAT THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT THIS BILL IS ABOUT AND IN MANDATING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW CHARTER RIGHT AND AGAIN ANYBODY CAN APPLY FOR A CHARTER SCHOOL I'VE KIND OF LAID OUT IN IN THE BILL'S LANGUAGE AND THE INTENT THE VALUE OF PROJECT-BASED LEARNING AND IT'S A IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF AN INTIMIDATING TERM BUT BASICALLY PROJECT-BASED LEARNING-MEANS LET ME DO IT MYSELF LET ME FIGURE IT OUT LET ME BE INVOLVED WITH THE PROJECT LET ME PUT MY HANDS ON IT AND YOU'LL FIND THAT YOU KNOW KIDS LEARN A LOT EASIER YOU KNOW WHEN I WAS PUTTING TOGETHER SOME TOYS OF MY KIDS OVER OTHER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY YOU KNOW THERE'S THAT OPTION WE COULD DO IT OURSELVES BUT IF YOU INVOLVE THE KIDS AND LET THEM PUT THEIR HANDS ON THE TOOLS AND LET THEM PUT THE THINGS TOGETHER YOU'LL FIND THAT THEY LEARN-HOW TO DO PROJECTS KIND OF FROM FROM ALL ANGLES AND SO AGAIN IN ADDING A CHARTER THAT NOT ONLY HAS THAT BASIS IN RELIGION AND FAITH BUT ALSO IN OUR IN OUR CHAMORRO-LANGUAGE I THINK IS VERY VALUABLE AND ADDING THAT TYPE OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITY AGAIN TO THE EXISTING ARRAY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AND SO I WOULD ASK FOR THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS MEASURE I KNOW THAT IF IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE SUPREME COURT I THINK IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND THE ISLAND OF GUAM AND I DID ALSO HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO PROFFER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED

**SENATOR BARNETT:** AND YOU COULD FIND IT IN THE DRIVE IT'S IT'S A LENGTHY AMENDMENT BUT JUST SO YOU KNOW WE ONLY CHANGED A COUPLE OF SECTIONS NOTHING WAS TAKEN OUT AND IT'S REALLY BASED ON KIND OF THE TIMELINES THAT WOULD ALLOW A-A PRIVATE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TO APPLY FOR THE CHARTER PROCESS AND SO THE AMENDMENT AGAIN IS IN THE DRIVE AND IT'S TO AMEND SUBSECTION 12 106-A B AND F OF CHAPTER 12 TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO READ SUBSECTION 12106 PROCESS FOR APPROVING

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:**

SENATOR

**SENATOR BARNETT:**

YES MA'AM

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:**

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THEM SEPARATELY

**SENATOR BARNETT:**

OKAY

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:**

OKAY SO A

**SENATOR BARNETT:**

SO A THE LANGUAGE THAT WE ADDED IS DOWN HERE AND YOU'LL SEE IT'S UNDERLINED THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A PETITION TO ESTABLISH AN EXISTING ACCREDITED NON-CONVERTED PRIVATE SCHOOL INTO AN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OR CONVERT A PRIVATE PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD THROUGH AT LEAST EIGHTH GRADE SCHOOL INTO AN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24 SHALL BE JULY 15 2023. OKAY

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:**

DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON IT THAT AMENDMENT

**SENATOR BARNETT:**

BASICALLY THIS ALLOWS FOR THE EXISTING ACCREDITED NON-CONVERTED PRIVATE SCHOOL TO APPLY FOR THE CHARTER SCHOOL PROCESS AND HOPEFULLY FOR THE CHARTER COUNCIL TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION



AND APPROVE IT IF THEY DECIDE TO DO THAT AND TO ALLOW THEM TO ENTER THE PROCESS AND ASK FOR FUNDING FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:**

ALRIGHT IS THERE ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SPEAK ON THAT ONE AMENDMENT OF SUBSECTION A CHANGING IT FROM JUNE TO JULY 15. SENATOR SAN AGUSTINE ON THE AMENDMENT

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:**

THANK YOU I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL OKAY FOR CHARTER SCHOOL LET'S START WITH THAT SO THAT WE HAVE THAT NOTED YOU GO TO JUNE TO JULY IN TWO DAYS IS REALLY JULY THERE'S A REASON WHY THEY HAD A DATE AND THE REASON WHY I'M GOING TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT OR I BELIEVE IT IS BECAUSE OF BUDGET PURPOSES I THINK IT'S NOT AN ISSUE TO FIND FUNDING FOR THIS BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT THE KIDS THAT'S THE FOCUS WE WE'VE ALL MOST OF US HERE HAVE ALL AGREED ON BUT THE QUESTION IS JULY 15TH WHEN THE BILL IS FINALLY PASSED THE JULY 15 IS LESS THAN EVEN TWO WEEKS LET'S JUST WE'LL JUST PICTURE THAT TODAY IS THE 28TH BY THE END OF THE WEEK WHEN WHEN THIS BILL IS FINALLY PASSED IT'S LESS THAN 15 DAYS I DON'T I DON'T KNOW IF THE COUNCIL IS READY FOR IT AND ARE WE GOING TO SAY IS THE COUNCIL'S FAULT WHY THEY DIDN'T APPROVE FOR CHARTER SCHOOL NO-IT'S BECAUSE THE DATE WAS CHANGED VERSUS JUNE AND I HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT IF THE CHARTER-THE COUNCIL IS HERE I'M NOT ASKING FOR THEM TO BE HERE AND I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET A HOLD OF THEM RIGHT NOW THE CHAIRWOMAN IS THAT IF THEY SAID THEY GOT A PRELIMINARY AND THEY'RE GOOD TO GO LET'S DO THIS LET'S GET THIS GOING BUT IF THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THE PRELIMINARY AND THEY DON'T HAVE THE NUMBERS ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT WE'RE WE'RE ACTUALLY FORCING THE COUNCIL TO WORK OVERTIME AND WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE CONSOLE IS SET UP BUT OTHERWISE I MEAN I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS AS LONG AS EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THE MECHANISM THAT GETS INVOLVED NOT JUST ASSUMING THAT IT'S A GREAT THING TO HAPPEN IT'S A GREAT THING TO TAKE CARE OF OUR CHILDREN PERIOD THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT ON SUBSECTION A SENATOR BLASS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I TOO YOU KNOW ABSENTEE EVEN THIS AMENDMENT I SUPPORT THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATION HOWEVER I HAVE TO AGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER THE GENTLEMAN FROM YIGO-AND THAT WHILE WE WE MOVED BASICALLY THE DATE FOR THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE PETITION BY ONE MONTH I AGREE I MEAN IN A COUPLE DAYS IT'S IT'S JULY AND JULY 15TH IF THIS IS ASSUMING A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT FACTORS IN THAT THIS REALLY DOESN'T BECOME LAW IF IT BECOMES LAW UNTIL NEXT WEEK AND YOU KNOW AND EVEN IF IT I MEAN IT DOESN'T GET TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR UNTIL NEXT WEEK AND THEN EVEN THE GOVERNOR IN WANTING TO REVIEW IT MAY TAKE IT RIGHT PAST THAT DEADLINE AND SO IT JUST MEANS JUST THE PROCESS ITSELF MAY BASICALLY DETERMINE THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE MOOT NOW I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE JUST THIS LANGUAGE HERE JUST TALKS ABOUT THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A PETITION NOTHING STOPS THEM FROM SUBMITTING THE PETITION PRIOR TO THAT HOWEVER YOU WANT I WANT TO BELIEVE AND I WANT TO ASSUME THAT YOU KNOW THERE ARE DIFFERENT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT MAY WANT TO SEE IF THEY CAN AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A CHARTER SCHOOL AND IF YOU JUST THINK ABOUT THE PROCESS TIMELINES THAT WE HAVE JUST FACING THIS BILL ALONE WHERE THEY MAY HAVE NOT DAYS BUT HOURS TO BE ABLE TO SUBMIT IT AND THEN IT DEADLINE MOVES IT BACK AND THEN COMES THERE GOES THAT OPPORTUNITY I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE FAIR TO THEM NOR IS IT FAIR TO THE SYSTEM ITSELF SO I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THIS AMENDMENT IN MAKING THE DEADLINE JULY 15 2024 CAN I TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS I JUST GOT I JUST GOT ANGRY EYES FROM THE AUTHOR AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OKAY YOU KNOW

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ONE MINUTE RECESS THANK YOU WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS-SENATOR BLAS YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR

**SENATOR BLAS:** SEE I TOLD YOU HE GAVE ME BAD EYES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS I THINK WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO COME TO-AN AGREEMENT ON THIS I WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE DATE TO THE YEARS TO 2024 BUT I WOULD THEN LIKE TO THEN THIS DISPENSIVE MY WITHDRAWAL OF THE AMENDMENT FIRST

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES THERE'S SPONSOR WOULD LIKE TO WITHDRAW HIS TO AMEND IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER BUT ALL THOSE THINGS I WANT TO THANK THE AUTHOR AS WELL AS THE GENERAL LEE FROM TUMON FOR THE DISCUSSION AND I WOULD THEN LIKE TO MOVE TO MAKE

THE AMEND TO AMEND ACTUALLY STILL AMEND THE THE THE AMENDMENT TO INSTEAD OF READING JULY OF 2023 TO READ NOW SEPTEMBER 1 2023.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO HAVING THAT DONE VERBALLY NOT IN WRITING NOT WITHSTANDING THE RULES IS THERE ANY OBJECTION ALL RIGHT SO THE MOTION IS TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT THE AMENDMENT IS A CHANGE JUNE TO JULY 15 2023 THIS AMENDMENT WOULD CHANGE JUNE TO SEPTEMBER IT WOULD CHANGE JUNE

**SENATOR BLAS:** IT WOULD CHANGE

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IT WOULD CHANGE JULY 15 TO SEPTEMBER 1. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE AMENDMENT

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** JUST A SHORT COMMENT BECAUSE THE ORIGINAL WAS JUNE CAN WE JUST USE THE MONTH SO IT'S ANY TIME IN THAT MONTH YOU KNOW INSTEAD OF GOING TO A SPECIFIC DAY IN THE MONTH THAT'S JUST THAT'S A QUESTION I WANTED TO ASK

**SENATOR BLAS:** I'M JUST TRYING TO FOLLOW SO THAT I DON'T GET ATAN BABA BY THE GOOD AUTHOR FROM YIGO

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** OKAY IN OTHER WORDS SEPTEMBER FIRST IS GOOD FOR ME THANK YOU THANK YOU IM IN SUPPORT

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENTS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON TO CHANGING IT TO SEPTEMBER 1 2023. ANYONE LIKE TO SPEAK IF NOT IS THERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE

**SENATOR BLAS:** NO

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT SEEING NO OBJECTION THAT AMENDMENT PASSES SO NOW READS SHALL BE SEPTEMBER 1 2023.

**SENATOR BLAS:** YES MA'AM

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT ON THAT SUBSECTION A IS THERE ANYONE ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT I ACTUALLY THINK THAT THAT DISPOSES WITH THE ENTIRE AMENDMENT IS THAT CORRECT ALRIGHT JUST IS BACK ON TO SENATOR BARNETT'S ORIGINAL AMENDMENT IT'S NOW BEEN AMENDED THAT THE DEADLINE SHALL BE SEPTEMBER 1 2023 ON THAT AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NONE AMENDMENT PASSES WE'RE NOW ON SENATOR BARNETT YOU HAVE THE FLOOR AGAIN IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE MAKING AMENDMENTS

**SENATOR BARNETT:**

THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WILL CONTINUE MAKING THE AMENDMENTS B ON SECTION B IT'S AMENDED TO READ AFTER THE WORD COUNCIL AND NOT LATER THAN 15 DAYS FOR A PETITION TO CONVERT AN EXISTING SCHOOL THE COUNCIL SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETITION TO GATHER THE INFORMATION THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE COUNCIL TO MAKE THE DECISION TO APPROVE OR DENY THE PETITION I THINK IT'S PRETTY SELF-EXPLANATORY MA'AM AND I WOULD JUST AGAIN ASK THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR THIS A VERY SIMPLE AMENDMENT THANK YOU

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE ON SUBSECTION B THE AMENDMENT IS TO CHANGE 30 DAYS TO 15 DAYS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION OR SENATOR BLAS ON THE AMENDMENT

**SENATOR BLAS:** HE'S GOING TO GIVE ME BAD EYES AGAIN BECAUSE I OBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER I MEAN YOU KNOW WHAT WE WANT TO BE IS MAKE SURE WE WE GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THEIR T'S AND THEY'RE DOTTED OUT THEIR EYES AND AND REALLY WHEN YOU ONLY TALK WHEN YOU RIGHT NOW WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF EVERYBODY IS IN THE MIDST OF A DISASTER EVERYBODY'S TRYING TO GET THINGS BACK IN ORDER WE DON'T WANT THIS TO BE A RUSH BRUSH PROCESS YOU KNOW I'D LIKE FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND GIVING THEM THAT EXTRA TIME TO BE ABLE TO YOU KNOW GO OVER THIS IT REALLY DOESN'T HURT TO TO PROVIDE THEM BECAUSE IT SAYS NOT LATER THAN SO IF THEY CAN FINISH IT IN FIVE DAYS IT'S FINISHED IN FIVE DAYS OKAY IF THEY CAN FINISH IT IN 15 DAYS THEY FINISH IT IN 15 DAYS OKAY BUT IT'S JUST WHEN YOU TRY TO RUSH THEM INTO THAT YOU KNOW ESPECIALLY GIVEN THIS CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES SITUATIONS THAT WE HAVE TODAY I WOULD RATHER THAT WE KEEP IT AT THE 30 DAY AS OPPOSED TO THE 15. SO I RESPECTFULLY OBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT AND WANT TO KEEP IT BACK AT 30 DAYS THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT ANYONE ELSE ON THE AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION B THE BARNETT AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION B WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK SENATOR SAINT AGUSTIN DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON THAT ONE

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** I I WAS GOING TO ECHO THE SAME FAN OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS THAT 15 DAYS BE MINDFUL FOLKS WHEN THE COUNCIL GETS THE PACKET THEY LOOK AT THE PACKET THEN THEY GOT TO GIVE A FIVE-DAY NOTICE AND THEN HOPEFULLY THEY'LL GET A DATE AND DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO THE 15 DAYS MAY RUN OUT THE 30 DAYS IS WITHIN REASON THERE'S NO REASON WHY THEY PROBABLY WOULD GET IT DONE IN 14 DAYS OR MAYBE EVEN 16 BUT TO SHORTEN IT WE'RE DEMANDING SOMETHING OF SOMEBODY THAT EVEN OURSELVES WE HAVE PROBLEMS FULFILLING THANK YOU I SUPPORT THE OBJECTION AND WE STICK TO THE 30 DAYS

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:**

ALRIGHT ON THE BARNETT AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION B IS THAT ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ALRIGHT IF NOT THEN SENATOR BARNETT YOU CAN CLOSE ON YOUR AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION B THERE HAS BEEN AN OBJECTION

**SENATOR BLAS:** MAY I CALL FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ONE MINUTE RECESS

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR BARNETT YOU HAD THE FLOOR CLOSING ON YOUR AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION B

**SENATOR BLAS:** YES MA'AM I MOVED TO RESPECTFULLY WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS B NF

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT

**SENATOR BLAS:** ACTUALLY

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WELL B IS WITHDRAWN WE'RE NOW ON YOU HAVEN'T PROPOSED ANY OTHER AMENDMENT YET DO YOU WANT TO PROPOSE ANY MORE AMENDMENTS

**SENATOR BLAS:** NO I WANT TO PROPOSE WITHDRAWING MY AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION F2

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT SO IT'S NOT ON THE RECORD YET

**SENATOR BLAS:** OKAY THAT'S FINE YEAH THANK YOU

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT SO WE'RE BACK THAT'S YOUR OPENING ON THE BILL WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTINUE YOU STILL HAVE A LITTLE TIME NO NO AMENDMENT MADE

**SENATOR BLAS:** NO NO AMENDMENT MADE

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE STILL AN OPENING ON THE BILL YOU STILL HAD THE FLOOR YOU STILL HAVE A FEW MORE MINUTES

**SENATOR BLAS:** YES MA'AM AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOME FOR CO-SPONSORS FMA MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES PLEASE SAY THE NAMES

**SENATOR BARNETT:** : I WOULD LIKE TO ADD SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS, SENATOR TAITAGUE, SENATOR TOM FISHER, SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICHOLAS, SENATOR SABINA PEREZ, SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON SENATOR JOE SAN AUGUSTINE SENATOR ROY QUINATA AND SENATOR FRANK BLAS JR WAIT DID YOU

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT ON THAT AMENDMENT CLERKS DO YOU HAVE THAT ALL RIGHT ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU THANK YOU MA'AM

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT THAT'S THE OPENING ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR DUENEAS IS ON THE BILL

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** MADAM SPEAKER I'D CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF BILL 6237 IT'S A GREAT BILL AND YOU KNOW I THINK PARTICULARLY TIMELY AS WELL I MEAN OBVIOUSLY IT WAS A BILL THAT WAS INTRODUCED EARLIER YOU KNOW JUST BY ITS NUMBER AND BY DATE AND NOW WE'VE HAD YOU KNOW A CATASTROPHIC

STORM AND I CAN SEE A SITUATION WHERE YOU KNOW IT WILL OPEN UP A DOOR FOR YOU KNOW STUDENTS TO BE ABLE TO AVAIL OF OPPORTUNITIES WHERE THEY PROBABLY COULDN'T HAVE BEFORE WITH FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS AND THE LIKE AND IT ACTUALLY MAY END UP EASING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND SO OTHER THAN WHAT IT REALLY THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE DOORS THAT IT'S OPENING YOU KNOW IT'S EVEN MORE TIMELY AT THIS POINT AND I THINK THAT YOU KNOW THIS THIS IS GOING TO BE THE FUTURE I THINK MADAM SPEAKER AND IF WE REALLY THINK ABOUT IT IT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DOLLARS YOU KNOW WE'RE TRYING TO OPEN OPPORTUNITIES AND OPEN DOORS AND AND LIKE THE AUTHOR SAID IT REALLY IS NOW TRULY IN THIS DAY AND AGE TOO WHERE LEARNING IS REALLY EVOLVING TRYING TO KEEP OUR KIDS INTERESTED IN SCHOOL AND STARTING TO LOOK AT SCHOOL AS KIND OF EXTRACTING THE MOST OF THEIR TALENT KIND OF GIVING THEM YOU KNOW A REASON TO WANT TO STAY IN SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY'RE INTERESTED THEY'RE THEY'RE YOU KNOW THEY'RE STIMULATED EVERY DAY BY REALLY KIND OF BEING ABLE TO TO TO ADDRESS WHAT THEIR STRENGTHS ARE AND THINGS THAT KEEP THEM ENTHUSED AND SO I JUST THINK THAT THIS REALLY IS THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE AND I AND I KNOW THAT WE'RE ALWAYS GOING TO HAVE A GREAT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT PUBLIC COMPULSORY EDUCATION YOU KNOW THIS BODY HAS DONE A LOT TO TRY TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW THAT WE CAN TURN THE SHIP AROUND WE'RE GOING TO HEAR A BILL SOON ON TRYING TO GET SIMON SANCHEZ OFF THE GROUND YOU KNOW WE'RE GONNA WE'RE GONNA CONTINUE I THINK THROUGHOUT THIS TERM TO DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO TO HELP AND WE'VE DONE THAT WITH MONEY WE'VE DONE IT WITH A LOT OF DIFFERENT YOU KNOW TOOLS IN THE TOOLBOX THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT BUT I THINK THE REAL FORWARD THINKING ON THESE OPPORTUNITIES IS THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE AND MORE DIVERSIFICATION AND I JUST THINK IT'S A GOOD THING I REALLY DO YOU HAVE YOU HAVE CHILDREN NOWADAYS AND WE WE HAVE GOT TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN BECAUSE THAT TRULY IS THEIR TICKET TO THE FUTURE IS AN EDUCATION BUT IT ALSO IS IMPORTANT I THINK NOW TO RECOGNIZE THAT ONE OF THE KIND OF REVOLUTIONS IN EDUCATION THAT WE'VE SEEN IN SOME OF OUR PRIVATE SCHOOLS THAT AND THE CHARTERS THEY'RE THEY'RE EXCITED AND YOU LOOK AT ILEARN LOOK AT HOW MUCH THAT GREW SPEAKER I KNOW YOU WERE UP THERE WHEN WHEN THEY WERE OPENING AND THANKFULLY THE CONTRACTOR GOT THAT THING A SCHOOL THAT WENT FROM YOU KNOW EIGHT OR NINE TEACHERS AND 50 SOME STUDENTS TO NOW A HUGE CAMPUS OF OVER 750 YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEY WERE ALL SO EXCITED AND AND YOU COULD JUST FEEL IT IN THE AIR AND AND THEN THAT'S THAT'S JUST A DEMONSTRATION OF GROWTH AND AND THE WAY THINGS CAN REALLY BECOME A LOT MORE REVOLUTIONARY REALLY IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT IN EDUCATION AND THE TEACHERS I MEAN OVER 50 TEACHERS NOW AND YOU COULD JUST FEEL IT IN THAT SCHOOL THAT TEACHING AND LEARNING IS REALLY HAPPENING SO I THINK THIS IS JUST ANOTHER VEHICLE A GREAT VEHICLE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO ALL THE SCHOOLS OUT THERE THAT ARE CONTEMPLATING YOU KNOW EXPANDING NOW YOU KNOW THIS OPPORTUNITY AND I JUST LOOK FORWARD MADAM SPEAKER TO HEARING THE GREAT STORIES COMING OUT OF YOUNG PEOPLE YOU KNOW JUST REALLY ENJOYING THEIR EDUCATION AND US MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING THAT WE SAID WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO WHICH IS DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE A PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE AND HAVE CHILDREN WHO LOVE TO LEARN AND STAY AWAY FROM THE PITFALLS OF YOU KNOW MEDIOCRITY DRUGS DIFFERENT THINGS THAT CAN TAKE THEM IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION I THINK IF WE KEEP THEM EXCITED ABOUT SCHOOL YOU KNOW WE WE HAVE A BETTER SHOT IN OUR FUTURE SO I I REALLY AM GLAD TO BE A CO-SPONSOR I'M GLAD THAT THE YOU KNOW THE PRIMARY SPONSOR ASKED US MANY OF US YOU KNOW AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL I THINK IT'S GOING TO DO SOME REALLY GOOD WORK MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU

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

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO MY COLLEAGUES BEFORE I GET STARTED I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE HARD-WORKING INDIVIDUAL BOARD AT THE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD FIRST AND FOREMOST THEY GO BEYOND WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING THEY I SEE THEM WORKING COUNTLESS HOURS YOU KNOW AFTER HAVING THEIR FULL-TIME JOB EIGHT TO FIVE STILL CONTINUING ON THROUGH THE WEEKENDS AND I JUST WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THEM AND SAY *DÁNGKOLO SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK NOW THIS WE ALL KNOW THIS IS GOING TO BE AN OPENING OF A DOOR FOR MORE CHARTER SCHOOLS TO COME I'M SURE EVERYONE HAS THOUGHT ABOUT THAT BUT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT THESE CHARTER SCHOOLS AND WHAT THEY WERE INTENDED FOR A FOCUSED SUBJECT MATTER WE KNOW THAT SOME SCHOOLS YOU KNOW SCIENCE LEARNING MATH WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS ONE WITH CULTURE A CHARTER SCHOOL TO PUSH OUR CULTURE TO TEACH OUR KIDS EVERYONE KNOWS I WAS A MUSICIAN ONCE UPON A TIME AND AND I THINK THAT MUSIC IS ALSO AN IDEA I MEAN PROBABLY WOULD DIVULGE MY AGE WHEN I SAY FAME REMEMBER THAT SHOW FAME MANY OF US DO BUT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IS HOW FOCUSED THESE CHILDREN HAVE BECOME WHEN THEY ATTEND SCHOOLS BUT THERE'S SOMETHING THAT THEY LOOK FORWARD TO NOW THE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THAT IS REALLY CONCERNING ME OF COURSE THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER SPOKE ABOUT OR ACTUALLY OUR

MINORITY LEADERS SPOKE ABOUT HOW WE ARE IN A SITUATION RIGHT NOW WITH THIS TYPHOON THAT HAS NOT ONLY TAKEN OUT SOME OF THE BUILDINGS AT THESE SCHOOLS IN FACT JUST TODAY I SPOKE WITH A PRINCIPAL TOLD ME SHE HAD 28 QUONSET HUTS AND 24 ARE DOWN IF YOU ASK ME COLLEAGUES WE ARE IN AN EMERGENCY THIS IS AN EMERGENCY TO PUT OUR CHILDREN INTO A SAFE ENVIRONMENT ALONG WITH OUR PARENT THEIR TEACHERS AND OUR WORKERS THIS IS A BILL THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO YOU KNOW I COMMEND THE THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATURE TRYING TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE SITUATION THAT HAS BEEN DEALT WITH US UNFORTUNATELY THIS TYPHOON AND MY COLLEAGUES IF YOU THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE THE LAST ONE FOR ANOTHER 20 YEARS THEN THEN YOU'RE LIVING IN LA LA LAND BECAUSE JUST LIKE FEMA SAID THE WATERS IN THIS AREA IS WARMED UP TREMENDOUSLY WHICH MEANS WE'RE AT THE BEGINNING OF TYPHOON AND WE CAN EXPECT MORE TO COME WE TALKED ABOUT THE COST TO ABOUT YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS WORKING WITH THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR OF OFB AND I'M A GOOD COLLEAGUE FROM FROM YIGO WE TALK ABOUT MONEY BECAUSE I'M VERY YOU KNOW WHEN IT COMES TO THAT YEAH I'M REAL TIGHT WHEN IT COMES TO MONEY I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE SPENDING IT CORRECTLY AND THAT OUR DOLLAR GOES FURTHER THAN WHAT A DOLLAR CAN BUY AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE LEGISLATIONS THAT DOES THAT WE SPEND 11 000 PLUS PER STUDENT IN DOE ELEVEN THOUSAND PLUS CHARTER SCHOOLS WE APPROPRIATE ONLY 7 500 DOLLARS FOR A STUDENT GOING INTO A CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IS A HUGE DIFFERENCE AND IF WE CAN PUT OUR CHILDREN INTO A SAFER ENVIRONMENT BECAUSE SOME OF THESE CHARTER SCHOOLS HAVE DONE GONE WAY BEYOND ON MAKING SURE MAINTENANCE IS TAKEN CARE OF MAKING SURE INSPECTIONS ARE DONE MAKING SURE THEIR CHILDREN ARE SAFE THEN THIS IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO SO I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL I THINK WE ALL UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING OUR CHILDREN BACK INTO THIS INTO A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND I THANK THE THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION OF THE BILL TO ALLOW ME TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF THIS LEGISLATION *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR FISHER ON THE BILL ANYONE ELSE ON THE BILL IF NOT WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS I WAS ASKING IF THERE'S ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR FISHER DID YOU HAVE YOUR HAND UP TO SPEAK ON THE BILL NO ALL RIGHT THEN IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL AS AMENDED

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND ESPECIALLY FOR THEIR VALUABLE INPUT AND KIND OF ADJUSTING SOME OF THE TIMELINES TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO ADD THAT OPTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IN TERMS OF RECEIVING A A GREAT EDUCATION AND SO AGAIN I THANK MY COLLEAGUES AND I WOULD ALSO THE CLERK'S A MOTION TO ADD VICE SPEAKER TINA MUNA BARNES AS A CO-SPONSOR AND I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE HER SECOND AS PER OUR AGREEMENT YESTERDAY SO THANK YOU AND ALSO SENATOR JESS LUJAN HE WILL BE THE 20TH

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT THERE'S BEEN EMOTION TO AMEND THE LIST OF SPONSORS TO ADD THE VICE SPEAKER AS NUMBER TWO AND TO ADD SENATOR LUJAN ON ON THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION THAT MOTION PASSES ARE YOU CONCLUDED YOUR CLOSING REMARKS

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU I JUST WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS MEASURE AND ALSO FOR THE SWIFT DEBATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE ON THIS AND AGAIN *DÁNGKOLO SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOTIONED TO PLACE THE BILL 62-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING FILE FOR VOTING LATER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL 73 VICE SPEAKER

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** COLLEAGUES WE ARE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 73-37 LS AND I'M GOING TO INVITE THE SPEAKER SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE TO SPEAK ON THE MEASURE

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH I'D LIKE TO MOVE BILL NUMBER 73-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE IT'S INTRODUCED BY MYSELF THERESA M TERLAJE SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR JOANNE BROWN IT'S AN ACT RELATIVE TO FURTHER EXPANDING ACCESS TO OPIOID ANTAGONISTS BY ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY OPIOID ACCESS BYSTANDER PROGRAM AND REQUIRING CO-PRESCRIPTION OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 16115 16116-116-117 AND 16118 TO TITLE 10 GUAM QUOTE ANNOTATED CHAPTER 6 DIVISION ONE I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT MOTION

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** PLEASE PROCEED MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH COLLEAGUES AS YOU KNOW IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR WE PASSED THE GUAM OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2023 IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 37-2 THAT COMBINED WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE OPIOID ADVISORY RECOVERY COUNCIL THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT THE GUAM CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE AGENCY HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY EMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS WE ALL WORKED TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT ANTAGONISTS WOULD BE LEGAL OPIOID ANTAGONISTS WOULD BE LEGAL ON GUAM AND THAT ARE THAT IS THE DRUG THAT IT COUNTERACTS THE EFFECTS OF OPIOID AND COUNTERACTS ESPECIALLY THE DEADLY EFFECTS OF FENTANYL ON PERSONS WHO ARE TAKING OPIOIDS AND ACCIDENTALLY TAKE ONE WITH FENTANYL IN IT THIS BILL WELL THAT BILL PROVIDED TRAINING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS AND TO THE PEACE OFFICERS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL VOLUNTEERS AND AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SO THAT THEY WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO NALOXONE WHICH IS THE AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST AND THEY MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE INTERESTED COULD HAVE ACCESS TO THAT TO SAVE SOME LIVES WE ALSO MANDATED IT THAT IT COULD BE PUT INTO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES WHICH THEY NOW HAVE PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AS WE SAW IN HAWAII THEY THEY HAVE IT READILY AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOLS IN HAWAII AND THAT WE WOULD PROVIDE IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY AND REQUIRE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER TO PUBLISH INFORMATION REGARDING THESE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS ON THEIR WEBSITE AND DO THE TRAINING PROGRAMS TOGETHER WITH OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL SO THAT MORE IN OUR COMMUNITY WOULD KNOW HOW TO ADMINISTER THE NALOXONE AND MORE IN OUR COMMUNITY WOULD YOU KNOW BE ABLE TO COUNTERACT THE EFFECTS OF FENTANYL THIS BILL IS TO EXPAND THAT LAW TO INCLUDE A WHAT'S CALLED A BYSTANDER PROGRAM WE WILL IDENTIFY OR WE ARE CHARGING THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER BY THIS BILL TO TO IDENTIFY LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT GUAM TO BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THE EMERGENCY ANTAGONISTS OR NALOXONE AROUND GUAM IN PUBLIC SPACES IN OTHER WORDS OR PRIVATE SPACES BUT THEY WOULD WORK WITH THESE ENTITIES AND ENSURE YOU KNOW WHERE THIS WOULD BE STORED WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT AND AND WHAT THE GUIDELINES WOULD BE TO ADMINISTER IT TO THE PUBLIC SO THAT IT'S MORE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY THIS BILL ALSO REQUIRES THAT WHEN A PRESCRIPTION IS MADE FOR OPIOIDS THAT THERE'S ALSO A PRESCRIPTION MADE FOR THE ANTAGONIST OR THE NALOXONE ALONGSIDE OF THE OPIOID PRESCRIPTION ORIGINALLY THE BILL HAD A PORTION TO REQUIRE THAT INSURANCE COMPANIES WOULD COVER THE COST OF THE NALOXONE BUT THAT HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE BILL AND THE VERSION THAT'S BEEN AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND THAT WAS DUE TO THE OBJECTIONS OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THEIR POINT PRETTY MUCH WAS THAT WE HAVE NALOXONE AVAILABLE NOW ON GUAM DUE TO OUR SETTLEMENTS IN THESE OPIOID CASES AND WE HAVE ABOUT 6 000 KITS OR WE WILL HAVE ABOUT 6 000 KITS AVAILABLE AND THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT TO INCREASE THE INSURANCE COSTS BY MANDATING THAT IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THOSE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SETTLEMENT SO FOR NOW WE'VE REMOVED THAT PORTION AND AND BUT WE DO REQUIRE THAT IT IS CO-PRESCRIBED ON APRIL 2023 WE REQUESTED FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF SUPPLIES OF NALOXONE THAT WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AS A RESULT OF THE SETTLEMENT WHEN TO EXPECT THAT WE WOULD GET THE SUPPLY AND IF THAT THOSE WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO PHARMACIES BECAUSE PHARMACIES WOULD ALSO LIKE THE ABILITY TO DISTRIBUTE THOSE NALOXONE UPON CONSULTATION WITH PATIENTS AND AS YOU KNOW SINCE WE BEGAN WORK ON THAT OTHER BILL NALOXONE HAS NOW BECOME LEGAL OVER-THE-COUNTER SO YOU DON'T I MEAN YEAH YOU DON'T EVEN NEED A PRESCRIPTION SO THE PHARMACIES WANT TO BE ABLE IF WE HAVE PRODUCT FOR THEM TO DISTRIBUTE TO DISTRIBUTE THAT AS WELL SO WE DID CONSULT WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPIOID TEAM AND THEIR RESPONSE WAS THAT THE SETTLEMENT PRODUCT THE STATE CAN ELECT TO ACCEPT EITHER AN ALLOCATED SHARE OF SETTLEMENT PRODUCT THE NALOXONE SPRAYS OR A CASH CONVERSION PAYMENT AND THE PRODUCT IS VALUED AT 1.2 BILLION DOLLARS IN WHOLESALE ACQUISITION COSTS WITH A CASH CONVERSION VALUE OF 240 MILLION DOLLARS THE SETTLEMENT PRODUCT IS AVAILABLE OVER A 10-YEAR PERIOD AND EACH STATE ELECTS WHETHER TO TAKE SETTLEMENT PRODUCT OR ANNUAL CASH CONVERSION PAYMENTS THEY MAY CHANGE THEIR ELECTION BETWEEN SETTLEMENT PRODUCT AND CASH EVERY TWO YEARS SO THEY EXTRAPOLATED THAT GUAM WILL RECEIVE 5605 NALOXONE SPRAY KIDS OVER THE 10-YEAR PERIOD IF THEY CHOSE PRODUCTS WE ALSO ADDED A PROVISION IN THE BILL THAT ALLOWS THE OPIOID RECOVERY ADVISORY COUNCIL THAT'S SECTIONS 16117 TO DISTRIBUTE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PHARMACIES AND TO EMERGENCY ACCESS LOCATIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE BYSTANDER PROGRAM IN OTHER WORDS PUBLIC HEALTH ESTABLISHES THE BYSTANDER PROGRAM THEY CAN STOCK IT WITH THEIR OWN SUPPLIES OR WE ARE ALSO ALLOWING THE OPIOID ADVISORY COUNCIL TO TO PUT THEIR PRODUCTS INTO THOSE LOCATIONS AS WELL SOME OF THESE WILL BE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM LOCATIONS THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO AUTHORIZE IT BY LAW THAT THAT THEY WILL CARRY THESE PRODUCTS THESE DRUGS IN THEIR STORE I MEAN THEIR FACILITIES ALL RIGHT I THINK THAT PRETTY MUCH DESCRIBES WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO WITH THE BILL I ALSO DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT ON THE BILL THAT I'D LIKE TO PRESENT RIGHT NOW AND THAT IS IT'S BEEN PASSED OUT IS TO ADD

A NEW 16119 FENTANYL TESTING STRIPS NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW THE DISTRIBUTION OR POSSESSION OF A NARCOTIC DRUG TESTING PRODUCT THAT IS USED SOLELY TO DETERMINE WHETHER A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CONTAINS FENTANYL SHALL BE LAWFUL ON GUAM AND MAY BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE BYSTANDER PROGRAM OR WHEREVER OPIOID ANTAGONISTS ARE DISTRIBUTED SO THIS IS TO ADD ON TO OUR DISTRIBUTION OF ANTAGONISTS WE'RE ALSO GOING TO ALLOW MAKE LEGAL AND AUTHORIZE FULL DISTRIBUTION OF FENTANYL TESTING KITS AND AGAIN I HOPE IT'S VERY OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE IT'S TO SAVE LIVES AND TO STOP BEFORE WE GET INTO A REAL CRISIS AVALANCHE OF FENTANYL THROUGHOUT GUAM THAT WE WE TRY TO COMBAT IT RIGHT NOW AS WE FOUND OUT DURING EARLIER PROCEEDINGS THAT FENTANYL IS ON GUAM IT'S MADE IT'S MADE ITS WAY AND SO IF WE FOLLOW THE TRENDS WE CAN ONLY EXPECT MORE SO HOPEFULLY THIS THE TESTING YOU CAN TEST YOUR OPIOIDS IN OTHER WORDS TO SEE IF FENTANYL IS INC IS IN THERE BEFORE YOU TAKE IT ALL RIGHT OKAY SO UH WITH THAT I WOULD HUMBLLY ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SPEAKER TERLAJE ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION OH I I DO APOLOGIZE ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE TMT AMENDMENT ON PAGE ONE LINE 12. DOES ANYONE WISH TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE YEAH LINE 12 PAGE 4. NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES ANYONE SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR FISHER I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU ON THE MAIN MOTION

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM VICE SPEAKER I HAVE A CONTRACT OF INSURANCE WITH A LOCAL CARRIER AND THE CONTRACT IS THIS THEY AGREE TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE SO AS LONG AS I AGREE TO PAY THEM AND IF I PAY THEM THEY HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE UNDER CERTAIN TERMS IT'S NOT CARTE BLANCHE THERE ARE CERTAIN TERMS TO IT THERE ARE DEDUCTIBLES INVOLVED THERE ARE LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN COVERAGE ETC SO I WOULD LIKE TO UH BEGIN BY ADDRESSING SECTION 16116 INSURANCE COVERAGE IN GENERAL ALL MEDICAID PROGRAMS AND MEDICARE PROGRAMS ETC WHERE DOES THIS BODY DERIVE THE AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE WHAT IS STATED AND WHAT IS NOT STATED IN A FEDERAL LAW MEDICARE HAS CERTAIN PROGRAMS DESIGNED FEDERALLY AND IMPROVED BY CONGRESS MEDICARE AS WELL I WAS NOT PRIOR TO THIS AFTERNOON'S SESSION IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THAT THIS BODY COULD COME IN AND MODIFY FEDERAL LAWS I HAD ALWAYS OF COURSE THOUGHT THE SUPREMACY CLAUSE CONTROLLED THIS SORT OF ISSUE THAT IS ONE COMMENT BUT IF I MAY FOLLOW UP MA'AM WITH A QUESTION FOR THIS PRINCIPAL SPONSOR

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU MAY PROCEED WITH A QUESTION

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM VICE SPEAKER DOES THE PROPONENT OF THIS BILL BELIEVE THAT THIS SECTION PARTICULARLY 16116 VIOLATES THE CONTRACTS CLAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTION AND IMPAIRS A CONTRACT THAT IS OF GREAT CONCERN TO ME BECAUSE MY CARRIER MAY DECIDE THEY DON'T WANT TO OBEY THIS LAW AND MAY TERMINATE MY CONTRACT OF INSURANCE I WONDER IF SHE BELIEVES AND IF SO WHY THIS DOES NOT IMPAIR CONTRACT

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** I WILL ASK SENATOR FISHER SPEAKER TERLAJE WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THAT INQUIRY

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SURE I YIELD TO THAT IN INQUIRY FIRST OF ALL THIS PROVISION IS TAKEN FROM THE MODEL LEGISLATION THAT IS USED ACROSS THE NATION SECONDLY I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT VIOLATES THEIR CONTRACTS BECAUSE IT SAYS THEY WILL NOT GOING FORWARD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PEOPLE WHO ARE TAKING FENTANYL AND NONE OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES OBJECTED TO THAT PROVISION IN THE BILL

**SENATOR FISHER:** I THOUGHT WE WERE ON THE MAIN MOTION

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SIR YOU ASKED A QUESTION I'M AS SHE'S ANSWERING IT AND AS SOON AS SHE'S DONE I WILL ASK YOU IF IT SUFFICES SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU YOU WERE STILL ANSWERING THE QUESTION

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THE SENATOR LAWYER POINTED OUT SECTION 16116 THE ONLY SECTION IN THE BILL THAT TALKS ABOUT INSURANCE COVERAGE RIGHT SO I'M RESPONDING TALKING ABOUT SECTION 116 WAS DERIVED FROM THE MODEL LEGISLATION THAT'S BEEN ADOPTED IN DIFFERENT STATES ACROSS THE NATION THE OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION LEGISLATION AND THIS PARTICULAR CLAUSE THAT DEALS WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES ONLY PROHIBITS THEM FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST FROM PROVIDING LIFE INSURANCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS AN EMERGENCY OPIOID ANTAGONIST PRESCRIPTION MEANING IF YOUR DOCTOR GIVES YOU AN OPIOID AND ALSO GIVES YOU A PRESCRIPTION FOR OPIOID ANTAGONISTS THE INSURANCE COMPANIES CONSENT CANNOT SAY OH YOU'RE GETTING OPIOID ANTAGONIST PRESCRIPTION WE'RE NOT GOING TO COVER YOU YES I BELIEVE YOU CAN FIND EXAMPLES OF RESTRICTIONS ON INSURANCE COMPANIES DOING

BUSINESS ON GUAM IN GUAM STATUTES AND DEFINITELY BECAUSE THIS BECOMES EFFECTIVE YOU KNOW AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE IT SHOULD IT SHOULD YOU KNOW APPLY GOING FORWARD SO NO I DO NOT BELIEVE IT VIOLATES ANY CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION THANK YOU

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR FISHER THAT THAT THE I YIELD THE FLOOR BACK TO YOU

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES YES YES MA'AM AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE BUT COULD I ASK FOR A SHORT RECESS

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES** I WILL GIVE YOU THAT MOMENT'S RECESS *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IT'S BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR FISHER YOU HAD THE FLOOR

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU FOR THAT BRIEF RECESS MADAME VICE SPEAKER I'M NOT GOING TO PURSUE THIS LINE OF QUESTIONING RIGHT NOW SO UH THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN SENATOR FRANK BLAS MINORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIRMAN I'M CHAIRING THE INTEREST OF DISCLOSURE THERE ARE NO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST THAT EXIST IN MY PRESENTATION AS A LICENSED LIFE INSURANCE AGENT OR BROKER OKAY I

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU MAY PROCEDE

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER ALONG THE LINES OF YOU KNOW THE CONCERN BROUGHT OUT BY THE GOOD GENTLEMAN FROM IPAN PARTICULARLY WITH SECTION ONE SIX ONE ONE SIX OF THE BILL PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION OF BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND MORE SPECIFICALLY THAT IT BASICALLY SAYS THAT PROVIDING LIFE INSURANCE HAS AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS WITHIN GUAM SHALL NOT OTHERWISE DISCRIMINATE IN THE OFFERING OF ISSUANCE CANCELLATION AMOUNT OF COVERAGE PREMIUM OR ANY OTHER CONDITION OF INSURANCE POLICY ISSUED BY THE COMPANY BASED SOLELY UPON THE FACT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS HAD OR A PRESCRIPTION FOR EMERGENCY OPERATED ANTAGONIST OR PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE POSSESS AN EMERGENCY OR OPIOID ANTAGONIST FIRST OFF MADAM CHAIR I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THIS BILL WAS PROBABLY DRAFTED PRIOR TO THE DETERMINATION FIRST OF ALL THAT OPIOID ANTAGONISTS ARE NOW LEGAL AND OVER THE COUNTER SECONDLY IS THAT ON GUAM INSURANCE FOR THE MOST PART INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT THAT THAT EXIST ON GUAM ARE NOT NECESSARILY CARRIERS MORE SPECIFICALLY IN THE AREA OF LIFE INSURANCE BUT BASICALLY GENERAL AGENTS AGENTS AND PRODUCERS WE DO NOT HAVE ANY AUTHORITY TO BE ABLE TO REWRITE ANY OF THE REWRITE ANY OF THE APPLICATIONS AND I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS CAN BE FOR THE MOST PART ENFORCEABLE OR IS THIS IN FACT THIS SECTION NECESSARY IN THAT OPIOID ANTAGONISTS AND WHAT IT IS CONCERNED ABOUT IS LEGAL JUST LIKE EXCEDRIN OR BARE ASPIRIN AND SO I I CAUTION IN THAT WHILE I UNDERSTAND WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE I THINK IT'S BEEN ACHIEVED ALREADY BECAUSE IT'S LEGAL AND IF YOU'RE TAKING A PRESCRIPTION ON THE BASIS OF IT BEING LEGAL YOU KNOW CAUCASIAN POINT I THINK IT WAS KNOWN THAT YOU KNOW THE EARLY PART OF LAST YEAR I HAD WELL UNDERWENT MAJOR SURGERY THAT REQUIRED MY PHYSICIAN TO PROVIDE TO ME AN OPIOID-BASED PAIN RELIEVER GUESS WHAT DIDN'T LOSE INSURANCE OKAY BECAUSE IT'S LEGAL SO THERE WAS NO FEAR OF THAT NOW IF YOU WERE ABUSING IT DIFFERENT STORY THAT FALLS UNDER A SEPARATE CATEGORY BUT THAT'S THIS IS NOT THIS IS TAKING IT FOR PURELY LEGAL AUTHORIZED PURPOSES BUT IS THERE A NECESSITY FOR THIS AND GRANTED IN IN SPEAKING WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION THIS WAS DRAFTED FROM MODEL LEGISLATION TAKEN ELSEWHERE AND I CAN PROBABLY VERY SAFELY SURMISE THAT THIS WAS MODEL LEGISLATION THAT WAS DRAFTED PRIOR TO THE LEGALIZATION OF THE ANTAGONISTS AND IN AREAS WHERE THEY DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO DICTATE THE LANGUAGE IN INSURANCE APPLICATIONS BUT GOING BACK TO AGAIN THE VERY PURPOSES OF LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES IT IT STRUCK ME THERE BECAUSE I WAS LOOKING THIS AND I SAID IN ALL MY APPLICATION AND MY MY EXPERIENCE WITH LIFE INSURANCE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ISSUE BECAUSE IT'S LEGAL SO I JUST BRING THAT AS A POINT OF CONCERN YOU KNOW THERE'S THERE'S REALLY NO HARM IN IT BEING IN HERE BUT IS IT NECESSARY FOR IT TO BE HERE IS MY QUESTION THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SENATOR

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** VERY WELCOME MINORITY LEADER ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE MAIN MOTION

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I'D JUST LIKE TO ADDRESS MY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER'S CONCERN TO MAKE SURE THAT HOPEFULLY I KIND OF LAY THEM AGAIN THIS PROVISION THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE ONE PROVISION AND THE BILL THAT'S BEING REFERRED TO ONE SIX ONE ONE SEVEN THAT I'M SORRY ONE SIX ONE ONE SIX THAT REFERS TO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES THIS IS TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION



THAT'S ALL NOT TO ALLOW OR NOT ALLOW COVERAGE BUT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION SOLELY ON THE BASE OF A PERSON IS HAS PURCHASED OR HAS A PRESCRIPTION FOR AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST IN OTHER WORDS YOU CAN DISCRIMINATE AS A LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PROBABLY BECAUSE A PERSON'S ON ALCOHOL WHICH IS LEGAL AND YOU CAN PROBABLY DISCRIMINATE BECAUSE THEY ARE ON OPIOIDS BUT THIS IS JUST SAYING NO DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE THEY ARE ON ANTAGONISTS AS WELL IF THEY ARE ON OPIOIDS SOLELY FOR THE ANTAGONISTS AND THE PURPOSE OF WHY IT'S NECESSARY IS BECAUSE WHY THE BILL IS NECESSARY BECAUSE WE COULD SIT BACK AND LET THE MARKET TAKE ITS COURSE AND LET LET THE DRUG USE TAKE ITS COURSE BUT WE'RE TRYING TO BE PROACTIVE WE'RE TRYING TO GET IN THERE AND SAY STRAIGHT OUT IN THE BACK WE WANT TO TO PROMOTE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT IMPLY THAT PEOPLE ARE TAKING OPIOIDS OR THAT THEY MIGHT END UP TAKING OPIOIDS WITH FENTANYL WITH OR WITHOUT THE INTENTION TO YOU KNOW DO ILLICIT DRUGS OR NOT OR WHETHER THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO FOLLOW THEIR PRESCRIPTION WITHOUT DETERMINING INTENTION MOTIVATION WHETHER THEY'RE GUILTY NOT GUILTY CRIMINAL OR NOT NOTHING THE WHOLE POINT OF THE TWO BILLS AND THE CHANGES IN THESE LAWS IS THAT WE WANT FENTANYL TO BE OUT THERE WITHOUT ANY BIAS ON A PERSON WHO GETS SORRY WE WANT NALOXONE OR AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST OF OTHER BRANDS TO GET THEM WITHOUT ANY STIGMA ATTACHED AND IN REGARDS TO LIFE INSURANCE WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION SOLELY BASED ON THAT AND SO I DO NOT IT'S IT'S NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE ANTI-STIGMATIZATION OF USING NALOXONE OR BEING PRESCRIBED NALOXONE OR CARRYING NALOXONE THAT'S ALL WE WANT WE WANT EVERYBODY TO CARRY IT THEY MIGHT NEED IT FOR THEMSELVES OR THEY MIGHT NEED TO SAVE SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE WHO THEY ARE WITH AND THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO PUT THIS INTO STATUTE MAKE IT VERY OBVIOUS THAT GUAM ALONG WITH THE OTHER STATES LIKE NEW YORK IS GOING TO SAY JUST NO DISCRIMINATION IN THAT JUST SOLELY BE JUST FOR THAT REASON ALONE A COMBINATION OF REASONS PERHAPS BUT FOR THAT REASON ALONE NO AND SO AGAIN I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES THAT YES THE PRODUCT IS LEGAL BUT FOR US TO DISTRIBUTE IT AS A GOVERNMENT THE WAY WE WANT TO AND TO HAVE LAYPERSONS HAVE ACCESS TO OUR PRODUCT THAT WE ARE GETTING IN THE SETTLEMENT AND TO HAVE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HOLDING THIS IN THEIR AGENCY AND DISTRIBUTING IT WE WANT TO MAKE ALL OF THAT LEGAL AND AND JUST MAKE SURE IT'S VERY CLEAR NOW STIGMA EASY ACCESS SAVE LIVES SO AGAIN I THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON ON THIS BILL AND THE PRIOR BILLS AND OUR MOVEMENT TOWARDS GETTING THIS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND PREVENTING OVERDOSE OF BASED ON OPIOIDS *SI YU'OS MA'ASE'*

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THE MOTION SPEAKER TERLAJE TO THE VOTING FILE PLEASE

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SO I'D LIKE TO REITERATE MY MOTION TO PLACE THIS BILL 73-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES COLLEAGUES WE ARE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 82-37 LS SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLASON ON THE MAIN BILL

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** HI MA'AM THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THIS BILL COMES TO ME FROM OUR VETERANS ORGANIZATION THAT'S

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SENATOR IF I MAY COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE BILL NUMBER WHERE IT'S COME FROM AS AMENDED NAME THE SPONSORS READ THE BILLS

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YES MA'AM

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YES YES YES MAAM

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** AND THEN GO TO THE THIRD READING YES

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** SORRY I JUST WANT TO JUMP ON IT AND LET'S VOTE ON IT

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** MOST DEFININITELY

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** SORRY EXCUSE ME ALL RIGHT SO THIS EXCUSE ME I DON'T HAVE MY GLASSES ON BUT BEAR WITH ME FOR ONE MOMENT SO THE BILL IS BILL NUMBER 82-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING INTRODUCED BY MYSELF DWAYNE TD SAN NICHOLAS AND SPONSORED BY TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES CHRISTOPHER M DUENAS WILLIAM A PARKINSON JESSE A LUJAN JOE SAN AGUSTINE AND ROY A B QUINATA AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION 7120-2 OR 0.2 AND SUBSECTION 7120.5 7160 AND 7161 OF CHAPTER 7 TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ALLOWING REPUBLIC OF KOREA VETERANS AND DISTINGUISHED FLYING

CROSS RECIPIENTS TO QUALIFY FOR GUAM VETERANS LICENSE PLATES AND TO ALLOW MORE DOCUMENTS TO BE USED FOR VETERANS QUALIFICATIONS

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** TO THE THIRD READING RIGHT

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS** YES MA'AM

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** AND I'M JUST GOING TO MAKE THAT CORRECTION SENATOR THAT IT'S SUBSECTIONS 7160 C E AND SUBSECTION 7161 F

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YES MA'AM THAT'S CORRECT

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES** PLEASE PROCEED

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YES SO WHAT DO I DO NOW

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** OKAY ALL RIGHT I'M STILL LEARNING THE PROCESS THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SO THE BILL COMES TO ME FROM SOME VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS OUT THERE AND SOME CONCERNED VETERANS THIS BILL ACTUALLY WAS I THINK TRY TO MAKE IT SEVERAL TIMES WITHIN THE PAST DECADE AND THEY WERE TELLING ME THAT WHEN THEY FIRST INTRODUCED THIS LEGISLATION A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO THAT THERE WERE 20 KOREAN WAR VET KOREAN VETERANS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WHO FOUGHT ALONGSIDE DURING THE VIETNAM WAR AND WE'RE NOT U.S. CITIZENS AND THEY WERE FRIENDLY FORCES AND THEY FOUGHT ALONGSIDE OUR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS IN VIETNAM THEN EVENTUALLY LATER EMIGRATED TO TO GUAM THERE WAS ABOUT 20 OF THEM WHEN THEY FIRST INTRODUCED SEVERAL SEVERAL YEARS BACK AND NOW THERE'S ONLY FOUR OF THEM SO I TOOK THIS MEASURE UPON MYSELF TO INTRODUCE IT TO HONOR THE SACRIFICE THAT THESE THESE MEN HAVE DONE FIGHTING ALONGSIDE OUR OUR OWN REGULAR MILITARY I PERSONALLY HAVE EXPERIENCE AS AN INFANTRY MAN WORKING ALONGSIDE FRIENDLY FORCES WHO HAVE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE AND WITH US AND PAY THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE NONE OF THEM EVER WERE ABLE TO EMIGRATE TO THE STATES AND SO I THIS IS A VERY PARTICULARLY INTERESTING MEASURE FOR ME BECAUSE I I KNOW OF THE SACRIFICE OF OUR FRIENDLY FORCES AND SO I I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT IF MY COLLEAGUES WOULD HELP SUPPORT THIS MEASURE TO ALLOW OUR OUR KOREAN SERVICE MEMBERS ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS WHO SERVED UNDER THE KOREAN FLAG AND NOW OUR U.S. CITIZENS TO BE ABLE TO APPLY AND RECEIVE VETERANS LICENSE PLATES [MUSIC] ALSO DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION TO TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS ON TWO VETERANS LICENSE PLATES I I ACTUALLY DON'T SEE THE THE AMENDMENT HERE BUT I WOULD ALSO REALLY WANT TO ALLOW FOR VETERANS TO HAVE UNLIMITED LICENSE PLATES AND I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THE MEASURE THANK YOU MA'AM

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR NICHOLAS ON THE MAIN MOTION DOES ANYONE WISH TO SPEAK SENATOR FISHER I RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM VICE SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL AS A VETERAN MYSELF I UNDERSTAND SOMEWHAT THE IMPORTANCE AND PERHAPS I WASN'T HONORED AND I DID NOT RECEIVE THE HONOR OF ACTUALLY FIGHTING IN COMBAT FOR MY COUNTRY BUT I SERVED AND I COMMEND THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL I THANK HIM FOR THIS BILL AND AS A MEMBER OF THE VETERANS COMMUNITY I THINK THAT I PROBABLY SPEAK FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WHEN I THANK HIM FOR THIS BILL ONE THING A C STORY WHICH MAY BE RELEVANT OR NOT WHEN A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS WORKING REPRESENTING SENIOR CITIZENS I ACTUALLY MET AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS A PHILIPPINE SCOUT WHO FOUGHT WITH THE RESISTANCE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND ACTUALLY MET GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR HE FOUGHT VALIANTLY FOR AMERICA IN THE PHILIPPINES AND YOU KNOW I DON'T THINK THERE ARE TOO MANY PHILIPPINE SCOUTS LEFT ANYMORE BUT I WAS JUST BRINGING THAT UP TO JUST THERE ARE SO MANY COMMUNITIES OUT THERE WHO HAVE HELPED THE UNITED STATES AND THEY ARE WORTHY OF HONOR AND THEY ARE WORTHY OF OF THIS ACT AND I SUPPORTED 100 PERCENT THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS BILL

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR QUINATA THEN SENATOR BROWN AND SENATOR BARNETT

**SENATOR QUINATA:** I RISE IN SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS THE GOOD SENATOR OF AGAT OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF OUR OUR POPULATION IS BASED OFF OF MILITARY PRESENCE AND WE HAVE A NUMEROUS AMOUNT OF INDIVIDUALS IN OUR OUR LOCAL CAPACITY THAT SERVE IN THE MILITARY I DON'T THINK ANYONE IN OUR OUR BODY HERE HAS NO ONE IN OUR FAMILY SERVING IN THE IN THE ARMED FORCES I MYSELF HAVE TWO BROTHERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE MY FATHER SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE MY GRANDFATHERS HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY SO IT'S OBVIOUSLY YOU KNOW SOMETHING IN THE GENERATIONAL SCALE SO I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION AND I I WISH WE DID THIS EARLIER AND

REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER SACRIFICES EACH MEMBER HAS CREA HAS MADE AS LONG AS AS WELL AS SENATOR FISHER WHETHER OR NOT IT'S BEEN IN COMBAT FIELD OR NOT WE COMMEND ALL THE MILITARY MEMBERS OUT THERE WHO SACRIFICE IN ALL THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL FOR THEIR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT IN ALL THE EFFORTS THANK YOU AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR BROWN I SAY YOU'RE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THE BILL I JUST WANTED TO NOTE THE CREATION OF THE VETERANS LICENSE PLATE ACTUALLY I WAS A MAIN SPONSOR QUITE A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO WITH THE LATE SENATOR TONY BLAS MANY OF OUR U.S STATES RECOGNIZE THEIR VETERANS IN THEIR STATES AND THERE'S ONE THING THAT PRIOR TO THAT AS CONSIDERING AS MANY MEMBERS AS WAS MADE REFERENCED BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER THAT WE HAVE ON GUAM WE DID NOT HAVE VETERANS LICENSE PLATES TO RECOGNIZE THOSE THAT HAVE SERVED IN THE U.S ARMED FORCES AND SO WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE GOSH THIS IS ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO THAT WE INTRODUCED THIS LEGISLATION AT PAST TO RECOGNIZE OUR VETERANS CERTAINLY IN MY CASE MY FATHER IS A COMBAT VETERAN AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE THINGS WE NOTICED WE'VE TRAVELED TO QUITE MANY MANY OF THE STATES IN THE U.S MAINLAND GOING CROSS-COUNTRY AND NOTICING THE DIFFERENT STATES RECOGNIZING THEIR THEIR VETERANS AND WE SAID WOW THIS ISN'T THE CASE ON GUAM SO HE GOES WELL THERE'S SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO JOANNE AND SO I'M VERY PROUD THAT WE WERE ABLE TO PUT THIS IN PLACE TO RECOGNIZE ALL THOSE THAT SERVE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS IN INTRODUCING IT TO RECOGNIZE THOSE BECAUSE CERTAINLY IN THESE COUNTRIES IN THE CASE OF KOREA THOSE THAT FOUGHT YOU KNOW ARM AND ARM AND SIDE BY SIDE IT'S IMPORTANT TO ALSO RECOGNIZE THEM ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME AND AGE IN THEIR LIFE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT AND I THINK WE NEED TO BE RESPECTFUL OF THIS PROCESS FOR THOSE THAT HAVE SERVED BECAUSE SOME HAVE SERVED HARDER THAN OTHERS SOME HAVE SACRIFICED ULTIMATELY AND I'VE EXPERIENCED BOTH IN MY FAMILY SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT WE CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT OUR VETERANS THAT WE HAVE AND I'M VERY PROUD I MEAN WE STILL MAINTAIN THE VEHICLES THAT WE HAD WHEN MY FATHER WAS ALIVE WE STILL HAVE HIS VETERANS PLATES AND THEY WILL CERTAINLY REMAIN UNTIL THE TIME MY MOM MAKES A DECISION WE'RE GOING TO REPLACE THE CARS BUT EVERY TIME I SEE IT IT'S A WONDERFUL REMINDER TO ME OF THE SERVICE MY DAD AND MANY OTHERS CONTRIBUTED AND YOU KNOW HE WAS LUCKY TO COME HOME AND I THINK WE APPRECIATE ALL THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN IN COMBAT THAT ARE ABLE TO COME HOME BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME THAT DON'T AND I HAD A FAMILY MEMBERS VERY CLOSE TO ME WHO DIDN'T COME HOME SO AGAIN THANK YOU TO OUR EFFORTS OF SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS AND I HOPE YOU WILL INCLUDE ME AS A CO-SPONSOR IN THIS BILL THANK YOU

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I TOO RISE AND SUPPORT OF THIS BILL FROM THE GOOD SENATOR FROM HAGAT TOWN I MEAN IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT LIKE THE AUTHOR IT SAID THAT WE THAT DIDN'T PASS SOMETHING LIKE THIS AND IN PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES BECAUSE THE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO AVAIL OF THIS UM LICENSE PLATE HAS DWINDLED DOWN TO FINAN FOUR PEOPLE HE SAID AND JUST TO CLARIFY AND I SPOKE WITH HIM BEFORE HE PUT THE BILL ON THE ON THE FLOOR AND THESE ARE KOREAN MILITARY VETERANS WHO FOUGHT ALONGSIDE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHICH IS SOMETHING I COULD RELATE TO BECAUSE MY LATE GRANDFATHER DE FUNTO JOSE SANTOS TENORIO WAS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM COMBAT PATROL AND ALWAYS THINK ABOUT THAT ALL THE TIME BUT MOST ESPECIALLY DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR IS WE JUST CELEBRATED A WAR SURVIVORS REMEMBRANCE DAY AND I USED TO LOVE IT WHEN MY MY GRANDMOTHER DIDN'T TALK ABOUT THE WAR AT ALL BUT MY GRANDFATHER TOLD US A LOT OF STORIES ABOUT HIS TIME IN THE GUAM COMBAT PATROL AND IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE GUAM COMBAT PATROL IT WAS BASICALLY AN INSULAR GUARD MADE UP OF YOUNG CHAMORRO MEN WHO ASSISTED THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES THAT WERE HERE BECAUSE A LOT OF THE U.S MILITARY YOU KNOW WEREN'T FAMILIAR WITH THE HOLLANDANO AND SO IN MANY CASES THE INSULAR GUARD SERVED AS GUIDES AND NOT JUST THAT THEY WERE THEY HAD GUNS AND YOU KNOW FROM THE STORIES MY GRANDFATHER TOLD ME HE WAS THEY WERE A VERY BIG PART ESPECIALLY AFTER THE AMERICANS CAME BACK THE INSULAR GUARD WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PATROLLING THE JUNGLES AND AND LOOKING FOR ANY REMAINING JAPANESE SOLDIERS YOU KNOW THEY MISSED A COUPLE RIGHT I'M SURE NIKOI AND SO I DEFINITELY SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TO ALSO SUPPORT IT AS WELL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER

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

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND RISE AND SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I THANK THE GOOD AUTHOR FROM HĀGAT FOR FOR LITERALLY PUTTING THIS LEGISLATION OUT I KNOW THAT THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER TALKED ABOUT THE GUAM INSULAR GARDEN I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNEW THAT THAT WAS LED BY GENERAL BUT THAT

EVERYBODY IN GUAM KNEW HIM AS COLONEL COLONEL JUAN MUNA AND FORT JUAN MUNA WAS NAMED AFTER HIM SO IN THE EFFORTS OF CONTINUING TO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO TRULY NEED THE RECOGNITION AND SOMETIMES THE LITTLE CAN GO A VERY LONG WAY AND IN THIS EFFORT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE LEGISLATIONS THAT CAN LITERALLY TAKE SOMETHING AND AND REACH OUT FOR THOSE WHO TRULY THAT NEED THAT RECOGNITION OR HAVE NOT GOTTEN THAT RECOGNITION IN THE PAST WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THIS LEGISLATION MAYBE FOR VERY LITTLE BUT THE BIGGER THE BIGGER PICTURE IS KNOWING THAT THE RECOGNITION IS THERE FOR ALL THOSE WHO TOOK THE TIME TO SERVE OUR ISLAND NATION SO THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND RAISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AND I THINK THE GOOD AUTHOR FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF A SPONSORSHIP *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AND THEN SENATOR DUEÑAS

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN::** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I'M ALSO A CO-SPONSOR OF THE BILL SO I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF IT BUT I LIKE TO ALSO UH MENTION THAT I AM WORKING WITH THE AUTHOR OF THIS BUILD THAT WE'RE GOING TO COME UP WITH A A DESIGN OF THE VETERANS PLATE TO CHANGE IT A LITTLE BIT AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS BECAUSE YOU'LL FIND THAT ON EVERY PLATE FOR THE DIFFERENT AWARDS THEY'VE RECEIVE BRONZE STARS THEY HAVE THE LITTLE METAL ON THE LEFT OF THE PLATE AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE FOUND THAT IN OTHER STATES THE PLATE IS VERY DISTINGUISHED OF EXACTLY WHAT THEY SERVE AND IT EVEN INCLUDES FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE SO THERE'S MANY THINGS THAT ARE STILL BEING EVALUATED TO DETERMINE IT BUT YOU KNOW DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAX YEARS BACK I WORK WITH THEM SO WE CAN GET THE THE BRONZE STARS ON THE PLATE AND THAT WORKED PERFECTLY AND I KNOW I KNOW THE VETERANS LISTING TONIGHT ARE PROBABLY GOING TO SAYS WELL LET'S NOT FORGET AFGHANISTAN WAR LET'S NOT FORGET ALL THE DIFFERENT WARS BUT WE NEED TO COME TO TERMS OF EXACTLY WHAT THE PROPER OR THE APPROPRIATE DESIGN WILL BE SO THAT EVERY VETERAN CAN BE RECOGNIZED FOR ALL THE YEARS OF SERVICE THEY PERFORM AND I THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTINE SENATOR DUAÑES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* ADAM SPEAKER AND WHEN I GOT THE NOTICE TO WITH THE OFFER TO CO-SPONSOR THIS MOTION I WAS HONORED AND GLAD TO BE A CO-SPONSOR YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I GUESS THE MOMENT THAT I ENJOYED THE MOST WAS THE PUBLIC HEARING AND AND ONE OF THE VERY DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN THAT CAME BEFORE US TO TESTIFY IN FAVOR IT'S KIND OF INTERESTING A LOT OF US WHATEVER WE DO IN OUR LIFE I THINK WE ARE TRY TO BE PROUD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THINGS THAT WE DO BUT IT'S ALWAYS SO DISTINGUISHING TO YOU KNOW SEE THE Demeanor OF VETERANS AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO WHO SERVED IN CONFLICT JUST THE HONOR AND THE DIGNITY THAT THEY BRING TO REALLY THE SACRIFICE OF SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO YOU KNOW WOULD JOIN ALONGSIDE IN AN EFFORT YOU KNOW TO COMBAT AN ENEMY FOR FREEDOM AND SO I JUST THINK THAT ANYTHING WE CAN EVER DO TO HONOR INDIVIDUALS WHO JUST GIVE OF SUCH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IS REALLY DUTY BOUND AND I'M GLAD TO BE A CO-SPONSOR AND I APPRECIATE THE AUTHOR FOR INTRODUCING THIS LEGISLATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO ITS PASSAGE AND YOU KNOW EVEN IF IT'S JUST GOING TO HONOR A FEW I'M SURE THOSE FEW YOU KNOW WE'LL WE'LL BE HAPPY TO FINALLY RECEIVE THAT DIGNITY YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER WHENEVER I DRIVE AROUND I DON'T I JUST WHENEVER I SEE A VETERAN PLATE I JUST I I FEEL GOOD YOU KNOW I'M GLAD THAT THEY HAVE THAT THAT DISTINGUISHED OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THAT MARKING ON A VEHICLE THAT REALLY MARKS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND HONOR AND SO I'M GLAD SENATOR BROWN BROUGHT BACK THE HISTORY OF EVEN JUST THE INCEPTION OF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND AND HERE WE ARE NOW ENSURING TO ADD THIS HONOR TO ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED GROUP AND SO VERY HONORED TO BE A PART OF THIS BILL AND LOOK FORWARD TO VOTING FOR IT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR SENATOR TAITGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I I HAVE TO SAY THAT UM ONE THING I'VE KNOWN ABOUT SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS IS THAT YOU KNOW HE REALLY DOESN'T LIKE TO LEAVE ANY MAN BEHIND AND THIS PARTICULAR BILL DOES JUST THAT HE ENSURES THAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN ARE REMEMBERED AND HE GOES BEYOND TO ENSURE THAT THAT HAPPENS AND JUST FOR THE LISTENING AUDIENCE I WANTED TO READ JUST A SMALL INSERT ON ON WHY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT AND MOVING FORWARD ESPECIALLY IN OTHER STATES AND IT IS IN THE LEGISLATION THAT OUR GOOD AUTHOR INCORPORATED BUT IT SAYS ALSO FINDS THAT STATES LIKE CALIFORNIA NEW YORK PENNSYLVANIA ARKANSAS AS WELL AS OUR NATION'S CONGRESS HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO ADDRESS THE INCLUSIONS OF ROK VETERANS WHICH IS THE KOREAN VETERANS RECENTLY TO THE U.S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED AS A

RESOLUTION TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2022 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT WHICH RECOGNIZES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF KOREAN AND KOREAN AMERICAN VETERANS AND INTRODUCED HR366 KOREAN AMERICANS VALOR ACT WHICH IF PASSED WOULD GRANT HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL BENEFITS TO THOSE VETERANS STATES LIKE CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA ALSO PROVIDED VETERANS LICENSE PLATES TO KOREAN VETERANS AND STATES LIKE ARKANSAS AND NEW YORK HAVE UNIQUE UNIQUE VETERANS LICENSE PLATE THAT ARE PROPERLY DENOTED THEIR STATUS AND IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT WE DO THE SAME TO RECOGNIZE THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO FOUGHT FOR THE FREEDOM THAT WE ALL ENJOY TODAY AND WHETHER IT'S 50 OF THESE VETERANS OR EVEN ONE JUST ONE THAT IS ENOUGH WHO PUT THEIR LIVES AT STAKE FOR US AGAIN FOR OUR FREEDOM SO I WANT TO COMMEND THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION AND ASK THAT HE INCLUDE ME AS A CO-SPONSOR ON THIS LEGISLATION AND LET'S ALL ENJOY THE FREEDOMS THAT WE HAVE TODAY BECAUSE OF THIS *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECORDED SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER LAST WEEK I WANT TO THANK THE THE GREAT AUTHOR WHO'S ACTUALLY REALLY TRULY THE LEGISLATOR SANTA AND I WANT TO THANK HIM I ACTUALLY FOR ASKING ME TO BE A CO-SPONSOR AS WELL AND WHEN I READ THE PROPOSED BILL I WAS FORWARDED TO MY OFFICE I HAD TO THINK BACK ABOUT BIG YOU KNOW ANY ANY REFERENCE TO THE KOREAN WAR AND ABSOLUTELY MY MY DAD'S BROTHER FRANCISCO MARION FOUGHT IN THE KOREAN WAR AND WAS WOUNDED IN THE KOREAN WAR HE WAS THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE PAROLE BOARD FOR A LONG TIME AS A MATTER OF FACT HE'S NO LONGER WITH US BUT THINKING BACK AND WHEN I WHEN I READ THE MAIL I SAID YOU KNOW MAN I WONDER IF YOU FOUGHT ALONGSIDE THESE MEN AND HE PROBABLY DID HE PROBABLY DID YOU KNOW A VETERAN WHETHER WHETHER WHETHER YOU'RE THE U.S MILITARY OR WHATEVER COUNTRY MILITARY AND FIGHTING ALONGSIDE OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THEATER IS STILL A VETERAN IS A VETERAN AND WITH THAT I WANT TO THANK AGAIN THE THE GOOD ARTHUR THE AUTHOR BECAUSE YOU TRULY ARE NOW A SANTA TO TO THE KOREAN VETS THAT FOUGHT ALONGSIDE OUR MEN SO I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR THAT AND AGAIN WE KNOW WE KNOW SANTA'S HEART IT'S VERY BIG AND AGAIN THIS IS IT'S IT'S MAKING THINGS RIGHT AND DOING THINGS RIGHT AND IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO WITH THAT THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR LUJAN ON THE BILL SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL I ONCE SPOKE WITH A VETERAN AND AS I WAS ASSISTING THIS VETERAN WITH THE VA PROCESS HE HAD RUN INTO A SNAG WHERE THEY COULDN'T FIND HIS MILITARY RECORDS AND HE SAID SOMETHING TO ME THAT I'LL NEVER FORGET HE SAID IT'S REALLY SPOOKY THAT YOUR WHOLE HISTORY COULD JUST DISAPPEAR IN A BLINK OF AN EYE LIKE THAT AND SO I THINK THIS BILL IS IMPORTANT FOR LETTING THE VETERANS OF THAT WAR AND ALL WARS HAVE THE DIGNITY TO HAVE THEIR CONTRIBUTION REMEMBERED AND ACKNOWLEDGED FROM HERE FRIENDS FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIFE FROM A THANKFUL NATION AND WITH THAT I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND THE YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE BILL ANYONE ELSE ON THE BILL IF NOT THE SENATOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL SENATORS SAN NICHOLAS

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** MA'AM I HAVE AN AMENDMENT

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** RIGHT WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT FIRST

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:**

YES SO AS I REMEMBER THE PUBLIC HEARING THIS WAS ACTUALLY MENTIONED BUT IT WASN'T ADDED TO THE TO THE TO THE BILL SO I WANTED TO ADD IT ON IT'S TO AMEND SECTION TWO SUBSECTION 7120 .2 PARENTHESES F OF BILL OF THE BILL TO READ ISSUANCE A VETERANS LICENSE PLACE SHALL BE ISSUED ONLY TO REGISTERED OWNERS OR LEASEE OF THE VEHICLE ON WHICH THEY ARE TO BE DISPLAYED REGISTRATION FOR A VETERANS LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE UNLIMITED PER VETERAN REVENTAX SPOKE ON THEM ON ON THIS AMENDMENT AND THEY SAID THAT IT WAS GOOD TO GO

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE AMENDMENT WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR BROWN

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE AUTHOR BECAUSE WHEN WE ACTUALLY CREATED THE LAW THAT CREATED THE VETERANS LICENSE PLATE WE ACTUALLY HAD

MANY VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS ACTUALLY COME FORTH TO EVEN ADDRESS THE DESIGN AT THE TIME OF HOW THEY WANTED THE VETERANS LICENSE PLATE TO BE DESIGNED AND ALSO THE NUMBER OF VETERANS LICENSE PLATES THAT THEY WANTED TO HAVE AUTHORIZED I UNDERSTAND YOU KNOW SOME PEOPLE HAVE MORE THAN ONE CAR OR TWO CARS BUT AT THE OTHER END I'M KIND OF CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEGREE OF UNLIMITED I JUST DON'T WANT TO DELUDE YOU KNOW THE IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE PLATES AND CERTAINLY I MEAN YOU HAVE VETERANS THAT AS I MENTIONED HAVE MORE THAN ONE CAR I HAVE MORE THAN ONE CAR BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT THAT GETS ABUSED BECAUSE AGAIN IT'S IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT HONOR IT'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE RESPECTED AND I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT DO WE MEAN BY UNLIMITED VERSUS YOU KNOW WHAT WE WOULD THINK WOULD BE A REASONABLE NUMBER THAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD HAVE WITH VEHICLES

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YES MA'AM SO THE THE VETERANS THE THE VETERANS EMPLOYEE WHO SPOKE SHE DURING A TESTIMONY THE PUBLIC HEARING SHE SAID THAT SHE GOT WORD FROM OTHER VETERANS THAT THEY THEY ACTUALLY YOU KNOW IF IT'S OKAY IF THEY COULD HAVE UNLIMITED LICENSE PLATES BUT THAT'S THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT IT UP I AND I DO UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN AND I I ALSO WANT TO PROTECT THE SANCTITY OF OF IT BUT UM IF IF THE AMENDMENT WOULD BE A ALLOWED IT TO BE A GREAT THING AS WELL

**SENATOR BROWN:** IF I COULD ASK AGAIN MADAM CHAIR OF THE SPONSOR I MEAN WOULD THERE BE ANOTHER REASONABLE NUMBER VERSUS UNLIMITED THAT WE COULD FIND A COMMON GROUND ON BECAUSE I I JUST HAVE A LITTLE RESERVATION AGAIN I DID NOT SET IN MY OWN IDEA IN MY OWN MIND THAT I WANTED ONLY TWO VETERANS LICENSE PLATES THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YES MAAM

**SENATOR BROWN:** VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS HAD RELAYED THAT THEY THEY THOUGH WANTED TO LIMIT IT TO TWO AND I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM INCREASING IT BUT AGAIN WHEN WE GO FROM THAT TO THE EXTREME OF UNLIMITED I KIND OF HAVE A LITTLE RESERVATION ABOUT THAT

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** MAAN WOULD WOULD FOUR BE A GOOD COMPROMISE

**SENATOR BROWN:** I'D BE OPEN TO FOUR THAT'S A LOT OF CARS TO PAY INSURANCE ON BUT I'D BE OPEN TO FOUR IF THE BODY DOESN'T OBJECT I JUST I JUST THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE A REASONABLE NUMBER SO THAT AGAIN WE DON'T GO TO THE EXTREME AND WE DON'T HAVE ABUSE BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE OTHER SAD REALITY I DON'T THINK IT WILL HAPPEN HERE BUT YOU KNOW SOMETIMES THERE ARE THOSE THAT WANT TO ABUSE THE PRIVILEGE SOME THAT HAVE NEVER EVEN EARNED THE PRIVILEGE THAT WILL BRAG THAT OH I DID THIS I DID THAT I EARNED THIS I EARNED THAT AND THEY DIDN'T AND AND YOU KNOW THAT DOESN'T SHOW ANY RESPECT TO THOSE THAT ACTUALLY DID SERVE AND SACRIFICE SO IF IF THE AUTHOR WOULD NOT MIND AMENDING THIS FROM TWO TO FOUR I WOULD BE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THAT

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN ANYONE ELSE ON THE BILL OR ON THE AMENDMENT SORRY ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTINE ON THE AMENDMENT

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** I STAND IN IN SUPPORT OF THE THE AMENDMENT THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT THE UNLIMITED TO FOUR YEAH THERE'S NO AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT OKAY I I THINK THE AUTHOR IS GOING TO BE MAKING THE AMENDMENT HE MAY ASK FOR RECESS TO MAKE THE AMENDMENT

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YES MA'AM CAN WE MAKE AN AMEND A RECESS

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE DON'T NEED A RECESS WE'LL JUST

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** CHANGE IT BEFORE

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE KNEW WE COME BACK TO YOU ARE YOU DONE SPEAKING ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTINE

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** YES WELL THE ONLY THING I'M CONCERNED ABOUT REALLY IS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE THE PREVIOUS AUTHOR BROUGHT UP THE THE SANCTITY OF OF THE LICENSE PLATE I THINK ONE ONE OF THE THINGS WE NEED TO MAKE SURE IS KNOWN AND IS KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC IS THAT WHEN YOU REGISTER A VEHICLE OR A VETERANS PLATE IT NEEDS TO BE RECOVERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION WHEN THAT VEHICLE IS SOLD BECAUSE TECHNICALLY RIGHT NOW IF YOU EVER LIKE A VETERANS PLANE AND YOU SELL THE CAR THE PAID BASICALLY STAYS WITH THE PLATE WITH THE CAR UNLESS IT'S RETRIEVED SO WE I DON'T KNOW HOW TO WE WANT TO WORD IT ONTO THIS BILL BUT IT'S GOT TO BE RECOVERED AND AND ONLY BECAUSE OTHERWISE YOU'RE GONNA HAVE PEOPLE DRIVING AROUND WITH A USED VEHICLE WITH A VETERANS PLATE THAT'S WHERE THE ABUSE COMES IN WHERE I'M A VETERAN NO YOU'RE NOT BECAUSE CURRENTLY ON SOME OF THE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT AND SOME OF THE GOVERNMENT INTO THESE BUILDINGS THERE'S A

THERE'S A A SIGN SAYING VETERANS ONLY SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IF YOU'RE GOING TO VETERANS PLATE YOU CAN PARK BUT IF YOU'RE NOT A VETERAN YOU SHOULDN'T BE PARKING THERE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTINE ANYONE ELSE ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT AND FURTHER AMEND IT IF YOU WANT

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YES MA'AM THANK YOU THANK YOU UH SENATOR BROWN FOR FOR YOUR INPUT AND YES MA'AM I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND IT TO TO SHALL BE LIMITED TO FOUR VEHICLES IT'S A WONDERFUL COMPROMISE

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO HAVING THIS AMENDMENT DONE VERBALLY INSTEAD OF IN WRITING SEEING NONE WE WILL PROCEED SO THE AMENDMENT IS TO CHANGE THE WORD UNLIMITED TO READ LIMITED TO FOUR VEHICLES PER VETERAN ON THAT AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IS THERE THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THAT AMENDMENT OR IF NOT

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YES YES MA'AM OR IF NOT YES YES OKAY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YES SO THE THANK YOU TO SENATOR BROWN AGAIN FOR FOR UH KEEPING US GROUNDED HERE I REALLY DO ENJOY HAVING HER SPEAK AND LISTEN TO HER VERY VERY GOOD WISDOM SOMETIMES SHE IMPARTS ON US HERE BUT YES MA'AM THANK YOU AND THIS IS THIS IS THE UH THIS IS THE AMENDMENT FOUR PER VETERAN THANK YOU

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SO ON THAT AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION AMENDMENT PASSES SO WE ARE NOW ON YOU FOR CLOSING ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN NICOLAS

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YES MA'AM I WOULD LIKE TO ADD A CO-SPONSORS TO THE BILL PLEASE

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I'M SORRY THAT WAS ON THE ALL RIGHT THAT WAS ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT AND NOW WHICH IS GOING TO RE-VERIFY AGAIN THAT THE AMENDMENT AS IT NOW READS REGISTRATION FOR A VETERAN LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE LIMITED TO FOUR VEHICLES PER VETERAN ON THAT AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN NICOLAS

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** MADAM CAN I ADD CO-SPONSORS PLEASE

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES THAT CAN BE A MOTION MADE RIGHT NOW

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YES I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADD SENATOR TAITAGUE, SENATOR FISHER SENATOR BROWN AND SENATOR VICE SPEAKER TINA MUNA BARNES AND EVERYBODY ELSE ANYBODY ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE IN IT

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT THE VICE SPEAKER IS ALREADY THE SECOND FIRST CO-SPONSOR AND

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YES I'D LIKE TO ADD EVERYBODY IF THAT'S OKAY

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT SO WE'RE GOING TO ADD SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR FISHER BROWN AND THEN EVERYONE ELSE IS THAT CORRECT IS THAT THE MOTION

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** YES MA'AM

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ANY OTHER CLOSING REMARKS ON THE BILL SENATOR NICHOLAS YOU HAVE THE FLOOR

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SO I GET TO SPEAK ON THE BILL CLOSE IT YES MA'AM OKAY I ACTUALLY SERVED YOU KNOW IN A THEATER WAR AND ONE YOU KNOW WE ACTUALLY PLAY BASKETBALL WITH SOME OF THESE THESE GUYS AND THEN UH ONE DAY YOU KNOW THEY GO OUT OF THE WIRE AND YOU HEAR THE MORTARS AND YOU HEAR ALL THE TRAFFIC AND THE RADIO AND THEY NEVER CAME BACK SO I PERSONALLY KNOW THE SACRIFICE OF PEOPLE WHO FIGHT ALONGSIDE US AND THIS IS A VERY VERY WONDERFUL BILL A SMALL MEASURE A RECOGNITION FOR THOSE WHO SERVED IN PREVIOUS WARS ALONGSIDE OUR SERVICE MEMBERS SO I REALLY LIKE TO THANK ALL THE CO-SPONSORS AND MY COLLEAGUES WHO SPOKE ON THE MEASURE SO MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE BILL 82-37 AMENDED SUBSTITUTED READ ON THE THIRD WEEK FOR FOR THE THIRD READING AM I AM I DOING THIS RIGHT YEAH

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:**

YES YOU ARE VOTING ALL RIGHT SO ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE BILL 82-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH

AND PLANNING AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR UNDER THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING THE OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** THANK YOU MAAM

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE ARE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 94-37 COR SENATOR QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED OKAY WE'LL TAKE A A TWO-MINUTE RECESS WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 10. MOTION TO RECESS TO 10 A.M TOMORROW IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION WE ARE RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M TOMORROW *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* COLLEAGUES.

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## ***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*** **2023 (FIRST) Regular Session** **LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

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**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BUEÑAS AND GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS WE ARE STILL ON SECOND READING AND WE WILL BEGIN THIS MORNING WITH BILL NUMBER 94-37 COR SENATOR ROY QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE BILL 94-37 AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT CHAPTER 58D OF TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE *MA KÁHAT* ACT OF 2013 AS AMENDED AND THE COMMITTEE INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL DISABILITY SERVICE SELF-DETERMINATION START PRESERVATION HOUSING PUBLIC COMPANY AND GUAM BUILDUP INTRODUCED BY MYSELF SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SABINA FLORES PEREZ AMANDA L. SHELTON DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS WILLIAM A. PARKINSON INTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER BILL 94-37 AS AMENDED IS RELATIVE TO REPEALING AND REENACTING THE *MA KÁHAT* OF 2013 FOUND IN CHAPTER 58D OF TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED. MADAM SPEAKER OVER THE YEARS MANY STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL AND RECEIVED THEIR EDUCATION IN A CAMPUS THAT HAS FALLEN INTO DISREPAIR HOPEFUL THAT ANY ONE OF THEM ANY ONE OF THOSE MANY PROMISES MADE TO THEM THAT THE CAMPUS WOULD BE REBUILT AND WOULD EVENTUALLY COME TRUE SIMON A. SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL WHICH HAS BEEN SERVING STUDENTS SINCE IT'S BEEN CONVERTED TO A HIGH SCHOOL IN 1981 IS ONE GUAM'S OLDEST HIGH SCHOOLS HAS NOT UNDERGONE ANY SIGNIFICANT RENOVATIONS OR UPGRADES SINCE THEN AND IT REMAINS ONE OF THE OLDEST LEARNING FACILITIES STILL IN USE ON GUAM THE *MA KÁHAT* ACT OF 2013 WAS ENACTED A DECADE AGO BY THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY THE LEGISLATION REVEALED THAT SIMON A. SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL IS DEALING WITH A COMBINATION OF ISSUES SUCH AS DETERIORATING CONDITIONS OUTDATED DESIGN AND OVERCROWDING THE *MA KÁHAT* ACT WAS CREATED TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR REBUILDING THIS THE NEW CAMPUS WHICH HAS BEEN A LONG-STANDING CONCERN A DECADE LATER THE SCHOOL IS ON THE CUSP OF FINALLY OBTAINING A NEW CAMPUS WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE A&E PHASE BUT THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS STILL EXPRESSED TO US THAT THERE ARE NECESSARY CHANGES REQUIRED WITHIN THE *MA KÁHAT* WHICH 9 BILL 94 AIMS TO ADDRESS COLLEAGUES THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF SIMON A. SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL HELD ITS INITIAL PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 26TH NUMEROUS STAKEHOLDERS OF THE SIMON A. SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL AND THE *YIGO* COMMUNITY AND GDOE CAME OUT TO VOICE THEIR SUPPORT FOR BILL 94 AND OFFER THEIR COMMENTS ON WHAT THEY BELIEVE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ITS FINAL LEGISLATION THE COMMITTEE THEN HELD ITS FIRST OF ITS KIND LEGISLATIVE ROUNDTABLE ON MAY 18 TO PUBLICLY MARK UP THE BILL AND FINALIZE THE



CHANGES SOUGHT WITHIN BILL 94 FROM THESE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS THE COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WHICH NOW ARE BEFORE THE BODY THESE CHANGES TO PLAN TO INVOLVE DPW MORE TIME TO PREPARE AND CONSTRUCT FOR CONSTRUCTION SOLICITATION AND IN CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL TO REVIEW THE COMMITTEE INCLUDING THE SIMON A. SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR CLARIFYING THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBLY TO COVER UTILITY COSTS AND ASSIGNING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING BOTH THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR AREAS OF NEW CAMPUS BUILDINGS TO THE SELECTED VENDORS I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO TOWARDS THE GDOE GEDA AND DPW FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE FINAL PIECE OF THIS LEGISLATION AND DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THE SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT MADE SURE WE ALL FOLLOWED THROUGH ON OUR PROMISE AND PROVIDE A BETTER EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN AND I HUMBLBY ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT THIS MORNING THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL I'M ALSO CO-SPONSOR I'M ALSO A FORMER BOARD MEMBER THAT HAS BEEN TRYING VERY HARD FOR OVER MAYBE 12 14 16 YEARS AGO TO GET SIMON SANCHEZ ON TRACK AND THEN WHEN I WAS ELECTED SEVEN YEARS AGO TO THIS BODY WE MADE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS AND THROUGHOUT THE YEARS THERE'S BEEN MANY EFFORTS FROM THE EXCUSE OF DOE THAT THEY CAN HANDLE IT AND THEN THEY CAN'T HANDLE IT NOW HOPEFULLY THIS WILL PUT IT TO REST WHEN I RAN FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IT WAS BECAUSE MY SON WAS GOING TO SIMON SANCHEZ I KNEW OF THE PROBLEMS AND WE MADE MANY EFFORTS ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO FIX OR AT LEAST MEDIATE THE PROBLEMS THEY HAD I'M REALLY HOPING THAT MY COLLEAGUES WOULD SUPPORT THIS BILL AND HOPEFULLY THIS WOULD PUT IT TO REST AND THAT WE CAN GET SIMON SANCHEZ FINALLY BUILT BECAUSE EVERYBODY THROUGHOUT THE PAST EIGHT YEARS HAVE MADE EVERY EXCUSE WHY THEY COULDN'T BUILD IT THEY COULDN'T FIX IT TO EVEN BEGIN WITH THREE GOVERNORS AGO WHEN I WAS IN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION I ASKED THAT THEY BUILD THE SCHOOL UNDER THE 80 ACRES THAT WAS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THEN DOE LOST THAT LOST 80 ACRES ANDY SOUTH IF FOLKS DON'T REMEMBER THAT 80 ACRES WAS ANDY SOUTH BUT THAT WAS COMMITTED TO DOE AND THE COMMIT AND THE AGREEMENT WAS BUILD IT OR YOU LOSE IT THE PROPERTY THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED WE LOST IT I'M JUST HOPING THAT THIS BILL WOULD FINALLY GET SIMON SANCHEZ BUILT GROUNDBREAKING DONE AND LET'S MOVE ON THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU I RISE IN SUPPORT OF NOT ONLY THE BILL BUT MY COLLEAGUE HERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSISTENTLY COMING IN AND SUPPORTING ME AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE HIM AND THANK HIM FOR THIS BILL A COUPLE OR MAYBE YESTERDAY I SPOKE TO AN EDUCATOR AND HE MENTIONED THE HAPPINESS FACTOR HE SAYS YOU KNOW FOR SOME REASON IT FEELS LIKE WE LET OUR STANDARDS WE LOWERED OUR STANDARDS SOMEHOW AND WE'RE NOT AS HAPPY AS WE ONCE WERE YOU KNOW HERE AND HE SAID HE'S AN EDUCATOR AND HE TELLS ME YOU KNOW THE CRUMBLING SCHOOLS AND THE CONDITIONS AT SOUTHERN HIGH AND HOW HE'S MAKING IT MAKING READY TO PREPARE HIS FAMILY TO LEAVE THE ISLAND AND WE CANNOT KEEP DOING THAT AND HE AND WITH THIS BILL I THINK YOU KNOW SHOWS OUR COMMITMENT TO PERHAPS RAISING THE STANDARDS AND IMPROVING OUR HAPPINESS SCHOOLS ARE LIKE CHURCHES TO ME YOU KNOW OR SYNAGOGUES IT'S A PLACE OF NOT ONLY WHERE YOU CAN BUILD SOULS AND BUILD CHARACTER AND MAYBE A NICE PLACE MIGHT ENCOURAGE THAT I VISITED SIMON SANCHEZ SEVERAL YEARS AGO I WENT TO USE A RESTROOM AND I SAW THAT THE STALLS WERE DISINTEGRATING I MEAN IT'S JUST DEPLORABLE DEPLOARABLE CONDITION AND IT'S KIND OF SAD THAT WE LET THAT HAPPEN AND WE CONTINUE TO LET THAT HAPPEN AND THIS BILL PERHAPS BUILD A NEW SIMON SANCHEZ REBUILD SIMON SANCHEZ AND SHOW OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE THAT WE DO CARE ABOUT OUR STANDARDS AND MAY PERHAPS RAISING THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE LITERALLY ARE OUR FUTURE I DIDN'T WANT TO I GUESS SOUND TOO CLICHE BUT THIS BILL DOES THAT YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO RAISE OUR STANDARDS AND PERHAPS PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ATMOSPHERE TO ENCOURAGE AND BUILD DREAMS AND I STAND HERE IN SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUE AND THE MEASURE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES YOU KNOW I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A LONG ROAD EVERYTHING FROM BILLS BEING PASSED AND BILL'S ACTUALLY BEING VETOED AND THEN OVERWRITTEN TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION TO BUILD A REBUILD SIMON SANCHEZ ONCE UPON A TIME IT WAS ACTUALLY TO SEE ABOUT REPAIRING IT AND THE SCENARIO GOES THAT THEY LOOKED AT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST WITH JFK WHERE AFTER THE FINAL REBUILD OF JFK NOT REBUILT BUT REPAIR AND REFURBISH OF JFK IT ACTUALLY COST THE SAME AMOUNT IF YOU BROKE IT DOWN AND REBUILT IT ALL TOGETHER SO I THINK THAT'S THE SAME SCENARIO THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE IN SIMON SANCHEZ THE AMOUNT OF MONEY DOES CONCERN ME AND THE BILL ITSELF YOU KNOW AS I LOOKED AT THE PREVIOUS BILL THAT WAS PASSED IN 2000 I THINK IT WAS THE 2013-2014 AND HOW THIS BE IS TAKING THIS AND JUST STRIKING EVERYTHING OUT AND THEN JUST PUTTING IT IN AGAIN I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHAT IT'S GOING TO CHANGE BECAUSE IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN AND IF YOU LOOK IN IN HISTORY YOU FIND THAT A LOT OF THE ISSUES WAS BECAUSE OF PROCUREMENT THERE WERE BACK AND FORTH YOU KNOW PROCUREMENT ISSUES BETWEEN ONE PARTICULAR INTERNATIONAL COMPANY WHICH HOLDS A LEASE BACK WITH OTHER YOU KNOW SCHOOLS AND THEN OF COURSE YOU KNOW THROUGH MEDIA YOU'RE FINDING OUT THAT THE FIRST NEWS OF DPW'S FIRST NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD AN RFP THAT WAS PROCESSED ALSO SLOWED DOWN THE MOVEMENT BECAUSE THERE WAS ANOTHER PROCESS OF I MEAN ANOTHER PROTEST SO THERE THERE'S A LOT OF ISSUES STILL THAT SURROUNDING YOU KNOW TRYING TO GET THIS BILL THROUGH IT'S LIKE HIT AND MISS YOU KNOW AND IF WORKING CONTINUED GO DOWN THIS ROAD FOR A HIT AND MISSING YOU KNOW AND UNTIL IT'S DONE THEN I THINK WE SHOULD BE A LITTLE BIT MUCH SMARTER IN HOW WE MOVE FORWARD ON THIS SO WE HAVE TO PUT IN PERSPECTIVE THE COST OF THIS I WAS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS BILL AND WE HAD ASKED FOR A BLUEPRINT OF THE PROPOSED BUILDING OF SIMON SANCHEZ AND YOU KNOW TO MY SURPRISE THEY HAD THINGS IN THERE LIKE FIRING RANGES THEY HAD REALLY NICE YOU KNOW FACILITIES THAT IT MAKES ME QUESTION OR WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO BUILD HERE I MEAN EVERY SCHOOL ON THIS ISLAND SHOULD DESERVE ALL KINDS OF NICE AMENITIES TO THE SCHOOL A FIRING RANGE A LIT UP BASKETBALL COURT AND YOU KNOW THINGS LIKE THAT BUT WE HAVE TO BE REALISTIC AND THE REALITY HERE IS THAT WE'RE STILL DETERMINING WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO GET COMPACT IMPACT FUNDS AND THOSE COMPACT IMPACT FUNDS ARE PAYING FOR SOME OF THOSE SCHOOLS THAT WE HAD A LEASE BACK OPPORTUNITY *ADACAO LUGAN LIGUAN ASTUMBO OKKODO TIYAN* THESE ARE ALL LEASE BACKS AND WE'RE STILL NOT SURE IF WE'RE GOING TO GET THAT COMPACT IMPACT FUNDING TO PAY FOR THAT TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH I'M JUST REALLY SICK AND TIRED OF US PUTTING OUT FALSE HOPE TO THE PUBLIC BECAUSE THE REPERCUSSIONS ON THAT IS THEY GET EVEN MORE UPSET AND THEN THEY LOSE HOPE IN US TO TRY AND FIND A SOLUTION I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT REALLY HAS CHANGED FROM THE PREVIOUS LAW UNTIL NOW AND TO ADDRESS IF THIS IS GOING TO BE A TAX CREDIT IS I THINK IN HERE IT SAYS SOMETHING ABOUT 16.975 IS GOING TO BE THE ANNUAL DEBT PAYMENT THAT THEY CANNOT GO BEYOND THAT I'M NOT QUITE SURE BUT THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATURE I MEAN LEGISLATION IT'S OBVIOUS HE'S TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION BUT I THINK THAT IF WE WERE ADDRESSING SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO ALLOW THIS ELABORATE SCHOOL TO BE BUILT WITH ALL THESE AMENITIES AND LATER ON FIND OUT THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD IT WE'RE GOING TO BE BACK WHERE WE ARE TODAY ANOTHER HIT AND MISS I MEAN IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU KNOW AGAIN HERE COMES THE PIXIE DUST AND YOU KNOW TINKERBELL IN YOUR FIFTH POCKET I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS UNLESS WE REALLY REALLY LOOK AT THE SITUATION AND HOW MUCH WE CAN AFFORD I DO HAVE A QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION AND ITS VERY SIMPLE WHAT IS THE MAJOR DIFFERENCE FROM THE PRIOR BILL THAT IS CHANGED TO THIS BILL THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING TO ACTUALLY ASSIST IN FINDING GETTING STARTED TO BUILD A SIMON ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** OBVIOUSLY I THANK THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER FOR HER CONCERNS MY GOAL IS TO FIGURE OUT WHATEVER AND HOWEVER TO GET THIS SCHOOL REBUILT IT'S CERTAINLY BEEN A LONG-STANDING ISSUE GENERATIONAL ISSUE FOR ME SO I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHATEVER WAY POSSIBLE TO GET THIS SCHOOL REBUILT THE A&E HAS ALREADY COMPLETED THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS HAVE ASKED ME TO MAKE THESE CHANGES TO THE BILL SO WITH THAT BEING SAID WE'RE BASICALLY REVERTING BACK TO A LEASE BACK THE 16.5 DEBT ANNUAL DEBT WILL BE IF WE WANT TO REBUILD THIS GOAL WE HAVE TO FIND THE MONEY SO AS THAT DOES THAT SATISFY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES CAN WE TAKE A A FIVE-MINUTE RECESS.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU.

**RECESS**

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

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUE FOR ANSWERING THE QUESTION APPRECIATE IT BUT MY CONCERN TO MADAM SPEAKER AND MAYBE IT'LL CALL FOR ANOTHER QUESTION TO HIM DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THE COST TO REBUILD SIMON SANCHEZ NOW THESE FIGURES WERE BASED ON NUMBERS NINE YEARS AGO IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN THEN MY CONCERN ALSO IS AND IF THAT'S TRUE TO FORM HAVE THEY DECIDED TO DOWNGRADE THE BLUEPRINTS TO MAKE IT MORE CONDUCIVE OR MORE COST EFFICIENT OR EVEN MORE AFFORDABLE LET'S JUST PUT IT THAT WAY MORE AFFORDABLE NUMBER ONE AND NUMBER TWO IF THIS BILL DOESN'T GO THROUGH ARE WE STILL OBLIGATED TO THE 16.3 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY TO PAY FOR A BID THAT COMES OUT.

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

**SENATOR QUINATA:** YES I WILL I BELIEVE IN THE YOUR FIRST QUESTION IS TO THE DOWNGRADING OF THE FACILITY HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE THERE HAS BEEN A SIZEABLE AMOUNT OF STUDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN LEAVING THE DOE SYSTEM SO THE PLAN HAS BEEN A LITTLE BIT THE DESIGN AND DESIGNING ALREADY HAS ACCEPTED THOSE CHANGES BUT THE DEBT THE DEBT OBVIOUSLY HAS INCREASED FROM OUR ECONOMIC STATUS RIGHT NOW WE'VE OBVIOUSLY SEEN THE COST CONSTRUCTION HAS RISEN WE BUILT SIX SCHOOLS FOR I THINK BACK IN 2006 AND 2008 BRACKET FOR I THINK 8 MILLION BUT OBVIOUSLY WE'RE IN 2023 SO CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND LABOR COSTS HAVE ALL GONE UP CERTAIN TO ITS CERTAINTY SO THAT'S THE REASON FOR IT OKAY.

**SPEAKER TAITAGUE:** SECOND QUESTION.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** OKAY AND YOUR SECOND QUESTION CAN YOU REPEAT.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SURE SURE WELL THANK YOU IF I MAY MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THAT AND I'M YOU KNOW IT IS A LOADED TWO LOADED QUESTIONS JUST STAYING ON THAT SAME CONVERSATION IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THE DESIGN WAS LIKE DOWNGRADED A LITTLE BIT BUT YET WHEN I WAS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING I DIDN'T SEE ANY DESIGN AND NOTHING WAS PRESENTED TO US AND I DIDN'T SEE A NEW FIGURE ON THE AMOUNT THAT WAS PRESENTED TO US AS WELL SO IS THAT AVAILABLE FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF ONE THE NEW DESIGN AND THEN THE NEW COST ASSOCIATED.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** OF COURSE I'M NOT TOO SURE IF YOU WERE THERE I DON'T HAVE ATTENDANCE RECORD ON THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING BUT THE PUBLIC HEARING WE DID HAVE I MEAN A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH THE A&E GROUP AND THE STAKEHOLDERS OF THE FACILITY SO WE DID HAVE THE BLUEPRINTS AND THE DESIGN ALL READY FOR EVERYONE TO REVIEW THERE BUT I WILL GO AHEAD AND ASK FOR A RECESS REAL QUICK AND THEN WE'LL LOOK AT THE COST DIFFERENTIAL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT TAKE ANOTHER FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU THANK YOU.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** CAN YOU CHECK AUDIO WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR ROY.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** I MAKE A MOTION WE'LL RECESS UNTIL TWO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THE MOTION TO RECESS TIL TWO IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE RECESSED UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION WE'RE AGAIN ON THE SECOND READING FILE AND WE'RE ON BILL NUMBER 94-37 COR AND AND WHEN WE RECESSED SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAD THE FLOOR ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** ONE MINUTE MADAM SPEAKER PLEASE IF YOU MAY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THAT ONE MINUTE I WAS JUST GETTING A MY NOTES TOGETHER AND I ALSO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING A US THE OPPORTUNITY TO ANTICIPATE THE DOWNLOAD OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT TO AN ADDED AMENDMENT AND I JUST WANTED TO ASK THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION IF THE DOWNLOAD WAS COMPLETED FOR ALL THE SENATORS INTO THE COMMITTEE REPORT AS AN AMENDMENT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR I THINK THAT WILL BE DONE BY MOTION ON THE FLOOR BUT IT WAS SENT BY WHATSAPP.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY RIGHT SO IS THERE A MOTION TO YEAH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WELL YOU HAVE THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** OKAY THEN I MAKE A MOTION THAT WE INCORPORATE THE AMENDED VERSION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR BILL 94-37 WHICH WAS INCORPORATED TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT I THINK.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** A SUPPLEMENT IS THERE A SUPPLEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT HAS THAT BEEN SUBMITTED.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** I SENT OUT IN THE WHATSAPP GROUP CHAT I'M NOT TOO SURE IF IT'S UPLOADED ONTO THE WEBSITE YET BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WASN'T NECESSARY DURING THE COMMITTEE REPORT FILING

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OKAY SENATOR MAYBE YOU CAN AMEND YOUR MOTION ACCORDING TO THE CLERKS THAT REPORT WAS SUBMITTED AND IT IS ON THE WEBSITE UNDER LEGISLATIVE REPORTS AND SO MAYBE YOU WANT TO AMEND YOUR MOTION SO THAT THAT LEGISLATIVE REPORT ALSO IS ADDED AS A SUPPLEMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YEAH THEN I'LL WITHDRAW MY PREVIOUS MOTION AND MAKE ANOTHER MOTION MADAM SPEAKER TO INCLUDE THAT REPORT THAT WAS SUBMITTED BY THE GOOD CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE TO BE INCLUDED AS A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT THAT IS ALREADY ON THE WEBSITE WHICH WE'VE BEEN NOTIFIED FOR SO AND INCLUDE THAT AS PART OF THE REPORT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** NO OBJECTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH THE GOOD SENATOR QUINATA REGARDING THE BILL AND ITS HISTORY AS WELL AND THE WHOLE INTENT OF REPEALING YOU KNOW THE CURRENT LAW THAT WAS PASSED IN 2014 TO WHAT IT IS TODAY BUT THERE IS SOME SECTIONS IN THERE THAT ALSO IT'S A BIT CONFUSING AND THAT THAT COMES WHEN IT WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT WHO'S GOING TO OVERSEE THE RFP AND NOT ONLY THE RFP BUT WHO IS ALSO GOING TO OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF WHOEVER IS AWARDED THIS BID AS THEY BUILD THE YOU KNOW THE NEW SCHOOL SO THOSE ARE TWO QUESTIONS I HAVE ONE YOU KNOW WHO'S GOING TO OVERSEE THE RFPS WHEN THEY COME IN BECAUSE I KNOW DOE DOESN'T HAVE THE WHEREWITHAL ON UNDERSTANDING HOW TO READ RFPS WHEN THEY COME IN AND NUMBER TWO WHO IS GOING TO OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS COMPANY WHOEVER IS AWARDED BECAUSE ACCORDING TO THE LEGISLATION THAT WAS INTRODUCED ON THE REPEAL THAT SECTION WAS DELETED FROM THE BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ARE YOU POSING A QUESTION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES MA'AM I AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SPONSOR WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** YES I DO SO THE FIRST QUESTION I BELIEVE I THINK THAT WILL BE SATISFIED WITH A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER THAT WILL SATISFY DPW AND I MEAN DPW WILL BE OVERSEEING THE BIDDING PROCESS AND CONSTRUCTION PROCESS AS WELL WITH THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER ACTING ON DOE'S BEHALF AS WELL AND ADMINISTRATION DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU TO THE AUTHOR FOR ANSWERING THAT SO THE WHOLE PREMISE IS THAT THAT AREA THAT WAS DELETED FROM THE ORIGINAL BILL OR THE ORIGINAL LEGISLATION WILL BE OVERSEEN BY DPW AND THE QUESTION MY QUESTION WAS ANSWERED WHEN HE RESPONDED WITH YES IT WILL BE OVERSEEN I MEAN THAT'S GOING TO BE HELPFUL FOR US I MEAN THAT'S NOT GOING TO COST AS MUCH I MEAN GOD KNOWS THIS HAS GONE FROM \$160 MILLION DOLLARS IT COULD BE EVEN MORE AFTER HOW MANY SEVEN YEARS DELAY IN THIS BUT IF THEY'RE GOING TO DO THAT YOU KNOW I JUST HOPE THAT WE HAVE A REASSURANCE FROM DPW BECAUSE I KNOW THEY'RE VERY SHORT-HANDED AT THIS POINT AND THE LAST THING WE WANT TO DO IS DELAY AGAIN THE BUILDING OF THIS SCHOOL SO THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THAT QUESTION SO THAT BEING SAID MADAM SPEAKER ONLY HAVE A FEW MINUTES MORE TO GO YOU KNOW I REALIZED THAT THIS IS A LONG TIME COMING AND EVEN THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION WAS HOPING TO GRADUATED IN A NEW SCHOOL OR AT LEAST THOSE WHO ARE BELOW HIM IN LOWER GRADES TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A SCHOOL TO GRADUATE A NEW SCHOOL TO GRADUATE BUT YOU KNOW THE HISTORY BEHIND THIS IS VERY INTERESTING AND WHY IT'S DELAYED BUT I'M SURE SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES WILL COMMENT ON THAT HISTORY AND WHAT WENT WRONG AND WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY YOU KNOW HAVING STILL ADDRESSING SIMON SANCHEZ WHICH I STAND HERE AND TRYING TO SUPPORT ALL OUR SCHOOLS NOT JUST SIMON SANCHEZ BUT ALL THE SCHOOLS THAT ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF REPAIR AND TO TELL YOU QUITE FRANKLY NEEDS TO JUST COMPLETELY DEMOLISH AND REBUILD ON SOME OF THEM BECAUSE WE KNOW AND ACCORDING TO SOME OF THE REPORTS WE RECEIVE LIKE FOR THE HOSPITAL FOR EXAMPLE IT WOULD COST US MORE TO REPAIR THE HOSPITAL THAN TO REBUILD AND UNFORTUNATELY MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW SIMON SANCHEZ WAS SUCH A HICCUP SUCH A MAJOR HICCUP LET'S TRY NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE MOVING FORWARD THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE CONCERNS THAT WERE ADDRESSED BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER AS QUITE HONESTLY SHE OBVIOUSLY HAD THE SAME QUESTIONS AND THE SAME CONCERNS THAT I HAD YOU KNOW WHEN YOU LOOK AT PIECE OF LEGISLATION AND THEN YOU YOU SEE THAT OKAY WE'RE STRIKING OUT A WHOLE PAGES OF WHAT IS EXISTING STATUTE AND GOING TO REPLACE IT NOW WITH SOMETHING ELSE YOU TEND TO WANT TO LOOK UNDER THE SHEETS AND UNDER THE PILLOWCASES AND SEE WHAT THEY SHOULD IF THERE WAS ANYTHING THAT WAS BEING SWEEP UNDER THE RUG OR THEY FIND THE STUFF SWEEP UNDER THE RUG AND COMMAND THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION IN VERSUS TENACITY AND WANTING TO MAKE SURE ENSURE THAT OKAY WHAT CAN WE DO WHAT CAN BE DONE TO GET THIS SCHOOL FINALLY RECONSTRUCTED I DON'T WANT TO SAY RECONSTRUCTED BECAUSE I FIRMLY BELIEVE AS WELL THIS IS MAYBE A FACILITY THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RAISE AND JUST YOU KNOW START FROM SCRATCH BUT JUST AS CONCERN ABOUT HOW NEEDING TO DO THAT IS OKAY WITH THE FIRST TIME WE HAD THIS DISCUSSION THE PRICE OF A SIX BY EIGHT BY TWELVE CONCRETE BLOCK WAS PROBABLY ONLY A DOLLAR \$.49 AT HOME DEPOT IS NOW \$3.49. JUST CONSIDERABLE IT'S A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND GRANTED THIS BILL TALKS ABOUT THE PROCESS MORE SO THAN THE PAYMENTS BUT YOU GOT TO UNDERSTAND AND RECOGNIZE THAT EVEN WITH THE PAYMENTS EVEN WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NECESSARY IS IS IT ENOUGH FOR THE PROCESS AND THE SECOND QUESTION IS THE PING FOOTBALL THE PING PONG BALL THAT THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS GOING FROM THIS AGENCY TO THAT AGENCY BACK TO THIS AGENCY THE QUESTION NOW IS IS NOW DPW READY TO TAKE IT ON WITH A MYRIAD OF OTHER PROJECTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THEY HAVE IS THERE GOING TO BE A DELAY IN THAT PROCESS AND I GUESS MY QUESTION I LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND TO GET YOU KNOW THE AUTHORS SENTIMENT ON IT IF YOU CAN YIELD TO THE QUESTION IS IS DPW RECEPTIVE AND READY TO BE ABLE TO TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY BASED ON THE THE MEETINGS AND THE INQUIRIES THAT HE'S BEEN ABLE TO TO PROVIDE.

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

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** YES I YIELD TO THE QUESTION THANK YOU GREAT SENATOR FROM BARRIGADA I SHARE YOUR SENTIMENT I AM VERY CONCERNED WITH THE AMOUNT OF WORK AND DUTY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS DEALT WITH THE ONGOING RECOVERY EFFORTS OF OUR ISLAND BUT I HAVE A CONFIRMATION FROM THE DIRECTOR AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR THAT IT IS A OBLIGATION OF THIS ADMINISTRATION AND THEMSELVES TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS SCHOOL IS REBUILT IN WHATEVER WAY POSSIBLE AND CAPACITY THEY NEED TO THEY WILL CARRY OUT AND DO SO IT'S ALSO MANDATED IN THIS LAW SO ANY IN ANY CAPACITY THEY ARE GONNA AND I'LL BE RIGHT NEXT TO THEM ALL THE WAY THROUGH.

**SENATOR BLAS:** THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER AND YOU KNOW I GUESS THE MY INSURANCE IS MORE SO ALSO BECAUSE YOU KNOW THIS BODY HAD THERE'S A TENDENCY THAT THIS BODY TAKES BLAME FOR A LOT OF THIS STUFF THAT IS OUT OF OUR CONTROL AND THAT YOU KNOW SOMETIMES THE BLAME IS BECAUSE WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER OR WE DIDN'T WE WEREN'T I GUESS COMPREHENSIVE ENOUGH IN OUR INQUIRIES AND THEN AND IN OUR DILIGENCE TO ENSURE THAT IT DOES EVERYBODY'S FRUSTRATED THAT IT'S TAKING THIS LONG TO BUILD A SCHOOL AND IF THIS IS THIS LEGISLATION IS GOING TO HELP TO PUT THAT BACK ON TRACK LET'S TRY IT AND AGAIN MY INITIAL CONCERN WAS JUST WE WERE TAKING BASICALLY WHAT HAS AMOUNTED TO BE JUST MY COUNT RIGHT HERE ALMOST 14 PAGES OF A CERTAIN PROVISION OF A CERTAIN LAW AND REPLACING IT THAT'S A LOT OF WORDS TO REPLACE BUT I SEE THE REASONING AND I JUST WANT TO ENSURE THAT THIS IS NOT ONE OF THOSE MANDATES IF YOU WILL THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE PLACING ON AN ENTITY WHO'S GOING TO LATER COME BACK AND SAY THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD HAVE DONE THIS IF THEY'VE ALREADY ARTICULATED THAT IT CAN BE DONE AND THAT IT WILL BE DONE WITH THE CHANGES IN THE LAW TO GIVE THEM THE AUTHORITY TO BE ABLE TO DO IT THEN I'M FOR THAT SO I WANT TO THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MADAM SPEAKER AND I WANT TO THANK THE AUTHOR THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I ACTUALLY WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BILL BUT I WANNA GO BACK AND LOOK AT SOME HISTORICAL STUFF HERE BEFORE I MEAN AND PRESENT TO THE BODY BECAUSE MADAM SPEAKER THIS BILL AGAIN REENACTS THE SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL REBUILT REBUILT LAW RIGHT AND SO IF ENACTED IF ENCTED THIS BODY VOTES TO ENACT THIS BILL IT WOULD BE THE FOURTH TIME THE FOURTH TIME THAT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL REBUILD LAW HAS BEEN CHANGED AND GOING BACK AND LOOKING IN SOME HISTORICAL STUFF AND I WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE BACK THEN BUT I REMEMBER EVEN BACK IN THE 27TH 28TH 29TH WE WERE TALKING ABOUT REBUILDING SANCHEZ BUT GOING DOWN THE LINE HERE IN PUBLIC LAW 32 120 WAS AUTHORED BY JUDY WONPAT THE ORIGINAL LAW CALLED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL USING MUNICIPAL LEASE MODEL AND THAT MODEL HAS BEEN USED SUCCESSFULLY TO BUILD SEVERAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE NORTH AS WELL AS UKUDU HIGH SCHOOL AND THE REBUILD OF JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL AT THAT TIME NO CEILING WAS ESTABLISHED IN THIS AUTHORIZATION WITH THESE ASSUMPTION THAT THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE BILL WILL COME BACK TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR AN AMOUNT CERTAIN AT A LATER DATE THE TOTAL COST OF THAT SCHOOL AND THE LEASE PAYMENTS INCLUDING OF COURSE MAINTENANCE COMPONENT LIKEWISE THE LAW AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 3419 WHICH WAS AN ACT THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THE VETO OF THEN GOVERNOR EDDIE CALVO THE BILL FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES CANCEL THE ONGOING PROCUREMENT PROCESS THAT HAD COMMANDS BASED ON THE ORIGINAL LAW THE CHANGES THEN TO TO THAT WAS THE WAS MADE TO THE ORIGINAL FOCUSED ON THE SOLICITATION PROCESS AND APPEARED TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO CANCEL THE CURRENT SOLICITATION PROCESS BY INTERJECTING CHANGES PRIOR TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE WINNING RESPONDENT THE LAW FURTHER FURTHER AMENDED BY 30 PUBLIC LAW 34 101 WHICH SEPARATED THE SOLICITATIONS FROM A SINGLE SOLICITATION TO A SEPARATE SOLICITATION FOR THE A AND E CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FINANCING RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION COLLATERAL AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES THE BILL WAS ALLOWED TO LAPSE INTO LAW WITHOUT THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE PUBLIC LAW 34-101 ESTABLISHED THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL LEASE PAYMENT CEILING AT THAT TIME MADAM SPEAKER AT THAT TIME THE CEILING WAS \$5 MILLION 51 977.98 THAT'S THE CEILING SET BACK THEN BY THE PUBLIC LAW THE LAW ALSO ALLOWED THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE FINANCING OTHER THAN MUNICIPAL LEASE THE FY 23 BUDGET PUBLIC LAW 36107 BUDGET ACT FURTHER AMENDED THE ENABLING STATUTE BY SETTING A TOTAL COST OF 166 MILLION 365 THOUSAND DOLLARS WITH AN ANNUAL LEASE LIMIT OF 16 MILLION 377 125 ALMOST FOUR TIMES THE AMOUNT MADAM SPEAKER FOUR TIMES THE AMOUNT THE ORIGINAL BILL HAD THE BILL ALSO ESTABLISHED A MAXIMUM BOND CEILING AT 7.5 PERCENT FOR 30 YEARS IN THE EVENT THE THAT THE ALTERNATIVE FINANCING WAS CHOSEN SO IN ESSENCE THIS BILL REPEALS THE ENTIRE EXISTING LAW AND

MOSTLY REVERTS BACK REVERTS BACK TO THE ORIGINAL LAW BUT KEEPS THE COST AT 166 MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS BUT WITH AN ANNUAL LEASE OF 16 MILLION THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS ESTABLISHED BY PUBLIC LAW 36 107. THE CHANGE ALSO REMOVES THE ALTERNATIVE FINANCING PROCESS SO AGAIN THE TEMPLATE BILL WAS CREATED BY SENATOR WONPAT SPEAKER WONPAT AT THE TIME USED TO BUILD NORTHERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS JFK UKUDU ASTUMBO AND OTHERS MILITARY THE BILL TO REBUILD SANCHEZ WAS PASSED AND INTRODUCED THAT CHANGED THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORIGINAL MUNICIPAL BILL THAT BUILT OTHER SCHOOLS AND SO HERE WE ARE IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS WHAT WAS VETOED BY THEN GOVERNOR CALVO BUT WAS OVERWRITTEN NOW IN THE 34TH NOW WE'RE REPEALING WHAT GOVERNOR CALVO HAD VETOED SO WE HAD A PROCESS BACK THEN THAT WASN'T BROKEN THEY TRIED TO FIX IT AND MÂS MAYAMAK KINI BROKEN SO NOW WE'RE FIXING THE SINA YAMAK GOF MAYAMAKTO WHAT IT ORIGINALLY WAS SO IS THIS ONE OF THOSE BACK TO THE FUTURE ANYWAY WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I WANNA I WANNA THANK THE BODY AND I WANT TO THANK THE GOOD AUTHOR FOR SEEING THAT BECAUSE IT'S JUST GOING BACK AND UNFORTUNATELY PREVIOUS BODIES HAD CHANGED SOMETHING THAT WASN'T BROKEN WASN'T MAYAMAK AND MAYAMAKED IT EVEN MORE AND BROKE IT EVEN MORE AND AGAIN IT WAS THE FORESIGHT OF A PREVIOUS GOVERNOR CALVO THAT VETOED IT AND NOW WE'RE GOING BACK TO REPEAL THE VETO LECHE ANYWAY ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO GET SIMON SANCHEZ BUILT AND BUILD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE AGAIN THIS WILL BE THE FOURTH BILL IN AN ATTEMPT TO BUILD SIMON SANCHEZ AND SHAME ON PREVIOUS BODIES THAT DID THIS BECAUSE IT WASN'T BROKEN THAT PROCESS WASN'T BROKEN IN THE PAST AND NOW WE'RE TRYING TO FIX SOMETHING THAT THEY WENT IN AND REALLY BROKE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR AND I TOO RISE TO THANK THE AUTHOR FOR THE INTRODUCTION

OF THE BILL BUT I REALLY WANT TO THANK OUR GOOD HISTORIAN SENATOR LUJAN BECAUSE MADAM CHAIR ONE THING I DON'T APPRECIATE SOMETIMES IS WHEN WE GO INTO PUBLIC HEARINGS OR WE HEAR THINGS PUBLICLY ON PARTICULARLY WITH THIS SCHOOL HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN TAKEN TO GET IT CONSTRUCTED AS A MATTER OF FACT MADAM SPEAKER I'M SURE IT'S STILL THERE IN THEIR MAIN CENTER COURT INTERIOR WHERE THEY MEET THE CENTER OF THE SCHOOL THERE ARE HAND PRINTS IN PAINT FROM THE 32ND GUAM LEGISLATURE THE STUDENTS ASKED THAT THE SENATORS PRESENT DIP THEIR HANDS IN PAINT AND PUT THEIR HAND ON THE WALL AS THE SIGN AND A COMMITMENT TO RECONSTRUCT GOD BLESS YOU TO RECONSTRUCT SIMON SANCHEZ WE NEED A LOT OF BLESSINGS IN THIS HALL AND SO IN ALL THE DISCUSSION AND EVERYTHING LEADING UP TO THIS BILL NOW IT'S ABOUT THE FAILURE AND SENATOR LUJAN IS EXACTLY RIGHT IT'S BACK TO THE FUTURE IT'S A COMPLETE REPEAL OF WHAT PROBABLY WAS PUT IN PLACE AS A BLOCK TECHNIQUE BECAUSE I WAS THE GOVERNOR'S LIAISON AT THE TIME AND GOVERNOR CALVO WAS TRYING TO CONVINCED PEOPLE THIS WAS THE WRONG THING TO DO NOW WHEN THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS BILL ASKED ME YESTERDAY CAN I GET YOUR SUPPORT I SAID EXACTLY YES YOU KNOW WHY BECAUSE I SAID ALL YOU'RE DOING IS PUTTING IT BACK TO WHERE IT WAS IT WAS KNOWN THAT DOE WAS PROBABLY NEVER GOING TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE THIS SOLICITATION BUT THE ONE THING THAT WE DID GET IS WE GOT THE PLAN WE GOT THE PLAN PROBABLY AT EASILY CLOSE TO DOUBLE NOW THE PRICE TAG AT THE TIME THE SOLICITATIONS WERE GOING OUT DURING THE 34TH THERE WAS AN ANTICIPATION SOMEWHERE AROUND 90 TO 95 MILLION FOR SIMON SANCHEZ UP TO 160 FOR WHAT'S BEING ENVISIONED NOW FOR REPAIRS OF OTHER SCHOOLS THEY WERE TRYING TO DO A MASTER SOLICITATION AT ONE POINT WE HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT DPW FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE IS THE SOLICITOR USUALLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH GEDA FOR LARGE GOVERNMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SOLICITATIONS BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO MANAGE THAT MADAM SPEAKER THEY'RE GONNA BE THE ONES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU'RE BUILDING A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE WITH AN OUTSIDE BATHROOM OR A 200 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT OR MAYBE EVEN A BILLION DOLLAR HOSPITAL PLANS APPROVALS MANAGEMENT ONE STOP LIKE YEAH YOU KNOW SO I HOPE AT LEAST WHEN WE KUMBAYA AND PASS THIS BILL WE USE THE ADAGE AND BE CAREFUL ABOUT THE FINGER WHEN THE FINGER IS POINTED QUANTO NA FINGERS POINTING TATI NO AND I SAY THAT IN CLOSING MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE I DO WANT TO GET THIS SCHOOL BUILT EVERYBODY DOES BUT I HOPE AND I PRAY AND I WILL REMIND PEOPLE IF THEY PREPARE TO DRAPE THEMSELVES IN GLORY THAT THIS PROCUREMENT HAS HAD A STORIED PAST *AN GI FINO' CHAMORU GUAGUAN NA STORY TASK PÁ'GO SA' ESTE NA I ESKUELA BEI SAÑGANI HÁO YAN HONGGE ESTE SIEMPRE I MÂS GUAGUAN NA ESKUELA LAI TI PUT ENÁO NA HU SAÑGANI ESTE SA' HUNGGAN GUA NA TÁOTÁO ILEKÑA KUÁNTO FAN GUAGUAN PARA I FAMAGUON-TA*

AHE' TI ENÃO GUAGAUN SA' ANTES SIÑA UN FAMÁOLEK OTRU NA ESKUELA NAI ENÃO I PUNTU-HU AHE' TI I 169 MILLION PAT ESTE LÃO GUA ANTES SIEMPRE SOPBLA PARA TA FAMÁOLEK OTRU ESKUELA YA PÁ'GO HÁFA UN ATAN BULA POTDONG PÁPA YA MÁTTO PÁ'GO I CALVERY YA LOADED TODU I PAKI PUES SIÑA HA' PÁ'GO TA NA' FAMÁOLEK YAN HÁNAO MO'NA LÃO BAI SAÑGANI HÁO MUNGA PA'GO ANGEN MÁTTO GI GROUND BREAKING MUNGA MA SAÑGANI NA LACHI YA ISÃO TODO ESTE YA ANTES OTRU NA GUBETNU OTRU NA MAGA 'LÁHI TI MALAGU' ÁHE' NA TI MALAGU MALAGU LÃO MAGACHA GI PRINIPONI LÃO MAGACHA GI LAI HONGGE CHADEK NI ENÃO BUT I WILL VOTE FOR THIS BILL I BELIEVE DPW IN THE SOLICITATION CAN GO FORWARD I BELIEVE EVERYBODY'S COMMITTED LÃO CHA'MU UN PEGA CROWN KINI HÁYI I LUÑIA NA GUÁHU U CHOGUE ESTE LÃO ESTA SINKO NA ESKUELA EITHER MA FAMÁOLEK PAT ÑUEBU GINEN ESTE NA KLÁSEN PROCUREMENT LÃO GI 34TH ILEKÑA ÁHE' SIEMPRE TA GUAIYA SI MAGA 'LÁHI SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' MADAM SPEAKER.

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

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I GUESS I'LL JUST ADD BECAUSE I SEE MY COLLEAGUES CERTAINLY HAVE LET THEIR POSITION BE KNOWN AND I CERTAINLY SUPPORT IT I THINK THIS IS AN UNFORTUNATE SITUATION I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING EXTRAORDINARILY COMPLICATED ABOUT ADDRESSING CONSTRUCTION WE'VE SEEN MANY BUILDINGS INCLUDING PUBLIC BUILDINGS THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT OVER THE YEARS AND IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE TO SEE WHERE THIS ISSUE HAS GONE TIME AND TIME AGAIN IS RATHER UNFORTUNATE YOU KNOW I WAS NOT IN THE ADMINISTRATION AT THE TIME THE ACTUAL SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL WAS CONSTRUCTED I KNOW THAT WAS A PROJECT THAT OUR GOVERNOR AT THE TIME GOVERNOR ADA WAS REALLY SUPPORTIVE OF IN IDENTIFYING THE PROPERTY AND BEGINNING IT BEGAN THE CONSTRUCTION DURING HIS TENURE WAS NOT COMPLETED AND THERE WAS A LOT OF HIGH HOPES FOR THE SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL FOR OUR STUDENTS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF GUAM TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A VERY MODERN FACILITY THAT WOULD HAVE YOU KNOW A WONDERFUL TRACK GOSH OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL AN ARTS FACILITY AND IF WE RECALL IN THE EARLY DAYS OF GOING TO SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL AND SEEING THE ARTS FACILITY WOW HOW IMPRESSIVE AND WHERE IS IT NOW WHERE IS THE OLYMPIC SIZE SWIMMING POOL THE TERMITES HAVE BEEN FEASTING IN THE ARTS AUDITORIUM AND THE LACK OF MAINTENANCE OVER THE YEARS HAVE CONTINUED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHALLENGES THAT WE'VE SEEN IN THAT PARTICULAR SCHOOL AS WE SEE IN MANY OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS WE ARGUE ALL THESE BUILDINGS ARE OLD AND BECAUSE THEY'RE OLD THEY'RE NOT BEING MAINTAINED AND THAT'S JUST YOU KNOW WE'RE JUST GOING TO TEAR THEM DOWN AND BUILD NEW ONES I WAS ALSO AT DPW DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF RECONSTRUCTION OF JFK BECAUSE THE DECISION WAS THIS FACILITY NEEDS TO BE UPDATED AND AGAIN A LOT OF TIME AND MONEY AND EFFORT AND UNFORTUNATE IT WASN'T A CLEAN PROCESS I MEAN WE EVEN HAD A CONTRACTOR WHO WAS MAKING THEIR OWN DESIGN CHANGES AND DOING WHATEVER THEY WANTED UNTIL WE INTERCEDED AND SAID NO YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE WHEN YOU ALTER YOUR DESIGN PLANS YOU MAKE SURE IT GETS PROPERLY REVIEWED AND PERMITTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BUILDING IS BEING PROPERLY CONSTRUCTED AND SO THEN AS I MENTIONED YOU KNOW 40-YEAR LEASE AT 15 MILLION PLUS A YEAR ANOTHER 30 YEARS TO GO TO PAY FOR THAT BUT THOSE ARE ONLY A FEW SCHOOLS WHAT ABOUT ALL THE OTHER SCHOOLS ON GUAM THAT OUR CHILDREN CURRENTLY ARE GOING TO THAT ARE FAR OLDER BECAUSE I REMEMBER SIMON SANCHEZ WHEN IT WAS FIRST BUILT IN THE EARLY 70S I REMEMBER GOING THERE IN 1973 FOR A READING BOOK COMPETITION EVENT THAT THEY HAD THERE AND I WAS ONLY WHAT SEVEN YEARS OLD AT THE TIME IT WAS BRAND NEW JUST LIKE PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE EARLY 70S WAS BRAND NEW AND I DON'T KNOW WHY THE INTENTION WAS TO DESIGN THESE FACILITIES LIKE BOMB SHELTERS WITH NO WINDOWS I GUESS THAT WAS THE MODERN THING IN THE EARLY 70S TO DO BUT YOU KNOW WE SEE WHERE THAT'S GOTTEN AS CERTAINLY IT HASN'T HELPED PUBLIC HEALTH THAT BUILDING EVEN THOUGH STILL STRUCTURALLY SOUND SITS THERE ABANDONED ANOTHER GOVERNMENT FACILITY THAT'S NOT BEEN TAKEN CARE OF BECAUSE THE DECISION IS OH WE WANT A NEW BUILDING AND AGAIN SIMON SANCHEZ OVER THE YEARS HAS CONTINUED TO DETERIORATE I MEAN DURING THE ADA ADMINISTRATION LIKE I SAID I'VE BEEN ON THE ROOF OF SIMON SANCHEZ BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAD TO INTERCEDE TO GET SOME REPAIRS DONE THAT DRAGGED ON BECAUSE DOE ITSELF COULD NOT PROPERLY ADDRESS WITH THE CONTRACT AND ENSURE THE CONTRACTOR WAS PERFORMING ON THEIR JOB AND SO THE STORIES CONTINUE OVER DECADES I MEAN WE'LL BE HOPEFUL THAT THIS SCHOOL WILL FINALLY GET BUILT BUT YOU KNOW THE POLITRICKS ALWAYS GET IN THE WAY RIGHT I GUESS THE RIGHT CONTRACTOR DIDN'T GET THE BID BECAUSE THAT'S SOMETIMES HOW THE GAME GETS PLAYED ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH BIG MONEY AND INSTEAD OF HAVING THINGS SIMPLE AND CLEAN AS THEY



SHOULD BE IT GET COMPLICATED AND THE POLITICS GETS INVOLVED I'M SURE MY DEAR REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES ARE BEING TOO KIND BECAUSE THERE'S MEMBERS SITTING IN THIS BODY THAT VOTED TO OVERRIDE GOVERNOR CALVOS VETO AND HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN HERE WE ARE WHAT FIVE SIX SEVEN YEARS LATER SO YES HEED THE WARNING OF MY COLLEAGUES HAD MENTIONED NOBODY SHOULD BE PUTTING A CROWN ON THEIR HEAD THESE DAYS BECAUSE THE LEGISLATURE IN ITS OWN WAY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE DELAY AS WELL AND YOU KNOW THESE SIMPLE THINGS THAT REALLY ARE NOT THAT COMPLICATED BECOME MORE COMPLICATED BECAUSE OF ALL THE INTERESTING STICKY FINGERS THAT TRY TO GET THEMSELVES IN THE WAY AND WE TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN AND HOW THEY ARE THE FUTURE OF GUAM AND YET WHAT HAVE WE DONE WHAT AN INCREDIBLE DISSERVICE ALL AROUND THAT THIS ISSUE CONTINUES TO HAVE BEEN DELAYED ALL THESE YEARS AND NOW THIS TYPHOON IS ADDED FURTHER TO THE PROBLEM THAT WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IN A MONTH OR A HALF WHEN SCHOOL STARTS YOU KNOW ARE THESE FACILITIES EVEN GOING TO BE DECENT ENOUGH SAFE ENOUGH FOR OUR CHILDREN TO BE EDUCATED IN SO I THINK IT'S A NECESSARY MOVE TO MOVE THIS BILL FORWARD AND YEAH I AGREE COLLEAGUES NOBODY HERE SHOULD BE SHROUDING THEMSELVES IN GLORY SOME OF THE COLLEAGUES HERE THAT VOTED FOR THAT OVERRIDE CERTAINLY SHOULDN'T BE SHOUTING THEMSELVES IN GLORY IT'S NOT TOO FAR TO GO BACK AND LOOK AT WHO SERVED IN THAT LEGISLATURE WHO'S STILL HERE I HOPE THAT THIS SCHOOL GETS BUILT IT'S GOING TO COME AT A VERY HIGH PRICE TAG FAR HIGHER THAN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FAR HIGHER THAN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BUT BOY WE'RE ALL THERE FOR THE RIBBON CUTTING AND THE GROUNDBREAKING WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE THERE SMILING LOOK AT US WE'RE THE ONES THAT MADE THIS HAPPEN BUT YET COLLEAGUES IF YOU'VE HELPED DELAY THIS PROCESS DON'T HOLD YOUR HEAD UP YOU SHOULDN'T WHAT A DISSERVICE WE CAN HOPE I HOPE DPW I'M SURE THEY'LL MAKE EVERY EFFORT BECAUSE I'LL TELL YOU IF THIS ADMINISTRATION ENDS AND IT WILL END IN WHAT THREE AND A HALF YEARS AND THE CLOCK IS WINDING DOWN THEY DON'T HAVE ANY MAJOR FACILITY THAT THEY CAN POINT TO THAT THEY'VE BUILT DURING THEIR TEN YEAR YET I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO SAY OH WE FINALLY BECAUSE THIS IS ALREADY THE BEGINNING OF A SECOND TERM WE'RE ALREADY INTO THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR AND YET STILL NO SIMON SANCHEZ YOU KNOW IT'S LIKE FIVE YEARS WE'VE ONLY GOT 33 FIREFIGHTERS HIRED AND WE'RE MINUS 11 FROM HOW WE STARTED IN 2018. YOU KNOW WHEN YOU GET THROUGH ALL THE CLOUDS OF THE TALK AND YOU ACTUALLY LOOK AT THE FACTS AND WHAT'S THERE IT'S A VERY DIFFERENT STORY SO I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE'LL MOVE FORWARD I'M HOPEFUL WE'RE NOT HERE AGAIN DOWN THE ROAD ADDRESSING ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION BUT IT'S UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE THIS COMES AT A MUCH HIGHER PRICE TAG AND YOU KNOW WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT BUT YOU KNOW IF THIS ISSUE ALSO HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED WITH REGARDS TO THE FEDERAL FUNDING THAT CURRENTLY IS BEING USED TO PAY ALL THESE LEASES FOR THESE SCHOOLS IT'S GOING TO BE VERY INTERESTING HOW WE ADDRESS THE BUDGET THIS UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR WHEN WE HAVE TO TAKE THAT BIG CHUNK OF MONEY OUT THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE THERE TO OPERATE AND PROVIDE THE SERVICES TO OUR PEOPLE AND THEN IT'S GOING TO BE INTERESTING ENOUGH TO SEE WHERE THIS MONEY'S COMING FROM BECAUSE YOU REMEMBER A FEW MONTHS AGO I MEAN WE HAD REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION HERE TELLING US OH WE GOT THE MONEY FOR ALL YOU COLLEAGUES THAT VOTED FOR ANOTHER 50 PLUS MILLION DOLLARS TO ADD ON THE BACKS OF OUR TAXPAYERS ON GUAM THE MONEY'S THERE ISN'T THAT WHAT MR DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SAID OH WE HAVE THE MONEY WE WILL HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY THIS AND THEN WHAT A MONTH LATER WE'RE HERE LOOKING AT THE THE FUNDING FOR OUR BUSINESSES OUT THERE THAT ARE STILL STRUGGLING FROM COVID LET'S NOT EVEN TALK ABOUT THE TYPHOON OH WE'RE DEFICIT SPENDING OH WE WANT TO EXTEND YOU KNOW THE HUNDRED DOLLAR CREDIT TO OUR ISLAND RESIDENTS YOU KNOW AS WE RECOVER FROM COVID ON THEIR POWER BILL OH WE'RE IN DEFICIT SPENDING SO THAT'S THE REALITY THAT I HEAR OUT THERE SO IT'S GONNA BE INTERESTING BECAUSE THE TIMES COME YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT THE MONEY AIN'T ALL GOING TO BE FREE-FLOWING AND I HOPE WE'RE ABLE I HOPE THE PEOPLE AT GUAM ARE ABLE TO PAY FOR THIS SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY HAVE MANY OTHERS BEHIND STANDING IN LINE THAT WERE BUILT LONG BEFORE SIMON SANCHEZ THAT ARE GOING TO NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AND I THINK THIS IDEA THAT WE JUST DON'T MAINTAIN IT WE JUST TEAR IT DOWN AND REBUILD IT IS THE SOLUTION I DON'T THINK OUR PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD THAT THAT ON TOP OF THE FACT THAT WE CAN'T EVEN GUARANTEE BASIC QUALITY EDUCATION TO OUR STUDENTS YEAH WE'RE GRADUATING THEM BUT YEAH LET'S GET INTO THE TEST SCORES SURE WE HAVE THOSE THAT EXCEL YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE PEOPLE THEN CHILDREN NO MATTER WHERE THEY'RE AT IF THAT DRIVE IS IN THEM THEY'RE GOING TO EXCEL AND DO WELL BUT WHAT ABOUT THE VAST NUMBER THAT DON'T EXCEL AS WELL WHAT ABOUT THE VAST NUMBERS THAT EVEN TRY TO GO ON FOR HIGHER EDUCATION HAVE TO GO BACK TO BASIC REMEDIAL MATH REMEDIAL ENGLISH BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T GET THAT TAUGHT DURING

THEIR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM YOU KNOW YOU CAN PUT ALL THE FANCY BUILDINGS THERE BUT IF THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IS NOT THERE WHICH IS THE BIGGEST ISSUE AT THE ROOT OF ALL THIS WHERE ARE OUR CHILDREN GOING TO BE AND WE THINK THROWING MORE MONEY IS A SOLUTION WHERE HAS MORE MONEY GOTTEN US I'VE SEEN THE BUDGET OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TRIPLE SINCE I LEFT THE LEGISLATURE BEFORE IS IT BETTER HUH IT'S REALLY A REALLY YOU KNOW ONE OF THOSE HEAD SCRATCHING MOMENTS YOU'VE GOT TO ASK YOURSELF IS IT BETTER SO YES I WILL VOTE FOR THIS BILL BUT I'LL TELL YOU THIS COMES AT A LONG ROAD THAT MEMBERS OF THIS BODY ITSELF HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE DELAY AND MEMBERS OF THIS BODY CONTRIBUTE TO THE INCREASED COST BECAUSE OH WE THOUGHT WE WERE TAKING A BETTER POSITION BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE'RE HEADING INTO A GUBERNATOR ELECTION AT THE TIME I KNOW THE EXISTING ADMINISTRATION'S WRONG AND WE'RE RIGHT AND LOOK AT WHERE WE ARE NOW SO I'LL SUPPORT THIS BILL COLLEAGUES BUT IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT WE'RE HERE AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE THE COST THAT THIS SCHOOL IS GOING TO BE EVEN MORE EXPENSIVE WHICH MEANS THERE'S GOING TO BE LESS ON THE TABLE FOR OTHER CRITICAL THINGS THAT OUR PEOPLE NEED WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT YOUR RECORD.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE TOO BUT OUR PEOPLE DON'T CARE THEY DON'T CARE WHO WE'RE POINTING THE FINGER AT THEY DON'T CARE HOW MANY FINGERS ARE POINTING BACK THEY DON'T CARE WHICH GOVERNOR WAS ON OR OFF THE HOOK THEY JUST DON'T CARE ALL THEY CARE ABOUT IS GETTING THIS SCHOOL BUILT AND I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE I THINK WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE WITH THAT AND I PRAY THAT THIS IS THE BODY THAT FINALLY DOES IT BECAUSE IT'S EMBARRASSING IT'S EMBARRASSING I WANT TO GO BACK BUT I'M NOT GOING TO GO THAT FAR BACK JUST TO LAST YEAR DURING THE CAMPAIGN 99.9 9 9 NEVER MIND THE WAY OUR PEOPLE ARE JERKED AROUND THEY WERE THROWING THAT OH IT'S SANCHEZ 99.99 % DONE WITH THE PLANS WE'LL BREAK AROUND IN JANUARY JANUARY CAME AND WENT ALREADY WE'RE INTO THE SUMMER THEN IT'S GOING TO GET WORSE MUCH WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER BECAUSE I KNOW WE'RE IN THAT HEARING TYPHOON MAWAR DAMAGE REPORT AND SIMON SANCHEZ THE EXISTING CAMPUS IF YOU CAN EVEN CALL IT A CAMPUS UP THERE AT YIGO DEVASTATED DECIMATED BY TYPHOON MAWAR AND WHEN WE LOOK OUT AT THE LAY OF THE LAND AND ALL THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT AREN'T GOING TO BE READY TO OPEN THEIR DOORS BY THE START OF SCHOOL YEAR 23-24 SIMON SANCHEZ THE HOME OF THE SHARKS IS NUMBER ONE ON THAT LIST I WOULD JUST SAY THAT ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THIS COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION I DON'T THINK ANY SHARK IS GOING TO BE GOING TO SCHOOL AT THE HOME OF THE SHARKS IN THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO OFF AND DOUBLE SESSION SOMEWHERE ELSE BECAUSE AGAIN THEY'VE THEY LOST ALL THE AIRCONS ON THE ROOF THEY LOST WHOLE BUILDINGS TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS AND SO WE REALLY GOT TO GET THIS DONE ONCE AND FOR ALL BECAUSE AGAIN IT'S EMBARRASSING TO TO SIT HERE AS A SENATOR AND TO TO BE LUMPED IN WITH ALL THE SINS OF THE FATHER AND THE SINS OF THE MOTHER THAT HAVE COME BEFORE US BUT IT'S NOT ONLY THE COST OF OF THIS PROJECT THAT HAS GROWN OVER THE YEARS THE FRUSTRATIONS THE COMPLAINTS THE CONCERNS FROM THE STUDENTS THE STAKEHOLDERS EVERYBODY SO OF COURSE AS THE CHAIR OF EDUCATION I SUPPORT THIS BILL AND I JUST ASK THAT WE WORK TOGETHER ON IT AND GET IT THROUGH AND MAKE SURE THAT WE CROSS ALL THE EYES NOT CROSS OUR EYES DOT THE T'S AND GET IT DONE RIGHT BECAUSE I REALLY FEEL LIKE THIS 37TH WE CAN PUT THIS TO REST ONCE AND FOR ALL AND SO THAT BEING SAID I COMMEND THE AUTHOR HIMSELF A FORMER SHARK FOR INTRODUCING THIS LEGISLATION AND I BEG THE SUPPORT OF ALL MY COLLEAGUES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL ANYONE ELSE ON THE BILL.

**NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES**

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THE MAIN MOTION I RECOGNIZE SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE YOU MAY PROCEED ON THE BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU AND I WANT TO THANK THE AUTHOR FOR HIS WORK ON THIS BILL AND THE HEARINGS AND THE ROUND TABLES THAT WERE HAD AND OF COURSE YOU KNOW IT'S THIS HISTORY IS CORRECT THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PROCUREMENT OF THE SIMON SANCHEZ SCOPE BUT I DON'T THINK THE HISTORY WENT BACK FAR ENOUGH IT STARTED WITH THEY WENT OUT FOR A BID ON THIS

THING THREE TIMES IT GOT PROTESTED SO SOMEBODY IN THESE AGENCIES NOT DOING SOMETHING RIGHT AND THAT FRUSTRATION AT THE TIME WAS ALSO HUGE BY THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW PROTESTS ON PROCUREMENT CAUSED DELAYS IN THE PROCUREMENT AND DOE CAME IN AND SAID WE CAN DO THIS AND WE WILL ACTUALLY THAT'S NOT THE FIRST THING THAT HAPPENED AFTER ALL OF THOSE PROTESTS AND THEY WERE NOT RESOLVED WHEN THE LEGISLATURE WENT IN AND CHANGED THE LAW TO CLARIFY SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WERE CAUSING PROTESTS SUCH AS HOW ARE WE GOING TO RATE THE RESPONDENTS WHO WOULD GET SELECTED THAT TYPE OF THING AND YOU KNOW THE GENERAL PARAMETERS I GUESS THAT WERE NOT CLEAR FOR SOME REASON IN THOSE RFPS THAT WERE GOING OUT AND THEN OF COURSE IN A NOVEL APPROACH THEY DECIDED TO GIVE THIS PROCUREMENT OUT OF DPW'S HANDS OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAID YEAH WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS GIVE IT TO US AND WE HAD ALREADY PLEDGED FIVE MILLION DOLLARS BACK THEN THAT WAS IN 2018. WE PLEDGE 5 MILLION A YEAR IT WAS INTENDED TO COST ABOUT 85 MILLION DOLLARS AND SO MY REAL CONCERN WITH THIS BILL IS JUST IT'S THE COST SO WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO COST US UP TO 85 MILLION DOLLARS AND THAT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE SETTING ASIDE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR APPARENTLY THAT WAS NEVER SET ASIDE IT WAS SPENT AND THEN OF COURSE THEY CAME BACK AND THEY TOLD US THEY SPENT 5.7 MILLION DOLLARS IN ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN SERVICES 5.7 MILLION DOLLARS FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AND THE DESIGN THAT WE HAVE WHAT'S IN JUNE 2022 GEDA SAID THE DESIGN ACCORDING THAT THEIR INFORMATION WAS THAT DESIGN WOULD THEN COST THEM 120 MILLION DOLLARS DUE TO DIFFERENT FACTORS SO THAT WAS JUNE OF 2022 A YEAR AGO THAT WE WERE PUT ON NOTICE THAT THE COST HAD RISEN DUE TO MANY THINGS THEY LIST ALL THE FACTORS TO 120 MILLION DOLLARS BUT NOW WE ARE LOOKING AT AND THEY ASKED AT THAT TIME THAT WE PLEDGE 16 MILLION INSTEAD OF 5 MILLION AND THE LEGISLATURE DID THAT THAT'S JUST HUGE A HUNDRED AND 66 MILLION DOLLARS IS NOW THE PROJECTED PROJECT COST FROM AN ORIGINAL 85 MILLION DOLLARS IT'S AT THE HEARING WHEN I ASKED THEY SAID THAT OVER 30 YEARS THIS SCHOOL IS GOING TO BE FINANCED AT A TOTAL COST OF 480 MILLION DOLLARS HALF A BILLION DOLLARS IT'S HUGE I'M NOT SURE IF WE GOT THE BEST DEAL WE COULD I'M NOT SURE IF OUR DESIGN INCLUDING A FIRING RANGE INSIDE OF A HIGH SCHOOL IS WHAT WE NEEDED AND WAS WORTH THIS DELAY WE RELIED ON EXPERTS ALONG THE WAY WHO HAVE TOLD US DIFFERENT THINGS AND IT'S PERPLEXING I'VE READ IT OVER AND OVER IN 2013 WE WERE OFFERED TO PURCHASE THE TIYAN CAMPUS AND ALL THE FACILITIES AT TIYAN OWNED BY CORTECH FOR A TOTAL COST OF 43.5 MILLION DOLLARS WITH FINANCING IT WOULD COST 125 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH SOUNDED TOO BIG TO US BACK THEN THAT WAS AT 5 MILLION A YEAR JFK WE PLEDGED 6.9 MILLION A YEAR FOR A TOTAL COST OF 64 MILLION DOLLARS WITH TOTAL FINANCING 157 MILLION DOLLARS OVER 30 YEARS WE ALSO PAID ON TOP OF THAT AND WE THOUGHT JFK WAS EXPENSIVE WE PAID ON TOP OF THAT 6.7 MILLION DOLLARS ADDITIONAL FOR INSURANCE MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL REPLACEMENT RESERVES SO IN JUNE 2022 WHEN THEY CAME IN HERE ASKING TO CHANGE FROM 5 MILLION TO 16 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN PAYMENTS DOE SAID THEY WERE LOOKING AT THE TIME AND HOW TO REDUCE THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION REDUCE THE DESIGN OR ADJUST THE DESIGN IS WHAT THEY SAID SO THAT THEY COULD REDUCE THE TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION I DON'T KNOW OF ANY ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE I THINK THE ONLY ADJUSTMENTS THEY TESTIFIED TO SINCE IN THE RECENT PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE BECAUSE OF THE SNAILS THAT WERE FOUND THE ENDANGERED SPECIES THEY THEY MOVED THINGS AROUND THEY CUT SOME CLASSROOMS OUT OF THEIR ORIGINAL DESIGN THEY CUT CLASSROOMS BUT THEY KEPT THE FIRING RANGE AND SO WE GOT IN THIS UPDATED COMMITTEE REPORT THE PICTURES OF THE DESIGN WHERE YOU SEE HERE IT IS THE CAMPUS THE NEW CAMPUS PLAN IT'S GOT A B AND C WINGS OF CLASSROOMS AN AUDITORIUM A GYMNASIUM A CAFETERIA AND A JROTC BUILDING THAT IS BIGGER THAN THE CAFETERIA ALMOST AS BIG AS THE A B AND C WING CLASSROOM WINGS BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN THE BILL THAT I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE I THINK THESE WERE TESTIFIED TO BUT THEY'RE NOT SHOWN IN THE AMENDED VERSION OF THE BILL AND SO I WANT TO GO BACK TO THOSE WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT OF LET'S PUT THIS BACK TO DPW DPW AND THEIR MOST RECENT BUDGET HEARING HAS TESTIFIED THAT THEY ARE UP TO THIS TASK AND THEY ARE GOING TO THEY'VE GOT ENGINEERS AND THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE ALL OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF THEY TOLD US HOW MANY THERE WERE I THINK THERE WERE 40 SOME IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY SO I'LL JUST START WITH MY FIRST AMENDMENT IF I HAVE IT HERE I DON'T HAVE IT DO YOU HAVE THE AMENDMENTS OH NO HERE THEY ARE SORRY SO THE FIRST AMENDMENT I GUESS WE'LL GO BY PAGES LET'S SEE SORRY 1772. OKAY THEY'RE ALL TO PAGE 17. SO WE'LL START WITH THE ONE ON LINE 10. YEAH LINE TEN TO AMEND 58D 104 B AND THIS ONE IS BASED ON THE TESTIMONY OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAND MANAGEMENT SO IT'S TO CHANGE WHERE IT SAYS WHO'S GOING TO BE ON THE SELECTION COMMITTEE WHO IS GOING TO REVIEW THE OFFERS AND SELECT THE WINNER IS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR THE DEPUTY

DIRECTOR AND I'M PUTTING YOU CAN HARDLY SEE IT BUT IT'S DOUBLE UNDERLYING THE WORD AND I'M ADDING THE WORD AND THE THE BUILDING PERMITS ADMINISTRATOR SO IT'S DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THEIR BUILDING PERMITS ADMINISTRATOR THAT WOULD BE THE FIRST AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** MADAM SPEAKER CAN YOU JUST READ IT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I'M ONLY MAKING ONE WORD CHANGE AND THAT'S TO SUBSECTION B IT'S TO ADD THE WORD AND SO IT GOES THE DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBLE OFFERERS AND RESPONSIVE OFFERS SHALL BE MADE BY AN EVALUATION COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SERVING AS CHAIRMAN AND INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND RIGHT THE BUILDING PERMITS ADMINISTRATOR THE DIRECTOR OF LAND MANAGEMENT OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR GUAM CHIEF PLANNER AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OR DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE PRINCIPAL OF SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU FOR READING THAT SO THE INCLUSION IS THE DOUBLE UNDERLINE OF AND.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THAT'S CORRECT.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** ON THE MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU THE NEXT ONE IS ON LINE 11 PAGE 17 SAME SUBSECTION THIS TIME I'M CHANGING THE DIRECTOR OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S IT SAYS THE DIRECTOR OF LAND MANAGEMENT I'M STRIKING DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND SAYING OR THE CHIEF GUAM CHIEF PLANNER THAT SHOULD BE DOUBLE UNDERLINED THAT'S NOT SO THE GUAM OH NO SORRY GUAM CHIEF PLANNER IS THERE WAIT WAS IN IT.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SO IT'S THE DIRECTOR OF LAND MANAGEMENT OR.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YEAH IT WASN'T IN THE ORIGINAL BILL I'M ADDING OR CHIEF GUAM CHIEF PLANNER THAT WAS AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** RIGHT SO ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES PLEASE PROCEED MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU THE NEXT ONE I THINK IS ONE OF THE MORE CRUCIAL ONES IT'S TO LINES OF 16 PAGE 17 AMEND 58D 104 D ORIGINALLY IT SAYS UPON COMPLETION OF THE COMMITTEE'S EVALUATION THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ISSUE THE AWARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ONE PROCUREMENT LAW I'M CHANGING THAT TO READ THE SUPERINTENDENT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OTHER LANGUAGE IN THE BILL THAT IS NOW ACTING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND EVERY ALMOST EVERY OTHER REGARD THANK YOU SPEAKER ON THAT MOTION COLLEAGUES SENATOR DUEÑAS WILL ADDRESS YOU AT THIS TIME

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR AND I GUESS I RISE JUST TO MAKE A POINT AND THEN ALSO ASK A QUESTION.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** SO THERE WAS DISCUSSION EARLIER AND IT'S GERMANE TO THIS PROPOSAL AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE I NEED TO BE CLEAR FIRST AND FOREMOST I DON'T THINK THERE'S A PROCUREMENT IN THIS GOVERNMENT OVER A MILLION DOLLARS THAT HASN'T BEEN PROTESTED THAT'S STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE AS A MATTER OF FACT THE PUBLIC AUDITORS JUMPED THROUGH HOOPS AND GONE THROUGH HOOPS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE REFERENCES TO PROTEST WE ARE THE KING OF PROTESTS ANYTHING OVER A MILLION DOLLARS BUT I WANT TO ASK A QUESTION IF THE AUTHOR IF SHE WOULD SO YIELD

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** THE DISCUSSION IS THAT THIS IS CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT BUT IT SEEMS TO PUT THE SUPERINTENDENT HERE THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THAT'S WHY I SAID IT'S GERMANE WHY

I LAID THIS OUT THIS IF THERE'S ANY AMBIGUITY OR CONFUSION HERE IT LOOKS LIKE A REALLY STRONG GROUNDS FOR A PROTEST TO A PERSON WHO REALLY REALLY WANTED TO BUILD THAT SCHOOL BUT DIDN'T PASS THE SELECTION COMMITTEES PROTEST SO JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I GET A FIRM ANSWER ON THAT THIS THIS SEEMS TO.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SO MAYBE.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** BACK TO THE FUTURE TO THE FUTURE BACK TO THE FUTURE SO I JUST WANT TO I JUST WANT TO HEAR THE AUTHOR

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SO AGAIN JUST JUST FOR CLARITY'S SAKE FOLLOWING YOUR TRAIN OF THOUGHT SENATOR.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** SO THE QUESTION IS.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** IF YOU COULD JUST RESTATE THAT QUESTION SO THE SPEAKER CAN TRY AND ANSWER THAT.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** SO THE QUESTION IS NOW UPON COMPLETION OF THE COMMITTEE'S EVALUATION THE SUPERINTENDENT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SO WHAT'S JUMPING OUT TO ME AND I MAY BE WRONG I HAVE BEEN BEFORE IS THAT THIS REALLY IS PUTTING THE SUPERINTENDENT AT THE TOP WHEN THIS BILL AND THE SPIRIT OF THIS BILL IS PUTTING THE PROCUREMENT BACK TO DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS I THINK IT'S A REASONABLE QUESTION

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OH YES I LOVE THAT QUESTION THANK YOU SO IF YOU LOOK AT PAGE 17 OF THE BILL THE BILL SAYS RIGHT NOW THAT IT'S THE GDOE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL ISSUE A SOLICITATION NORMALLY IT'S DPW ON THEIR OWN I'M TOTALLY WILLING TO DO THAT I THINK WE HAVE A LOT OF BASIS TO DO THAT I'M NOT SURE WHY WE'RE STILL INCLUDING GDOE AT THIS POINT BUT WELL IT'S BECAUSE THE WHOLE BILL'S WRITTEN THAT WAY THE BEGINNING OF THE BILL SAYS DOE SHALL LEASE DOE DOE SO IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE THE WHOLE BILL I'M FINE WITH THAT TOO BUT I'M JUST TRYING WHEN WE GET TO THE SOLICITATION PART GDOE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP ISSUE THE SOLICITATION AND SO NOW ON D I THINK IT SHOULD CORRESPOND THAT THIS I'M NOT ADDING THE SUPERINTENDENT THE SUPERINTENDENT IS IN THE BILL I AM ADDING DPW PLEASE DON'T BE CONFUSED THE SUPERINTENDENT NOW THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BECAUSE I WANT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO REMAIN A PERSON WHO SOLICITS THE PERSON WHO AWARDS THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE SENATOR DUENAS DOES THAT SUFFICE YOUR INQUIRY.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** OH YEAH AND IT'S PLEASE DON'T BE CONFUSED BECAUSE I'M NOT CONFUSED I WANT IT ON THE RECORD I WANT IT ON THE RECORD THAT'S WHY I PUT IT THERE BECAUSE AS THIS RETIRING SPEAKER JUST SAID WAS TOTALLY COMFORTABLE WITH DPW STRAIGHT AWAY BUT WE'RE NOT HERE NOW TO CHANGE THE WHOLE BILL NOT GOING TO DO THAT BUT MANY THINGS LIKE I SAID WHENEVER WE GO BACK TO HISTORY SOMETIMES PARTICULARLY WHEN THE FINGERS WANT TO START POINTING IT'S LIKE WHAT HAPPENED WELL NAI THE PROTEST CAME UP BECAUSE THE SUPERINTENDENT SO IT'S ON THE RECORD THAT WAS THE POINT OF MY QUESTION BECAUSE THE BACK TO THE FUTURE IS BASICALLY A HYBRID NOW THAT'S WHAT IT IS BUT I'M I'M COMFORTABLE WITH IT JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE GOT ON THE RECORD WHAT WE'RE DOING AND WHY WE'RE DOING IT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR DUEÑAS SO ON THE AMENDMENT I SEE SENATOR TELO'S HAND UP YOU MAY BE RECOGNIZED AT THIS TIME.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER JUST A QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE** THANK YOU THANK YOU THE PRIOR AMENDMENT THAT WE JUST PASSED IS AN EVALUATION COMMITTEE THAT IS PUT TOGETHER TO DETERMINE THE RESPONSE OF TO DETERMINE OF

RESPONSIBLE OFFERS AND RESPONSIVE OFFERS SHALL BE MADE BY AN EVALUATION COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF THE SUPERINTENDENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SO IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN THE PRIOR AMENDMENT WHAT IT DOES IS HAS A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS TO LOOK OVER THESE OFFERS AND THEN DECIDE AND THEN YOU HAVE THE AMENDMENT HERE WHERE ONLY TWO INDIVIDUALS NOW UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE COMMITTEE'S EVALUATION THE SUPERINTENDENT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL ISSUE THE AWARD TO IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHY DO YOU NEED TWO INDIVIDUALS I MEAN WHY DO WE NEED TO ADD DEPARTMENT OF WORKS OR WHY DO WE NEED TO HAVE THE SUPERINTENDENT WHY DON'T WE JUST HAVE ONE YOU KNOW IT SEEMS EVERY TIME WE PUT YOU BUT THEY SAY YOU PUT MORE CHEFS IN THE KITCHEN YOU KNOW THE STEW SOUP SPOILS SO MY QUESTION IS WHY NOT JUST HAVE ONE SINCE THE PRIOR AMENDMENT ALREADY HAS A COMMITTEE THAT COMES TOGETHER TO DECIDE.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR TELLO I WILL ASK THE SPEAKER WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WELL IF THE SOUP IS SPOILED BY MORE THAN ONE THEN IT'S SPOILED BECAUSE WE HAVE A SELECTION COMMITTEE THAT'S NORMAL IN ALL THE PROCUREMENTS I THINK IN THE VERY VERY ORIGINAL SIMON SANCHEZ PROCUREMENT IT WAS GDOE PUBLIC WORKS AND ONE MORE MAYBE LAND MANAGEMENT I CAN'T REMEMBER AND THAT WAS THE ISSUE WHO WHO GETS TO DECIDE THEY HAD A DISPUTE BUT ANYWAYS THIS BILL IS ALL WRITTEN SO THAT GDOE IS STILL THE ACTOR EXCEPT FOR ON PAGE 17 A THE SOLICITATION IS ISSUED THE SOLICITATION IS THAT INVITATION TO RESPOND INVITATION TO BID OR OFFER WHICHEVER THEY'RE GOING TO SEND OUT UH IT SAYS GDOE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SO I AM MAKING PART D WHERE THOSE OFFERS COME IN AND THEN THEY GO THROUGH THE MULTIPLE POT OF SOUP OF REVIEW COMMITTEE THAT THEN AFTER D WHEN THAT COMMITTEE DECIDES WHO'S THE WINNER SOMEBODY HAS TO THEN DO ALL THE PAPERWORK ISSUE THE AWARD SIGN THE CONTRACTS ALL OF THAT SO THIS AMENDMENT I THINK SAYS DPW IS GOING TO BE THE ONE TO DO THAT AND WE'RE LEAVING SUPERINTENDENT BECAUSE THAT WAS IN THE BILL AND IT'S CONSISTENT WITH HOW THEY'RE SENDING OUT THE SOLICITATION I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY HOW THAT IS DONE BUT UM THAT'S THAT'S THE WHOLE FORMAT OF THIS ENTIRE BILL.

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

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU AND I THINK THE AUTHOR FOR ANSWERING MY QUESTION BUT THE QUESTION WAS REALLY ON THE AMENDMENT ITSELF THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING I UNDERSTAND A GROUP I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH HAVING CHEFS MANY CHEFS WHEN LOOKING OVER EVALUATING THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE MY QUESTION WAS THE AMENDMENT WE'RE DISCUSSING WHICH ADDS IN DP DPW SO THE QUESTION WHY WHY HAVE TWO THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE ALREADY HAS DECIDED ON WHICH ONE TO GO WITH THEY'RE A COLLABORATED EFFORT WHICH I TOTALLY AGREE WITH BUT THIS AMENDMENT THAT'S IN FRONT OF US JUST YOU KNOW ADDS TO THE POT SO IF IF THE REASONING IS AT THE DOE IS ALWAYS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THIS PROJECT AND THEN WE JUST WANT TO ADD ANOTHER LAYER OF AWARDED WITH HAVING SOMEONE THERE IT IT JUST ADDS I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO IT IT'S JUST WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL THAT WE DON'T CONTINUE TO BRING YOU KNOW LIKE THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER WHO SPOKE ON THE AMENDMENT YOU KNOW PUTTING HURDLES IN FRONT OF THINGS I MEAN WE DON'T WANT TO GO BACKWARDS AGAIN AND YES HISTORY IS IMPORTANT HISTORY IS VERY IMPORTANT WE NEED TO REMIND OURSELVES ABOUT THAT MANY TIMES WHERE THE MISTAKES HAPPENED WHO MADE THOSE MISTAKES SO IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN BUT AS FAR AS THIS CONCERNED YOU KNOW I I ALL IN ALL I THINK DPW SHOULD BE AT THE FOREFRONT ANYWAYS THEN THE SUPERINTENDENT BECAUSE THEY KNOW ENGINEERING THEY KNOW HOW TO READ THESE PLANS THEY KNOW HOW TO OVERSEE CONSTRUCTION SO I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS AMENDMENT

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT ARE THERE ANY OR SPEAKER WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE OR JUST ASK ON THE MOTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I'D LIKE TO CLOSE AND I'D LIKE TO ALSO MAYBE ASK THE ORIGINAL PROPOSER OF THE BILL A QUESTION IF HE WOULD YIELD.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THROUGHOUT THE BILL IT SAYS DOE SHALL DO THIS DOE SHALL DO THAT DOE SHALL LEASE WHEN IT WAS JFK IT DIDN'T SAY DOE I THINK IT SAID THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OR EDUCATIONAL

FACILITY SIR BUT IT WAS NOT THIS LANGUAGE SO THIS LANGUAGE IN THIS BILL IS LIKE A HYBRID BETWEEN THE DOE AUTHORIZATION AND NOW WE'RE TRYING TO PUT DPW BACK IN SO I JUST WANT TO ASK HIM UH IT SAYS DOE IN IN ON PAGE 16 SECTIONS A AND B UH IS THAT INTENTIONAL ARE WE KEEPING DOE ARE WE GOING BACK TO DPW

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE SENATOR ROY WOULD YOU LIKE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION PLEASE.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** YES I THANK THE GREAT SENATOR FROM YONA FOR HER QUESTION OBVIOUSLY WE'RE AGAIN WE'RE HERE TO JUST RECTIFY THE LONG-STANDING ISSUE WHETHER WE WANT TO PUT GOV GUAM AS AS THE LEASEE PAY THEN WE CAN PUT THAT DOE WE CAN PUT THAT I'M NOT TOO SURE HOW HOW MUCH FURTHER DEFINITION WE NEED ON THIS PAYMENT PLAN BUT DOES THAT SATISFY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SPEAKER TERLAJE IS THERE AN AMENDMENT IN ORDER HERE OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU THERE MAY BE THROUGHOUT THE BILL MADAM SPEAKER MY POINT IS THAT IT'S THAT IF WE THINK THIS IS THE SILVER BULLET THE NON-PROTESTABLE BILL I TOTALLY OBJECT NO IT'S NOT AND THAT'S BECAUSE WE'VE GOT THIS HYBRID KIND OF THING GOING ON I'M TRYING TO MAKE IT AT LEAST IN MY PART CONSISTENT IN THE SOLICITATION AND WHO'S GOING TO GIVE THAT AWARD OUT AND I AM VERY PARTIAL THAT DPW IS GOING TO DO THOSE PARTS OF THIS I DON'T KNOW GEDA SUPPOSEDLY REVIEWED THIS BILL AND THEY SEEM TO BE OKAY WITH IT I'M PERPLEXED BY THAT THEY WEREN'T AT THE HEARING I WASN'T ABLE TO QUESTION THEM BUT THEIR TESTIMONY CHANGED OVER THE YEARS TOO IN JUNE 2022 GEDA SAID THEY NEEDED WHAT WE HAD PASSED PRIOR IN UM UH WHERE DID WE PASS THAT IN A PRIOR LAW THE ONE THAT CHANGED THE FUNDING SOURCE AND ALLOWED A DIFFERENT TYPE OF FINANCING THAT WAS AT THE REQUEST OF GEDA SAYING THAT WOULD CAUSE THAT WOULD DECREASE COSTS SO THAT WAS IN 2022 JUNE WHEN THEY TOLD US THE FORNINGS ALLOWS A FUNDING SOURCE TO COME FROM ANY AVAILABLE GENERAL FUND REVENUE THIS PROVISION ALLOWS FOR GOV GUAM TO ENSURE THE LOWEST BORROWING RATE FOR A LEASE IT WILL BE SEEN BY INVESTORS AS A GENERAL FUND LEASE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ALLOWING THE FINANCING TO BE ISSUED THROUGH GEDA WHICH THIS BILL COMPLETELY TAKES OUT GEDA WHICH WOULD MAKE THE LEASE A TRIPLE TAX EXEMPT BOND FINANCING TO THIS POINT GUAM HAS A RELATIVELY UNIQUE TOOL IN THAT ANY BONDS ISSUED BY GOV GUAM OR A GOV GORM AGENCY ARE TRIPLE TAX EXEMPT THIS MEANS THAT A CALIFORNIA RESIDENT CAN PURCHASE BONDS AND WE SEE THE SAME TAX ADVANTAGES AS IF THEY PURCHASE A CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL BOND THIS TOOL OFFERS GOV GUAM THE ABILITY TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE POTENTIAL BUYERS WE COULD RESULT IN A 50 TO 75 BPS OR MORE OF INTEREST RATE SAVINGS WHICH COULD TRANSLATE INTO AS MUCH AS 30 TO 40 MILLION DOLLARS IN DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS OVER A 30-YEAR FINANCING THAT WAS JUNE 2022 APRIL 2023 THEY CAME BACK AND SAID THEY'RE IN FAVOR OF REMOVING GEDA AND THEY SAID IT WAS A PROVISION THAT WAS CAUSING CHALLENGES TIED TO THE PROCUREMENT OF A DEVELOPER THIS BILL IS NOW STRUCTURED TO REFLECT THE LANGUAGE THE LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE USED FOR PREVIOUS DEVELOPER SCHOOL LEASE FINANCING THIS CHANGE WAS MADE BY THE WORKING GROUP TO ENSURE WE FACE MINIMAL PROCUREMENT PROTESTS GEDA WILL WORK TO ENSURE THAT FINANCING IS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S BEST INTERESTS FOR ME THAT'S PERPLEXING HOW WE WENT FROM SAVING 30 TO 40 MILLION DOLLARS TO NOW THIS IS THE ONLY WAY AND IT DOESN'T EVEN ALLOW AN OPTION IT SAYS THIS IS THE WAY WE'RE GOING TO DO IT NOW I'M VERY CURIOUS ABOUT THAT AS OPPOSED TO LEAVING THAT FINANCING STILL AN OPTION BUT ANYWAYS SO THE AMENDMENT IS NOT TO THE ENTIRE BILL IT'S TO THIS ONE SECTION WHERE AFTER THE SOLICITATION THERE IS GOING TO BE AN AWARD AND I WANT THE AWARD TO BE DONE BY THE EXACT SAME PERSON WHO'S AUTHORIZING THIS BILL TO ISSUE THE SOLICITATION THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SO ON THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SPEAKER TERLAJE I THINK YOU HAVE ONE A COUPLE OF MORE OR ONE MORE YOU MAY PROCEED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ONE MORE THANK YOU PAGE 17 AGAIN LINE 23 SO THIS IS A DIFFERENT SECTION RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTOR SO THIS SECTION TALKS ABOUT THEY'RE GOING THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THESE THINGS INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION PERMITS FFNE FINANCING AND THEN IT SAYS CONSISTENT WITH THE SCHOOL DESIGN AND I WONDER IF THAT'S AN ISSUE BUT I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH AND THEN IT SAYS ASK TO AS AND TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY GDOE AND THE

REQUEST FOR A PROPOSAL SO I THINK THAT'S INCONSISTENT WITH WHAT IT SAYS UP THERE ON THE TOP OF THE PAGE AND SUBSECTION A WHERE IT SAYS GDOE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP ISSUES SOLICITATION FIRST OF ALL THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE DECIDED ON WHETHER IT'S A REQUEST FOR A PROPOSAL OR A BID OR OR WHETHER WHAT SO THEY ASKED SPECIFICALLY THAT WE PUT IN THE WORD SOLICITATION UP ON TOP SO I THINK WE SHOULD PUT IT HERE AS WELL INSTEAD OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL THAT SHOULD BE SOLICITATION AND THEN I'M TAKING OUT TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY DOE I'M TAKING OUT BY DOE BECAUSE IT SHOULD JUST BE WHOEVER DID THE SOLICITATION AS IS DICTATED BY SUBSECTION A ABOVE I HOPE THAT'S CLEAR.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** SO ON THIS AMENDMENT MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU I AGREE BECAUSE THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT AMBIGUOUS AND THIS IS DEFINITELY A CLARIFICATION BECAUSE SHE'S RIGHT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW THAT BASICALLY YOU DON'T HAVE THE LEAD OF GEDA AND LOOK SOUNDS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE A GO SO THAT'S GOING TO BE PRETTY INTERESTING TOO I GUESS THE FAIL-SAFE IS THE FACT THAT IT'S AT LEAST BACK BECAUSE THE CONTRACTOR ASSUMES THE LIABILITY AT THE FRONT END GOVERNOR GUAM APPROPRIATES THE MONEY DIFFERENT WITH OUR BPT BUT THAT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT BALL GAME BUT AT THIS POINT I THINK THIS CLEANS THINGS UP BECAUSE IT DEFINITELY MAKES SURE THAT THAT'S DIRECTION IT'S GOING AND THAT'S THE POINT I WAS TRYING TO MAKE EARLIER IT IS BACK BUT IT IS A HYBRID AND I AM THANKFUL FOR THE AUTHOR OF THIS AMENDMENT ONCE AGAIN AND MAKING THE STATEMENT ON THE PRIOR AMENDMENT THAT I DON'T WANT TO JINX IT BUT DON'T BE SURPRISED IF THERE'S A PROTEST BUT I LIKE THIS AMENDMENT AND I SUPPORT IT MADAM CHAIR.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR ANYONE ELSE ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR BARNETT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT I JUST WANT TO COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR HER THOROUGH AND DILIGENT WORK ON THIS MEASURE THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT ANYONE ELSE IF NOT SPEAKER WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE YOUR CALL ON THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SPEAKER YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR YOU GOT A COUPLE OF MINUTES

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH YES I'D JUST LIKE TO GO THROUGH A COUPLE MORE SECTIONS OF THE BILL THAT I DON'T HAVE AMENDMENTS FOR BUT IF WE COULD GO TO PAGE 18 LINE 10 IT TALKS ABOUT IT USED TO READ MAINTENANCE COSTS SHALL BE PAID BY GDOE BUT THE NEW BILL READS FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE COSTS SHALL BE PAID BY GDOE AND I KNOW THAT THERE WAS TESTIMONY AS TO THIS BUT I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT THAT AND THEN YOU LOOK AT ON PAGE 20 THERE'S A WHOLE SECTION FIVE EIGHT D ONE ONE ZERO ON LINE 22 REGARDING UTILITIES AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AND SO THAT GOES THROUGH ALL THE UTILITIES AND HOW IT'S THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY AND THEN IT TALKS ABOUT ROUTINE THAT'S A VAGUE WORD TO ME ROUTINE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AND EXTERIOR GROUNDSKEEPING AND LANDSCAPING AND UPKEEP OF THE NEW SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL I JUST FEEL LIKE THESE TWO PROVISIONS ARE GOING TO CAUSE CONFUSION IF NOT YOU KNOW WORSE I AND BUT I'M NOT SURE I MEAN I WOULD PROPOSE THAT WE JUST DELETE IT FROM LINES 10 AND 11 BUT I'M NOT THAT CONFIDENT IT'S NOT MY LEGAL ANALYSIS I WANT TO RELY ON THIS THING I JUST LOOKED AT IT BRIEFLY DURING LUNCH ALSO IF YOU LOOK AT WHILE WE'RE AT IT ON THAT SAME PAGE 20 IF YOU LOOK AT THIS THIS PROVISION FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WE ALL WANT THESE CONTRACTORS NOWADAYS TO PAY TO COVER THE MAINTENANCE BUT WE'RE PAYING FOR IT AND WE'RE PAYING VERY HIGHLY FOR IT AND SO WE WERE TOLD DURING THE ROUND TABLE THAT OUR CURRENT CONTRACTS FOR MAINTENANCE MIGHT NOT EVEN INCLUDE SOME OF THE DAMAGE THAT HAPPENED DURING THE TYPHOON AND I REALLY HOPE THAT THEY DO A GOOD JOB IN NEGOTIATING COVERAGE OF THAT TYPE OF THING I MEAN I'M NOT SURE WHAT THEY NEVER CAME BACK OR SHOWED US AT LEAST ME MAYBE THE CHAIR HAS IT WHAT WHAT THEY MEANT BY THAT HOW THEIR REPAIRS ON THE LEASE SCHOOLS ARE NOT GOING TO BE COVERED UNDER THE LEASES OR THESE REPAIR CLAUSES BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE WORD UPKEEP THIS WAS BROUGHT UP AT THE PUBLIC HEARING DOES THAT INCLUDE CUSTODIAL SERVICES THE PRINCIPAL WANTED TO KNOW I WANT TO KNOW DOES IT INCLUDE TYPHOON DAMAGES OR NOT THAT'S ALL AND THEN I GUESS THERE WAS AN ISSUE ABOUT THE INTERIOR AND THE EXTERIOR SO THEY INCLUDED EXTERIOR BECAUSE THESE LEASE CONTRACTORS WERE NOT PAINTING THE



BUILDINGS THEY SAID THAT WAS EXCLUDED FROM THEIR MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS SO THAT'S SUPPOSED TO INCLUDE PAINT I JUST THINK SOME OF THESE WORDS I HOPE WHEN THEY ACTUALLY DO AN RFP IT'S IT'S MORE EXACT THAN OUR BILL OKAY ON ON LINE I MEAN PAGE 18 LINE 24 I ASKED OH MAYBE THE SPONSOR CAN YIELD TO THIS BECAUSE I HAD ASKED HIM THIS WAS ADDED IN THE AMENDED BILL BUT I CAN'T IT SEEMS WE'RE MISSING COMMAS OR SOMETHING I'M NOT SURE HOW TO READ THIS AND I JUST I DON'T WANT TO MAKE ANY AMENDMENTS TO IT BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW I WANT THAT TO JUST BE SOMETHING THAT EITHER LEGAL OR MAYBE IF I CAN MAKE AN AMENDMENT THAT LEGAL REVIEWS THIS SECTION AND IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ANY CHANGES SHE

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** I CAN ACCEPT THAT AS EMOTION MADAM SPEAKER ON THAT SECTION I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE THAT AS A.

**SENATOR PARKINSON:** YIELD MY TIME.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** OKAY THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON SO ON THE MOTION WHAT SECTIONS 18.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PAGE 18 IT'S I'M ON LINE 24 IT'S SUBSECTION D TO 58D 106.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE OF THAT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SPEAKER YOU'RE UP

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WELL THANK YOU SENATOR FOR YIELDING YOUR TIME YES I APPRECIATE THAT I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO GO I THINK I'M ACTUALLY DONE EXCEPT THAT IT'S JUST THIS THIS WHOLE MAINTENANCE STUFF IT'S ACTUALLY BECOME A BIG ISSUE SO WE THOUGHT IT WAS A YOU KNOW A SILVER BULLET BACK THEN OH THEY'RE GONNA WE'RE GONNA PAY FOR THEM TO DO MAINTENANCE FOR 30 YEARS WE'RE PAYING THESE PEOPLE TO DO WHO'VE GOT MAINTENANCE THE MAINTENANCE IS VERY DIFFERENT SO I GUESS WHEN WE DID UKUDU IT WAS A DIFFERENT CONTRACTOR FOR MAINTENANCE THAN WHO BUILT THE BUILDING AND SO THEY SEEM TO THINK IT WORKS BETTER WHEN WE GET THE SAME CONTRACTOR WHO BUILT THE BUILDING LIKE AT JFK TO DO THE MAINTENANCE BUT IT'S AGAIN IT'S EXPENSIVE AND NOW WE'RE HAVING DISPUTES AS TO WHAT'S COVERED WHAT'S NOT SO I JUST I'M JUST HOPING DPW IS LISTENING OR THEY GET TUNED INTO THAT AND THAT THEY THEY MAKE SURE THAT THEIR RFP IS VERY CLEAR WHAT THEY MEAN BY MAINTENANCE ON PATIENT 21 THEY TALK ABOUT ALL MAINTENANCE SHALL BE PERFORMED BY THE CONTRACTOR AS A SEPARATE COST THE TERMS FOR WHICH AND THE MANNER OF ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENT SHALL BE DETERMINED AS PART OF THE CONTRACT THAT MEANS WE'RE LEAVING THAT ALL TO DPW THIS IS WHERE IT GETS CONFUSING PROVIDE IT HOWEVER THAT THE CONTRACT MAY AT THE DISCRETION OF GDOE PROVIDE THAT MAINTENANCE WITH RESPECT TO EQUIPMENT AND OTHER THINGS UTILITIES BUT THIS EQUIPMENT ISSUE FOR ME I THINK IS A BIG ISSUE AND SO THE SUPERINTENDENT HAS TESTIFIED I THINK THAT'S HOW THAT GOT INCLUDED ON PAGE 18 LINE 10 FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SHE WANTS THEM TO TAKE CARE OF FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE I JUST THINK THIS HAS TO BE REALLY MADE CLEAR BY DPW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WE DO NOT WANT TO PAY FOR 30 YEARS TO REPAIR SOME OF THESE FURNITURE OR EQUIPMENT THAT ARE NOT EVER INTENDED TO LAST FOR 30 YEARS GET RID OF THEM AND REPLACE IT RIGHT OR SOMETHING ELSE MORE LOGICAL BUT I'M SURE SHE HAS SOMETHING IN MIND MAYBE EQUIPMENT I KNOW THAT IN ONE OF THE LEAST SCHOOLS WHEN WHEN JFK MOVED OUT OF TIYAN THEY TOOK THE EQUIPMENT SO SO THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO PAY THE CONTRACTOR TO PROCURE AGAIN THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE TIYAN SCHOOL AND WE'RE PAYING WE'RE PAYING WE'RE PAYING LEFT WE'RE PAYING RIGHT SO I'M JUST SAYING PLEASE LET'S GET SOME VALUE FOR ALL OF THIS LET'S UH LET'S JUST BE WISE DOE HAS COME TO US SO DESPERATE IN PAST YEARS FOR MONEY AND THAT'S WHY YEAH I CAN SEE WHY THEY WOULD WANT OH INCLUDE EVERYTHING THE EQUIPMENT BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THEY'RE NOT GETTING MONEY FOR ANYTHING SO I'M JUST HOPING THAT THAT MENTALITY IS A LITTLE BIT ALLEVIATED AND WE CAN ACTUALLY GET VALUE IT'S REALLY WHAT WE WANT IN THIS THE WHOLE POINT OF CHANGING THE PROCUREMENT I HOPE IS TO GET BETTER VALUE WE HOPE IT'S FAIR THAT WAS THE BIG PART OF A LOT OF THE PROCUREMENTS ON GUAM IS WHETHER THEY ARE FAIR OR WHETHER THEY WERE GEARED TO ONE CONTRACTOR OVER ANOTHER SO I'M JUST HOPING THAT IN OUR VERY QUICK REVIEW OF THIS THAT THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THAT IN HERE AND THAT DPW WORKING WITH DOE AND ALL THESE OTHER PEOPLE ON THIS THAT THEY REALLY SERVE AS OUR PUBLIC SERVANTS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM FOR VALUE AND FOR THAT I THANK MY COLLEAGUES AND AND THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL FOR ALL THEIR WORK *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** BUEN PRUBECHU SPEAKER TERLAJE ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR SABINA I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YEAH IT'S THE TIME HAS DEFINITELY COME TO REBUILD SANCHEZ ESPECIALY AFTER THE AFTERMATH OF TYPHOON MAWAR THAT BUILDING JUST NEEDS TO BE CONDEMNED AND YOU KNOW THIS BILL IS DEFINITELY TIMELY SO I DEFINITELY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF THE REBUILD BUT I THINK IT'S IT'S OUR DUTY TO ACTUALLY TAKE A LOOK AT THE DETAILS OF THE BILL TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU KNOW I I THANK THE THE RETIRING SPEAKERS THE SPEAKER HERSELF THAT SHE WAS VETTING THE BILL TO THE FULLEST EXTENT TO AGAIN WE CAN'T PRODUCE A NON-PROTESTABLE LEGISLATION OR PROTESTABLE BILL BUT I THINK THE PROBLEM A LOT OF THE PROBLEMS IF WE CAN FIX OR AT LEAST REDUCE THE THE AREAS OF PROTEST YOU KNOW WE CAN HOPEFULLY FACILITATE THE PROCESS OF SOLICITATION OF SIMON SANCHEZ I THINK WHAT'S CRITICAL TO HEAR IS YOU KNOW IS A PUBLIC INTEREST PROTECTED YOU KNOW WHENEVER WE'RE DEALING WITH A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS YOU KNOW I ALWAYS HAVE A FINE LOOK AND SEE YOU KNOW ARE WE SELLING OURSELVES OUT AND IN ADDITION TO LOOKING AT THE PROCUREMENT ITSELF AND THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE CAUSE OF CONCERN FOR ME WHICH I DID RAISE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING IN REGARDS TO ASSIGNMENT SO WHAT COULD HAPPEN IS THAT THE OWNERS CAN CHANGE HANDS AND IT COULD BE ASSIGNED TO A NEW CONTRACTOR AND IN THIS CASE THE CURRENT BILL STATES THAT NO CONSENT IS NEEDED FROM GDOE AND SO I HAVE PROFFERED AN AMENDMENT I HOPE IT'S UP ON THE DRIVE TO BASICALLY CHANGE THAT LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE CONSENT OF GDOE WE WANT TO BE AWARE OF WHO IS OUR WHO IS THE OWNER OR WHO'S HOLDING THE DEBT I'M SORRY WHO IS IN CHARGE OF FINANCING AND THEREFORE WHO WE'RE PAYING THE DEBT TO I THINK YOU KNOW TRANSPARENCY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE ALL STRIVE FOR IN GOVERNMENT AND THAT'S WHY I I PROFFER THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE I REALLY THINK THAT YOU KNOW IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC WE HAVE TO BE AWARE AND HAVE GDOE BE ABLE TO SAY OKAY YOU GUYS ARE A GOOD FAITH BUSINESS THIS PROCESS OF ASSIGNMENT IS DONE ON THE UP AND UP AND YOU KNOW WE AGREE I THINK THAT'S THE LEAST THAT WE CAN DO SO I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT ON THIS.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR I KNOW YOU UPLOADED IT AND IT CAME IN PDF SO FOR THE RECORD AND SO MY COLLEAGUES TO SEE CAN YOU JUST RE-READ THE AMENDMENT AS IT'S PROFFERED ON THE INTEREST OF TIME.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** OKAY SO IT'S ON LINE SEVEN PAGE 19. IT'S TO AMEND SECTION 58D107 AND IT'S IN THE SECTION IT SAYS UNDER ASSIGNMENTS TO FACILITATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT AND TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE HOLDERS OF ANY FINANCING INSTRUMENTS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT THE CONTRACTOR MAY ASSIGN WITH THE CONSENT SO WE STRUCK WITHOUT THE THE NEED OF THE SO IT SHOULD STATE WITH THE CONSENT OF GDOE..

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

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THE PAGE IS 19.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** AGAIN.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THERE WAS A QUESTION SORRY THERE WERE PAGES ON PAGE 19 LINE SEVEN.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** PLEASE PROCEED 19 LINE 7.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** MOMENT RECESS FOR THE MY COLLEAGUES TO SEE THE THE AMENDMENT.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YES SO WE JUST DISPERSED WE'VE JUST DISPERSED OF IT I'LL GIVE YOU THE MOMENTS RECESS.

**RECESS**

**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE WERE ON THE AMENDMENT HAD PASSED SO SENATORS PEREZ YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR PEREZ** YEAH BASICALLY THE RECESS WAS FOR MY COLLEAGUES TO FIND THE AMENDMENT SO I ASKED FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THAT ONE HAD ALREADY BEEN PASSED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YEAH ALL RIGHT THANK YOU SO THE OTHER THING THAT WAS ALSO CONCERNING TO ME IT HAPPENS TO BE IN THE DESIGN SO AS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER THE INCLUSION OF A FIRING RANGE IN A SCHOOL AND THIS WILL BE THE FIRST IN THE CONTINENTAL U.S SO THE FIRST EVER FIRING RANGE IN A HIGH SCHOOL AND TO ME THAT IS NOT YOU KNOW AS A POLICY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I QUESTION TO INCORPORATE THIS A FIRING RANGE WITHIN A HIGH SCHOOL I THINK THAT COULD ALSO ADD TO THE COST WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MAINTENANCE YOU KNOW MAYBE THAT'S WHY FURNITURE WAS INCLUDED MAYBE THERE MAY BE A STRAY BULLET HITTING ONE OF THE PIECES OF FURNITURE AND INCREASING THE COST I THINK THAT YOU KNOW THERE'S MULTIPLE PROBLEMS WITH HAVING FIRING RANGES IN SCHOOLS ANOTHER ONE OF OBVIOUSLY IS THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS WE SEE IN THE THE UNITED STATES SHOOTINGS OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS AND I THINK HAVING YOU KNOW ARMS PROJECTILES ACCEPTED IN IN A BRAND NEW HIGH SCHOOL THAT WE'RE PAYING PREMIUM DOLLAR FOR I THINK THAT IS NOT THE RIGHT DIRECTION THAT WE SHOULD BE GOING IN IN FACT THIS DOES NOT EXIST IN OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES AND SO THE QUESTION IS WHY HERE AND WHY IT'S SUCH A HIGH COST I THINK THAT THIS IS THE REASON WHY I'M PROFFERING ANOTHER AMENDMENT AND IT SHOULD BE IN THE DRIVE IT IS PAGE 16. LINES 10 TO 11. SO YES THE SCHOOL DESIGN WAS INCLUDED IN THE THROUGHOUT THE BILL BUT I THINK ONE OF THE IMPORTANT POINTS YOU KNOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE COST I MEAN COST IS REALLY YOU KNOW PROHIBITIVE IN IN BUILDING A NEW SCHOOL ESPECIALLY WHEN A LOT OF OUR SCHOOLS ARE AGING WE WANT THIS SCHOOL TO PERHAPS BE THE MODEL FOR THESE SCHOOLS TO COME AND SO YOU KNOW I THINK WE NEED TO REALLY THINK ABOUT WHAT WE'RE INCLUDING IN THESE DESIGNS AND I I DON'T AGREE WITH THE FINE RANGE IN SCHOOLS THE OTHER THING THAT WAS MENTIONED IN IN THE PUBLIC HEARING DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS THAT IF THERE'S A WAY THAT WE CAN ELIMINATE THOSE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO BE COSTLY IN THIS RFP SO WE CAN GET THIS SCHOOL BUILT I THINK YOU KNOW THAT'S THE DIRECTION WE WANT TO GO YOU KNOW WE ARE AS POLICY MAKERS WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT IS THE NEED AND WHAT IS THE WANTS AND SO I THINK PERHAPS THIS FALLS UNDER NOT A NEED AND WE REALLY NEED TO FOCUS ON THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS AND SO WHAT THIS AMENDMENT SAYS IS ON PAGE 16 LINE 10 THROUGH 11. AND BASICALLY IT CHANGES THE DEFINITION OF SCHOOL DESIGN BY REMOVING FIRING RANGE WITHIN THE DESIGN SO I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR QUINATA YOU HAVE THE FLOOR ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** I APPRECIATE THE INTENT OF THE PREVIOUS AUTHOR ON THAT AMENDMENT BUT I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY TO THE BODY THAT IT'S NOT A LIFE ENDANGERING ACTIVITY BECAUSE THE ACTIVITIES ARE HAPPENING ON CAMPUS ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANDATES THAT STAYED IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT NO GUNS SHOULD BE ON THE FACILITIES REGARDLESS RIGHT BUT THESE GUNS OR THESE FIREARMS ARE ALLOWED FOR FOR ITS MARKSMANSHIP COMPETITION AND I ALSO WANTED TO ECHO THE SENTIMENT THAT GUAM HAS BEEN VERY MUCH SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING MARKSMANSHIP CHAMPIONSHIPS ACROSS THE NATION IN NUMEROUS NUMEROUS COMPETITIONS ACROSS AGAIN IN THE NATION SO I JUST WANTED TO REMIND THE BODY THAT THIS IS ONGOING AT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL WHEN I WAS GOING TO SCHOOL THEY WOULD CONVERT THE CAFETERIA INTO SHOOTING RANGE MAKESHIFT RIGHT SO I'M NOT TOO SURE IF WE REMOVE THE ROTC FACILITY BUILDING I UNDERSTAND WE'RE TRYING TO BE COST EFFECTIVE BUT I JUST WANTED TO REMIND THE BODY THAT REGARDLESS OF THIS BUILDING BEING CONSTRUCTED OR NOT OR THE SHOOTING RANGE BEING CONSTRUCTED OR NOT WHAT WHAT IT WOULDN'T REALLY PREVENT THE SHOOTING FROM HAPPENING ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS BECAUSE IT'S A PART OF THE CURRICULUM STANDARD FOR ROTC SO I I JUST WANTED TO ASK THE AUTHOR IF SHE'S REQUESTING THAT THE FIRING RANGE BE REMOVED FINE BUT WHAT WHERE DO YOU WANT TO MANDATE ACROSS THE WHOLE DOE HIGH SCHOOL ROTC TO REMOVE FIRING MARKSMANSHIP FIRE I DON'T KNOW I'M NOT IN ROTC BUT IT'S IT'S A MARKSMANSHIP COURSE SO I JUST WANTED TO ASK THE AUTHOR IF SHE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER AN AMENDMENT I GUESS ACROSS THE WHOLE OR CREATE A BILL TO REMOVE FIRING RANGE ACROSS THE WHOLE DOE I MEAN OUR ISLAND HAS A HUGE MILITARY PRESENCE I ALSO THINK THAT I THINK WE ALL HAVE FAMILY THAT'S IN THE MILITARY SO I THINK ROTC HAS BEEN A A VERY GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR A LOT OF OUR OUR CHILDREN AND OUR ISLAND YOUTH SO I'M JUST POINTING THAT OUT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR VICE SPEAKER ON THE AMENDMENT AND THEN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER ON THIS AMENDMENT I TO SHARE SOME OF THE SAME SENTIMENTS OR CONCERNS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER I'M VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE PROGRAM THAT'S UP THERE AT SIMON SANCHEZ I'D BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T SAY THAT THE INSTRUCTOR OR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE FOR THAT PROGRAM IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN HAS BEEN THERE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS A VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM WITH THE ROTC PROGRAM AND I KNOW THAT IF WE MAKE ANY KIND OF CHANGE BASED ON WHAT'S ALREADY BEEN APPROVED AND AWARDED AND I KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT RECEIVES RESOURCES FOR HAVING PROGRAMS LIKE THE ROTC THERE AND IF WE'RE GOING TO TAKE ANYTHING AWAY FROM THAT I THINK IT WOULD BE A DETRIMENT SO I I HAVE CONCERNS AND WILL HUMBLLY OBJECT TO THIS AT THIS TIME.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** I'D LIKE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I THINK THE SAME SENTIMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS I OBJECT TO THAT AMENDMENT AND THE REASON WHY IS THAT WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE ROTC DOES AND BECAUSE THEY DO THE COMPETITION I MEAN WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP LET'S CHANGE THE DESIGN THE DESIGN IS VERY PAID YOU YOU JUST YOU SAID THAT EARLIER SPEAKER FIVE POINT WHAT SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS WAS PAID FOR DESIGN AND EVERYTHING NOW LET'S GO BACK IN LET'S MAKE THE CHANGE I SAY THEY JUST MOVE ON AND IF ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE WANT TO QUESTION WHAT DOE DOES KNOW FIRST WHAT THEY DO I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE ROTC PROGRAM I WAS IN THE RTC AT JFK WE DIDN'T HAVE A RANGE JUST BECAUSE THERE'S NO RANGE IN ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO BUILD ONE AND THEY DON'T HAVE THE MEANS AND THE FUNDING TO DO IT BUT IN EVERY STATE THERE IS A RANGE FOR THE STUDENTS TO GO TO THEY JUST DON'T HAVE IT AT THEIR SCHOOL WE'RE JUST LUCKY NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ONE THANK YOU MADAM MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED AND THEN SENATOR TAITAGUE.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I THINK THAT SOME OF MY GOOD FRIENDS WHO KNOW MY FEELING ON FIREARMS AND SECOND AMENDMENT MIGHT BE A LITTLE SURPRISED BUT AND I UNDERSTAND IN TERMS OF WHAT TRAINING EXISTS WITHIN ROTC AND THE LIKE BUT I HAVE TO SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT I THINK THAT IT'S NOT IN MY OPINION ABOUT THE ISSUE OF TRAINING IT'S THE ISSUE OF A FACILITY SUCH AS THIS ON A SCHOOL GROUND I THINK AND I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED I WANT TO LOOK INTO THIS I'VE NEVER HEARD A FIRING RANGE TO USE FIREARMS AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE PUT INTO CONTAINING FIREARMS AND LIKE I REALLY WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT A CONVERSION OF A CAFETERIA TO UH FIRING RANGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF TRAINING I MEAN THEY HAVE VERY SPECIFIC BACKDROPS IN TERMS OF AND THE WAY SHIELDS ARE DESIGNED TO DEFLECT FIREARMS AMMUNITION THAT'S FIRED FROM A FIREARM AND MY FEELING IS I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND WHAT A STUDENT IS ENGAGING IN WHEN THEY GO THROUGH TRAINING AND ROTC AND THE LIKE HOWEVER TO ME I THINK THERE'S ADEQUATE PRIVATE BUSINESSES ON OUR ISLAND AND ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITIES MAYBE TO EVEN MAKE AGREEMENTS WITH OUR ARMED FORCES OR GCC I'M SURE THAT GCC HAS THAT TYPE OF TRAINING AND CAPABILITY SO I JUST IN ORDER TO ENGAGE A LIVE FIREARM I JUST THINK THERE'S ENOUGH OF THOSE FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO NOT HAVE TO IT SEEMS A LITTLE OVER THE TOP IN MY OPINION AND I AGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER IN TERMS OF CONTAINING COST AND MAINTENANCE EVERYTHING THAT'S REQUIRED IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT RIGHT AND I THINK ALSO I SAID I REALLY WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT KIND OF DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS FOR TRAINING IS DONE ON OUR SCHOOL CAMPUSES.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** MADAM SPEAKER AND A POINT OF INFORMATION PLEASE ON A POINT OF INFORMATION I DO HAVE A CALL IN MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YEAH.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** I DO APOLOGIZE I DO HAVE A CALL IN RIGHT NOW TO THE INSTRUCTOR OF THE COLONEL WHO'S HANDLING THE PROGRAM AT SIMON SANCHEZ AND IF WE LIKE BASED ON THE PROGRAM THAT'S THERE RIGHT NOW I AM SURE THAT IF WE DO ANYTHING THAT MAY IMPEDE OR WORK INTO THE PROGRAM UH THAT THERE MAY BE SOME DETRIMENT TO IT SO I'M ASKING THAT THE COLONEL CALL US ON THIS JUST TO MAKE SURE I'M ASKING FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS IF WE MAY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE PERSON WHO'S SPEAKING COMPLETE THEIR REMARKS YOU MAY PROCEED SENATOR DUEÑAS.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** YEAH SO I WILL FINISH BY SAYING THAT I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM GETTING INFORMATION I JUST I JUST GONNA STICK TO THE POINT THAT I HAVE THAT I AM ABSOLUTELY NOT AGAINST THE TRAINING AND I AM ABSOLUTELY NOT AGAINST YOU KNOW WHAT IS REQUIRED THROUGH THE PROCESS OF A STUDENT BEING IN THE ROTC AND HAVING TO BECOME PROFICIENT ON FIREARMS I HAVE ABSOLUTE NO ISSUE WITH THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT WHOLE PROCESS THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE BUT TO BUILD A FIRING RANGE ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS I LIKE I SAID NOT BECAUSE I'M AGAINST FIRING RANGES BUT BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT I BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A LIMITED CADRE OF INDIVIDUALS CLASS MEMBERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THE PURPOSES OF TRAINING UNDER ROTC MORE THAN LIKELY GOING TO CARRY ON WITH ENLISTING POSSIBLY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OR WANTING THAT TRAINING FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE THAT THAT THEY MAY BECOME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON OUR ISLAND THEY MAY BE YOU KNOW BE WHATEVER YOU KNOW TYPE OF FUTURE THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE BUT I JUST BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE ENOUGH FACILITIES OR WE SHOULD INVEST IN FACILITIES OR HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR FACILITIES OFF A CAMPUS TO BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE I MEAN LIKE I SAID I'VE BEEN WRONG BEFORE BUT IT IS MY FEELING THAT TO BUILD A FIRING RANGE ON A HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR THAT PURPOSE IN MY OPINION WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT FIRST AND FOREMOST COST CONTAINMENT AND SECOND JUST THE FACT THAT THAT SHOULD REALLY EXIST FOR A LIMITED AMOUNT OF STUDENTS WHO ARE GOING TO AVAIL OF THAT PROCESS TO BUILD A FULL-BLOWN FIRING RANGE AS PROPOSED HERE I'M JUST GONNA SAY I THINK IT'S A LITTLE OVER THE TOP SO AT THIS POINT I SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT UNLESS I CAN FIND SUBSTANTIAL INFORMATION THAT WOULD THAT WOULD CHANGE MY MIND I WANT TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR I MEAN I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND WHAT A YOUNG PERSON AND THEIR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF COMPLETING THEIR MARKSMANSHIP REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS THEIR ABILITY TO USE A FIREARM AS PART OF THEIR TRAINING THROUGH RTC I'M TOTALLY DOWN WITH THAT COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT'S ALL ABOUT BUT A FIRING RANGE ON A SCHOOL CAMPUS AT THIS POINT IN TIME JUMPS OUT AT ME AS BEING SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT OVER THE TOP IN CONSIDERATION WHAT WE'RE REALLY TRYING TO DO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR TAITAGUE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I'M STANDING FULL FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT MY COLLEAGUES THIS DOES NOT KILL THE JUNIOR ROTC PROGRAM THIS WOULD AMENDMENT WILL NOT KILL THE PROGRAM SO IF ANYBODY STANDS UP HERE AND THINKS JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A FIRING RANGE MEANS THEY'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE THE PROGRAM IT'S RIDICULOUS IN FACT IF ANY OF YOU GUYS LOOKED AT THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND LOOKED AT THE DIAGRAM OR THE BLUEPRINT PLAN YOU'LL SEE THAT ROTC BUILDING IS LIKE THE SAME SIZE AS THE CAFETERIA YOU KNOW HOW LARGE THAT IS BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART BY THE WAY IT'S VERY LARGE JUST FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T SEE IT'S VERY HUGE IT'S VERY VERY BIG BUT WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT IS WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO WHEN DOE LOOKS AT THE SPECS WITH THIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND HAS TO START MAKING CUTS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD ANYTHING MORE THAN 160 MILLION WHICH INCLUDES THE INSURANCE WHICH INCLUDES THE MAINTENANCE THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE SOME CUTS THIS BILL SIMPLY TELLS THEM DON'T CUT THE CLASSES WE NEED THE CLASSROOMS THE FIRST THING THAT YOU CAN CUT IS THIS FIRING RANGE AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TELLING THIS COMMITTEE TO DO YOU'RE GOING TO START MAKING CUTS YOU NEED TO CUT THIS AND WE ALL KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE CUTS COLLEAGUES THIS 160 MILLION YOU KNOW THAT WAS LIKE HOW MANY YEARS AGO INFLATION EVERYTHING THAT'S GONE UP IT'S GOING TO COST SO WE NEED TO PUT OUR PRIORITIES IN PERSPECTIVE HERE AND LIKE I SAID IT DOES NOT STOP THE JUNIOR ROTC PROGRAM FROM MOVING FORWARD IF THEY DON'T HAVE A FIRING RANGE IT JUST PUTS OUR PRIORITIES INTO PERSPECTIVE FIRST THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SPEAKER THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR BROWN AND THEN SENATOR LUJAN.

**SENATOR BROWN:** MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I'M JUST AMAZED AT THE CASUALNESS OF WHICH WE ARE FOR THOSE THAT ARE SUPPORTING KEEPING THIS I MEAN I'M SURPRISED JUST LIKE MY GOOD COLLEAGUE FROM TAMUNING EARLIER ABOUT THE FIRING RANGE AT THE SCHOOL BECAUSE I HEARD ALL THE CONTROVERSY WITH REGARDS TO THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTING THEIR FIRING RANGES AND ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THESE BULLETS AND HOW THE

BULLETS ARE GOING TO CONTAMINATE OUR DRINKING WATER AND THE PROXIMITY OF WHERE THIS IS GOING TO BE TO RESIDENTIAL AREAS OR HOW IT'S GOING TO IMPACT ADVERSELY HISTORICAL SITES AROUND THE ISLAND AND THAT WHOLE DEBATE YOU KNOW FAMILIARITY WITH SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY THAT LIVES THERE I'M JUST AMAZED HOW CASUAL WE ARE THAT WE'RE GOING TO PUT ALL THIS ADDITIONAL EXPENSE AND ALLOW THIS ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS BECAUSE I AM A LITTLE CONCERNED AND YOU KNOW I APPRECIATE THE ROTC PROGRAM I COME FROM A MILITARY FAMILY BUT YEAH I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED THAT WE'RE WILLING TO PUT THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT OTHER SCHOOLS ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE BECAUSE THERE'S MANY OLDER SCHOOLS ON THIS ISLAND THAT ALSO NEED MAINTENANCE THAT ARE GOING TO NEED EXPANSION AS WELL FOR THE PRIMARY CONCERN THAT WE HAVE OF EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN YOU KNOW I'M BACK TO THE BASICS KIND OF PERSON I WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR KIDS CAN READ AND WRITE WELL AND HAVE THE SKILL SETS THAT THEY NEED TO MOVE FORWARD IN LIFE UNLESS YOU KNOW 100 OF THE SCHOOL POPULATION UP AT SIMON SANCHEZ IS GOING TO JOIN ROTC I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS A PRIMARY AREA THAT WE SHOULD BE INVESTING WHAT WHAT RESOURCES AND MONEY THAT WE HAVE AND THEN ON TOP OF THAT THE FACT THAT WE'RE JUST SO CASUAL ABOUT IT OH IT'S IT'S OKAY BECAUSE IT'S NOT THE MILITARY AND THEN WHEN IT'S CONVENIENT FOR US WE'RE VERY PATRIOTIC AND THEN WHEN IT'S NOT CONVENIENT WE'RE NOT PATRIOTIC AND THEN YOU KNOW IF IT'S MILITARY WE'RE ANTI AND IF IT'S GOV GUAM AND WE'RE OH IT'S OKAY LIKE NO BIG DEAL OH MY GOSH WE'RE GOING TO IMPACT THE PROGRAM IT'S GOING TO BE THE END OF THE WORLD HERE SO I DO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT THAT'S BEEN PROVIDED BY OUR GOOD COLLEAGUE SENATOR PEREZ AND YOU KNOW GOSH GUYS I WISH WE JUST YOU KNOW BE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE DO BECAUSE WOW IF IT'S MILITARY IT'S IT'S OUT IF IT'S OUR SCHOOL IT'S SIMON SANCHEZ AND WHAT OTHER SCHOOL HAS THIS BECAUSE I AGREE YOU KNOW I WANT TO FIND OUT WHERE ELSE WE'RE ALLOWING YOU KNOW THIS TYPE OF PRACTICE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY ESPECIALLY IN A HIGH SCHOOL I'D RATHER HAVE A MORE CONTROLLED AREA WHERE STUDENTS CAN GO TO IF THIS IS WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO FOR ROTC THAN TO HAVE THIS ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS WITH ALL THIS ADDITIONAL COST I MEAN I'D LOVE TO DESIGN SOMETHING TO JUST MY BENEFIT WHEN IT'S OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY THAT'S PAYING FOR IT IF IT WAS MY PROGRAM BUT WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON RIGHT NOW I JUST DON'T SEE THAT AS A PARTICULAR PRIORITY THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS AMENDMENT THAT I DEFINITELY SUPPORT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN SENATOR LUJAN.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT AS WELL MY COLLEAGUES TOO YEAH TO DO FOR THIS THIS AMENDMENT YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER AS WAS MENTIONED AS WELL I'M A TOTAL SUPPORTER OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND THE NEED FOR OF COURSE OUR ROTC STUDENTS TO BE TO BE TRAINED AND IN FIREARMS AND ALL THAT BUT YOU KNOW A FEW MONTHS AGO WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY A FEW OF US IN HERE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR THE TOUR CAMP BLAS AND HOLISTICALLY WE TOURED THE WHOLE CAMP BLAS AND WE WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY WE SAW ALL THE FACILITIES THE THE SHOOTING RANGES AND ALL THAT AND THE STRICT MEASURES THEY HAD TO ADHERE TO TO TO THESE THESE THESE RANGES THE SHOOTING RANGES AND WE ASKED DIFFERENT QUESTIONS ABOUT WHO'S ALLOWED HERE AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE AND AGAIN WHAT THEY DO WITH THE SHELLS AND WE ASKED THE OF COURSE THE QUESTION THAT FOLKS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT IN REGARDS TO THE SHELLS AND AND THE WATERLANDS AND ALL THAT AND SO THEY THEY GAVE US THE ANSWER THEY TOLD US WHAT THEY CONSTANTLY DID IN REGARDS TO THE SHELLS AND OF THE THIS DISCARDED BULLETS AND ALL THAT BUT IT'S VERY REGIMENT IT IS VERY IT'S THEY'RE STRICT AT HERE AT ADHERENCE TO TO TO THINGS THEY FOLLOW IN REGARDS TO THE THESE SHOOTING RANGES SO SIMON SANCHEZ IS GOING TO BE BUILT JUST DOWN THE STREET FROM REBUILT FROM THE SHOOTING RANGES AND BECAUSE THIS IS AN ROTC PROGRAM I DON'T I DON'T SEE WHY THEY COULD NOT GET INTO SOME KIND OF MOU WITH THE MILITARY SHOOTING RANGE THAT IS GOING TO BE NEARBY TO BE ABLE TO USE THAT BECAUSE ALL THE SECURITY MEASURES AND ADHERENCE TO TO TO SAFETY MEASURES ARE ALL IN PLACE NOT TO SAY THAT A A SHOOTING RANGE THE SCHOOL WOULD NOT HAVE IT BUT MORE SO IN A MILITARY FACILITY THAT DOES THAT AND AGAIN IT'S NOT IT'S IT DOESN'T REQUIRE THE STUDENTS TO TRAVEL SO FAR BECAUSE IT'S RIGHT DOWN THE STREET FROM THEIR SCHOOL AND AGAIN BEING A ROTC PROGRAM I DON'T SEE WHY NOT THEY COULDN'T GET INTO SOME KIND OF MOU WITH THE MARINES OF THE MILITARY TO USE THEIR RANGE AT CERTAIN TIMES AND WHERE AGAIN IT'S MORE SECURED FAMILIES AND WE'LL BE EVEN MORE MORE AT EASE AT WHERE THEY'RE GOING AND THE ACTIVITIES THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE AND SO AGAIN IT'S RIGHT DOWN THE STREET FROM THE SCHOOL I THINK IT WOULD BE NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE BUT BECAUSE THEY'RE STUDENTS THE GREAT

MAJORITY OF THEM WILL AGAIN PROBABLY GRAVITATE INTO THAT A A BRANCH OF SERVICE IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIGH SCHOOL AND WITH THEIR INSUCTOR I DON'T SEE WHY THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TO HAVE SOME KIND OF AN AGREEMENT AN MOU TO BE ABLE TO USE THOSE THOSE FIRING RANGES SO AGAIN I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT UH LIKEWISE I'M STANDING FULL SUPPORT AGAIN I MEAN THE SECOND OF THIS AMENDMENT LIKEWISE I'M A BIG PROPONENT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND THIS DOESN'T TAKE AWAY FROM THAT BUT IT'S AS WAS MENTIONED BEFORE IN REGARDS TO FIRE RANGE IN A SCHOOL WHAT SAFETY MEASURES BECAUSE I KNOW THE MILITARY HAS SAFETY MEASURE AFTER SAFETY MEASURE SAFETY MEASURE IN THESE IN THESE FACILITIES THAT ARE WITHIN THE BOUNDARY WITHIN THEIR BASES AND EVEN THEY HAVE STRICT ADHERENCE TO TO PROTOCOLS IN THESE RANGES SO WITH THAT I STAND AS FULL SUPPORT OF THE MEASURE THIS AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE ON THE AMENDMENT YOU ALREADY SPOKE ON THE AMENDMENT SIR ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** POINT OF INFORMATION I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THAT THIS IS NOT LIKE MAN THE THE PROJECTILE THAT COMES OUT OF THIS IS LIKE A DAISY GUN IF YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH THE CARNIVAL GAMES AND YOU SHOOT OUT A PIECE OF PAPER THAT'S KIND OF THE BULLET I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT IT'S NOT A NINE MILLIMETER IT'S NOT A 50 CAL IT'S NOT AN AR PROJECTILE IT'S A PEASHOOTER SO I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT IT'S LIKE A LITTLE SCREW IN A LITTLE LITTLE KID'S TOY GUN IT'S REALLY MINUTE IT IT'S A PELLET SMALL SO I I JUST WANTED TO POINT THAT INFORMATION OUT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU FOR THE POINT OF INFORMATION SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** YEAH JUST TO FURTHER CLARIFY IT IS FOR UH AIRSOFT USE BUT I WOULD JUST SAY FOR THE RECORD I HAD A COUSIN WHO SHOT HIS EYE OUT WITH ONE OF THOSE THINGS SERIOUS YEAH IT'S NOT FUNNY BUT I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT WE'VE SPOKE WITH THE COMMUNICATOR WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT I DON'T THINK THAT THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT HAS ISSUED ANY ISSUE WITH US REMOVING A FIRING RANGE AND I WOULD JUST ALSO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND THE GREAT WORK THAT THE SIMON SANCHEZ SHARKS HIGH SCHOOL JROTC PROGRAM HAS DONE THEY HAVE WON ALL KINDS OF AWARDS OVER THE YEARS FROM EVERYTHING FROM MARKSMANSHIP TO RIFLE SPINNING AND ALL THAT GREAT STUFF WITH THEIR DRILL TEAM AND THEY HAVE DONE IT ALL WITHOUT THE USE OF A FIRING RANGE WHETHER IT'S FOR A ROCKET LAUNCHER OR AIRSOFT OR WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE AND I THINK THAT THE JROTC PROGRAM WON'T BE JEOPARDIZED AND I ALSO BELIEVE THAT IF THE SPACE WOULD STILL EXIST WITHOUT A FIRING RANGE THAT IT COULD BE PUT TO BETTER USE FOR FOR OTHER USES AND SO I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I'M GOING TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO ALSO SUPPORT IT AND I THANK THEM FOR THE DISCUSSION IT'S VERY INFORMATIVE THANK YOU.

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

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I CAN UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN OF HAVING A FIRING RANGE OR THE DANGERS THAT MAY BE POSED TO OUR STUDENTS THE SURROUNDING AREA OF THE SIMON SANCHEZ CAMPUS HOWEVER TO CLARIFY WE DID RECEIVE SOME INFORMATION FROM THE ROTC INSTRUCTOR AT THE SCHOOL WHO HAS SHARED WITH US THAT THIS WILL NOT JUST BE A FIRING RANGE AND SO TO ADD THIS LANGUAGE WOULD LIMIT THE USE OF WHAT WILL BE KNOWN AS A MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY AND IT WILL BE USED FOR OF COURSE THE MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING THAT HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS WELL AS ARCHERY TRAINING AND STEM AND ROBOTICS CLASSES AND WHEN NOT IN USE FOR THESE CERTAIN ACTIVITIES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER THE FACULTY WILL USE THIS BUILDING FOR PHYSICAL TRAINING FOR STUDENT FORMATIONS FOR DRILL CEREMONIES FOR ALL DIFFERENT NEEDS AND SO IT IS NAMED IN THE AS WE'VE SEEN IN THE BLUEPRINT AS A FIRING RANGE BUT IT IS ALSO A MULTI-USE ROOM FOR THE ROTC PROGRAM AND OTHER PROGRAMS OF THE SCHOOL SO I ASKED THAT WE CONSIDER THIS AND IT'S BEEN IN THESE PLANS FOR ALMOST OVER NINE YEARS NOW AND WE'VE SEEN THE ROTC PROGRAM OF SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL REALLY EXCEED ALL OF OUR EXPECTATIONS AND SO TO INCLUDE A LANGUAGE LIKE THIS AMENDMENT WOULD LIMIT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS SO I ASK THAT OUR COLLEAGUES PLEASE NOT SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN SENATOR PEREZ YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DO APPRECIATE THE DEBATE THAT TOOK PLACE AND JUST TO BE VERY CLEAR THIS IS AN INDOOR FIRING RANGE AND ALSO THIS DOES NOT STOP THE ROTC PROGRAMS LIKE ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES SAID IN FACT THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE A LOT OF AWARDS AND AND THE TOP AND BEING THE TOP MARKSMANSHIP THEY'VE WON MANY CHAMPIONSHIPS WITHOUT EVEN HAVING AN INDOOR FIRING RANGE I THINK THE POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS THAT YOU KNOW TO HAVE THIS TO SPEND ALL THIS MONEY 163 MILLION DOLLARS ON A BRAND NEW SCHOOL AND WE'RE INCORPORATING A FIRING RANGE INTO IT I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS A CAUSE FOR CONCERN FOR ME AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW WE NEED TO PRIORITIZE STUDENTS IN THEIR CLASSROOMS YOU KNOW I THINK THERE'S A THE NEED WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THE NEED TO ME THIS IS IT OPENS THE DOORS FOR ISSUES OF SAFETY FOR OUR STUDENTS YOU KNOW THEY'RE ABLE TO DO TRAINING BUT WHY DO IT INDOORS AND WHY HAVE TO BUILD AN INDOOR FACILITY FOR THIS YEAH AND LIKE MY COLLEAGUE SAID THEY COULD THERE'S OTHER VENUES THAT THEY CAN TAKE THEY COULD DO THIS TYPE OF TRAINING BUT WHY BRING IT WHY MAKE GUAM THE FIRST HIGH SCHOOL TO HAVE AN INDOOR FACILITY I THINK THAT'S THAT'S VERY QUESTIONABLE IN MY MIND YOU KNOW SAFETY IS IMPORTANT BUT I THINK WE NEED TO PUT THE PRIORITIES OF OUR STUDENTS FIRST AND I ASKED FOR MY COLLEAGUE'S SUPPORT THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AMENDMENT PASSES SENATOR PEREZ YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YEAH AGAIN I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT YOU KNOW WE WANT TO DO THIS RIGHT YOU KNOW IT'S TAKEN SO MANY YEARS DECADES EVEN TO GET SIMON SANCHEZ REBUILT AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW WE LOOK THROUGH THIS BILL CLOSELY TO ENSURE THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER FOR IT TO TAKE PLACE TO REBUILD SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL AND YOU KNOW I ASK THAT ALL STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED IN THIS PROCUREMENT YOU KNOW DO THE BEST OF BEST OF THEIR DO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY TO MAKE THIS PROCUREMENT AS CLEAN AS POSSIBLE YOU KNOW WE ASK THOSE THAT ARE BIDDING TO BE FAIR BECAUSE THIS IS A NEED FOR OUR COMMUNITY YOU KNOW WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN ENSURING THAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE A SAFE PLACE AND OUR AND OUR FACULTY AND OUR STAFF HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO EDUCATE OUR STUDENTS YOU KNOW WE SAY EDUCATION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING AND WE NEED TO SHOW IT BY MAKING THIS WORK BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THE LEGISLATURE ALONE THAT'S GOING TO MAKE SIMON SANCHEZ BE REBUILT OBVIOUSLY WE KNOW THAT'S THE CASE WITH ALL MANY TRY ALL THESE ATTEMPTS AND TRIES AT IT OVER THE YEARS BUT I THINK WHAT'S THE PROBLEM HERE IS GREED GREED IS THE PROBLEM IN GETTING THIS REBUILT THERE'S NO NOTHING THAT WE CAN WRITE IN LAW THAT CAN STOP GREED AND SO THIS IS REALLY A PLEA TO THE COMMUNITY TO HELP THIS PROCESS ALONG SO THAT WE CAN BUILD A SCHOOL A NEW SCHOOL FOR OUR STAFF OUR STUDENTS OUR PEOPLE WE NEED EVERYBODY'S HELP IN THIS AND SO I DO ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS MEASURE AS WELL AS A COMMUNITY SUPPORT BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO END HERE IT'S JUST THIS IS JUST A STARTING POINT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* ANYONE ELSE ON THE BILL ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** I'M JUST GOING TO GIVE THIS A REAL GOOD KISS KEEP IT SHORT AND SIMPLE I WANT TO THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY DEBATE THIS MORNING AND THIS AFTERNOON I WANT TO THANK DOE DPW SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL THE NUMEROUS GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS FOR THEIR CONTINUOUS DRILLING ON AND GETTING THIS DONE AND I'M HOPEFUL THAT AS THE ALUMNI OF CLASS OF 2014 THAT THIS BILL PASSES SUCCESSFULLY AND REALLY TO THE COMPANIES THAT ARE GOING TO BID ON THIS PLEASE DON'T GIVE US ANY MORE BS WE REALLY JUST WANT TO GET THE SCHOOL FOR THE KIDS IT'S NOT ABOUT ME IT'S NOT ABOUT US IT'S ABOUT ALL OF US SO I'M HOPEFUL THAT THIS LEGISLATION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY AND I WANT TO ASK ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE CO-SPONSORS THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY LISTED THEY BE ADDED YES NO OKAY RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU WANT TO BE ADDED TO THE BILL PARKINSON SENATOR FISHER OKAY EVERYONE THANK YOU OKAY YOU'RE ALREADY SPONSOR SENATOR SAN NICOLAS



**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YOUR MOTION IS TO ADD SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR FISHER AND THEN ALL OTHERS.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WELL PARKINSON'S ALREADY A CO-SPONSOR.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SO ALL OTHER SENATOR FISHER AND ALL OTHERS TO THE BILL IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SIGNAL OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** WITH THAT BEING SAID SPEAKER THAT'LL BE THAT WILL CONCLUDE OH AND I MAKE A MOTION TO MOVE IT TO THE THIRD READING FILE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT SO ON THE MOTION TO MOVE BILL NUMBER 94-37 COR IS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT COLLEAGUES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 107-37 COR SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE BILL 101-37 COR INTO THE THIRD READING FILE ACTUALLY I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE A SUBSTITUTE BILL ON THE FLOOR SO I MOVE THE BILL FIRST YEAH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SURE OKAY WELL YOU'RE GOING TO MOVE TO SUBSTITUTE IT.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES YEAH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OKAY SO WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THAT MOTION THEN RIGHT NOW OKAY SO I MOVED TO PLACE TO SUBSTITUTE BILL 101-37 COR ON A MOVE TO ACCEPT THE SUBSTITUTED VERSION OF BILL 101-37 COR.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT THIS SUBSTITUTE VERSION ACCORDING TO THE CLERKS IS ON THE DRIVE IT SAYS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES YOU MAY PROCEED NOW ON THE SUBSTITUTE BILL SENATOR PEREZ

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE SUBSTITUTE BILL 101-37 COR INTO THIRD READING FILE I WISH TO DISCUSS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SO BILL 101-37 IS REALLY A SEQUEL TO BILL 361-36 WHICH IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 36-140 WHICH ADOPTED THE NEW SOURCE REVIEW RULE REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW AND MODIFIED MAJOR SOURCES OF SULFUR DIOXIDE IN NON-ATTAINMENT AREAS ON GUAM AND SO WHAT THIS BILL DOES IT REALLY SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF GUAM EPA TO FINALLY GET ATTAINMENT FOR A POLLUTANT AN AIR POLLUTANT WHICH IS SULFUR DIOXIDE WHICH IS THE CAUSE OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES YOU KNOW ACID RAIN ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE AND SO AS YOU KNOW WE WE'VE BEEN UNDER CONSENT DECREE DUE TO THE NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT AND THIS IS ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS IS TO UPDATE OUR REGULATIONS AND SO LAST TERM WE DID UPDATE PARTIAL A PARTIAL WE DID A PARTIAL UPDATE OF THE REGULATIONS AND THAT ONE WOULD REQUIRE ANYBODY WHO IS APPLYING FOR MAJOR POLLUTER I GUESS YOU WOULD CALL THAT OR YEAH MAJOR POLLUTED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THE BEST TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE TO REDUCE POLLUTION AIR POLLUTION THIS BILL ACTUALLY WOULD PUT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TYPE OF FUEL USED AND YOU KNOW AS YOU KNOW GUAM HAS BANNED THE IMPORTATION THANKS TO MY COLLEAGUE HERE SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE IMPORTATION OF ANYTHING BUT ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL AND SO THIS BILL IS ALIGNED WITH THAT AND IT'S REQUIRING A PHASING PHASING IN YOU KNOW AS YOU KNOW CABRAS ONE AND TWO STILL IS NOT FITTED TO BURN ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL AND THE GOAL UNDER THE CONSENT DECREE IS TO RELY ON THE UKUDU POWER PLANT AS A MAJOR POWER PRODUCING PLANT ON GUAM AND SO REALLY WHAT THIS BILL DOES IT CODIFIES THOSE FUEL REQUIREMENTS AND A LOT OF THIS LANGUAGE WAS CREATED DEFINITELY UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF US EPA WHOM I SPOKE TO THIS MORNING AS WELL ACTUALLY THIS AFTERNOON WHICH THEY PROVIDED SOME OTHER CHANGES TO JUST MAKE SURE THAT IT WAS ACCURATE AND THAT IT COMPLIES WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT SO SOME OF THE CHANGES OBVIOUSLY THE EFFECTIVE DATE YOU KNOW IS COME AND GONE SO WE HAVE TO PUSH OUT THE

EFFECTIVE DATE A LITTLE BIT MORE AS WELL AS THE MAKING SURE THAT GPA IS ALIGNED WITH US EPA IN REGARDS TO HOW ARE THEY GOING TO MONITOR AND TEST TO ENSURE THAT THE FUEL THAT THEY ARE USING COMPLIES AND IT WAS GREAT TO HEAR THAT GPA IS ALREADY IN COMPLIANCE SO THIS IS REALLY JUST CODIFIES THOSE CHANGES THAT ARE NEEDED THE CONSEQUENCE OF NOT PASSING THIS BILL IS THAT WE USEPA THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DENY GUAM FROM FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS UP TO 17 MILLION A YEAR AND IN MY DISCUSSION THIS AFTERNOON WITH US EPA THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT THEY WERE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT YOU KNOW WHEN WHEN GUAM WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION AND SO THIS BILL MOVES US IN THAT DIRECTION TO ENSURE THAT WE DON'T LOSE HIGHWAY FUNDS THAT WE RELY UPON AS WELL AS TO ENSURE THAT OUR ENVIRONMENT IS SAFE YOU KNOW GUAM IS DEFINITELY TURNING A NEW LEAF IN REGARDS TO MAKING SURE THAT OUR AIR IS CLEAN FOR MANY MANY DECADES WE'VE BEEN GIVEN THE EXEMPTION FROM THE CLEAN AIR ACT AND NOW YOU KNOW THE ROOSTERS THAT HAVE COME HOME IT'S TIME THAT WE HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE CONSENT DECREE AND DEFINITELY THERE'S OTHER IMPLICATIONS OR CONSEQUENCES OF NOT DOING THAT WHICH IS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN FINES AND SO IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE GET THIS BILL PASSED AND I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR FISHER SENATOR TAITAGUE

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M REALLY RISING TO ASK THE AUTHOR A QUESTION.

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

**SENATOR FISHER:** DOES THIS AFFECT AVIATION FUEL AND DOES IT AFFECT THE ABILITY OF THE MILITARY HERE ON GUAM TO PROSECUTE THEIR ADMISSIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT AFFECTS POWER PRODUCING PLANTS SO I BELIEVE AVIATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS.

**SENATOR FISHER:** OKAY SO BECAUSE AND MADAM SPEAKER MAY I ASK A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION.

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

**SENATOR FISHER:** YES THE REASON I ASKED THAT QUESTION WAS BECAUSE THERE WAS A CARVE OUT I THINK FOR OCEAN-GOING VESSELS AND I WAS JUST CONCERNED ABOUT YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE AIRLINES I WOULDN'T WANT TO HAMPER OPERATIONS TO DO AT OF COURSE AT THE GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND THEN I HAD A QUESTION AS TO SECTION E ON PAGE FOUR IS ARE CABRAS UNITS ONE AND TWO AT THIS POINT PRETTY MUCH READY TO BE RETIRED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES I DO AND I JUST WANT TO MAYBE MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT THE OCEAN GOING VESSELS SO THEY'RE IN THE CLEAN AIR ACT THERE ARE DIFFERENT SECTIONS ONE HAS TO DO WITH MOBILE AND NON-MOBILE SOURCES AND SO THIS OCEAN GOING ONE IS COVERED UNDER A DIFFERENT SECTION IN REGARDS TO SUBSECTION E THAT DEPENDS I THINK ON THE UKUDU BEING OPERATIONAL SO WHETHER THEY CAN RETIRE A CABRAS ONE AND TWO I THINK WOULD DEPEND ON THAT.

**SENATOR FISHER:** OKAY MAY I ASK A FURTHER FOLLOW-UP.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION

**SENATOR FISHER:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER IF FOR ANY REASON UKUDU IS NOT UP AND RUNNING WHAT WILL WE DO WE'LL LOSE ACCORDING TO THE LAW CABRAS UNITS ONE AND TWO ARE REQUIRED TO SHUTTER TURN OFF THE LIGHTS YOU KNOW IS THERE A I DON'T KNOW MAYBE I JUST ASKED FOR HER COMMENT ON THAT

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES I DO SO I IMAGINE THAT GPA WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDER THE CONSENT DECREE YEAH CONSIDERING YOU KNOW THE SITUATION THAT HAS HAPPENED WITH TYPHOON

MAWAR YEAH THAT'S REALLY UP TO THE DISCUSSIONS AT THIS POINT WE STILL GOT TIME YOU KNOW OCTOBER 31ST 2024 HASN'T HIT YET SO I KNOW GPA IS WORKING VERY HARD AT THIS TIME TO RECOVER BUT ALSO THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO GET UKUDU POWER PLANT RUNNING WHICH INCLUDES THE PIPELINE RIGHT THEY HAD TO BUILD THE PIPELINE TO THE UKUDU POWER PLANT SITE AS WELL AS YOU KNOW HOW THEIR CONTRACTORS BUILD IT SO YEAH I THINK THAT IN REGARDS TO THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION I THINK IT REALLY YOU KNOW REALLY DEPENDS ON WHAT EPA AND GPA DISCUSSES IT REGARDING THEIR CONSENT DECREE SO I DON'T HAVE A FINAL ANSWER ON THAT ONE.

**SENATOR FISHER:** OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR FISHER ALL RIGHT SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SENATOR PEREZ FOR CONTINUING ON THE MOVEMENT OF PROVIDING CLEANER AIR EVEN THOUGH GUAM IS A SMALL ISLAND AND MOST PEOPLE SAY THAT THE AIR YOU KNOW IT BLOWS EVERYTHING AWAY OFF OUR ISLAND THAT WE'RE NOT AFFECTED BUT THERE ARE REPERCUSSIONS TO THAT I MEAN WE NEED TO BE ECO-FRIENDLY REGARDLESS HOW SMALL WE ARE WE'RE ALREADY GETTING BULLIED BY THESE BIGGER COUNTRIES YOU KNOW I'M SORRY CHINA YOU KNOW ONE OF THE BIGGEST POLLUTANTS IN THE WORLD AND THERE ARE SOMETIMES MADAM SPEAKER IF YOU'VE EVER NOTICED THERE ARE DARK CLOUDS THAT COME THIS WAY BECAUSE OF THE POLLUTANTS THAT COME FROM CHINA IN THIS DIRECTION YOU KNOW THE 14 YEARS AGO WHEN I INTRODUCED THE LEGISLATION TO MANDATE THAT THE ONLY ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL THAT COMES INTO GUAM IS BY LAW WE ALSO HAD TO DEAL WITH HOW GPA WAS ACTUALLY USING FUEL THAT WAS CREATED FROM USED OIL AND THE ABILITY TO PROCESS THAT INTO A ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL WAS VERY COSTLY BUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED WHAT WE WERE SEEING IS THAT TECHNOLOGY FINALLY WAS SHOWING THAT AMBULANCES FOR INSTANCE GENERATORS THAT THEY WE'RE ALL BUILDING NOW WERE ALL GOING INTO COMPLIANCE OF USING ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL IF YOU USE DIESEL REGULAR DIESEL IN AN ENGINE LIKE A TOUR BUS REMEMBER THOSE TOUR BUSES THAT WERE DRIVING AROUND BLOWING BLACK SMOKE OUT THE BACK IF YOU WERE USING THESE DIESEL FUELS OR OR AMBULANCES WHAT WAS HAPPENING IT WOULD CLOG THE ENGINE THE PISTONS IN THE ENGINE AND CLOG IT AND THUS WE WOULD LOSE THE WARRANTY ON THESE EQUIPMENT SO TIME WAS CHANGING THAT WE WERE NOT HAVING ENOUGH AMBULANCES ON THE ISLAND BECAUSE THERE WERE BREAKING DOWN THEY WERE BRINGING THEM IN BUT THEY WE'RE PUTTING DIESEL FUEL IN THEM AND THIS ALSO PERTAINED TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS WELL TRYING TO EXCHANGE THEIR THEIR BUCKET TRUCKS AND THEIR BUSES SO THE NEED FOR ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL WAS A MUST BECAUSE THE CHANGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND TIME BUT IT'S BIGGER THAN THAT MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW IMPROVING OUR AIR QUALITY REDUCING AND REGULATING CO2 EMISSIONS WILL IMPROVE OUR AIR QUALITY AND HELP PROTECT HEALTH OF OUR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS THE COMPLIANCE WITHIN THE AAQS QS UPDATING EMISSION STANDARDS WILL HELP GUAM COMPLY WITH THE NAAQS AND WILL HELP THE ISLAND AVOID POTENTIAL PENALTIES AND LEGAL CONSEQUENCES ECONOMIC BENEFITS IMPROVING OUR AIR QUALITY CAN SIGNIFICANTLY BENEFIT OUR ECONOMIC PRIORITIES HERE ON GUAM INCLUDING INCREASED PROPERTY VALUES REDUCED HEALTH CARE COSTS AND INCREASED TOURISM OUR ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS REDUCING CO2 EMISSIONS HAS ALSO POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS INCLUDING THE PREVENTION OF ACID RAIN WHICH CAN BE DETERMINED DETRIMENTAL I MEAN EFFECTS ON FRAGILE ECOSYSTEMS THERE ARE SO MANY REASONS WHY WE NEED TO GO INTO THIS DIRECTION AND NEED TO SUPPORT THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS PUT IN PLACE THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING SUPPORTS THE BILL AND THEY TESTIFIED IT TESTIFIED THAT THEY ARE ALREADY USING FUEL WITH SULFUR CONTENT SPECIFIC TO THE BILL GPA RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS IN SECTION 1310 SECTION C TO ALLOW THE ALIGNMENT OF THE U.S EPA REGULATIONS WHICH THAT'S THE QUESTION I HAVE FOR THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION SINCE THIS BILL NOW IS SUBSTITUTED THE QUESTION THAT I HAD IS IF THAT WAS ABLE TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON SECTION 1310 SECTION C TO ALLOW THE ALIGNMENT WITH USEPA REGULATIONS WAS THAT INCORPORATED IS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IS THERE A QUESTION TO THAT WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** MY APOLOGIES CAN YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** SURE DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING GUAM POWER AUTHORITY THEY TESTIFIED THAT THEY ALREADY THEY'RE ALREADY USING THE ULTRA SULFUR CONTENT SPECIFIED IN THE BILL BUT GPA

RECOMMEND RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1310 SUBSECTION C TO ALLOW THAT IT ALIGNED WITH U.S EPA REGULATIONS AND I JUST WANTED TO ENSURE THAT WAS INCORPORATED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** YES IT WAS IN FACT THE LANGUAGE WAS REVIEWED BY USEPA AND THEY ADDED EDITS TO IT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR TAITAGUE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU. SO MUCH AND THANK YOU TO THE AUTHOR AGAIN I I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH MORE WE CAN DO WHEN IT COMES TO PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT USED OIL IS AN ISSUE THAT EVEN THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON AND TRYING TO GET THE GROUP TOGETHER TO DISCUSS WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH OUR USED OIL BECAUSE ONCE ALL THE PLANTS OOPS ONCE ALL THE PLANTS ARE UP AND RUNNING YOU KNOW FROM THE ONE IN *DEDEDO* AND THE OTHER ONES ARE BEING SHUT DOWN THAT USED OIL CAN NO BE NO LONGER BE USED FOR OUR POWER PLANTS THAT HAVE BEEN USED IN *PITI* IT'S IT'S A MIXTURE SO WHAT DO WE DO WITH OUR USED OIL SO THERE'S SO MANY OTHER VARIABLES THAT WE HAVE TO BE VERY CONSCIOUS OF AND IT AND IT'S FOR THE BENEFIT OF TODAY AND DEFINITELY BENEFIT OF OUR FUTURE AND WHERE WE'RE GOING THE ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS DONE 14 YEARS AGO I DON'T THINK WE NEED ANOTHER 14 YEARS TO PASS BEFORE WE REALIZE WE CAN DO MORE TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT WE CAN DO MORE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORLD OF ELIMINATING THE TOXINS IN OUR AIR AND THE POLLUTANTS THAT SURROUND US EVERY DAY AND IT'S ONLY GROWING THAT MADAM SPEAKER I HUMBLY ASKED THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION TO INCLUDE ME AS THE CO-SPONSOR OF THIS LEGISLATION I'M PRETTY SURE SHE KNEW THAT I WAS GOING TO DO THAT BUT HUMBLY ASKED FOR FOR THAT AS WELL AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY AND I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES HEAR THE CRY FOR FOR HELP IN FINDING WAYS WE'VE GOT GREAT MINDS IN THIS BODY FINDING WAYS TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND I THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR BARNETT ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANTED TO RISE AND SUPPORT NOT ONLY OF THIS MEASURE BUT OF THE MEASURES AUTHOR WHO CONTINUES TO DO GREAT WORK THOROUGH WORK SERIOUS WORK IT GIVES ME A HEADACHE TO JUST LOOK AT A LOT OF THESE REGULATIONS THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT UP TO PAR FOR OUR ISLAND BUT THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS MEASURE NEVER HESITATES TO DIVE RIGHT INTO THESE THINGS THAT LIKE I JUST LOOK AT THIS AND I'M LIKE NO THANK YOU BUT IT'S GOT TO BE DONE BECAUSE OUR PEOPLE DESERVE NO LESS AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT STANDARDS THAT ARE APPLICABLE ACROSS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND IF THE PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DESERVE THESE TYPES OF STANDARDS AND *MAGĀHET* SO DO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM YES WE ARE PART OF THE UNITED STATES THANK YOU YEAH BUT WE STILL HAVE TO DO THE WORK TO BRING OUR REGULATIONS UP TO PAR AND THAT'S WHY I COMMEND THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL BECAUSE IT'S DIFFICULT WORK IS NOT SEXY BUT IT IS SO NECESSARY AND SHE CONTINUES TO DO THIS WORK I WAS A FAN OF HERS BEFORE I GOT INTO THIS LEGISLATURE AND I'M LUCKY TO COUNTER AS A COLLEAGUE NOT ONLY AS A COLLEAGUE BUT AS A FRIEND AS WELL AND I WOULD ALSO ASK THAT SHE ADD ME AS A CO-SPONSOR THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AND THEN SENATOR BROWN.

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** THANK YOU GOOD AFTERNOON MADAM SPEAKER I'M A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT THIS YOU KNOW FROM A I GUESS A BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE MAYBE HOLDING THESE TYPES OF OR HAVING THEM BOUND BY THIS BILL OR THIS LAW MIGHT IMPEDE THEIR ABILITY ON CHOICE OR MAYBE A MUCH MORE CHEAPER FUEL AND THAT MIGHT RAISE COSTS FOR OUR RATEPAYERS HAVING TO CHOOSE A MORE CLEANER OPTION GO UP TO THE AUTO PORT UP HERE AT NAVAL HOSPITAL AND THEY PUSHED ME TO THIS ONE LINE AND I HAVE NO CHOICE BECAUSE THAT LINE IS ONLY SELLING PREMIUM OR PREMIUM UNLEADED GAS WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT MORE EXPENSIVE SO I'M FORCED TO PAY IT I THINK THIS MIGHT MIGHT BE DETRIMENTAL TO CHOICE AND PERHAPS A GPA NOT BEING ABLE TO PURCHASE A CHEAPER GRADE OF FUEL SO ALTHOUGH I SUPPORT THE CLEAN AIR AND ALL THAT STUFF BECAUSE WE LOVE CLEAN AIR BUT I WONDER HOW THIS TRANSLATES IN OUR UTILITY BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR BROWN.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL THAT ESSENTIALLY WILL SIMPLY UPGRADE OUR STANDARDS WITH REGARDS TO AIR EMISSIONS WHICH I THINK IS VERY CRITICAL WE KIND OF TAKE FOR GRANTED YOU KNOW THE QUALITY OF AIR THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE ALSO HAVE EXPERIENCED ADVERSE IMPACTS WHEN THOSE STANDARDS HAVE NOT BEEN EFFECTIVELY PUT IN PLACE OR PROPERLY REGULATED AND THAT'S THE HOPE THAT CERTAINLY ONCE WE PASS THIS OF THESE STANDARDS WILL BE PUT IN PLACE BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY THAT THEY WILL BE ENFORCED WHICH IS ALWAYS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE CERTAINLY I'VE DEALT WITH THAT EXPERIENCE OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM WHEN CABRAS PUT UP THEIR BASE LOAD GENERATOR THAT HAD BEEN DOWN THEY DIDN'T NOTIFY US AND WE HAD WORKERS OUT THERE IN THE YARD THAT WERE MOVING CARGO OFF A VESSEL AND WE HAD SIX EMPLOYEES THAT HAD TO BE ADMITTED TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT THAT TIME TO BE CHECKED BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT OF THE ADMISSIONS FROM CABRAS SINCE THAT TIME WE TRIED TO WORK OUT AGREEMENTS WITH GPA TO BE PROPERLY NOTIFIED SO WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY CONFLICT WITH REGARDS TO THEM BRINGING UP THEIR BASE LOADS BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THE DISCHARGE DEFINITELY HAD IMPACT ON HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND SO MOVING FORWARD CERTAINLY I DO LOOK FORWARD TO THE CLOSURE OF CABRAS THEY'VE HAD MANY CHALLENGES OVER THE YEARS IN THE OPERATIONS OF THAT FACILITY EVEN MOST RECENTLY AFTER THE STORM AND I'M SURE JOHN BENAVENTE LOOKS FORWARD TO THAT TIME ALSO WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF OF THE NEW HOPEFULLY MORE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY MODERNIZED POWER PLANT THAT WILL BE BUILT UP NORTH SO I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THESE STANDARDS I THINK IT'S CRITICALLY THAT WE MAINTAIN OUR AIR QUALITY AND ALSO WOULD ASK THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL TO INCLUDE ME AS A CO-SPONSOR THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL ANYONE ELSE ON THE BILL SENATOR BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR BLAS:** 30 SECOND RECESS PLEASE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SURE 30 SECOND RECESS.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** OKAY OUR WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE ALL THE DEBATE AND THE SUPPORT ON THIS BILL AND I THINK IT'S GOOD THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THIS BILL WAS CREATED BECAUSE WE ARE NOT A NON-COMPLIANCE AND WE ARE UNDER CONSENT DECREE AND THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO COMPLY OTHERWISE WE MAY BE FACING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS A DAY AND IN PENALTIES AND THAT'S SOMETHING GPA GUAM EPA ARE WORKING VERY HARD TO AVOID AT THIS TIME AND SO I THINK YOU KNOW IN ADDITION TO COMPLYING WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT YOU KNOW REALLY THIS IS ULTIMATELY ABOUT THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY YOU KNOW WE'VE GONE THROUGH A PANDEMIC RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES YOU KNOW WE KNOW THAT THESE POLLUTANTS AGGRAVATE THE RESPIRATORY ATTRACT AND WE COME FROM A COMMUNITY THAT IS FACED WITH A LOT OF ILLNESSES AND THE MORE THAT WE CAN CLEAN OUR ENVIRONMENT UP THE MORE WE CAN PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE AND NOT ONLY THAT I THINK THE OUR ENVIRONMENT REALLY NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED AFTER MANY DECADES OF BEING NON-COMPLIANCE AND SO AGAIN THIS YOU KNOW THIS MARKS A CHANGE FOR GUAM BECAUSE FOR MANY YEARS WE WERE A NON-COMPLIANT WE WERE POLLUTING OUR ENVIRONMENT WE WERE CAUSING THE DISTRESS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN FACT ONE OF THE PLANTS IS VERY CLOSE TO A SCHOOL AND SO AND YOU KNOW WE KNOW THAT CHILDREN ARE MORE VULNERABLE TO THESE TO THE IMPACTS OF THESE AIR POLLUTANTS OR POLLUTANTS IN GENERAL AND SO I THINK YOU KNOW THIS IS A CRITICAL BILL WE'VE ALSO BEEN TOLD I MEAN THAT US EPA HAS THE POWER TO WITHHOLD 17 MILLION DOLLARS IN IN HIGHWAY FUNDS SO THERE'S MULTIPLE NEGATIVE IMPACTS IF WE DO NOT PASS THIS BILL BUT MANY BENEFITS IF WE DO AND SO YOU KNOW BEFORE I UM PUT IT TO THE THIRD READING FILE I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COUPLE AMENDMENTS TO ADD CO-SPONSORS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SURE.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** I'D LIKE TO ADD SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SENATOR JOANNE BROWN AND IF SENATOR TOM FISHER AND IF THERE'S ANYONE ELSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED ON I'LL

ADD EVERYONE ELSE AS WELL ONTO THE BILL AS CO-SPONSORS I MAKE THE MOTION TO MAKE TO ADD TO EVERYONE ELSE AS CO-SPONSORS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT DOES THE CLERK HAVE THAT MOTION CLEAR ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PEREZ.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT AND I MAKE THE MOTION TO MOVE BILL 101-37 AS AMENDED AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR INTO THE THIRD READING FILE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO MOVE BILL NUMBER 101-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO RECESS SESSION UNTIL 4 P.M. TOMORROW FOR VOTING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THE THE MOTION IS NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES SENATOR SHELTON NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES I MOVE TO RECESS TODAY'S SESSION UNTIL 4 P.M. TOMORROW FRIDAY FOR VOTING ON THE BILLS THAT WE'VE ALREADY COMPLETED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THEY WILL BE ENGROSSED BY TOMORROW SO THE MOTION IS TO TO PROCEED SINCE WE ARE NOT GOING TO DO THAT THAT OTHER BILL UNTIL MONDAY TO PROCEED WITH VOTING TOMORROW ON THE BILLS THAT WE'VE COMPLETED SO FAR SO THAT IS MOTION ON THE FLOOR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SENATOR TAITAGUE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** MADAM SPEAKER CAN I JUST HAVE ONE 30 SECONDS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SURE 30 SECOND RECESS.

## RECESS

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT WE'RE BACK ON SORRY WE'RE BACK IN WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS THERE WAS A MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT FOUR TO NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES CONSIDER THE DAILY FILE AND THEN RESUME WITH THE SECOND READING AFTER WE VOTE THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF RECESS UNTIL 4 P.M. TOMORROW TO VOTE PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS ONE THREE NO WE'RE NOT ON THAT ONE BILL NUMBER IS 36-37 COR SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR PEREZ:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO SET ASIDE BILL 36-37.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SET ASIDE THE MOTION IS TO SET ASIDE BILL NUMBER 36-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION ON THAT MOTION ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATE MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE HAD MY HAND UP BEFORE HER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES THERE'S A PRECEDENT IN THE RULES FOR THE MAJORITY LEADER.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** CAN YOU REPEAT REPEAT THE MOTION MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THE MOTION THAT WE PASSED WAS TO SET ASIDE BILL NUMBER 36-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE SET ASIDE.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S NO PENDING MOTION.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I ASK TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY FOR US TO COME BACK TOMORROW AT 4 P.M. TO VOTE THE MOTION WAS THE MOTION FAILED HOWEVER WE'VE DONE THIS IN THE PAST WHERE WE VOTE ON THE BILLS THAT WE'VE HAD IN FRONT OF US AND WHEN

BILLS ARE ADDED ON THEN WE COME BACK FOR THEM AT A LATER DATE AND SO WE'VE EXHAUSTED THE AGENDA UP UNTIL THIS POINT AND ASKED THAT WE'D BE ABLE TO VOTE AS SOON AS WE CAN WHICH IS TOMORROW WHEN THE LEGAL COUNSEL WILL BE ABLE TO ENGROSS ALL OF THE BILLS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THEY SAID THAT THEY ARE READY TO VOTE EARLIER TOMORROW SO BUT SO ARE YOU RENEWING YOUR MOTION THERE'S A MOTION WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** YES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I ASKED TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY FOR US TO COME BACK TOMORROW AT FOUR TO VOTE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS SENATOR TAITAGUE.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I MAKE A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I THINK IF THAT'S NEEDED THAT WE COME BACK WE RECESS UNTIL MONDAY AT 9:00 A.M. TO CONTINUE THE AGENDA WHICH WE HAVE ONE MORE BILL ON THE SESSION AGENDA ON MONDAY AND GO TO VOTE LATER THAT EVENING SO MY MOTION IS TO COME IN ON MONDAY AT 10 O'CLOCK ON MONDAY I BELIEVE THAT'S JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS WE'RE GOING TO RECESS TOMORROW UNTIL 4 P.M.

**RECESS**

## *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* **2023 (FIRST) Regular Session** LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION WELCOME BACK COLLEAGUES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT WE ACT ON THE VOTING FILE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO ACT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE WILL TAKE A TWO-MINUTE RECESS TO DISTRIBUTE THE FILES.

**RECESS**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** UH OH WHERE ARE THOSE GUYS IN THE BACK WHERE ARE THOSE TWO *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS THE FOLDERS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO PROCEEDING NOW OR DO YOU NEED MORE TIME OKAY SO WE'RE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE THIRD READING FILE AND THE FIRST BILL IS BILL NUMBER 42-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**CLERKS STAFF:** BILL NUMBER 42-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY CHRIS BARNETT TELO T. TAITAGUE JOE S. SAN AUGUSTIN AMANDA L. SHELTON CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS JESSE A. LUJAN DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS THOMAS J. FISHER WILLIAM A. PARKINSON ROY A.B. QUINATA FRANK BLAS, JR. THERESE M. TERLAJE JOANNE BROWN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES SABINA FLORES PEREZ AN ACT TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 7117 AND 7117.1 TO CHAPTER 7 OF TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THE AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATED

EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AT ALL SCHOOL CAMPUSES OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BY JUNE 30 2024.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 42-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 44-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**CLERKS STAFF:** BILL NUMBER 44-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY CHRIS BARNETT SABINA FLORES PEREZ TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES THERESE M. TERLAJE WILLIAM A. PARKINSON JOE S. SAN AUGUSTIN ROY A.B. QUINATA DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS AMANDA L. SHELTON JOANNE BROWN FRANK BLAS, JR. JESSE A. LUJAN AN ACT TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 7117 7112 D AND 7112.2 TO CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CREATING THE SAFE SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT OF 2023.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 44-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 20-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**CLERKS STAFF:** BILL NUMBER 20-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM A. PARKINSON THERESE M. TERLAJE ROY A.B. QUINATA DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS CHRIS BARNETT TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES JOE S. SAN AUGUSTIN AMANDA L. SHELTON AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 2103 AND 2104 OF ARTICLE 1 AND SECTIONS 2701 2702 2703 AND 2705 OF ARTICLE 7 AND TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION D TO SECTION 2201 OF ARTICLE 2 AND A NEW SECTION TO 2706 TO ARTICLE 7 ALL OF CHAPTER 2 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO RESTORING ACCESS TO FEDERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WITH FELONY DRUG CONVICTIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 20-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 62-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**CLERKS STAFF:** BILL NUMBER 62-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY CHRIS BARNETT TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS TELO T. TAITAGUE THOMAS J. FISHER DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS SABINA FLORES PEREZ AMANDA L. SHELTON JOE S. SAN AUGUSTIN ROY A.B. QUINATA FRANK BLAS, JR. JESSE A. LUJAN AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS ONE TWO ONE ZERO FOUR ONE TWO ONE ZERO SIX AND ONE TWO ONE ZERO EIGHT B AND TO REPOSE SECTIONS ONE TWO ONE ZERO SEVEN R AND T OF CHAPTER 12 TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE PROCESS FOR CHARTER SCHOOL PETITIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.



**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR BROWN.

**SENATOR BROWN:** MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO REQUEST THE BODY TO RECUSE ME OF VOTING ON THIS BILL I HAVE A CHILD THAT ATTENDS A SCHOOL THAT MAY PARTICIPATE OR BENEFIT FROM THIS LEGISLATION SO I REQUEST NOT TO VOTE ON IT.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S BEEN A REQUEST NOT TO VOTE ON THE BILL IT'S SUBJECT TO THE BODY'S CONSENT ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING HER NOT TO VOTE ON THE BILL PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** EXCUSE ME MADAM SPEAKER WHAT WAS THE REASON FOR THE RECUSAL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SENATOR BROWN WOULD YOU PLEASE RESTATE THE REASON.

**SENATOR BROWN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE A CHILD THAT IS ATTENDING A SCHOOL THAT MAY BENEFIT FROM THIS LEGISLATION SO I'M REQUESTING OF THE BODY NOT TO VOTE ON THIS BILL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I THINK THEY CAN'T HEAR YOU SENATOR BROWN SORRY IT IS.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SOMETHING LIKE THE AIR CON IS VERY LOUD YEAH IF YOU COULD JUST SAY IT AGAIN LOUDER PLEASE.

**SENATOR BROWN:** I'M REQUESTING NOT TO VOTE ON THIS BILL BECAUSE I HAVE A CHILD THAT'S ATTENDING A SCHOOL THAT MAY BENEFIT FROM THIS LEGISLATION SO THAT IS MY REASON FOR ASKING THE BODY'S CONSIDERATION FOR ME NOT TO VOTE ON THIS BILL TO RECUSE ME FROM VOTING THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING THE SENATOR TO BE RECUSED FROM VOTING PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND TO BE RECUSED FROM VOTING MOTION PASSES CLERKS DID YOU GET THAT VOTE CLERKS OKAY.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 62-37 COR RECEIVED 14 AYES AND ONE EXCUSED BILL NUMBER 62-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 73-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**CLERKS STAFF:** BILL NUMBER 73-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY THERESE M. TERLAJE CHRIS BARNETT TELO T. TAITAGUE JOANNE BROWN AN ACT TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 16115 16116 16117 16118 16119 AND 16120 TO CHAPTER 16 DIVISION ONE TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO FURTHER EXPANDING ACCESS TO OPIOID ANTAGONISTS BY ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY OPIOID ACCESS BYSTANDER PROGRAM AND REQUIRING CODE PRESCRIPTION OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 73-37 LS RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 82-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**CLERKS STAFF:** BILL NUMBER 82-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE

FLOOR INTRODUCED BY DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS WILLIAM A. PARKINSON JESSE A. LUJAN JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN ROY A.B. QUINATA TELO T. TAITAGUE THOMAS J. FISHER JOANNE BROWN CHRIS BARNETT FRANK BLAS, JR. SABINA FLORES PEREZ AMANDA L. SHELTON THERESE M. TERLAJE AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7102.2 7120.5 7160E AND 7161 F OF CHAPTER 7 TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ALLOWING REPUBLIC OF KOREA VETERANS AND DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS RECIPIENTS TO QUALIFY FOR GUAM VETERAN LICENSE PLATES AND TO ALLOW MORE DOCUMENTS TO BE USED FOR VETERAN QUALIFICATIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 82-37 LS RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY CONGRATULATIONS BILL NUMBER 94-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**CLERKS STAFF:** BILL NUMBER 94-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL DISABILITY SERVICES SELF-DETERMINATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOUSING PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE GUAM BUILD UP AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY ROY A.B. QUINATA JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES CHRIS BARNETT SABINA FLORES PEREZ AMANDA L. SHELTON DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS WILLIAM A. PARKINSON THOMAS J. FISHER FRANK BLAS, JR. JOANNE BROWN CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS JESSE A. LUJAN TELO T. TAITAGUE THERESE M. TERLAJE AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT CHAPTER 58D OF TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE *MA KĀHAT* ACT OF 2013.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 94-37 COR RECEIVED 14 AYES AND ONE NAY BILL NUMBER 94-37 COR DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 101-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**CLERKS STAFF:** BILL NUMBER 101-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING AND SUBSTITUTED AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY SABINA FLORES PEREZ TELO T. TAITAGUE CHRIS BARNETT JOANNE BROWN FRANK BLAS, JR. THOMAS J. FISHER CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS JESSE A. LUJAN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES WILLIAM A. PARKINSON ROY A.B. QUINATA JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS AMANDA L. SHELTON THERESE M. TERLAJE AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 1310 OF ARTICLE 3 CHAPTER 1 TITLE 22 GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO ADOPTING UPDATED EMISSION STANDARDS FOR SULFUR OXIDES FROM FUEL COMBUSTIONS TO ENSURE THE ISLAND OF GUAM MEETS THE NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS FOR SULFUR DIOXIDE BY THE GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SUBSTITUTE BILL NUMBER 101-37 COR RECEIVED 14 AYES ONE NAY AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY WE'VE CONCLUDED WITH THE THIRD READING FILE WE ARE NOW IN THE VOTING FILE ON THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH BARRETT ANDERSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION COMMISSION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

SHOW OF HANDS:

**SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE**

THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH BARRETT ANDERSON RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF JASON W. BAZA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM BANKING AND INSURANCE BOARD ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

SHOW OF HANDS:

**SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE**

JASON W. BAZA RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF STEVEN R. HOLLISTER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

SHOW OF HANDS:

**SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE**

STEVEN R. HOLLISTER RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF DAVID J. JOHN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

SHOW OF HANDS:

**SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SPEAKER TERLAJE**

DAVID JOHN DAVID J. JOHN RECEIVED MAJORITY SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF YOLANDA M. PADRONES TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

SHOW OF HANDS:

**SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE**

YOLANDA M. PADRONES RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF DONALD I. WEAKLEY, SR. TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE A.B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

SHOW OF HANDS:

**SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE**

DONALD I. WEAKLEY, SR. RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF ALEXANDRIA "SANDY" GOULD YOW TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM REAL ESTATE COMMISSION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

SHOW OF HANDS:

**SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE**

ALEXANDRIA "SANDY" GOULD YOW RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY THAT CONCLUDES OUR VOTING FILE WE ARE NOW ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS THE FLOOR IS OPEN THERE'S OH SORRY WE'RE NOT THERE WE STILL HAVE ONE MORE ITEM ON THE SECOND READING MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED/

**SENATOR SHELTON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. MONDAY TO ADDRESS BILL 130-37.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** MOTION TO RECESS AT 10 A.M. ON MONDAY IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES FOR A RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M MONDAY *SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* TO THE CLERKS AND TO EACH OF YOU MY COLLEAGUES *SI YU'OS MA'ASE'*.

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**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS BACK BACK IN SESSION THIS MORNING SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES IF WE CAN GO BACK GO TO THE SECOND READING.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES TO GO BACK TO SECOND READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZE OR WE ARE NOW ON SECOND READING WE ARE ON BILL NUMBER 130-37 COR SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU AND *HÅFA ADAI* MADAM SPEAKER AND COLLEAGUES BILL NUMBER 130-37COR IS IS AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF CONCESSION AGREEMENTS OF THE ANTONIO B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM I'VE STATED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING THAT THIS BILL IS A SIMPLE MEASURE AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF CONCESSION AGREEMENTS OF OUR ONLY COMMERCIAL AIRPORT GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY ALSO KNOWN AS THE A.B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE DIFFERENT BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR THEIR OPERATIONS AND LIVELIHOOD GIAA MANAGEMENT INFORMED US THAT WITH THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS OUR AIRPORT HAS SEVERELY SUFFERED LOSSES AND REVENUES DUE TO THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THE COVID PANDEMIC AND NOW THE SUPER TYPHOON MAWAR THIS BILL PROVIDES A REVENUE STREAM FOR OUR AIRPORT TO OPERATE EFFICIENTLY AND TO ENSURE FINANCIALLY FINANCIAL SECURITY WITH EXTENSION IN PLACE BUSINESSES ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO PASSENGERS ENTERING AND OR CONNECTING VIA GUAM ALSO THIS MEASURE ALLOWS GIAA TO IMPROVE AND BE INNOVATIVE WHICH PROMOTES ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND GROWTH I AM THANKFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE PAST OF THIS MEASURE A MADAM SPEAKER I ONLY HAVE ONE AMENDMENT AND IT IS ON THE DRIVE AND I ASKED MY CO-SPONSOR SENATOR JESSE LUJAN TO SPEAK ON THAT AMENDMENT IT'S IT'S AND IT'S ONLY FOR TO ADD A LEGISLATURE'S INTENT AND FINDINGS THAT'S ALL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALRIGHT WELL JUST A MINUTE SO YOU'RE INTRODUCING AN AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** OKAY SO ALL ALL ANYWAY AND SO THOSE WHO WANT TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT WILL BEGIN WITH SENATOR LUJAN ON THE AMENDMENT CAN YOU READ YOUR AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** YES IS TO ADD A NEW SECTION ONE TO BILL THE BILL TO READ SECTION ONE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT LEGISLATURE FINDS THAT GIVEN THE DAMAGE AND UNCERTAINTY CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC TYPHOON MAWAR AND OTHER GEOPOLITICAL ISSUES AND HARDSHIPS THAT HAVE ARISEN OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS IS PROJECTED TO TAKE AT LEAST SEVERAL YEARS FOR THE TERRITORY VISITORS INDUSTRY AND FOR A.B.WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO ACHIEVE IN THAT IN PLANE TRAJECTORY AND FINANCIAL STABILITY THROUGH THE RESTORATION OF OPERATING RESERVES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS EXPECTED PRIOR TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ACCORDINGLY *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* FINDS THAT THE CURRENT GIAA CONCESSIONS ARE IN THE BUSINESS OF THE OF GIAA AND THE TERRITORY AND AN EXTENT OF SUCH CONCESSION IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF GIAA AND THE TERRITORY AND THEN ALSO TO CHANGE SECTION TWO AUTHORITY TO GRANT EXTENT EXTENDED CONCESSION AGREEMENTS THE A.B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS AUTHORIZED AND.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THAT ONE IS JUST THE NUMBER RING RIGHT.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** YES THAT'S CORRECT JUST CHANGING THE NUMBER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** AND THEN IT SAYS ON THE BOTTOM TO ALLOW LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND THE CLERKS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** YES MA'AM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU SO ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR LUJAN.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER THE AMENDMENT I AM IN TOTAL AGREEMENT OF COURSE OF THE AND CO-SPONSOR OF THE SECTION ONE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT TO ADD THAT ON I ENCOURAGE MY MY COLLEAGUES TO TO VOTE ON THAT AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER THE THE AMENDMENT IS ADDED BASED ON THE PUBLIC HEARING THAT WAS HAD REGARDING BILL 130-37 AND ACT RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONSENSUS AGREEMENT THE ANTONIO B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS MADAM SPEAKER THE WORLD HAS SEEN OF COURSE AN EXPERIENCE UNPRECEDENTED AND UNIMAGINABLE EVENTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH HAVE DRASTICALLY DISRUPTED OR CHANGED ALL OF OUR LIVES THIS IS WORLDWIDE BASICALLY COVID-19 PANDEMIC BROUGHT THE WORLDWIDE TRAVEL INDUSTRY TO AN ABRUPT AND IMMEDIATE HALT GUAM TOURISM AS WE ALL KNOW WHICH IS THEIR PRIMARY INDUSTRY WAS SEVERELY DEVASTATED CONSEQUENTLY ARRIVALS AT THE ANTONIO B. WON PAT GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY PRECIPITOUSLY DROPPED TO ALMOST ZERO IF NOT ZERO AT MOST OF THE TIMES THERE DRAMATICALLY AFFECTED THE A.B. WON PAT GUAM NATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY REVENUE AND FINANCIAL STABILITY WE ALL UNDERSTAND OF COURSE THAT COVID-19 PANDEMIC RECOVERY IS A DELIBERATE PROCESS AND TAKES A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WE HAVE TO COMMAND OF COURSE THE GIAA FOLKS UP THERE IT'S DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES AND THE STAKEHOLDERS ALL OF WHOM HAVE BEEN WORKING TREMENDOUSLY HARD ALONGSIDE THE GUAM VISITORS BUREAU AND VARIOUS OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ON THE RECOVERY OF GUAM'S TOURISM AND TRAVEL INDUSTRY FROM THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC AS THAT WAS HAPPENING WE GOT WHACKED BY OF COURSE TYPHOON MAWAR WE'VE ALL SEEN AND ARE VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE TYPHOON MAWAR HAS DONE TO OUR ISLAND THE AIRPORT WAS NOT SPARED WE'VE ALL SEEN IN SOCIAL MEDIA DURING THE TYPHOON OR AFTERWARDS THE ALL THAT WATER WAS THAT WAS GUSHING FROM THE SECOND FLOOR ALL THE WAY ALL THE WAY DOWN AND TO DATE A LOT OF THEIR EQUIPMENT THEIR ELEVATORS ESCALATORS ARE STILL INOPERABLE AND STILL AWAITING FIXING WE SAW WE SAW THE CATASTROPHIC SITUATION THAT THAT ALL DID ADDITIONALLY WITH THE DAMAGE SUFFERED IN *TUMON* OUR TRAVEL INDUSTRY IN THE TOUR INDUSTRY HAS SUFFERED ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT SETBACK AS GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY WORKS ON ITS RECOVERY EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ITS EMPLOYMENT TRAJECTORY ITS FINANCIAL STABILITY AND THE REPAIRS OF TYPHOON MAWAR DAMAGES IT NEEDS ADDITIONAL HELP A GIA REVENUE CONCESSIONS WHICH RGA GIAA'S MAIN SOURCE OF NON-AIRLINE REVENUE HAVE OR WILL SOON EXPIRE WHILE THESE CONCESSION MAY CONTINUE ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS MONTH-TO-MONTH HOLDOUT BASIS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES THEY MUST ALSO RECOVER AND CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS AND INVESTMENTS NEEDED AS PART OF THE RECOVERY UNLESS THEIR CONCESSION TERMS ARE EXTENDED FURTHERMORE CONSIDERING THE CONDITION OF THE AIRPORT AND THE STATE OF OUR TOURISM INDUSTRY NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR THE GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PROCUREMENTS OF THESE FOR THESE CONCESSIONS THE MARKET IS OBVIOUSLY VERY BAD GIAA HAS ASKED US TO HELP WITH THE PASSAGE OF BILL NUMBER 130-37 THIS LAW WILL GIVE THE GIAA AND OUR ISLAND THE TIME WE NEED TO GET OUR RECOVERY BACK ON TRACK AND IT'S IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR AIRPORT AND OUR ISLAND WITHOUT THIS LAW GIA WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY HANDICAPPED IN ITS RECOVERY EFFORTS MADAM SPEAKER THEREFORE I RESPECT RESPECTFULLY URGE ALL MY COLLEAGUES HERE THIS MORNING TO JOIN THE RECOVERY EFFORTS AND VOTE IN FAVOR NOT ONLY IN THIS AMENDMENT BUT THIS BILL MADAM CHAIR MADAM SPEAKER BILL 130-37 THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR I CERTAINLY RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT AND I'M GLAD THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION AS WELL AS THE CO-SPONSOR TO THIS AMENDMENT SENATOR LUJAN AND OF COURSE THE AUTHOR SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN HAVE ADDED THIS LEGISLATIVE INTENT THIS IS THE REASON WHY I'M SUPPORTING THIS BILL MADAM SPEAKER IN ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCE OF COURSE WE WILL ALWAYS WANT TO ENSURE THAT COMPETITIVE BIDS ARE ISSUED BUT WE ARE NOW HAVE HAD BASICALLY FOR A CERTAIN TWO AND A HALF YEARS OF ALMOST NO MOVEMENT WITHIN THE AIRPORT AND JUST AS WE WERE STARTING TO RECOVER A MASSIVE TYPHOON MAWAR I DON'T SEE HOW ANY BUSINESS COULD BE EXPECTED TO HAVE TO WITHSTAND ALL OF THAT ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND STILL PAY THE RENT AND BE IN GOOD STANDING AS A VENDOR IN THE AIRPORT I WAS ALSO HEARTENED BY THE TESTIMONY PARTICULARLY OF RICKY HERNANDEZ AND OTHERS BOARD MEMBERS AS WELL AND MANAGEMENT BY EXPLAINING IN DETAIL THAT THIS IS INDUSTRY-WIDE THE GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DID NOT WAKE UP ONE MORNING AND MAKE A DECISION HEY I GOT A GOOD IDEA LET'S GIVE A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HARMED BY NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN WITH A WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC AS WELL AS NOW ON TOP OF IT A SUPER TYPHOON I'LL SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION AS WELL BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT IT WAS VERY COMPELLING IN TERMS OF THE AIRPORT'S PRESENTATION AND IT WILL BE UNUSUAL AND NOT TOO PARTICULARLY FITTING FOR MY POSITION UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES BUT I DON'T LOOK AT THIS AS A NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCE AND I DON'T THINK MANY OTHER JURISDICTIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND PERHAPS AROUND THE WORLD WHO HAVE CONCESSION AGREEMENTS HAVE MADE THESE SAME DECISIONS BECAUSE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE OTHER THINGS TO MENTION ON THE MAIN MOTION BUT I THINK THIS EDITION OF THE INTENT WAS THE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AND COMPULSORY SO THAT ANYBODY READING THIS BILL WOULD UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH ANYBODY WOULD TAKE EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR DUENAS ON THE AMENDMENT VICE SPEAKER.

**NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES**

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SO WE ARE ON THE AMENDMENT I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE AT THIS TIME YOU MAY PROCEED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES IF I COULD JUST POSE A QUESTION TO THE SPONSOR IF HE WILL YIELD AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK WHY IS THIS AMENDMENT NECESSARY.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THAT INQUIRY PLEASE.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** SURE MADAM SPEAKER THE THE PURPOSE OF THAT IS JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD WHY THEY'RE ASKING WE'RE GRANTING THEM A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION VERY SIMPLE IF YOU LOOK AT THE IT'S LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN SPEAKER WON TERLAJE YOU MAY STILL PROCEED.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU MY CONCERN WITH THE AMENDMENT AND I I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE WE'RE TRYING TO GET AROUND THE PROCUREMENT LAW SOMEHOW BY SAYING THIS IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE AIRPORT THIS IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TERRITORY AND SOMETIMES WHEN THERE ARE PROCUREMENT DISPUTES THOSE MAKING THE DECISIONS HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST AND SO I FEEL LIKE WE'RE TRYING TO I'M HOPING WE'RE ACTING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF WHAT WE THINK IS THE BEST INTEREST BUT I JUST FEEL BY PUTTING IT IN HERE IT'S SOMETHING RELATED TO DICTATING THE OUTCOME OF ANY PROCUREMENT PROTEST THAT MIGHT ARISE ON THE BILL AND AS YOU KNOW THIS BILL IS DEAD SET IN THE MIDDLE OF LITIGATION THAT'S ONGOING AND I'M NOT FAMILIAR THAT MUCH WITH THE LITIGATION ITSELF BUT I DO KNOW THAT IT'S ONGOING IT HASN'T BEEN RESOLVED THE AIRPORT HAS TOLD US THEY REFUSE TO ISSUE OUT REGULAR PROCUREMENTS ON ANY CONCESSIONS BECAUSE OF THE ONGOING LITIGATION WITH THOSE TWO GIANT CORPORATIONS COMPETING FOR THE BIG CONCESSION AND THEY WOULD NOT EXPLAIN TO US WHAT THE ISSUES WERE THAT PREVENTED THEM FROM PUTTING OUT BIDS FOR THE SMALLER CONCESSIONS SUCH AS THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE AND THEY SAID IT'S ALL RELATED TO THE BIG LITIGATION AND I JUST I JUST THINK BY SAYING ALSO THAT I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT THIS

MEANS IT SAYS IT'S PROJECTED THAT THE THE HARDSHIPS THAT HAVE ARISEN ARE PROJECTED TO TAKE AT LEAST SEVERAL YEARS FOR THE TERRITORIES VISITOR INDUSTRY AND FOR THE AIRPORT TO ACHIEVE THE ENPLANEMENT TRAJECTORY AND FINANCIAL STABILITY THROUGH THE RESTORATION OF OPERATING RESERVES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS EXPECTED PRIOR TO COVET 19. SOME OF THE ARGUMENTS MADE IN FAVOR OF THIS AMENDMENT IS THAT THESE CONCESSIONS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO WITHSTAND ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND STILL MAKE PAYMENT ON THEIR RENT BUT WE HEARD TESTIMONY AT THE HEARING AND OTHER HEARINGS THAT ACTUALLY THEY WERE GIVEN BIG BREAKS ON THEIR RENT WITH FEDERAL FUNDS THAT THE AIRPORT RECEIVED THEY ALSO WERE ENTITLED TO ALL THE FEDERAL FUNDING THAT OTHER BUSINESSES ACROSS GUAM AND I WANT TO SAY IT IS NOT ONLY AN INDUSTRY-WIDE ISSUE THAT GUAM FACED IT WAS NOT ONLY THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY OR THE AIRPORT INDUSTRY OR THE CONCESSIONS IN AIRPORTS INDUSTRY THAT WAS AFFECTED IT WAS OUR ENTIRE ISLAND WE HAVE A TOURIST DRIVEN ECONOMY PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC AND SO I THINK IT'S VERY SIMILAR TO SIMILAR TO OTHER INDUSTRIES ISLAND-WIDE IS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY ALL OF OUR INDUSTRIES THEN SHOULD GET BIG BREAKS ON THEIR PROCUREMENT WE KNOW THAT THERE WAS RENTAL ASSISTANCE DIRECTLY GIVEN BY THE AIRPORT THERE WAS ALSO RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT WERE SPONSORED BY GEDA AND FEDERAL FUNDS AND SBA THERE ARE ALSO BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAMS AND I'M NOT SAYING THESE BUSINESSES STILL DON'T NEED IT I AM JUST SAYING THAT THIS IS A BIG HUGE EXCEPTION THAT THIS BILL IS TRYING TO MAKE TO THE PROCUREMENT THE NORMAL PROCUREMENT AND IF WE USE THIS RATIONALE WE SHOULD BE MAKING BIG HUGE EXCEPTIONS AND CONTINUING EVERY SINGLE LEASE OUT THERE EVERY SINGLE AGREEMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE FOR THREE MORE YEARS WITHOUT ANY COMPETITIVE BIDDING I'M A LITTLE WEARY OF THAT ESPECIALLY WITHOUT THE EXPLANATIONS THAT WE ASKED FOR AT THE HEARING MADAM SPEAKER SO I'M JUST CAUTIOUS I GUESS I THINK WHEN WE'RE PUTTING OURSELVES AS A LEGISLATURE RIGHT DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF A PROCUREMENT EVERY WORD THAT WE SAY MIGHT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THAT LITIGATION THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME ANYONE ELSE ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT AS PROFFERED BY SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AND SENATOR LUJAN YOU MAY PROCEED GOOD MORNING.

**SENATOR TAITAGUE:** GOOD MORNING TO YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS MONDAY YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER OF COURSE I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT WHY NOT I MEAN THE QUESTION IS WHY PUT IT IN THERE WELL WHY NOT IS MY QUESTION WE JUST PASSED ON FRIDAY SEVERAL BILLS SEVERAL BILLS THAT THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER WAS IN A CO-SPONSOR TO ALL HAD LEGISLATIVE INTENTS ON THOSE BILLS SO I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING AT THIS LEGISLATION BUT TO UNDERSTAND THE HISTORY BEHIND THE LEGISLATURE I MEAN THE LEGISLATION IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT MANY TIMES LAWYERS OR EVEN JUDGES WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING AT LAWS IT'S NOT QUITE CLEAR SO WHAT THEY DO IS THEY REVERT TO THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF THE LAW TO UNDERSTAND IT MORE THOROUGHLY BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT ALL GREAT YOU KNOW WRITERS OF OF BILLS WE TRY TO BE AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A LEGAL YOU KNOW SOMEONE FROM LEGAL TO TO REVIEW OUR LEGISLATION TO MAKE SURE WE PUT ALL OUR DUCKS IN ORDER CROSS OUR T'D DOT OUR I'S BUT SOMETIMES THINGS SLIP AND HAVING A LEGISLATIVE INTENT GIVES THE AUTHORITY FOR FOR ANYONE TO COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THE INTENT AND I THINK I FULLY SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT TO THE TO THE LEGISLATION SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR TAITAGUE ANYONE ELSE ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU MAY PROCEED.

**SENATOR SAN NICOLAS:** HI GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER AND FELLOW COLLEAGUES AGAIN I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT IT'S A GOOD AMENDMENT I REMEMBER YOU KNOW WORKING UP THERE AT THE AIRPORT AS A CUSTOMS OFFICER THEY HAD A TIME WENT BY THERE WAS THE ASIAN ECONOMIC CRISIS WE WENT FROM 20 FLIGHTS A DAY TO FOUR FLIGHTS A DAY WENT FROM 4000 VISITORS TO HALF THAT IN A DAY AND I I WATCHED AS EACH OF THE CONCESSION STANDS CLOSED DOWN ONE OF MY FAVORITE ONE WAS THE ICE CREAM CONCESSION UP BY 19TH THE 19TH GATE 19 GATE GATE 19 BUT TIME HAS COME AND WE WE DO RECOGNIZE ALL THE DIFFICULTIES THAT WE FACE PANDEMIC MARWAR AND JUST THIS CONSTANT OR THIS EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES BACK TO BACK HAS HAS PUT STRAIN ON THE ON THE BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND NOT JUST AT THE AIRPORT BUT ANY CHANCE WE HAVE A HAVE A AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUR BUSINESSES I THINK WE SHOULD WE SHOULD BE MORE PROACTIVE WHEN IT COMES TO SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESSES THE



LEE KUAN YEW WOULD ALWAYS SAY THE MOMENT YOU MAKE PROFIT A BAD WORD SO THEY WE ALL SUFFER WHY BECAUSE WHO PAYS FOR ALL OF THIS BUSINESSES PAY FOR ALL OF THIS TAXPAYER PEOPLE PAY FOR THIS BUT IT'S MOSTLY ON THE BACKS OF OUR BUSINESSES AND IF WE DON'T SUPPORT THEM AND WE'RE PRETTY MUCH SHOOTING OURSELVES IN THE FOOT AND WE'RE NOT SUPPORTING OURSELVES I THINK WE IT'S TIME WE SHOW THE BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT WE CARE AND WE WANT TO PUT THEM ALL BACK ON TRACK WE ALL GET BACK ON TRACK TOGETHER AND THIS AMENDMENT AND THIS BILL DOES THAT AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN AND SENATOR LUJAN FOR PROFFERING THE AMENDMENT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE VERY WELL DO YOU HAVE A POINT OF INFORMATION SPEAKER TERLAJE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** YES POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER THE AMENDMENT IS STATING IT'S THE UNCERTAINTY CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 AND THE TYPHOON AND GEO POLITICAL ISSUES RISEN OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS BUT AT THE HEARING THE TESTIMONY WAS THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE THE AGREEMENT WITH LOTTE EVERY OTHER CONCESSION HAD EXPIRED MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO IN OTHER WORDS PRE-PANDEMIC THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** DULY NOTED SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE AMENDMENT NO ONE ELSE WISHES TO SPEAK SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU MAY CLOSE.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'LL ASK MY CO-SPONSOR TO CLOSE THE AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** SENATOR LUJAN I WILL ALLOW YOU TO CLOSE ON THAT AMENDMENT.

**SENATOR LUJAN:** THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW THE REASON FOR THE AMENDMENT OF COURSE IS THAT THE CLEARLY STATE WHAT WE ARE PASSING AS A BILL EVERY BILL THAT I SUPPORT AND HAVE VOTED FOR HAS A LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND EVERY BILL THAT I VOTED FOR OKAY FEELS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ISLAND AND SO THE THE AMENDMENT SIMPLY STATES IT IS IMPORTANT TO STATE THAT OF COURSE WHEN SOME TRY TO OBFUSCATE THE OR CONFUSE A SIMPLE CONCEPT AND THE PURPOSE WE'RE HERE REALLY TO TRY TO HELP OF THE AIRPORT THE GUAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY HAS ASKED US TO TO HELP AND I PROVIDED AMPLE JUSTIFICATION WE JUST NEED TO TO HELP AND AND ACT IN THE BEST INTERESTS FOR THE ISLAND AND AND THE AND THE GUAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AGAIN IT'S ADDING THE INTENT WHAT THE REASON WHY WE ARE TRYING TO PASS THIS BILL AND AGAIN EVERY BILL IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN SO FAR THAT I VOTED FOR HAS AN INTENT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT IS AND THEY CAME FOR HELP WE PROVIDE THE HELP THAT THAT IS ASKED OF OF THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY WITH THAT THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR LUJAN ON THE MOTION I MEAN ON THE AMENDMENT AS PROFFERED BY SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AND SENATOR LUJAN THERE HAS BEEN A OPPOSITION TO THAT LET ME REPHRASE THAT ON THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS THERE IS AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES ON THE MAIN MOTION BEFORE I ASK ANYBODY TO SPEAK I'LL ADDRESS SENATOR DUEÑAS BUT ON THE MOTION SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN CAN YOU MOVE IT TO THE THIRD READING PLEASE.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** I APOLOGIZE YES MOTION TO MOVE TO THIRD RING EVEN THOUGH WE'RE READY TO OPEN DISCUSSION.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** WITH DISCUSSION.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN I WILL ADDRESS SENATOR DUEÑAS PLEASE PROCEED.

**SENATOR DUEÑAS:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR AND ONCE AGAIN AS I MENTIONED DURING THE DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENT I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL SO I WANT TO ADDRESS A COUPLE THINGS THAT WERE MENTIONED ON THE OBJECTION OF THE AMENDMENT AND IT'S ACTUALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AS WELL YOU KNOW MADAM CHAIR I THINK IT'LL BE TOUGH FOR US ON GUAM TO FIND ANY BUSINESS THAT YES HAD AN

OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE COVID RELIEF AND MAYBE THERE WAS SOME ABATEMENTS TO RENT BUT THE LARGEST COMPETITOR OR THE LARGEST VENUE SAID ON THE RECORD DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING THEY REMAINED IN GOOD STANDING AND PAID THEIR RENT BUT GOING BACK TO MY MAIN POINT DID ANY ONE OF US WHEN THE LIMITED RESTAURANTS COULD OPEN RUN UP AND EAT BURGER KING AT THE AIRPORT DID ANY ONE OF US GO BUY LUXURY GOODS AT THE AIRPORT NO BECAUSE IT'S AN AIRPORT YOU'RE A VENDOR IN THE AIRPORT YOU KNOW MADAM CHAIR IT'S BEEN SAID AND A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC FEN FUNDS AND EVERYTHING THAT FLOWED INTO OUR ECONOMY IT WAS ACTUALLY A VERY ROBUST ECONOMY AS A MATTER OF FACT MADAM CHAIR WE HAD THREE YEARS OF MASSIVE SURPLUSES AND WHEN BUSINESSES WEREN'T LOCKED DOWN A LOT OF THEM WERE DOING VERY WELL BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO AN AIRPORT OR PASS THROUGH AN AIRPORT TO PATRONIZE THAT BUSINESS AND MAYBE LOOKING BACK THE AIRPORT MAYBE WE'LL FIND SOMETHING NEW IN THE NEXT PANDEMIC THERE'S NO PLANES COMING IN BUT YOU CAN STILL COME UP HERE AND SHOP AND EAT MADAM CHAIR WE DON'T HAVE ANY CONTROL OVER THE PROCUREMENT AT THE AIRPORT WE ARE TRYING TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT GIVES THEM AS WE'VE MENTIONED MANY TIMES ON OTHER BILLS IN THIS HOUSE A TOOL IN THE TOOLBOX IT DOESN'T CONFINE THE AIRPORT TO MAKING ANY DECISION BUT IT GIVES THEM LEVERAGE TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH BUSINESSES IN GOOD STANDING IF THEY SEE THAT THAT'S WHAT IS FIT NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LE LITIGATION MADAM CHAIR AND IT'S NOT GOING TO PREVENT ANY WORD WE SAY ON THIS FLOOR IS NOT GOING TO PREVENT ANY LITIGATION BECAUSE IF SOMEBODY'S GOING TO LITIGATE THEY'RE GOING TO LITIGATE AND IT'S NOT GOING TO MATTER WHETHER THERE'S AN EXTENSION OR NOT AN EXTENSION BECAUSE THE BOTTOM LINE IS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT NOW REVERSE LITIGATION WHERE SOMEBODY WHO'S DISCRIMINATED AGAINST WHEN THEY CAN CLEARLY POINT OUT THAT THEY HAD A BUSINESS THAT WAS CONFINED AND THEY HAD NO WAY OF MAKING MONEY THAT THEY ARE DESERVANT OF THAT OPPORTUNITY TO RECOUP MONEY CHAIR IF THERE WAS REVENUE AND THINGS THAT THEY COULD ACTUALLY DO BUSINESS THAT MIGHT BE A DIFFERENT STORY BUT THEY COULD NOT DO BUSINESS SO I JUST WANT TO DISPEL ANY NOTION THAT ANY ONE OF US IN THIS BODY WHO PLANS TO SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION IS SOMEHOW TRYING TO DO A FAVOR ONCE AGAIN GOING BACK TO THE TESTIMONY OF RICKY HERNANDEZ VERY CLEAR THAT THIS IS INDUSTRY-WIDE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES PROBABLY THE WORLD BECAUSE THEY'RE BUSINESSES THAT ARE DOING BUSINESS IN AN AIRPORT A VERY SPECIALIZED PLACE TO BE A VENDOR IF YOU HAVE A HOT DOG STAND YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE IN HAGÁTNA YEAH LIKE THE VERY SUCCESSFUL MRS. UNGACTA YOU CAN HITCH THAT THING UP TO A TRUCK AND GO TO *YIGO* YOU CAN GO TO *MALESSO'* BUT WHEN YOU'RE IN AN AIRPORT YOU HAVE TO SELL GOODS AND SERVICES IN AN AIRPORT MADAM CHAIR THE MENTIONING OF YOU KNOW THE OTHER BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN ON A MONTH TO MONTH FOR TWO YEARS OF COURSE MADAM CHAIR WHAT AIRPORT OR WHAT ORGANIZATION IS GOING TO PUT OUT A PROCUREMENT IN THE MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC WHO'S GOING TO COME AND MAKE A PROPOSAL WHEN YOU HAVE NO DOGGONE IDEA WHEN THAT AIRPORT'S GOING TO OPEN AGAIN FOR PASSENGER TRAFFIC OTHER THAN MEDICINES AND CARGO THERE'S ANOTHER THING MADAM CHAIR GOOD THING FOR GUAM'S RESILIENCY SOMETIMES I WOULD TALK TO SOME OF THE AIRLINES AND SOME OF THE OTHERS AND SAY MAN YOU KNOW WE SURE ARE DOING BANG-UP BUSINESS WHEN IT COMES TO GOODS AND SUPPLIES BUT THOSE GOODS AND SUPPLIERS DON'T GET OFF THE PLANE AND GO BUY A LUXURY GOOD OR EAT A HAMBURGER MADAM CHAIR I JUST LOOK AT THIS BILL AS A PRACTICAL MATTER NADA SNEAKING AROUND THE BACK NADA TRYING TO DO ANYTHING FOR SPECIAL INTEREST I SEE IT AS YOU HAVE A CONFINED BUSINESS OPERATION YEAH THAT MAYBE THEY WERE ABLE TO GET LOANS MAYBE THEIR EMPLOYEES GOT SOME PPE MAYBE THAT HAPPENED BUT BUSINESSES OPERATE NOT JUST ON THEIR EMPLOYEES GETTING PAID AND MAYBE A LOAN FOR THEIR COMPANY TO CONTINUE OR SOME ABATEMENT ON RENT THEY OPERATE FOR A PROFIT THEY HAVE PUT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS AND MANY TIMES MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO THEIR BRAND INTO THEIR CONCESSION INTO THEIR OPERATION IF EVERY BUSINESS WENT INTO BUSINESS TO JUST SURVIVE WE WOULDN'T HAVE BUSINESSES YOU'RE IN BUSINESS TO MAKE MONEY ONCE AGAIN MADAM CHAIR YES MANY BUSINESSES AND I I DON'T SEE A PIECE OF LEGISLATION ON THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW TO SAY WELL THEN LET'S GIVE ALL THESE ABATEMENTS TO OTHER BUSINESSES YOU'D HAVE TO GO THROUGH A CATEGORIZATION BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND BUSINESSES THAT WERE LITERALLY CONFINED TO THAT AS BEING THEIR ONLY METHOD OF OPERATION ABSENT THE SHUTDOWN A LOT OF BUSINESSES HAD PATRONAGE FROM PEOPLE WHO HAD CHECKS THAT WERE EVEN BIGGER THAN THEIR REGULAR CHECKS UNDER PPE AND ALL RISE AND ALL KINDS OF OTHER MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WERE FLOATING IN HERE OTHERWISE WE WOULD HAVE NEVER HAD THOSE SURPLUSES THAT EACH ONE OF US HAS HAD THE LUXURY OF APPROPRIATING SO ONCE AGAIN COCONUTS AND MANGOES IN MY OPINION THAT'S THE COMPARISON IN MY HUMBLE OPINION I WANT TO CLOSE BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE I NEED TO REITERATE THIS I DO NOT STAND HERE AND SUPPORT THIS BILL BECAUSE I HAVE

ANY INTEREST IN ANY BUSINESS OR ANY OPERATIONAL OPERATION UP THERE AT THE AIRPORT NOR DO DO OR WILL I EVER HAVE ANY INTEREST IN SKIRTING A PROCUREMENT LAW OR DOING A FAVOR I STAND HERE BECAUSE THIS JUMPS OUT TO ME AS AN OBVIOUS REASONABLE PROPOSAL THAT DOESN'T SAY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER MADAM CHAIR THAT YOU MUST DO THIS IF THEY CHOOSE TO THROUGH THEIR PROCUREMENT CONTROL UNLESS THERE'S GOING TO BE A BILL TO REMOVE PROCUREMENT CONTROL FROM THE AIRPORT IF THEY DECIDE WE'VE GOT THIS TOOL BUT WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND GO BID IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY HAVE TO DO EXTENSIONS BECAUSE THIS BILL WAS PASSED IT MEANS THAT THEY CAN FOR ALL THE POSSIBLE PRACTICAL REASONS THAT I JUST LAID OUT I PRAY THAT THAT'S BEEN A SENSIBLE ARGUMENT I'M SURE IT WILL BE COUNTERED WHICH IS FINE THAT'S WHAT WE DO HERE BUT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE FOR THOSE THAT WILL PULL ME ASIDE WHEN I WALK THROUGH MY FAVORITE STORES AND AFTER MASS WHEN I GET A LITTLE EXTRA SUNSHINE ON THE TOP OF MY HEAD TALKING TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF GUAM OR ANY WELL OR ELSE I GO WHY DID I SUPPORT THIS I SUPPORT IT BECAUSE IT'S A PRACTICAL MATTER IN MY HUMBLE OPINION *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** *BEUN PRUBECHU* SENATOR DUEÑAS BEFORE I CALL THE NEXT SPEAKER ON THE MOTION WHO WISHES TO SPEAK COLLEAGUES I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE YOUTH AFFAIRS SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE SUMMER YOUTH INTERNS THAT WILL BE WORKING FOR THE GUAM LEGISLATURE THIS MONTH SO PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND WELCOME THEM INTO THE HALL OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE THE ANTONIO UNPINGCO SESSION HALL THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR YOU HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF WATCHING THE COLLEAGUES HERE DEBATE ON THE FLOOR ON BILL 130-37 COR SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST ON THE MOTION ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE MAIN MOTION ON THE BILL YES MOST DEFINITELY IF NOT IF NO ONE ELSE WISHES TO SPEAK SPEAKER TERLAJE I SEE YOUR HAND RAISED UP YOU MAY SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION COLLEAGUES I'M GOING TO SUPPORT A ONE-MINUTE RECESS TO THE SPEAKER WE ARE IN RECESS.

#### RECESS

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR AT THIS TIME ON THE MAIN MOTION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I KNOW THAT IF I SPEAK SOME PEOPLE WILL STAND UP AFTER ME AND PROBABLY ATTACK ME FOR SAYING THESE THINGS BUT I HAVE NOTHING PERSONAL IN THIS GAME AND I'M JUST TRYING TO DO WHAT MY JOB IS HERE AND THAT IS TO BE VERY CRITICAL WHEN THE LEGISLATURE WANTS TO PUT ITSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF LITIGATION FIRST OF ALL WHEN THE LEGISLATURE WANTS TO DICTATE THE TERMS OF PROCUREMENT SECOND OF ALL SO TO START FROM THE BEGINNING THIS THIS BILL IS A VERY UNIQUE IT'S BEEN DONE BEFORE BUT IT I THINK REQUIRES SCRUTINY TO SAY THE LEAST WHERE WE'RE GOING TO GO IN WHERE THE AIRPORT DID NOT RESOLICIT FOR VENDORS CONCESSIONAIRES IT DIDN'T THIS IS EVEN BEFORE THE PANDEMIC THEY DID NOT AND WE WHEN WE ASKED THEM WHY WHY NOW AFTER THOSE LEASES HAVE BEEN EXPIRED FOR YEARS DO YOU WANT US TO COME IN AND EXTEND THOSE FOR THREE YEARS GIVE THEM IN OTHER WORDS A NEW LEASE FOR THREE YEARS UNDER TERMS THAT ARE NOT KNOWN TO US THIS IS NOT ONE OF THOSE CASES WHERE THEY GAVE US THE LEASE AND WE ARE APPROVING IT IT'S ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE CASES WHERE THEY JUST WANT THE AUTHORITY TO RENEGOTIATE A LEASE AND THEY WANT US TO WASH OUR HANDS OF IT AND SAY DO WHATEVER YOU WANT EVEN IF YOU LOSE MONEY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND ENTER INTO THESE DEALS AND AND MAKE NEW LEASES WITH THESE PEOPLE LEAVING OUT EVERY OTHER POTENTIAL BIDDERS THAT'S BIG AND IT WAS DONE PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC EXCEPT FOR THE CASE OF LOTTE BUT FOR ALL THE OTHER VENDORS IF THE TESTIMONY IS CORRECT THIS IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR TELLING US THEY DIDN'T DO IT NOT BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC BECAUSE IT WAS PRE-PANDEMIC THEY DIDN'T DO IT BECAUSE OF THE LITIGATION SO WHAT WE'RE DOING INSTEAD OF RESOLVING WHATEVER CAUSED THAT LITIGATION OR WHAT'S CONTINUING TO TIE IT UP I'M NOT SURE TO BE HONEST WITH YOU IF WE ARE INTERFERING WITH THAT LITIGATION AND THAT'S WHY I'M REALLY VERY CAUTIOUS AND WHEN THEY WOULD NOT EXPLAIN TO US THEY SAID THEY COULDN'T EVEN GIVE US EXPLANATIONS BECAUSE OF THE LITIGATION I DON'T LIKE TO ACT BLINDLY LIKE THAT SO THEY WERE THEY DID NOT RESOLICIT FOR THE SPACES THAT WERE EXPIRING IN OTHER WORDS THE BURGER KING LIKE MY COLLEAGUES TALKING ABOUT THEY DID NOT RE-SOLICIT THOSE PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC BECAUSE OF LITIGATION AND THEN DURING THE PANDEMIC I AM SURE THESE PEOPLE SUFFERED LOSSES AND I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF EMPLOYEES THERE JUST LIKE I WANT

TO TAKE CARE OF EMPLOYEES ACROSS THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUT I DO NOT IN DOING THAT WANT TO THROW OUT WHAT IS THE VERY BASIC VALUE OF OUR HOME ENTIRE PROCUREMENT SYSTEM AND THAT IS COMPETITION IF WE CANNOT DO THIS COMPETITIVELY THERE'S SOMETHING VERY INTERESTING GOING ON AND I WOULD THINK THAT IF THIS IS OF SO MUCH VALUE TO THESE PEOPLE DESPITE THE LOSSES THAT THEY WERE SUFFERING UP THERE AT THE AIRPORT AND THEY WANT TO CONTINUE UP THERE THAT IT IS VERY VALUABLE AND IF IT'S VALUABLE TO THEM IT WOULD BE VALUABLE TO OTHERS WHO WOULD WANT TO BID AND THAT'S WHAT THIS BILL WOULD DO IT PRECLUDES ANY OTHER COMPANY FROM BIDDING FOR THREE MORE YEARS NOT FOR ONE MORE YEAR BECAUSE OF THE TYPHOON NOT FOR ONE MORE YEAR BECAUSE WE'RE STILL GETTING OUT OF THE PANDEMIC AND BUT FOR THREE MORE YEARS AND WHEN MY COLLEAGUE SAID TALKING ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT IS WHAT THE COURTS ARE GOING TO LOOK AT ABSOLUTELY SPOT ON WHEN WE PUT INTO THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT THAT THIS VERY UNUSUAL PROCESS IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THE TERRITORY OF GUAM THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THEN THE COURTS ARE GOING TO TAKE ALL THEIR COMMON SENSE OUT OF IT AND SAY OKAY THAT WAS THE FINDING OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THIS IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF PEOPLE OF GOVERNMENT LET ME TELL YOU WHY THAT'S RELEVANT BECAUSE THERE'S A CERTAIN PART THE TERM BEST INTEREST IS USED IN AT LEAST SEVEN PLACES OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE BUT THE MOST THE PART I WANT TO TALK ABOUT TODAY IS IT'S WHEN THERE'S ALREADY AN AWARD AND WHAT DO THEY DO WHEN THEY FIND THAT THE AWARD IS IN VIOLATION OF THE PROCUREMENT LAW THERE'S A BIG HUGE EXCEPTION IF AFTER AN AWARD IT IS IT IS DETERMINED THAT A SOLICITATION OR REWARD OF A CONTRACT IS IN VIOLATION OF A LAW THEN THE CONTRACT MAY BE RATIFIED AND AFFIRMED PROVIDED IT IS DETERMINED THAT DOING SO IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF GUAM IF THE PERSON AWARDED THE CONTRACT HAS ACTED FRAUDULENTLY OR IN BAD FAITH THE CONTRACT MAY BE RATIFIED AND AFFIRMED IF SUCH ACTION IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF GUAM SO I JUST WANT THE RECORD TO BE CLEAR THAT THAT IS A POTENTIAL USE OF THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT THAT'S BEEN PUT INTO THIS BILL AND WITHOUT THAT WE REMAIN A LITTLE BIT MORE NEUTRAL IN THE LITIGATION THAT'S ONGOING BETWEEN THESE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR COMPANIES THERE MUST BE A LOT AT STAKE WE SAW AT THE HEARING 100 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE THERE BESIDES THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT AND AND BOARD MEMBERS WAS ONE CONCESSIONAIRES THE LARGE ONE AND THE OTHER ISSUE I HAVE WITH THIS BILL IS THAT THEY'RE NOT ASKING US TO SIMPLY CONTINUE THE LEASE YOU KNOW FOR EXAMPLE WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A TYPHOON CONTINUE THE LEASE FOR ONE MORE YEAR AND WE WILL GET TO THE SOLICITATION NO THEY SAID THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET TO THE SOLICITATION SOLICITATION UNTIL THEY DO RULES AND REGS WELL I ASKED WHERE ARE THE RULES AND REGS OH WE'RE STILL WORKING ON THAT AND IT'S ALL DEPENDENT ON ITS LITIGATION AND THEY ALSO SAID THEY WANT TO RENEGOTIATE THE LEASE NOT JUST AUTHORITY FOR US TO EXTEND THE LEASES NO THEY WANT TO RENEGOTIATE THOSE LEASES THAT MEANS AND I KEPT ASKING THEM OVER AND OVER IF YOU WANTED TO EXTEND IT THEN WE WOULD KNOW THE TERMS BUT BY ASKING US TO GIVE YOU THE AUTHORITY TO RENEGOTIATE WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO COME UP WITH NOTHING AND I KEPT ASKING THEM ARE YOU TRYING TO REDUCE THE RENT AND THEY WOULDN'T ADMIT TO THAT BUT CLEARLY THAT'S THE AUTHORITY THAT WE'RE GIVING THEM IN THIS BILL SO WHEN THEY SAID IN ONE HAND THE AIRPORT THAT THEY'RE DOING THIS BECAUSE THEY NEED TO MAINTAIN REVENUES THEY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT TO THEIR REVENUES I DISAGREE BECAUSE IF THEY WERE INTERESTED IN REVENUES THEY SHOULD BID IT OUT AND GET THE HIGHEST BIDDER AND HOPEFULLY MORE THAN WHAT THEY'RE GETTING NOW AND IF THEY NEED IT TO JUST SIMPLY CONTINUE WITH THE REVENUES THAT WERE DICTATED UNDER THESE LEASES THEY WOULD HAVE DONE THAT BUT THEY'RE ASKING US TO GIVE THEM AUTHORITY TO TOTALLY RENEGOTIATE ALL TERMS MEANING RENTAL PAYMENTS AREA USAGES AND NORMALLY WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS GOING TO APPROVE A LEASE THAT'S WHAT WE DO WE SEE THE LEASE AND WE APPROVE IT AND THAT'S NOT THE CASE HERE SO I'M JUST NOT SURE HOW THIS IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BECAUSE IT HASN'T BEEN LAID OUT IN FRONT OF US THAT'S THAT'S THE ISSUE GVB IS PROJECTING TOURISM IS GOING TO COME BACK AND THEY ARE SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON IT AND THEY DON'T SAY THREE MORE YEARS THEY'RE GOING FOR IT AND AS ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES TOLD US RIGHT BEFORE THIS TYPHOON I MEAN THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL AND SO I EXPECT THAT OF THEM AS WELL IN THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR AND THAT'S ANOTHER REASON WHY I QUESTIONED THIS MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT THAT WE ARE APPROVING WITHOUT KNOWING ANY OF THE TERMS MULTI-YEAR FIRST OF ALL IT'S PROHIBITED BY THE CURRENT AIRPORT LAW TO EXTEND ANY OF THESE LEASES SO WE'RE GOING AGAINST PREVIOUS LAWS TO EXTEND THIS LEASE WE'RE GOING AGAINST THE MULTI-YEAR LAW MULTI-YEAR LEASE LAW THAT SAYS LAY IT OUT AND YOU HAVE TO SPELL OUT EXCEPTIONAL REASONS WHY THEY SHOULD BE EXTENDED AND I'M JUST SAYING AGAIN THAT IF IT'S THE TYPHOON IS THE EXCEPTIONAL REASON THEN EVERY SINGLE PROCUREMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SHOULD BE EXTENDED I'M NOT PROPOSING TO DO THAT I THINK ALL THE

OTHER BUSINESSES ARE ABLE TO YOU KNOW AVAIL THEMSELVES OF ALL THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND TRY TO MAKE A GO OF IT AND WE'RE TRYING TO SUPPORT THEM THROUGH THE LEAP AND OTHER PROGRAMS FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AS WELL THESE COMPANIES ALSO CAN AVAIL OF THOSE THINGS SO I JUST THINK THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS IN FRONT OF US TODAY THAT SHOULD GIVE US PAUSE AT THE VERY LEAST AND IF WE CAN'T GET EXPLANATIONS DON'T PASS IT FORCE THEM TO GIVE YOU THE EXPLANATIONS WHY WHAT DO THEY INTEND TO RENEGOTIATE AND WHY ARE THEY NOT RE-SOLICITING AND THEY SAID IT'S BECAUSE OF THE LITIGATION BUT THEY WON'T TELL US EXACTLY WHAT THEY MEAN BY THAT AND AGAIN I THINK THE AIRPORT IS IN ONE SIDE OF THIS LITIGATION AND THE I DON'T I DON'T REMEMBER ALL OF IT BUT ALL I KNOW IS IT'S BECAUSE OF THE PROCUREMENT IT'S A PROCUREMENT LITIGATION AND HERE WE ARE MESSING AROUND WITH PROCUREMENT AND LITIGATION IN THE MIDDLE OF A BIG LAWSUIT IN THE MIDDLE OF WHAT SHE IS A BATTLE BETWEEN GIANTS IN THIS INDUSTRY AND WHAT I WANT IS FAIRNESS I WANT FAIRNESS FOR ALL THE COMPANIES ON GUAM TO BE ABLE TO BID ON SPACES IN THE AIRPORT I BELIEVE THOSE HAVE TREMENDOUS VALUE HIGHLY COVETED STILL DESPITE THE TYPHOON AND DESPITE THE PANDEMIC THOSE ARE STILL HIGHLY COVETED AND THAT THEY WOULD GET VALUE FOR THEIR MONEY IF THE AIRPORT WOULD RE-SOLICIT THOSE SO I JUST WANT TO PUT THAT ON THE RECORD THAT I'M NOT PRO OR AGAINST ANY OF THE COMPANIES UP THERE I'M NOT TRYING TO HARM THE EMPLOYEES BUT I DO THINK THERE'S SOMETHING GOING WRONG WHEN THE AIRPORT COULDN'T PUT THOSE BIDS OUT EVEN PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC AND THIS CANNOT BE THE WAY THAT WE SOLVE THIS PROBLEM IS BY CONTINUING IT LONGER AND LONGER WE SHOULD GET TO THE ROOT OF IT AND SOLVE IT AND I ASKED THE AIRPORT I ACTUALLY SENT A LETTER FOIA ASKING THEM FOR THEIR I WANT TO SEE ALL THE RULES AND REGS THAT THEY'VE TRIED TO DO OVER THE YEARS I WANT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THAT AND I DON'T HAVE TIME TO STUDY THE WHOLE ENTIRE LITIGATION MYSELF BUT I'M VERY CURIOUS I CANNOT IMAGINE THAT IF THEY'RE PROHIBITED FROM ACTING BECAUSE OF THE LITIGATION THEY'RE PROHIBITED FROM TALKING TO US BECAUSE OF THE LITIGATION THAT WE THE LEGISLATURE ARE GOING TO JUMP INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS LITIGATION THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** YOU'RE WELCOME MADAM SPEAKER ANYONE ELSE IF NOT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU MAY CLOSE.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M ALMOST LOST FOR WORDS YOU KNOW AND EVERYBODY WANTS TO TALK ABOUT EVERYTHING UNDER THE SKY THIS BILL IS VERY SIMPLE AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF CONCESSION AND I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS BILL AND THAT WE MOVE THIS TO THE VOTING FILE AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES THAT WE MOVE TO VOTE WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT.

**VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES:** THANK YOU THERE IS A MOTION TO MOVE TO THE VOTING FILE ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS THERE IS AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF MOVING IT TO THE VOTING FILE PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES ON THE MOTION TO VOTE WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* RECESS THERE WAS A MOTION TO VOTE ON THE THIRD READING FILE AND ON BILL ONE THREE ZERO-37 COR WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT SO THE FILES HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT THE BILL DOES NOT REFLECT THE AMENDMENT MADE ON THE FLOOR SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** MADAM SPEAKER I ASK THAT WE EXCUSE THE UH OUR COLLEAGUES THAT ARE NOT PRESENT TODAY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION TO EXCUSE COLLEAGUES WHO ARE NOT PRESENT TODAY FROM VOTING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON THE THIRD READING FILE BILL NUMBER 130-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** BILL NUMBER 130-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN ROY A.B. QUINATA JESSE A. LUJAN DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS WILLIAM A. PARKINSON CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS THOMAS J. FISHER AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF CONCESSION AGREEMENTS OF THE ANTONIO B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY GUAM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ROLL CALL.

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

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** BILL NUMBER 130-37 COR RECEIVED 10 AYES THREE NAYS AND TWO EXCUSED BILL NUMBER 130-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY WE'RE NOW ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IN A BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS ARE THERE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS ALL RIGHT IF NOT THEN ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO ADJOURN THE SESSION UNTIL SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO ADJOURN SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKERS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEKING OBJECTION WE ARE ADJOURNED SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* COLLEAGUES.