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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS CALLED TO ORDER *BUENAS* AND *HÅFA ADAI* ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED I THINK WE'RE HAVING AUDIO ISSUES AUDIO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE A RECESS TO RESET THE MICS RECESS.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS THANK YOU FOR WAITING FOR THE TECHNICAL ISSUES WITH OUR AUDIO TO BE RESOLVED ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED BUT I SEE YOUR MIC AGAIN WE WILL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OH THERE THERE ALL RIGHT MAYBE THIS IS IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVED THE WAIVE SECTION 1.02 SESSION OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* LETTER H AND ONE PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR PERSONS ALLOWED TO ALLOW PERSONS ALLOWED TO ALLOW STUDENTS INTERNS OF THE GOVERNOR'S SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM ONTO THE SESSION FLOOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO ALLOW THE INTERNS ONTO THE SESSION FLOOR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WHILE THEY'RE COMING IN I JUST WANT TO ANNOUNCE THAT ON THE DRIVE OF COURSE OUR ALL THE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS WE'VE ALSO THE CLERKS HAVE ALSO PUT ONTO THE DRIVE THE THE GCA THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED FROM THE COMPILER'S WEBSITE BECAUSE THE WEBSITES ARE DOWN OVER AT THE SUPERIOR COURT RIGHT NOW SO FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE THOSE ARE IN THE DRIVE WELCOME TO ALL OUR SESSION INTERNS OUR SUMMER INTERNS ALL RIGHT WE'LL NOW BEGIN WITH THE PRAYER SENATOR FRANK BLAS WILL YOU KINDLY LEAD US IN PRAYER ALL RISE.

SENATOR BLAS: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON OF HOLY SPIRIT AMEN DEAR LORD 79 YEARS AGO OUR PEOPLE WERE STILL IN SHAMBLES THEY WERE STILL PRAYING FOR YOUR CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND YOUR SAFETY AS A RESULT OF THE BOMBINGS THAT WERE OCCURRING AND THE FEET BELOW US IN THE IN THE GROUND BELOW US SO WE ASK THAT YOU COULD WE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THE SUFFRAGE AND THE ATROCITIES THAT OUR PEOPLE HAD TO ENDURE AND THE HOPES AND THE DREAMS OF A BETTER GUAM AND THAT IN THEIR LEGACY THAT WE CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THE BETTER GUAM THAT THEY WERE ASKING FOR WHETHER THEY WERE PRAYING FOR AND THAT WAR WILL NO LONGER COME TO OUR SHORES FOR OUR PEOPLE OR ANY PEOPLE IN ANY WORLD TO SUFFER END OF THE DAYS THAT OCCURRED IN THE DAYS THAT ENSUED I'M VERY SURE THAT MANY OF OUR PEOPLE IN OUR VERNACULAR SHED THE PRAYER THAT YOU ONCE DONE YOUR SON HAD TOLD US TAUGHT US TO GIVE PRAISE AND HOMAGE TO YOU AND WE LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT TODAY AND BY SAYING OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN HALLOWED BE THY NAME THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL AMEN IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AMEN.

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

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL ISLAND AND COUNTRY WE HONOR PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH AGUIGUI CRUZ AND THE FAMILY OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH AGUIGUI CRUZ FOR MAKING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN SERVICE AND DEFENSE OF OUR ISLAND AND COUNTRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* FOR THE RECITATION OF THE *INIFRESI* AND THE SINGING OF THE GUAM HYMN IN CHAMORU AND THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM WE RECOGNIZE THE STUDENT INTERNS OF THE GOVERNOR'S SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM TO LEAD US WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE *INIFRESI* INTERNS YOU MAY COME ON UP.

GOVERNOR'S SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (GSYEP) INTERNS:

INIFRESI

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

FANOHGGE CHAMORRO

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

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *BIBA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TO ALL YOU INTERNS AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR WORK WE'LL NOW PROCEED WITH THE ROLL CALL CLERKS PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* CLERKS ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED WE'RE UNDER APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL DATED JUNE 27 2023 SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS.

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

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO APPEND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* AND I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSIONS JOURNAL.

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

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION THAT THE REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES BE APPENDED TO THIS SESSION JOURNAL IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ĀSE'* PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT BILLS INTRODUCED BILLS NUMBER 143-37 LS AND 144-37 LS AND 145-37 COR THROUGH 151-37 AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED RESOLUTION NUMBERS 150-37 LS THROUGH 153-37 LS AND 154-37 COR THROUGH 161-37COR BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THEIR FIRST READING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION AS TO BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED BE GIVEN THEIR FIRST READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE ARE NOW UNDER MOTIONS ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO EXCUSE SENATORS NOT PRESENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL UNDER MOTIONS ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE AT ALL CONGRATULATE CONGRATULATORY COMMON COMMENDATORY AND CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED TODAY AND THE REMAINDER OF THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION BE CONSIDERED FIRST READ AND ADOPTED TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTION AND TO ADD ALL SENATORS AS CO-SPONSORS.

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

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO MOTION TO PLACE VETO BILL NUMBER 62-37 COR AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION 1204 1206 AND 1208 B ENTER REPEAL SUBSECTION 1207 R AND T OF CHAPTER 12 TITLE 17 GCA RELATIVE TO THE PROCESS FOR CHARTER SCHOOL PETITIONS I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS IF I MAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHAT IS YOUR MOTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: TO PLACE IT IN THE THIRD READING FILE AND DISCUSS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NOTWITHSTANDING.

SENATOR BARNETT: NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NOTWITHSTANDING THE OBJECTIONS OF THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: NOTWITHSTANDING THE OBJECTIONS OF THE GOVERNOR THANK YOU MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THE.

SENATOR BARNETT: YOU WANT ME TO DO THAT OVER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ALL RIGHT SURE.

SENATOR BARNETT: NOTWITHSTANDING THE OBJECTIONS OF *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN* I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE A VETO BILL NUMBER 62-37 TO THE THIRD READING FILE AND DISCUSS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: TO THE VOTING FILE.

SENATOR BARNETT: TO THE VOTING FILE AND DISCUSS THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT IS THERE PLEASE YOU MAY DISCUSS THAT MOTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS THE MOTION COLLEAGUES TO PLACE BILL 62-37 COR INTO THE VOTING FILE NOTWITHSTANDING THE OBJECTIONS OF THE GOVERNOR PLEASE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU I WOULD JUST LIKE TO AT THIS TIME AS FOR MY COLLEAGUES FURTHER SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND THIS OVERRIDE VETO ATTEMPT I I DO BELIEVE WITH ALL DUE RESPECT THAT THE THE GOVERNOR'S VETOING IN THIS BILL WAS FLAWED IN THAT IT WAS DONE SO WITH THE REASONING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WOULD OPERATE A RELIGIOUS OR PRIVATE SCHOOL AND THAT'S SIMPLY NOT THE CASE THE SUPREME COURT RULING WAS VERY SIMPLE IT KIND OF REMINDS ME WHAT MY GRANDMA USED TO SAY IF YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE ONE CHILD YOU HAVE TO GIVE ALL THE CHILDREN AND THAT'S WHAT THIS IS REALLY ABOUT IS THE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO OBLIGATE PUBLIC FUNDS TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS FOR CHARTERS OR SCHOOL VOUCHERS OR SCHOOL CHOICE THEN WE MUST ALSO DO THE SAME FOR PRIVATE RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS MA'AM AND ALSO COMMEND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THANK HIM FOR HIS LEGAL OPINION WHICH I I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT TO READ THE ENTIRE THING INTO THE RECORD I COULD JUST DO THE CONCLUSION WHICH IS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT'S UP TO YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU YEAH I'LL READ THE CONCLUSION AND IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS I KNOW THE LEGAL OPINION IS OUT THERE SO AGAIN THIS LEGAL OPINION ISSUE BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DOUGLAS B MOYLAN AND IT ARGUED THAT THE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF BILL 62 WAS FLAWED AND IN THE CONCLUSION THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WRITES IT IS OUR POSITION THAT THERE EXISTS NO LEGAL IMPEDIMENT INCLUDING OUR FIRST AMENDMENT CLAUSE AS INCORPORATED BY OUR 1950 ORGANIC ACT RELIGIOUS PROHIBITION CLAUSE AND ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE FROM ALLOWING THE GUAM LEGISLATURE TO MOVE FORWARD IN PASSING BILL NUMBER 62-37 AS A STATEMENT OF THE WILL OF OUR PEOPLE AND HE REFERENCES HERE 48 USC SUBSECTION 1421B A IN LIGHT OF THE NUMEROUS PROBLEMS FACING OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMUNITY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S DUTIES UNDER THE EVERY CHILD IS ENTITLED TO AN ADEQUATE PUBLICATION A PUBLIC EDUCATION ACT PUBLIC LAW NUMBER 62-37 PROVIDES A POTENTIALLY EFFECTIVE WAY THAT OUR GOVERNMENT COULD COMPLY WITH THIS ACT FOR OUR CHILDREN BY CREATING EFFECTIVE OPTIONS FOR OUR GOVERNMENT AND NOT SUBSTANTIALLY DISRUPTING OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN'S UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR AND SIGNIFICANTLY INCONVENIENCING THEIR PARENTS PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS THANK YOU SO AGAIN I'M THANKFUL THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ISSUED THIS OPINION BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY I'M VERY THANKFUL FOR THE SUPPORTIVE TESTIMONY THAT THIS BILL RECEIVED IN HIS PUBLIC HEARING FROM THE CHARTER SCHOOL COUNCIL HAD MS. EVANGELINE CEPEDA AND I THINK IT'S IT'S IT'S VERY SIMPLE MA'AM WAS TALKING WITH SOMEBODY ABOUT THIS ISSUE OVER THE WEEKEND AND IT'S A CONVERSION PROCESS SO WHEN A PRIVATE SCHOOL OR A RELIGIOUS SCHOOL APPLIES FOR A CHARTER AND RECEIVES THAT CHARTER IT IS THROUGH THAT PROCESS THAT THEY ARE THEN CONVERTED TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL AND THESE INDIVIDUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE RAN BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES WHICH THEN REPORT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL COUNCIL SO AND AND OUR CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ACCREDITED SO WHILE THEY'RE TEACHING IF THEY'RE TEACHING THE HYMNS THAT NANA TAUGHT US YOU KNOW LIKE *TA FANLISÁYU, KÁDA HA'ÁNE SA' I SÁNTOS LISÁYU YÁBEN I LANGET* SO WHILE THEY'RE TEACHING THAT THEY ALSO HAVE TO TEACH CALCULUS AND ENGLISH AND ALL THOSE IMPORTANT THINGS THAT REALLY LEAD TO THE COMPLETE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILD AND SO I DON'T WANT TO BELABOR THE APPOINTS TOO MUCH MA'AM I JUST ASKED THAT MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORTED THIS MEASURE WHICH WAS UNANIMOUS AT THE TIME WE VOTED ON IT THAT IT HOLD THROUGH TO THIS VOTE MA'AM THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE MOTION DOES ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT MOTION THIS IS THE ONLY TIME TO DEBATE THAT MOTION ON THAT MOTION SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I SPOKE WITH THE FOLKS THAT ARE PUTTING THEIR APPLICATION TOGETHER FOR MOUNT CARMEL AND THEY MADE IT VERY CLEAR TO ME THAT THEY WILL NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING TO DO WITH RELIGION AND BEING THAT OUR ATTORNEY GENERAL CITED THE CONSTITUTION AND ALL THAT STUFF I'M JUST SURPRISED THAT HE DIDN'T CITE THAT IN THIS SECTION OF THE ORGANIC ACT IT'S VERY SPECIFIC NO PUBLIC MONEY OR PROPERTIES SHALL BE APPROPRIATELY SUPPLIED DONATED OR USED THE REGULAR OR INDIRECTLY FOR THE USE BENEFIT OR SUPPORT OF ANY SECT CHURCH DENOMINATIONS SECTARIAN INSTITUTION OR ASSOCIATED OR SYSTEM OF RELIGION OR FOR THE USE BENEFIT OR SUPPORT OF ANY PRIEST PREACHER MINISTER OR OTHER RELIGIOUS TEACHER FOR DIGNITARIES AS SUCH BUT AFTER I RECEIVE AS THE APPROPRIATION CHAIR AFTER I RECEIVED THE ASSURANCE FROM THE FOLKS THAT ARE SETTING UP THE CHARTER SCHOOL FOR MOUNT CARMEL THAT THERE WILL BE NO RELIGION I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE OVERWRITE PROVIDED WE HAVE A SEPARATION OF GOVERNMENT AND RELIGION REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS I HAVE TO STICK WITH WHAT I WHAT I JUST READ OFF FROM THE ORGANIC ACT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES I HOPE THIS WEEK GOES SWIFTLY BUT I HOPE WE DO IT WITH THE THOUGHT IN MIND THAT WE'RE HERE TO HELP THE PEOPLE AND ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN OF GUAM WE KNOW THIS WHAT'S THE SITUATION IS WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR OVER THREE WEEKS HAVING MEETING AFTER ROUNDTABLE AFTER OVERSIGHT AND HERE IS A VIABLE SITUATION THAT WE A BIBLE NOT SITUATION HERE'S A VIABLE IDEA TO GET OUR KIDS IN SCHOOL UNDER AND OUR TEACHERS IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT WE HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY YOU KNOW WE I'VE READ THE OPINIONS I'VE READ THREE DIFFERENT OPINIONS BUT WHEN WEIGHED MORE IS THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO AS A LEGISLATURE SOMETHING THAT I'M PRETTY SURE ALL THOSE PARENTS WHO ARE STANDING IN LINE TRYING TO GET INTO CHARTER SCHOOLS BECAUSE THEY'RE WORRIED THAT THEIR THEIR SCHOOL THE PUBLIC SCHOOL IS NOT OPEN AND READY TO TO TAKE THEIR CHILDREN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAVING OUR KIDS WORK AT HOME ONLINE WAS BECAUSE OUR PARENTS WERE ALSO HOME THIS WAS DURING COVID SO THERE WAS SOMEBODY THERE TO WATCH OUR CHILDREN IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY NOW PEOPLE ARE BACK TO WORK PARENTS WHO ARE RELYING ON THE SCHOOL SYSTEM BUT MOST ESPECIALLY I THINK THEY'RE MORE WORRIED ABOUT MAKING SURE THEIR CHILDREN ARE SAFE AND HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY WHERE WE CAN HAVE ANOTHER CHARTER SCHOOL OPEN FOR THESE PARENTS TO TAKE THEIR KIDS TO AND WHATEVER SCHOOL IT MAY BE OR MAYBE ANOTHER NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION COMES UP NEXT MONTH BECAUSE LIKE ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES MENTIONED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING OR ONE OF THE ROUNDTABLES ON ON ON CHARTER SCHOOLS WAS I'D LIKE TO SEE A TRANSITION FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS WHERE THEY'RE NO LONGER PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT EVERYTHING IS CHARTERED SCHOOLS AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE SETUP IN COLORADO IN PARTS OF COLORADO AND JURISDICTIONS THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE THAT STATE WAS LEADING TO FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL NOW TO CHARTER SCHOOLS AND THOSE KIDS ARE SCORING EXCELLENT ON THEIR TESTS EXCELLENT THIS IS WHAT WE WANT FOR OUR KIDS SO I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES PLEASE SUPPORT THIS OVERRIDE PARENTS ARE COUNTING ON US MY COLLEAGUES THERE'S ONLY 345 SLOTS AVAILABLE FROM WHAT I HEARD DURING THE HEARING THAT WE HAD WITH THE CHARTER SCHOOL BUT IT'S BEEN STATED BY OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT THERE ARE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN WHO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START SCHOOL ON TIME OR EVEN IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS THOUSANDS RIGHT NOW THE CHARTER SCHOOLS IS ASKING US TO LIFT THE CAP LIFT THE CAP TO ALLOW 345 MORE STUDENTS BECAUSE THEY'RE TURNING AWAY PARENTS BECAUSE OF THIS SITUATION SO HAVING ANOTHER CHARTER SCHOOL ON THIS ISLAND WOULD INCREASE THAT NUMBER AND IT'LL GIVE COMFORT TO KNOW THAT IF THEY GET IF A PARENT PUTS THEIR CHILD INTO ONE OF THESE CHARTER SCHOOLS THEY'RE GOING TO GO OH THANK YOU THANK YOU JESUS I'VE GOT MY CHILD INTO A SCHOOL THAT'S SAFE WHERE THEY CAN CONCENTRATE ON BEING A GOOD STUDENT AND HAVING AN EDUCATION AN EDUCATION WE'RE NOT A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY PEOPLE WE HAVE THE MEANS WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THIS SO AGAIN I HUMBLLY ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS OVERRIDE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER *YAN MANANA SI YU'OS* TO YOU AND OUR COLLEAGUES THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS BILL AND I KNOW THAT THERE WERE MANY CONCERNS I WANT TO THANK THE RETIRING SPEAKERS WHO SPOKE ON THIS MEASURE FOR THE OVERRIDE MORE IMPORTANTLY WHAT WAS NOTED BY THE GOOD SENATOR FROM *YIGO* I WANT TO SAY MADAM SPEAKER WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET SCHOOLS OPEN I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW CHARTER SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FILL A VOID IN OUR COMMUNITY AND I'VE SEEN ITS SUCCESSES WHETHER IT BE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ROBOTICS STEM EVEN CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES CHARTER SCHOOL WORKS I SAY MADAM SPEAKER THIS WORKS SO LET'S GIVE OUR STUDENTS HERE ON OUR ISLAND OF GUAM THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE I WILL DISCLOSE FOR THE RECORD MADAM SPEAKER THAT YES I WAS THE ORIGINAL CO-SPONSOR WITH THE FORMER SPEAKER SPEAKER JUDI WON PAT FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS HAD MANY MEETINGS WITH THE THOSE WHO WHO STARTED CHARTER SCHOOLS NATIONALLY WITH MINNESOTA AND I WANT TO SAY THAT WE HAVE SEEN THE SUCCESSES HERE LITERALLY HAVE SEEN THE SUCCESSES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS HERE ON GUAM AND WHAT BETTER WAY THAN TO ASSIST AND TO HELP GET OUR STUDENTS THE EDUCATION THEY NEED WITH AN EMPHASIS OF AN ADDED AN ADDED OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO LEARN LIKE I SAID WHETHER IT BE ROBOTICS WHETHER IT BE MATH WHETHER IT BE STEM VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WE KNOW THAT IT WORKS AND WE'VE SEEN IT WORK SO I WANT TO SAY I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES WILL CONSIDER THAT I I DID LOOK AT THE CONCERNS THAT WERE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION BUT WE'VE ALREADY COME OVER THAT WE WE UNDERSTAND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND WHY TAKE IT AWAY FROM OUR STUDENTS SO LET OUR STUDENTS THRIVE I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES CAN CONSIDER THIS OVERRIDE LIKE I WILL AND I WANT TO THANK THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION WHO HAD THE WILL AND THE DRIVE TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY AND TO BRING THIS LEGISLATION TO THE FLOOR AND ALLOWING ME TO BE HIS SECOND CO-SPONSOR SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS OVERRIDE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OF THIS VETO I'M SORRY OF THIS VETO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER ON THE MOTION FOR OVERRIDE IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND I'LL BE BRIEF AND TO THE POINT I CERTAINLY DO SUPPORT THE OVERRIDE OF THE VETO I WANTED TO MAKE TWO POINTS SIMPLY I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN SOME DISCUSSION ON THE ORGANIC ACT READING OF SUPPORT JUST WANT TO BRING IT TO ONCE AGAIN REINFORCED TO OUR OUR PUBLIC THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM DOES PAY FOR SCHOOL BUSING TO AND FROM PRIVATE SCHOOLS THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ALSO INCLUDES THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS IN THE PROCUREMENT OF BOOKS AND FROM TIME TO TIME OTHER SUPPLIES AND I STATE THIS FOR THIS REASON IT'S VERY SIMPLE READING TO MYSELF AND AS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AND OTHERS HAVE MENTIONED THAT THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN AN EDUCATION OF RELIGION AND THE EDUCATION OF RELIGION AND EDUCATION CAN EASILY BE BIFURCATED YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I KNOW MANY PARENTS TO INCLUDE IN MY FAMILY WHO HAVE SENT THEIR CHILDREN TO OTHER PRIVATE SCHOOLS EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE NOT WITHIN OUR RELIGIOUS BELIEF MADAM SPEAKER I BELIEVE THAT THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AND THE EDUCATION THAT OUR PRIVATE SCHOOLS PROVIDE AND THE ABILITY FOR THIS CHARTER TO BE AVAILED OF IT'S SUCH THAT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE WOULD BE SEEKING WE WOULD BE SEEKING THE ABILITY FOR OUR CHILDREN TO RECEIVE AN EDUCATION UNDER THIS CHARTER AS WE HAVE DONE WITH OTHER CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT WE'VE ESTABLISHED SO IT WAS FOR WITH THAT IN MIND MADAM SPEAKER AND AS I CLOSE NOW MORE THAN EVER NOW MORE THAN EVER AS WE FACE THE DAUNTING TASK AND I WANT TO THANK ONCE AGAIN EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL WHO'S OUT THERE TODAY TRYING TO PREPARE OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALL 40 I BELIEVE ONE OF THEM TO BE READY FOR THE OPENING OF SCHOOLS I WANT TO COMMEND EVERYONE AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND EVERYONE WHO'S TRYING TO GET THIS DONE BUT WE KNOW MADAM SPEAKER CHANCES ARE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF OUR SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO FALL SHORT OF THAT CAPABILITY AND IN THE INTERIM THIS CHARTER WAS NOT SET UP FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEALING WITH THIS DILEMMA THAT WE HAVE ON OUR HANDS BUT IT CERTAINLY IS TIMELY MADAM SPEAKER I'M SURE THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS AS YOU YOURSELF MET WITH THEM AND OTHERS AT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND TO INCLUDE THE CHAIR OF PUBLIC EDUCATION I'M SURE THEY SHARED WITH YOU THEIR CAPACITY AND THAT AND THEIR ABILITY TO LEND A HAND AND TO WANT TO ACCEPT THESE STUDENTS INTO THEIR SCHOOLS UNDER UNDER A SITUATION WHEREBY THEY CAN RECEIVE THE COMPENSATION AND ALSO UNDER THEIR CONSIDERATION OF TAKING THEIR CURRICULUM AND MODELING IT AFTER A CHARTER BASIS AND

PROVIDING THEIR APPLICATIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SO FOR THAT REASON MADAM SPEAKER I RESPECTFULLY AS WELL NOTWITHSTANDING THE OBJECTIONS OF *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN* DO SUPPORT AND WILL VOTE FOR THE OVERRIDE OF THE VETO OF THIS BILL *SI YU'OS MA'ĀSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ĀSE'* SENATOR ON THE MOTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THAT MOTION SENATOR LUJAN OR SENATOR LUJAN.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I RISE FULL SUPPORT OF THE OVERRIDE OF THE GOVERNOR'S VETO YOU KNOW THERE'S SOME MISS INFORMATION THAT IN CONVERTING FROM A PRIVATE SCHOOL OR A CONVERSION OF PRIVATE SCHOOL THAT WOULD IT WOULD REMAIN PRIVATE AS WE MENTIONED EARLIER BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER THAT THE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ALREADY PROVIDES BUSING AND AND BOOKS TO TO THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS BUT THIS IN THIS CASE YOU HAVE A CONVERSION THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IT'S CONVERTING FROM A FROM A PRIVATE SCHOOL TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL WE'RE SEEING RECEIVING GOVERNMENT FUNDING LIKEWISE MY UNDERSTANDING AS WELL IS THAT THERE WON'T BE ANY ANY TUITION FOR FOR THE SCHOOL AS WELL THE SUPREME COURT MADAM SPEAKER AS IN THE PAST YEARS ALREADY HAS MADE IN HIS FINDINGS THAT IT'S MANDATORY NOT TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST SCHOOLS SUCH AS PRIVATE SCHOOLS CONVERTING INTO TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL SO AGAIN JUST AN IN SHORT I STAND IS FULL SUPPORT AND I THINK THE THE GOVERNOR'S OPINION AND LEGAL OPINIONS THAT WERE WERE PROFFERED WHERE I THINK I THINK WERE AGAIN MISGUIDED BECAUSE IT'S IT WILL NOT THE SCHOOL WILL NOT REMAIN PRIVATE IT WILL CONVERT IT IS A CONVERSION FROM A PRIVATE SCHOOL TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL RECEIVING PUBLIC FUNDS AND AGAIN AS THE SUPREME COURT FOUNDED THAT IT MUST NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST SUCH CONVERSIONS AND WITH THAT I URGE MY COLLEAGUES AGAIN TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR'S OVERRIDE ON THIS PARTICULAR BILL THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN ON THE MOTION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE MOTION SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: MORNING MADAM SPEAKER GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY I SUPPORT THE THE MOTION FOR THE OVERRIDE I THINK YOU KNOW AS A FORMER EDUCATOR MYSELF YOU KNOW I VISITED A LOT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS OVER CHRISTMAS I SAW HOW HAPPY THE CHILDREN WERE HOW FLEXIBLE THEIR CURRICULUM WAS AND I WAS JUST JUST TOTALLY BLOWN AWAY WITH THE WITH THE MATERIALS AND JUST HOW HAPPY THE CHILDREN WERE IN A CHARTER SCHOOL IT'S FUNNY THAT YOU KNOW THE FIRST AMENDMENT GIVES US FREEDOM OF RELIGION NOT FREEDOM FROM RELIGION SO I DON'T KNOW WHY WE GET SO YOU KNOW DISTURB WHEN WE DISCUSS RELIGION I THINK IT'S ACTUALLY GOOD FOR OUR SOCIETY BUT IN THIS CASE WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CHARTER SCHOOL I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING I THINK OUR OUR CHILDREN DESERVE BETTER EDUCATION AND FROM WHAT I SEE SO FAR WHEN I DID VISIT THE SCHOOLS HOW HAPPY THE TEACHERS WERE TO TEACH AND HOW HAPPY THE STUDENTS WERE TO LEARN AND I HOPE IT WASN'T JUST BECAUSE SANTA WAS THERE BUT I I HOPE THAT THEY'RE THEIR ENTHUSIASM WAS GENUINE AND I AND I SUPPORT THIS THIS UH THIS OVERRIDE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATORS NICOLAS ON THE MOTION ON THE MOTION IF NO ONE ELSE THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THAT MOTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR VERY ENCOURAGING WORDS OF SUPPORT AND HEY YOU HEARD IT RIGHT THERE FROM SANTA CLAUS YOU SUPPORT THIS OVERRIDE YOU WILL BE ON THE NICE LIST SO SO NOTHING FURTHER MA'AM AGAIN I JUST SO WE HAVE TO VOTE TO PLACE IT AND IN THAT FILE THANK YOU THANK YOU NOTHING FURTHER MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 62-37 COR INTO THE VOTING FILE NOTWITHSTANDING THE OBJECTIONS OF *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN* ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MA'AM I WOULD LIKE TO A MOTION TO GO TO THE VOTING FILE FOR THE PURPOSES OF VOTING ON VETO BILL NUMBER 62-37 COR NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES MA'AM.

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

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I ONLY HAVE A QUESTION WHY THE URGENCY IF HE CAN BRING SOME CLARITY AND WHY THEY'RE I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE OVERRIDE BUT I NEED TO KNOW WHY WE HAVE TO DO IT TODAY I MEAN WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS FOR EVERY BILL I'M JUST CURIOUS THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT'S ACTUALLY NOT A DEBATABLE MOTION BUT YOU MAY ANSWER DO YOU YIELD.

SENATOR BARNETT: SURE MA'AM YEAH I MEAN I WANT TO DO IT TODAY BECAUSE I CAN AND WE'D MADE THE MOTIONS TO DO IT SO I JUST ASKED FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT THANK YOU MA'AM I JUST DON'T KNOW IF I COULD GO THROUGH THE WHOLE WEEK YOU KNOW WITH MY STOMACH TURNING UP THANK YOU MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE WILL TAKE A MOTION CARRIES WE WILL TAKE A TWO-MINUTE RECESS TO GO TO THE VOTING FILE SO THE CLERKS CAN PREPARE TWO MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE HAVE PROCEEDED NOW TO THE VOTING FILE WE'RE NOW IN THE VOTING FILE AND THE ONE BILL IS VETOED BILL NUMBER 62-37 COR NOTWITHSTANDING THE OBJECTION OF *I MAGA'HAGAN GUÅHAN* SHALL VETOED BILL NUMBER 62-37 COR BE OVERRIDDEN CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: BILL NUMBER 62-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY CHRIS BURNETT 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 AGUSTIN 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 ANSWER REPEAL SECTIONS 12107R 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 YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE TO REQUEST THE BODY TO RECUSE ME ON THE BILL AS I DID ON THE ORIGINAL BILL I HAVE A CHILD THAT'S ATTENDING A PRIVATE SCHOOL THAT MAY PUR PURSUE A CHARTER SCHOOL STATUS THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO RECUSE SENATOR BROWN FROM VOTING ON THIS BILL ON THIS OVERRIDE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

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/NAY.) SENATOR SHELTON.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ACTING MAJORITY LEADER OR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I DID ASK EARLIER THAT THE SENATOR'S NOT PRESIDENT FOR THIS SESSION BE EXCUSED IF I NEED TO ASK FOR THE SAME REASON FOR THIS VOTING I DO ASK THAT SAME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING AN OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR SHELTON (EXCUSED) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: VETOED BILL NUMBER 62-37 COR RECEIVED 13 AYES AND TWO EXCUSED VETOED BILL NUMBER 62-37 COR WAS OVERRIDDEN BY A BY A VOTE OF 13 MEMBERS OF THIS BODY WE ARE BACK ON SECOND RE NO WE ARE BACK ON MOTIONS ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS ACTING MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WITH YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS IF NOT THEN WE WILL PROCEED TO LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M SORRY I'M SORRY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IT'S I'LL BE THE LAST ONE I THINK SENATOR BARNETT'S NEXT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BARNETT UNDER MOTIONS OR.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE ARTS THE NOMINATION OF CHRISTINE BALETO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER IN THE UPPER LEVEL MANAGEMENT POSITION AND PRIVATE BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM EDUCATION BOARD WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO CORRECTION WE HAVE PROCEEDED FROM MOTIONS INTO THE LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE THIS IS THE FIRST MOTION IN LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE ON THE NOMINATION TO BE PLACED IN THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS THE NOMINATION OF SIMONE E.P. BOLLINGER TO SERVE AS THE LITERATURE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER OF THE GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO BASE THE NOMINATION OF SIMONE SIMONE E.P. BOLLINGER INTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE A PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE ARTS THE NOMINATION OF EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL WITH A RECOMMENDATION AGAIN TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA TO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS THE NOMINATION OF MONICA OKADA GUZMAN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AGENCY CAHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGAIN WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF MONICA OKADA GUZMAN INTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE THE NOMINATION OF MICHELLE C. PEREZ TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITY WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF MICHELLE C. PEREZ TO THE VOTING FILES OR ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE ALL RIGHT THERE ARE NO ITEMS UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR WE WILL NOW PROCEED TO THE SECOND READING FILE THE FIRST ITEM UNDER THE SECOND READING FILE IS BILL NUMBER 7-37 COR SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *HÅFA ADAI* AND GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY I HUMBLY REQUEST TO BASE BILL NUMBER 737 COR INTRODUCED BY MYSELF CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND IT IS AN ACT TO ADD IN NEW 19406 19505.1 AND TO AMEND 19405 B 19405C 19604 A 19604 C 19604 D 2 AND 19805C ALL OF CHAPTER 19 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO

PROHIBITING THE SUSPENSION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND TO REPEAL CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS INTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS IT MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MADAM SPEAKER BILL 11 EXCUSE ME BILL 737 THE BROTHER OF BILL 1136 IS ACTUALLY A REINTRODUCTION OF BILL 183 36 AUTHORED BY SENATOR TONY ADA IN THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE CO-SPONSORED BY MYSELF AND FRANK BLAS, JR. AND SUPPORTED BY SENATOR JOANNE BROWN AND SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE DURING THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE MADAM SPEAKER REAL QUICKLY WE ALL REMEMBER THE TIME OF THE ONSET THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE ISLAND OF GUAM WOULD TEST THE ORGANIC ACT POWERS AND THE EMERGENCY POWERS GRANTED TO THE GOVERNOR BY A PUBLIC LAW THAT HAD BEEN INTRODUCED OVER 20 YEARS EARLIER MADAM SPEAKER THE HISTORY OF THAT PUBLIC LAW WAS BORN OUT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND THE REALIZATION THAT THE LAWS OF GUAM NEEDED SOME ADJUSTMENT WITH REGARD TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES AND EMERGENCY POWERS FAST FORWARD AND ONCE AGAIN AS I SAID WE HAD A CHANCE NOW OVER THE LAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS UNTIL THIS YEAR MADAM SPEAKER IN JANUARY WHEN THE GOVERNOR TERMINATED ANY FURTHER EXTENSIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES IN JANUARY OF 2023 HOWEVER WE HAD ALREADY ENDURED OVER TWO AND A HALF YEARS OF MONTHLY EXTENSIONS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR VARIOUS REASONS MADAM SPEAKER I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME TO DISCUSS WHAT BILL 737 DOES 7 37 BASICALLY OUTLINES OUR ORGANIC RIGHTS AND RESTATES THEM ONCE AGAIN IN OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS IN TERMS OF RENEWING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE TO NOW ALLOW THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR CHECKS AND BALANCES AND THE OPPORTUNITIES TO SCRUTINIZE THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES RENEWAL EQUALLY MADAM SPEAKER I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO DELINEATE WHAT BILL 737 DOESN'T DO IT DOES NOT TAKE AWAY THE GOVERNOR'S POWER TO DECLARE A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AS ENUMERATED IN CHAPTER 19 UNDER THE ORGANIC ACT AND THE POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR GRANTED BY THIS LEGISLATURE IT IS THE RENEWAL OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THAT IS BEING AMENDED SO I GUESS MANY WHO FOLLOWED BILL 11 THE BROTHER OR SISTER OR COUSIN OR RELATIVE OF BILL 737 HOWEVER YOU WANT TO DESCRIBE IT I DESCRIBE IT AS THE BROTHER MAYBE THAT SAYS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME BUT WHY WELL LET ME GIVE YOU MY TOP FIVE REASONS WHY THAT MY OFFICE AND MANY OF OUR OFFICES WERE GETTING CALLS ABOUT WHEN THE MONTHLY RENEWALS OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WERE TAKING PLACE WHY THEY FELT AS THOUGH THE PEOPLE'S VOICE NEEDED TO BE HEARD AND HEARD IN THESE HALLOWED HALLS OF THE LEGISLATURE THIS AUGUST BODY MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO SAY THAT I THINK THE MEMBERS OF THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE WERE VERY WISE TO STAND UP TO SOME ORIGINAL PROPOSALS THAT WERE DESIGNED TO HAVE MASSIVE FINES AND PENALTIES IMPOSED ON PEOPLE WHO WOULD VIOLATE THE GOVERNOR'S ORDERS IMPOSED BY PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOME PEOPLE AT THAT POINT IN TIME EVEN DURING THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE MADAM SPEAKER BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS ABUSE OF POWER ALREADY TAKING PLACE UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND THAT LEGISLATURE SAID NO I WANT TO TAKE NOTE OF THAT AS THE FIRST REASON WHY MANY PEOPLE WERE UPSET ABOUT WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH THE SECOND MADAM SPEAKER AND MANY OF US REMEMBER THIS WAS THE VERY VERY AT SOME POINT DETERMINED USELESS IMPOSITION OF CHECKPOINTS WHERE MILES AND MILES OF CARS BURNING UP PRECIOUS FUEL WASTING TIME AND HAVING BUSINESSES WHO WERE TRYING TO GET THEIR VEHICLES FROM ONE PLACE TO THE OTHER WITH MATERIALS AND GOODS ON THEM GOING THROUGH A LINE SO THAT A VERY NICE UNIFORMED INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS ORDERED TO STAND THERE AND TELL YOU IN THE WINDOW OF YOUR CAR TO WASH YOUR HANDS TO WEAR A MASK AND TO SAFELY DISTANCE YOURSELF FROM OTHERS AN ABSOLUTE USELESS EXERCISE MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK GOD THAT THAT WAS DISCONTINUED MADAM SPEAKER PROBABLY THE MOST EGREGIOUS AND MAYBE SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIRST ON THE LIST WAS THE TERMINATION OF INDIVIDUALS RIGHTS TO WORSHIP THEIR GOD IN THE CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES AND BAHAI FAITH CENTERS AND ANY CENTER ON THIS ISLAND THAT AT THE TIME THAT PEOPLE NEEDED TO BE MINISTERED TO THE MOST WE'RE TOLD YOU CANNOT ASSEMBLE EVEN THOUGH LED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH MANY PRIESTS PRAYED UPON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR SAYING WE ARE WILLING TO FOLLOW ANY AND ALL OF YOUR ORDERS BUT WE WANT TO WORSHIP MADAM SPEAKER THEY WERE SO CREATIVE THAT WE STARTED TUNING INTO OUR RADIOS AND GOING TO CHURCH IN OUR CARS BECAUSE WE WERE NOT GOING TO LET THE GOVERNMENT TELL US THAT WE WERE NOT GOING TO WORSHIP AND SEEK THE SOOTHING POWER OF OUR LORD

OR WHATEVER DEITY YOU PRAY TO IN ORDER TO BRING YOU SOME SEMBLANCE OF NORMALITY IN YOUR LIFE WHEN THERE WAS SO MUCH CONFLICT GOING ON I THINK I'LL RENUMBER THAT TO NUMBER ONE MADAM SPEAKER BUSINESSES THERE WAS A SELECTION OF WINNERS AND LOSERS IF YOU HAD A BAR IN YOUR RESTAURANT YOU COULD SEE PEOPLE AT YOUR BAR AND LET THEM EAT AND DRINK UNTIL THEY'RE MERRY AND GET FOOD BUT IF YOU WERE A BAR NO NOT YOU AND IT WAS EVEN TOLD TO US BY MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO KNEW WHAT TAKES PLACE IN RESTAURANTS AND BARS THAT THE BARS WERE ACTUALLY IF ACTIVITIES WERE PROPER LESS INFECTIOUS THAN A RESTAURANT BECAUSE OF ALL THE TOUCH POINTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO SIT AT A TABLE AND EAT AND BE SERVED AND BE AMONGST OTHERS BUT NO FOR MONTHS AND MONTHS AND MONTHS BARS WERE TOLD NO YOU CAN'T OPERATE YOU KNOW RECENTLY WE WENT OVER COVID AWARDS AND SOME PEOPLE SAID WHY ARE THERE STRIP CLUBS WHY ARE THERE OTHER ENTITIES THAT GOT COVERED MONEY WELL YOU KNOW WHAT MANY OF PEOPLE ON THIS FLOOR SAID BECAUSE THEY'RE PEOPLE TOO AND THEY HAVE A JOB AND THEY NEED TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES BUT MANY PEOPLE WERE SELECTED TO SAY NO YOUR BUSINESS CANNOT OPERATE WINNERS AND LOSERS MADAM SPEAKER HIGHLY OBJECTIONABLE THOSE PEOPLE WANTED TO COME DOWN HERE INTO THIS AUGUST BODY AND EXPRESS HOW UPSET THEY WERE AND HOW THEY WERE PROBABLY GOING TO LOSE THEIR BUSINESS AND THEIR LIVELIHOOD AND ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD NO OTHER WAY OF MAKING MONEY EXCEPT TO LINE UP OVER DEPARTMENT OF LABOR THANK GOD FOR THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SENT HERE SO PEOPLE COULD HAVE A PAYCHECK EVERY TWO WEEKS BUT IF YOU WANTED TO WORK NO NOT YOU MADAM SPEAKER WE HAD IN THE TESTIMONY FOR THIS BILL DR. NGUYEN AND OTHERS WHO SUPPORTED HIM AND THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS SAY PLEASE DO THIS BECAUSE WE WERE ABUSED AS MEDICAL CLINICS DURING THE COVID CRISIS WE FLUNG OPEN OUR DOORS WE TOOK IN THOSE WHO WERE SICK OUR STAFF WERE EXPOSED BUT WE DIDN'T CARE WE WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF THESE PEOPLE BUT TILL TODAY MADAM SPEAKER MANY OF THOSE CLINICS HAVE NOT BEEN REIMBURSED IN FACT UNFORTUNATELY WITH A VIDEO THAT'S BEEN CIRCULATING AND CIRCULATED DURING THE HEARING ON THIS BILL UNFORTUNATELY OUR GOVERNOR EVEN SAID THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING NOT TRUE MADAM SPEAKER MEDICAL CLINICS WERE AT THE FRONT LINE I KNOW BECAUSE MANY OF MY BELOVED FAMILY MEMBERS HAD TO GO THERE AND PREFERRED TO GO THERE AND BE IN LINE THERE BECAUSE THE LINES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH WERE MILES LONG THOSE CLINICS MADAM SPEAKER IT WAS ACTED LIKE THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING IT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS SAID THEY'RE DONE WITH WORKING WITH THE FRONT OFFICE MADAM SPEAKER TILL TODAY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS SITS IN THE BANK MANY PEOPLE WANTED TO COME DOWN HERE TO THESE HALLOWED HALLS AND SAY THAT MONEY IS NEEDED WHY DON'T YOU DO ANOTHER ALL RISE WHY DON'T WE HAVE WORK CREDITS WHY DON'T WE HAVE SOME OF THESE OTHER PROGRAMS TO HELP OUR PEOPLE BUT BASICALLY YOU HAVE NO SAY NOT IF WE PASS THIS BILL MADAM SPEAKER AS I WORK TO WRAP UP ONE OF THE MYTHS THAT I HAVE HEARD AND IT'S SO UNFORTUNATE BY SOME EVEN IN THIS HALL WHO ATTEMPT TO MAKE THIS SOME SORT OF PARTISAN LEGISLATION THOSE CRAZY REPUBLICANS HOW DO THEY DARE TO TRY TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY LAW INSTITUTED BY GOVERNOR EDDIE BAZA CALVO A REAL GOOD GOVERNOR BY THE WAY WELL I HAVE A STORY MADAM SPEAKER WHEN I RAN IN 2020 AND THE NEWS WILL BEAR THIS OUT I RAN ON INTRODUCING THIS AS MY 1136 AS MY FIRST BILL BUT BEFORE I DID THAT I HAD EDDIE BAZA CALVO A GOVERNOR WHO I SERVED HONORABLY REVIEWED THE BILL AND HE SAID CHRIS I WOULD SIGN THIS BILL THE MINUTE IT HIT MY DESK IF I WAS GOVERNOR RIGHT NOW DOES EDDIE BAZA CALVO SAY THAT BECAUSE CHRIS IS A REPUBLICAN AND A GOOD FRIEND OF HIS NO BECAUSE HE WENT THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC STUFF TOO AS A BUSINESSMAN TRAINED TO PROVIDE FOR FAMILIES AND HAVING THE SAME OUTRAGE OVER THE WAY SOME THINGS WERE HANDLED MADAM SPEAKER WE EVEN CONVENED IN THIS HALL TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND I THINK SOME OF OUR MEMBERS DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WE HAD THIS THING OVER OUR HEAD SAYING YOU'RE GOING TO STARVE CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE AWAY THEIR SNAP A LIE PERPETUATED BY SOME EVIL DOERS DOWNTOWN AND THEN YOU'RE GOING TO TERMINATE THE PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THE NATIONAL GUARD SERVE THEM ANOTHER LIE SO IN THIS BILL WE FIX THAT WE MADE SURE THAT ON THE TERMINATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN HEART OR IN WHOLE BECAUSE MANY FIND STATES LIKE HAWAII HAD NO PROBLEM NO PROBLEM MADAM SPEAKER WITH A GOOD GOVERNOR SAYING WE THE STATE OF HAWAII WANT TO TERMINATE OUR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY BUT WE HAVE A HEART AND WE WON'T STARVE CHILDREN SO WE WILL RENEW THAT PART OF THE EMERGENCY WE HAVE NURSES THAT ARE CRITICAL TO SAVING THE LIVES OF OUR PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE WE EXTEND THAT ABILITY TO PAY THOSE NURSES TOP DOLLAR TRAVEL NURSES SO THAT WE COULD SAVE LIVES THE GOVERNOR WITH SOME SENSE A GOVERNOR WHO UNDERSTOOD I CAN USE MY POWER JUDICIOUSLY MADAM SPEAKER AS I CLOSE

I STAND BEFORE YOU AS AN UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUAL OF SOMEBODY WHO I FELT WAS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST I WAS TREATED LIKE AN OUTCAST THAT SOMETIMES BECAUSE WE WERE TOLD THAT IF YOU ARE VACCINATED YOU WILL NOT GET COVID AND YOU WILL NOT SPREAD COVID ANOTHER LIE THAT HAS BEEN PROVEN SCIENTIFICALLY NOW I REMOVE MYSELF FROM SOME OF MY FAVORITE ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE I WAS A DIRTY UNVACCINATED PERSON AND WE HAVE PEOPLE FROM THIS ISLAND WHO NOW LIVE ABROAD BECAUSE THEY LOST THEIR JOBS BECAUSE THEY WERE DIRTY UNVACCINATED PEOPLE PEOPLE OF THIS LEGISLATURE PLEASE UNDERSTAND IT IS IMPORTANT TO AMEND LAWS WHEN YOU NEED TO NO LAW IS PERFECT EVERY BILL THAT WILL BE HEARD IN THIS LEGISLATURE WILL BE AMENDING REPEALING OR ADDING TO A LAW THAT'S ALREADY ON THE BOOKS THIS IS NO DIFFERENT MADAM SPEAKER AND I HUMBLY ASKED THIS BODY TO PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF BILL 737 *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON BILL NUMBER SEVEN IS THERE ANYONE ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL LOOKING AT IT I WAS FROM A CONSTITUTIONAL POINT OF VIEW I DON'T THINK THAT THE FRAMERS ARE THE CONSTITUTION OR THE BILL OF RIGHTS WOULD HAVE A BIT OF PROBLEM WITH THIS I THINK THEY WOULD BE SURPRISED TO DISCOVER UH THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH THROUGH CONTINUING DECLARATIONS OF EMERGENCY CAN GOVERN BY EXECUTIVE FIAT THIS IS A DEMOCRATIC BILL SMALL D IT DOES NO MORE THAN ALLOW THE PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES TO REVIEW ONGOING STATES OF EMERGENCY GOVERNOR WANTS TO CONTINUE THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EASY CALL US INTO SESSION TELL US WHY IT'S THAT SIMPLE IT'S A GOOD BILL IT IS A VERY GOOD BILL AND I SUPPORT IT THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON BILL NUMBER SEVEN ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I SUPPORT THE I SUPPORT THE BILL IT'S A COURAGEOUS BILL THE AUTHORS COURAGEOUS I SUPPORT THEM THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON BILL NUMBER SEVEN ANY OTHER SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPON SENATOR BROWN ON THE BILL YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I ALSO RISE IN SUPPORT OF BILL 737 AND I REALLY HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF MY GOOD COLLEAGUES SENATOR DUEÑAS FOR HIS PERSISTENCE AND NOT JUST INTRODUCING THIS BILL LAST TERM BUT REINTRODUCING THIS BILL THIS TERM AND THE DEGREE OF CONVICTION THAT HE HAS WITH REGARDS TO THE RIGHTS OF OUR PEOPLE TO LIVE THEIR LIVES FREELY I THINK ALL OF US YOU KNOW WENT THROUGH THE PANDEMIC OF COURSE IT WAS A VERY CHALLENGING TIME A BIT SCARY SOMETHING WE'D NEVER EXPERIENCED IN OUR LIVES AND I'M SURE FOR ALL OF US IT'S SOMETHING WE HOPE WE NEVER EVER EXPERIENCE AGAIN BUT YOU KNOW WHAT ALSO SHOWED US THAT WHEN THE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME INTO THEIR OWN HOUSE AND RELAY THEIR CONCERNS WHEN POWER IS ABUSED AND MISUSED YOU KNOW IT SHOWS US WE DON'T LIVE IN A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AND OF COURSE WE UNDERSTAND YOU KNOW FOR OUR OWN SAFETY WHY THESE UH PROTECTIONS MAY HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE BUT IN SOME AREAS THEY PROBABLY WERE UNNECESSARY TO GIVE UP OUR FREEDOMS TO BE CONTROLLED AND TO BE LIMITED AND AGAIN SOMETIMES I SCRATCH MY HEAD YOU KNOW I GO I WONDER IS THIS PART OF OUR COLONIAL HISTORY THAT WE COWER SO QUICKLY TO POWER WHY DO WE DO THAT YOU KNOW THE BIG AIM AND DESIRE TO BE *I MAGA'LÁHI* OR *I MAGA'HÁGA* OF GUAM OF THE PEOPLE WHAT AN AMBITION OH GOSH BOY THAT YOU MUST ARRIVE WHEN YOU BECOME GOVERNOR YOU KNOW GOVERNORS ARE THERE TO HELP ASSIST OUR PEOPLE IN THEIR GOVERNMENT HOPEFULLY TO HAVE A BETTER COMMUNITY A SAFER COMMUNITY A MORE EDUCATED COMMUNITY A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY BUT WHEN WE ACQUIESCE AND THE LAST LEGISLATURE DID WITHOUT QUESTION THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS ACQUIESCED TO THIS STEPPED BACK AND DID NOT STEP FORWARD YOU KNOW I DON'T KNOW WHY WE RUN FOR OFFICE TO SAY MY DEAR PEOPLE OF GUAM PLEASE VOTE FOR ME SO I CAN LEAD YOU BECAUSE I'M THE PERSON WHO SHOULD LEAD YOU AND YET WHEN THE TIME COMES WHEN WE SHOULD STAND UP TO HELP LEAD AND SUPPORT THEM WE'RE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE HAVE THOSE THAT WERE ALIGNED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION WE ALL KNOW WHO THEY ARE THEY ALL KNOW WHO THEY ARE IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THE GOVERNOR VETOED THEY WOULD NOT OVERRIDE A VETO OF THE GOVERNOR THAT'S WHY WE SAID YOU KNOW IF YOU WANT TO GO TO *ADELUP* GO TO *ADELUP* GOODNESS THE STARTING RATES 90 GRAND

AND UP SAVE YOURSELF THE HASSLE BUT WHEN WE ACQUIESCE AND GIVE UP OUR POWER AND OUR FREEDOM WE NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL AND SCRUTINIZE HOW WE DO IT AND WHY IT'S BEING ALLOWED AND FOR WHAT PERIOD OF TIME IT'S BEING ALLOWED AND WE MIGHT NOT ALWAYS AGREE BUT WE SHOULD DELIBERATE THE ISSUE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATION TO COME IN AND INFORM THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WHAT DECISIONS THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AND WHY THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT AND WHETHER OR NOT THE PEOPLE SUPPORT THAT BECAUSE ULTIMATELY WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE THAT ELECTED US WE'RE NOT THERE RULERS WE'RE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND A LOT OF THE CONCERNS YOU KNOW FOR THOSE THAT WEREN'T AFFECTED I MEAN THE THE PANDEMIC WAS A FINANCIAL WINDFALL AND YET FOR THOSE THAT DIDN'T THOSE THE BUSINESSES THAT WERE CLOSED DOWN WITHOUT REALLY EVEN HAVING A VOICE AND A FORUM TO BE ABLE TO RELAY THEIR CONCERNS THEY WERE JUST TOLD WELL YOU'RE YOU'RE YOU CAN'T OPERATE NOBODY WANTS TO DO SOMETHING AFOUL OF THE GOVERNMENT BUT MY GOODNESS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT'S NOT DOING WHAT IT SHOULD BE DOING TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS TO HEAR YOUR CONCERNS TO ADDRESS YOUR CONCERNS WELL THEN THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG IF THIS LEGISLATURE DOES THE SAME THING THIS TERM AND AGAIN ALIGNS FOR THOSE COLLEAGUES THAT ALIGN THEMSELVES WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND NOT WITH THE PEOPLE THIS IS NOT YOU KNOW MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR CHRIS BROUGHT UP IT'S NOT A QUESTION REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT IT'S A QUESTION OF DOING THE RIGHT THING BECAUSE IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO STAND UP FOR THE PEOPLE THAT YOU SAID YOU RAN FOR OFFICE TO REPRESENT THEIR INTERESTS THEN WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE GO DOWN THE ROAD TO *ADELUP* GET THAT EASY PAYING JOB GOT ANOTHER THREE AND A HALF YEARS TO CRUISE BUT LET'S NOT PRETEND WE'RE HERE TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS AND THEN SHUT THEM DOWN I HAVE A RELATIVE WHO WAS A SCHOOL TEACHER WHO FOR HEALTH REASONS CHOSE NOT TO BE VACCINATED I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN YOU HAVE A HEALTH CONCERN NOT KNOWING WHAT THE IMPACT OF THIS VACCINE WAS GOING OUR SERIES WHAT ENDED UP BEING A ONE-TIME SHOT ENDED UP BEING A REPETITIVE PROCESS AND I MYSELF WAS VACCINATED BUT EVEN I GOTTA WONDER WELL THAT RELATIVE OF MINE NOT ONLY LEFT THE SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT RELATIVE OF MINE AND HER SPOUSE WHO WAS ALSO WORKING IN A GOVERNMENT AGENCY LEFT THE ISLAND PACKED UP THEIR FAMILY AND LEFT THE ISLAND AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE NOT EVEN TO RETIRE AND HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN BECAUSE THEY WERE SO DISGUSTED BY HOW THIS GOVERNMENT TREATED THEM HOW THEY WERE TREATED IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM HOW OTHERS THAT CHOSE NOT TO BE VACCINATED WERE TREATED IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WHO COULD GO INTO AN ESTABLISHMENT AND EAT AND WHO COULDN'T YOU TALK ABOUT FOOD MADAM SPEAKER FEEDING OUR PEOPLE WE WERE SO QUICK YOU KNOW IT'S LIKE WALKING AROUND WITH OUR MARK ON OUR HEAD WE WERE SEPARATING OUR PEOPLE WAS THAT THE RIGHT THING TO DO I DON'T THINK SO I DON'T THINK JUST INDISCRIMINATELY TELLING BUSINESSES WHAT THEY COULD AND COULD NOT DO WITHOUT GIVING THEM A VENUE OR A RECOURSE TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS I DON'T THINK THAT WAS THE RIGHT I DON'T THINK THAT WAS A DEMOCRATIC THING TO DO BUT SOME OF US NOT ONLY DID WE TURN THE BLIND EYE WE TURN THE LIGHTS OUT BECAUSE WE ACQUIESCE TO POWER EVEN IF IT'S THE WRONG POWER IN THE WRONG DIRECTION WE CAVE IN AND WE KNEEL DOWN TO IT WHY AND YET WE ASK OUR PEOPLE WE SHOULD BE THEIR LEADER WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE ABLE TO QUESTION AND DELIBERATE AND YES WE MAY DISAGREE THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE IF WE WERE ALL HERE TO GO ONE WAY ALL THE TIME THEN AGAIN WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS AND STANDS AND THAT'S FINE IT'S EVEN BETTER BECAUSE HOPEFULLY THROUGH THE PROCESS OF DELIBERATION AND WALKING IN AND THAT'S WHY I DON'T WALK IN WITH ANY PRE-WRITTEN SPEECHES TYPED OUT BY MY STAFF OR MAYBE EDITED BY MYSELF BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW I MIGHT CHANGE MY MIND BUT THAT'S THE PART THAT USED TO BE THE ART OF DELIBERATION I REMEMBER THIS LEGISLATURE USED TO BEING ABLE TO GET UP AND ARTICULATE VERY WELL BECAUSE THAT ACTUALLY WAS THE SKILL SET WITHOUT NOTES AND WITHOUT WRITTEN PRE-WRITTEN SPEECHES BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DELIBERATE FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE LIGHT OF DAY BUT COLLEAGUES WHAT HAPPENED DURING THIS PANDEMIC AND HOW OUR PEOPLE WERE TREATED SHOULD NOT HAPPEN AGAIN AND IT DOESN'T STOP THIS ADMINISTRATION OR ANY BECAUSE THERE WILL BE MANY ADMINISTRATIONS TO COME WE UNDERSTAND DURING EMERGENCY RESPONSE DECISIONS NEED TO BE MADE THEY NEED TO BE ORGANIZED THEY NEED TO BE EXECUTED BECAUSE WE'RE ASSUMING WE'RE WORKING IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE BUT AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME 30 DAYS YOU KNOW 60 DAYS WHATEVER WE DETERMINE THAT TO BE THEN WE NEED TO COME BACK TO THE TABLE AND DECIDE IF THOSE EMERGENCY POWERS ARE EXCEPTIONAL SHOULD BE GIVEN TO A GOVERNOR TO CONTINUE OR ARE THERE THINGS WE NEED TO CHANGE OR MODIFY WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT'S OUR JOB COLLEAGUES THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE WE'RE NOT HERE SO WE CAN TRAVEL DURING SESSION AND GO TO EVERY SOCIAL FUNCTION EVERY RESOLUTION PRESENTATION THAT'S NOT THE REAL WORK THE REAL WORK IS RIGHT

HERE IN THIS SESSION HALL AND WE COLLECTIVELY SHOULD DECIDE IF THIS IS THE DIRECTION TO GO ON IS THIS THE DIRECTION OUR PEOPLE WANT US TO GO IN WHEN WE FAIL TO LISTEN YOU KNOW MAYBE YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH IT FOR A LITTLE WHILE BUT AFTER A WHILE YOU KNOW PEOPLE THAT'S WHY WE HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE NOW THAT ARE SO JADED WITH OUR GOVERNMENT SO MANY PEOPLE DON'T EVEN WANT TO VOTE ANYMORE LOOK AT EARLIER THIS YEAR HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE ON THE VOTER ROSTER THAT USED TO VOTE DON'T VOTE DON'T WANT TO VOTE DON'T CARE TO VOTE HOW MANY OF THEM GOT ON A PLANE AND MOVED AND LEFT AND I KNOW A COUPLE OF THEM WHO HAD PRIVATE BUSINESSES FOR MANY YEARS ON THIS ISLAND A VERY CLOSE FRIEND AND A NEIGHBOR THAT JUST LIVED A FEW FEET FROM ME THAT PACKED UP THEIR FAMILY AND LEFT AND ONE OF THEM WERE HERE TO TESTIFY AGAINST THIS BILL FELT SO ANGERED BY IT AND SO DISAPPOINTED BY IT AND SO FRUSTRATED WITH OUR GOVERNMENT THAT THEY PACKED UP THEIR WHOLE FAMILY AND LEFT WHY DO WE NEED TO GET TO THAT POINT WHERE OUR PEOPLE'S VOICES THEY DON'T FEEL IN THIS MODERN DAY OF ALL OUR ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE THAT THEY ARE UNHEARD BECAUSE WE HAVE LEADERS THAT ARE NOT LEADERS BECAUSE WE HAVE LEADERS THAT CAVE IN BECAUSE THEY THINK *AI ADAI* THE GOVERNOR *AI* THIS IS WHAT THE GOVERNOR WANTS GOVERNORS ARE ALWAYS CHANGING AND WE'VE HAD SOME GOOD ONES AND WE'VE HAD SOME YOU GOTTA YOU KNOW WONDER WHAT HAPPENED WAS NOT RIGHT WHEN WE ALLOWED THESE PUBLIC EMERGENCIES FROM MONTH AFTER MONTH WE ABDICATE OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS LAWMAKERS WHEN WE ARE ALLOWING THE ISLAND TO BE RULED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER WHAT TRUMPS EXECUTIVE ORDERS LAW WHAT IS OUR MAIN JOB WE'RE LAWMAKERS BUT WHEN WE CONTINUE TO LET IT SLIDE AND DO NOTHING CONTINUE TO SAY OH NO WE'RE NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THIS BILL WE'RE NOT GOING TO QUESTION THE GOVERNOR WHAT THE GOVERNOR AND THE ADMINISTRATION IS DOING WE'RE JUST GOING TO STICK OUR HEAD IN THE SAND AND THEN GO OUT NEXT ELECTION AND PROMISE OUR PEOPLE THAT WERE THERE TO LEAD AND REPRESENT THEM MAKES US NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF HYPOCRITES OUR PEOPLE DESERVE BETTER THAN THAT THEY DESERVE TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD AND EVEN WHEN I DON'T DISAGREE WITH THE POSITION OF SOMEONE OUT THERE I GIVE THEM CREDIT FOR FOR SAYING IT BECAUSE THAT IS OUR JOB WHETHER WE AGREE OR NOT WELL THEN MAYBE THAT'LL INFLUENCE THE DEBATE AND THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING WE SHOULD BE HERE TO DEBATE THESE ISSUES NOT ACQUIESCING OUR POWER TO A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL AND THEN JUST SITTING BACK AND CRUISING FOR THE REST OF THE TERM BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS WE COULD HAVE DONE BETTER THERE ARE THINGS WE COULD HAVE DONE SMARTER AND YOU KNOW WHILE WE COULD HAVE WE COULD HAVE DONE THAT BY DELIBERATING IT AND HAVING THOSE DISCUSSIONS OPEN AND HAVING OUR PEOPLE BE ABLE TO COME INTO THE PEOPLE'S HOUSES WE SO FREQUENTLY REFER TO THIS SESSION ALL THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE BUT HOW ARE THEY GOING TO COME IN AND EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS WHEN WE SHUT THE WINDOWS AND SLAM THE DOOR AND LOCK IT BECAUSE WE DON'T FEEL WE SHOULD HAVE ANY ADMINISTRATION OR THIS IN PARTICULAR COME DOWN EVERY 30 DAYS AND SAY HEY THIS IS WHAT WE'RE DOING THIS IS WHY DO YOU AGREE IF NOT THEN WE CAN DECIDE FROM THERE IF THAT'S THE WAY TO PROCEED OR DO WE WANT TO CHANGE OR MODIFY IT IS THIS WORKING FOR US OR IT ISN'T LET'S NOT MAKE THOSE MISTAKES MOVING FORWARD BECAUSE YOU KNOW GUYS EVERYTHING COMES TO AN END EVERY DAY THAT GOES BY GOODNESS I'VE BEEN IN TWO ADMINISTRATIONS YOU BLINK YOUR EYE AND IT'S OVER AND ALL OF A SUDDEN ALL THESE IMPORTANT PEOPLE THAT WERE DIRECTORS MY GOD YOU THINK THEY WERE THE GREATEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED LIKE NOBODY ELSE HAS BEEN A DIRECTOR OR A GOVERNOR I HAVE TO TELL YOU BEING IN OFFICE IS PROBABLY THE MOST HUMBLING EXPERIENCE I'VE EVER HAD AND CONTINUE TO HAVE WHILE I'M HERE THERE'S NOTHING TO BE RIDING HIGH ABOUT I THINK THE BURDENS WE HAVE TO CARRY ARE GREAT AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES EVEN GREATER SO I FULLY STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL 737 I THANK MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS FOR HIS PERSISTENCE YOU KNOW STANDING UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN IS NEVER EASY SOMETIMES ESPECIALLY IF YOU THINK THE TIDE IS AGAINST YOU BUT YOU KNOW WHAT YOU STILL STAND AND YOU STAND STRONG AND I COMMEND HIM FOR HIS CONTINUED EFFORTS AND CERTAINLY DEFINITELY SUPPORT HIM IN THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.

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

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OOPS OKAY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THAT LITTLE DELAY THERE YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT LIKE I'VE DONE BEFORE ON A PRIOR BILL THAT THAT DID THE SAME THING AND I'M SURE THAT WE HAD MUCH DEBATE TO DISCUSS THE FIRST BILL AND IT CAME AT A TIME WHERE THINGS WERE HEIGHTENED YOU KNOW WE WERE GOING THROUGH COVID A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE FRUSTRATED BUT NOTHING WAS MORE FRUSTRATING THAN NOT BEING A PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN MAKING

DECISIONS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IF I RECALL MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT THREE BRANCHES THAT SHOULD BE WORKING TOGETHER DURING SOMETHING SO IMPORTANT SOMETHING THAT CAN THAT HAS DEVASTATED OUR ISLAND BUT THE BIGGEST PART OF THIS WAS WE WERE NEVER INVOLVED AS A LEGISLATURE WHY WHY IS THAT IT SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN DONE WE SHOULD HAVE ALL WORKED TOGETHER AS A BODY NOT THIS BODY ALL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT WORKING TOGETHER KEEP USING INVOLVED SO THAT WE CAN BE PART OF THIS SOLUTION PART OF IDEAS TO RECOVER FROM SOMETHING SO DEVASTATING AS COVID AND MADAM SPEAKER YOU YOU AND I BOTH KNOW AND WE HEARD FROM FEMA THAT YOU KNOW THAT WE MIGHT HAVE HAD A TYPHOON ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF AGO BUT THERE MIGHT BE ANOTHER ONE COMING DOWN THE LINE BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE THE WATERS ARE HEATED IN THE PACIFIC RIGHT NOW WELL THAT'S THE SAME FROM ANY OTHER VIRUS COMING ON IN OUR WAY AGAIN YOU THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE THE LAST TIME SOMETHING LIKE COVID COULD HAPPEN TO US WELL WE BETTER BE PREPARED PEOPLE NOW IS THE TIME TO BE PREPARED SO PEOPLE WON'T SAY THAT WE'RE SHOOTING FROM THE HIP THAT WE'RE BEING REACTIVE INSTEAD OF PROACTIVE WELL THIS IS PROACTIVE WE ARE BECOMING PROACTIVE WE ARE PREPARING OURSELVES AND THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT IN THE PUBLIC HEARING I HAD SOME CONCERNS WITH THE BILL SOME OF MY QUESTIONS WERE DOES THIS BILL VIOLATE ANY FEDERAL LAW ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE GOVERNOR'S ORGANIC AUTHORITY ARISE COULD THIS BILL COULD THIS BILL PRESENT LEGAL CHALLENGE AND I WAS HAPPY TO HEAR MADAM SPEAKER THAT THIS BILL THIS PARTICULAR BILL DOES NOT DOES NOT IT IS NOT INORGANIC THAT WAS THE BIGGEST QUESTION ON THE LAST BILL BUT ACCORDING TO OUR LEGAL COUNSEL IT IS NOT INORGANIC THIS NOW WILL PROVIDE THE STRENGTHS IN OUR GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE TRANSPARENCY BRANCH COOPERATION IMPROVE IMPROVE PUBLIC TRUST I THINK THAT'S ALL WE WE WANT RIGHT NOW BECAUSE IT I'M SORRY THE SHOW THAT HAPPENED DURING COVID WE LOST SO MUCH OF OUR PEOPLE'S TRUST IN OUR GOVERNMENT SO MUCH THIS WILL CREATE INHERITED CHECKS AND BALANCES OF AN EXECUTIVE DECLARATION AS WELL YOU KNOW EXECUTIVE ORDERS CAN BE A VIABLE TO FOR RESPONDING TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES BUT EXECUTIVE ORDERS ALSO HAVE THEIR WEAKNESSES EXAMPLE ONE LIMITED DURATION PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDERS HAVE LIMITED DURATION WHICH CAN CREATE UNCERTAINTY AND INSTABILITY TWO POTENTIAL FOR ABUSE AS WE'VE SEEN EXECUTIVE ORDERS CAN OFTEN CAN OFTEN ISSUED BY GOVERNORS OR OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS WITHOUT THE INPUT OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OR OTHER STAKEHOLDERS THIS CAN LEAD TO A MAJOR CONCERN ABOUT ABUSE OF POWER WHICH MANY IN IN GUAM BELIEVE CAN RESTRICT CIVILITY CIVIL LIBERTIES WHILE IMPOSING SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BURDEN WITHOUT PROPER OVERSIGHT AND TRANSPARENCY EXECUTIVE ORDERS CAN BE VIEWED AS ARBITRARY AND UNDEMOCRATIC LACK OF ENFORCEMENT WHILE EXECUTIVE ORDERS PROVIDE LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS THEY MAY BE LIMITATIONS TO THEIR ENFORCEMENT FOR AN EXAMPLE IF INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESSES REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER IT CAN BE CHALLENGING TO ENFORCE THE ORDER WITHOUT RESORTING TO LEGAL ACTION AND OF COURSE MY GREATEST CONCERN WAS THE CONCERN WHETHER THE BILL IS ORGANIC AND I WAS ASSURED BY OUR LEGAL COUNSEL ONCE AGAIN THAT THIS BILL IS ORGANIC WE HAVE THE POWER TO DO SO THIS BILL MAKES SENSE THIS BILL ALLOWS US TO BE PROACTIVE TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WHOEVER IS GOING TO BE THE NEXT GOVERNOR WELL WE HAVE ANOTHER THREE YEARS FOR A NEW GOVERNOR BUT WE DON'T WE CAN'T PREDICT THE FUTURE OTHER THAN A SCI-FI BOOK THAT WAS THAT WAS AUTHORED IN I THINK IT WAS 19 I'M NOT MISTAKING 1989 ABOUT YOU KNOW AND THEY EVEN USED THE WORD COVID IT WAS A SCI-FI BOOK THAT WAS PUT OUT I MEAN I NEVER NOBODY EVER THOUGHT SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD HAPPEN TO US IN THE WORLD WE JUST HAD A TASTE OF IT MY FRIENDS SO NOW'S THE TIME TO ENSURE THAT WHOEVER HAS THE AUTHORITY FOR AN EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT THEY INCLUDE THEY INCLUDE ALL BRANCHES OF THIS GOVERNMENT LET'S BRING BACK THE PEOPLE'S TRUST IN OUR GOVERNMENT AND PUT IN PLACE LAWS THAT DO JUST THAT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT YOU KNOW I'M HEARING ALL THE DISCUSSION NOW AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO LOOK BACK DURING THE PANDEMIC AND YOU KNOW IT WAS THOSE ARE SCARY TIMES I REMEMBER WHEN COVID FIRST HIT THERE WAS A LOT OF FEAR IN THE COMMUNITY AND THERE WAS EVEN YOU KNOW REPORTS ABOUT HOW THIS THIS PANDEMIC COULD GROW EXPONENTIALLY AND THERE WAS AN ESTIMATE THAT IT WOULD KILL 3000 PEOPLE WITHIN THE MATTER IN A SHORT MATTER OF TIME AND SO WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT YOU KNOW WE HAVE WE'RE NOW IN THIS POSITION WHERE WE'RE OUT OF

THIS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND YOU KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE DOING THIS LOOKING BACK AND EVALUATING YOU KNOW WHAT CAN WE DO TO OUR LAWS TO TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE MORE RESILIENT BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCES THAT WE'VE HAD YOU KNOW I UNDERSTAND THERE WAS A HUGE DIVIDE OUR COMMUNITY WAS DIVIDED IN REGARDS TO WHETHER TO VACCINATE TO TO ENFORCE AND VACCINATION OR NOT AND THERE WERE MANY ISSUES ABOUT MOBILITY BEING ABLE TO MOVE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND SO IN LOOKING BACK TO YOU KNOW A LOT OF THESE THINGS WERE NOT STATIC YOU KNOW THE VIRUS ITSELF AS WE KNOW IS THAT AS WITH MANY VIRAL VIRUSES IT SHOWS HISTORICALLY THAT THE FIRST VIRUS TO COME THROUGH A COMMUNITY IS THE MOST INFECTIOUS PERHAPS THE MOST HARMFUL AND OVER TIME IT EVOLVES TO A MUCH MORE A LESS YOU KNOW WE'VE SEEN THAT ACTUALLY BEING DOCUMENTED THERE WERE MANY VARIANTS AND THERE WERE CHANGES AND AND CHANGES IN THE VIRUS ITSELF BUT ULTIMATELY THE VIRUS DID YOU KNOW CHANGE AND POTENTIALLY IN A WAY THAT IT WAS LESS HARMFUL THAT'S THAT'S WHAT WE SEE HAPPEN THAT'S A TREND THROUGHOUT PANDEMICS AND SO YOU KNOW WHEN WE'RE IN THE PANDEMIC ITSELF IT'S REALLY HARD TO HAVE THIS SENSE OF PERSPECTIVE YOU KNOW WHAT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO YOU'RE ALWAYS SECOND GUESSING YOURSELF BUT WHAT WE HAVE TO HOLD ON TO IS WHAT IS BEST PRACTICES RIGHT WHAT ARE THE BEST PRACTICES TO HANDLE A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THERE'S NO GUARANTEE WHAT WE EXPERIENCE TODAY IS GOING TO BE THE EXACT SAME THING WE EXPERIENCE TOMORROW AND YOU KNOW I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE PROCEED WITH CAUTION AND USE THE BEST SCIENTIFIC EXPERT ADVICE TO GUIDE US FORWARD YOU KNOW VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN PROVEN HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO PREVENT ILLNESS SPREAD AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU KNOW WE CAN'T DENY WE CAN'T DENY THAT MEDICAL HISTORY YOU KNOW THOUGH THERE WAS A HUGE POLARIZATION IN OUR COMMUNITY TODAY AND SO THERE'S NO YOU KNOW WE GET WE'VE GOT A CRYSTAL BALL TODAY TO SAY OKAY YOU KNOW THIS IS WHAT WE CAN DO FOR THE FUTURE YOU KNOW PERHAPS YES WE CAN BE MORE CLEAR AND DEFINITIVE IN OUR BILLS BUT I THINK WHEN WE WRITE THESE BILLS YOU KNOW WE'RE CODIFYING SOMETHING THAT MAY HAVE YOU KNOW IF WE'RE NOT FLEXIBLE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP THE COMMUNITY IN MIND THROUGH ALL OF THIS AND I KNOW THERE WAS A LOT OF MALCONTENT ABOUT THE LACK OF THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY WHEN IT CAME TO EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AND THAT I SHARE THAT SAME CONCERN BUT YOU KNOW ULTIMATELY IT'S LIKE WHAT IS IT GOING TO KEEP OUR PEOPLE ALIVE TOO AND SO I DO HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS I MEAN AND THE OTHER THING TO KEEP IN MIND IS THAT YOU KNOW GUAM IS STEP IN STEP WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN REGARDS TO THE POLICIES AND I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS IS LIKE WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE YOU KNOW WHAT ARE THE WHAT IS ARE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOING AND SO THEY DIDN'T THEY DIDN'T YOU KNOW END THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY TO MUCH LATER IT WASN'T YOU KNOW THEY WEREN'T GOING MONTH TO MONTH YOU KNOW A LOT OF THINGS THEY WERE SCRAMBLING LIKE THEY WERE STILL FIGURING OUT HOW ARE THEY GOING TO YOU KNOW CREATE A VACCINE HOW ARE THEY GOING TO PRODUCE THE VACCINE HOW ARE THEY GOING TO DISSEMINATE IT SO A LOT OF THAT WAS IN THE WORKS THERE WAS NO CLEAR PATH AND IT WAS PRETTY MUCH WE WERE ADJUSTING TO THINGS AS THEY WERE COMING IN ESPECIALLY IN THE EARLY DAYS AND SO MY CONCERN ABOUT THE 30 DAYS IN SECTION THREE OF THE BILL WHERE IT AUTOMATICALLY IS TERMINATED BY THE LEGISLATURE YOU KNOW I FEEL THAT A PANDEMIC IS NOT IT'S A IT'S A DYNAMIC THING RIGHT IN THE BEGINNING WE'RE FUMBLING WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT WE'RE TRYING TO ADJUST MAKING THESE LIFE AND DEATH DECISIONS IS NOT EASY AND MORE SO TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS EVEN A BIGGER RESPONSIBILITY AND I MEAN WE'VE BEEN THROUGH YOU KNOW MARWAR JUST RECENTLY AND HAVING TO CALL THE AGENCY HEADS TO ANSWER I MEAN WE ALL AND WE ALL UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY NEEDED TO BE OUT THERE TO RESTORE WATER TO RESTORE POWER AND SO WE WERE VERY SENSITIVE TO THAT WE WERE SENSITIVE THAT THAT WAS THE PRIORITY THEY NEEDED TO GO OUT THERE AND YOU KNOW RESTORE OUR COMMUNITY AND SO WHEN WE'RE PUTTING THIS 30-DAY AUTOMATIC TERMINATION I HAVE RESERVATIONS BECAUSE YOU KNOW LOOK AT NOW WE'RE STILL I BELIEVE WE'RE STILL RESTORING YOU KNOW WE'RE STILL WE'RE TRYING TO RESTORE THE COMMUNITY BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL PRIOR TO MARWAR YOU KNOW I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE HAS TO BE A DIALOGUE BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN WHEN IT COMES TIME TO REALLY ADDRESS THE ISSUES IMMEDIATELY THERE'S LESS TIME TO COME DOWN HERE AND AND PRESENT INFORMATION I UNDERSTAND I UNDERSTAND THE INTENT OF THIS LEGISLATION BUT I WOULD PREFER MUCH MORE FLEXIBILITY BECAUSE WE KNOW THESE THINGS ARE DYNAMIC WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS AND WE WILL NOT HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS AND SO I DO ASK FOR A LITTLE BIT MORE CONSIDERATION ABOUT YOU KNOW MORE FLEXIBILITY BECAUSE WE'RE CODIFYING THIS THIS IS GOING TO BE IN LAW SHOULD IT BE PASSED RIGHT THIS WILL BE CODIFIED FOR THE NEXT PANDEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S OUT THERE WHAT IS COMING OUR WAY 30 DAYS I THINK IS TOO SHORT YEAH SO I ASKED FOR MORE

FLEXIBILITY IN THAT CONSIDERING WHAT WE AS A COMMUNITY WENT THROUGH WITH A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND JUST HOW YOU KNOW WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A SERIES OF THINGS AND WE HAVEN'T HAD TO HAVE A BREATH REALLY A GOOD BREATH FROM THE YOU KNOW WE JUST CAME OUT OF PANDEMIC NOW WE WENT THROUGH MARWAR YOU KNOW IT SEEMS LIKE ONE TRAUMA AFTER ANOTHER AND IT'S TO HAVE 30 DAYS I THINK IS A LITTLE BIT TOO TIGHT TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO YOU KNOW ALL THE THINGS THAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH YOU KNOW I KNOW WE ALL BELIEVE THAT WE'RE RESILIENT RESILIENT COMMUNITY BUT EVEN OUR RESILIENT COMMUNITY NEEDS TIME THANK YOU AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE OF THE DIALOGUE OR YEAH I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THE DIALOGUE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL WE'RE STILL ON BILL NUMBER SEVEN IS THERE ANYONE ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DO NOT STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL FRANKLY AS A SENATOR I WOULD BE EMBARRASSED BY THIS BILL THIS BILL IS A REDUNDANT BILL FOR INEFFECTIVE AND LAZY POLITICIANS THERE IS ALREADY A MECHANISM TO END PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES ALL THIS BILL DOES IS IT ALLOWS POLITICIANS TO NOT DO THE WORK TO NOT MAKE THEIR CASE TO THEIR COLLEAGUES THAT A PUBLIC EMERGENCY NEEDS TO END YOU SEE IT IN THE RHETORIC THE LAZY RHETORIC OF ANYBODY THAT DON'T SUPPORT THIS BILL THEY'RE JUST A STOOGES FOR *ADELUP* THAT IS RIDICULOUS I MYSELF AS A FRESHMAN SENATOR HAVE OVERRIDDEN THE GOVERNOR'S VETO THREE TIMES NOW I BET TO SAY IF WE LOOKED AT THE RECORD I'VE PROBABLY OVERRIDDEN THE GOVERNOR'S VETO MORE THAN SOME PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE MOSES SO THIS BILL IF IT DOESN'T PASS IT'S NOT BECAUSE WE'RE IN THE TANK FOR THE GOVERNOR IT'S BECAUSE IT'S A BAD BILL IT'S A BAD BILL IT'S A LAZY BILL THERE'S ALREADY A MECHANISM TO END PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES AND JUST BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THE FORTITUDE TO GET IT DONE DOES NOT MEAN WE NEED TO CHANGE THE RULES TO SUIT THEIR INABILITY WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE VOTERS THIS HAS BEEN LITIGATED HERE PUBLICLY FOR LIKE FOUR YEARS NOW THE PEOPLE HAVE HEARD THIS ARGUMENT AND WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE ELECTION THE MINORITY GOT SMALLER MAYBE YOU SHOULD GUYS CONSIDER YOU MIGHT BE OUT OF TOUCH ON THIS ONE SO THIS BILL IS UNNECESSARY IF WE WANT TO END THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EVEN I AS A FRESHMAN SENATOR HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO SO DO THE WORK WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR PARKINSON ANYBODY ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYBODY ELSE SENATOR BARNETT WAS THAT A A HALF RAISE OR.

SENATOR BARNETT: YEAH IT WAS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: HALF YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU MA'AM I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES BEEN VERY INTERESTING UH DEBATE ALMOST LIKE HOPPING BACK INTO A BACK IN A TIME TO WHERE I DON'T WANT TO GO AND I THINK THIS THIS WHOLE CONVERSATION THE THIS DISCUSSION THIS DEBATE ON THIS THIS BILL WHICH IS IT'S A VERY POLARIZING BILL OBVIOUSLY BUT I FEEL LIKE IF WE TAKE OUT THE IDEA THAT THAT THIS BILL IS ABOUT THIS GOVERNOR OR THAT THIS BILL IS ABOUT THIS LEGISLATURE AND WE INSTEAD REMIND OURSELVES THAT IN MY HUMBLE OPINION THIS BILL IS ABOUT A GOVERNOR AND A LEGISLATURE THERE'S A SAYING HINDSIGHT'S 2020 AND IT'S A CLICHE FOR A REASON BECAUSE ANYBODY CAN LOOK BACK AT ANYTHING AND REALLY FIND A FAULT WITH IT AND THIS IS COMING FROM SOMEONE WHO WORE TWO SURGICAL MASKS A FACE SHIELD AND EAR MUFFS WHILE BROADCASTING IN A LITTLE RADIO STUDIO THAT WAS ABOUT 10 BY 12 THIS IS COMING FROM SOMEONE WHO WAS INOCULATED NOT ONCE BUT TWICE WITH THE VACCINE BUT I DIDN'T DO IT BECAUSE I WAS BRAINWASHED WHEN I DIDN'T DO IT BECAUSE I'M A SHEEP I DIDN'T DO IT BECAUSE I WANTED TO FALL IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNOR I DID IT BECAUSE THE DOCTORS WERE SAYING THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT OUR *MANÁMKO'* AND I GO AROUND WITH A LOT OF *MANÁMKO'* SO THAT'S WHY I DID IT AND I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO THE DIVISION THAT I SAW IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE VACCINATED AND THE UNVACCINATED AND THE RESTRICTIONS THAT AS TIME REALLY GOT TO TO PASSING THE DEEPER WE GOT INTO THE PANDEMIC THE MORE WE CRAWLED OUT OF IT YES OF COURSE SO MUCH OF IT WAS QUESTIONABLE SO MUCH OF IT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE BUT I CAN'T SIT HERE AS AS SOMEONE WHO IN THE PANDEMIC SOMEONE WHO PREACHED CAUTION WHO PREACHED SAFETY WHO WHO BEGGED OUR ISLAND TO

COMPLY WITH A LOT OF THESE EXECUTIVE ORDERS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BUT I DIDN'T DO IT FROM A PLACE OF WE ALL HAVE TO FALL IN LINE OR LISTEN TO THE *MAGA'HÁGA* BECAUSE IT'S THE *MAGA'HÁGA* I DID IT FROM A PLACE OF WE'RE A COMMUNITY THAT HAS ALWAYS CARED ABOUT EACH OTHER THERE'S ALWAYS HAS ALWAYS COME TOGETHER DURING DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAS ALWAYS DONE WHATEVER WE CAN TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT THAT WAS MY MOTIVATION BUT OF COURSE AT THE TIME WE DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF INFORMATION TO WORK WITH AND THERE WAS A LOT OF FRINGE INFORMATION THAT WAS COMING FROM PEOPLE WHO AGAIN AT THE TIME JUST SEEMED CRAZY BUT NOW THAT WE'VE HAD SO MUCH TIME PASSED FROM THIS PANDEMIC I UNDERSTAND I EVEN EMPATHIZE WITH A LOT OF THE ARGUMENTS THAT ARE BEING MADE ON THE FLOOR AND I AND I THINK THAT THIS BILL IS NOT ABOUT FOR ME ANYWAY IT'S NOT ABOUT THIS GOVERNOR AND THIS LEGISLATURE BECAUSE OUR HEADS ARE *KÁYUS* ALREADY FROM BUMPING HEADS WITH THIS ADMINISTRATION AND IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THAT WAY OF COURSE SO WHEN I WHEN I LOOK AT THIS BILL AND I LOOK AT THE SITUATION WE'RE IN NOW I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH ANOTHER PANDEMIC AND JUST READING READING SOME OF THIS BILL I REMEMBER WHEN THEY CLOSED THE CHURCHES I REMEMBER BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I CRIED ON THE RADIO AND I CRIED ON THE RADIO BECAUSE I HAD FATHER PAUL ON THE SHOW THE LINK AND I HAD ASKED FATHER PAUL TO PRAY FOR OUR PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GO TO CHURCH SO I DEFINITELY SHARE A LOT OF THE EMOTION ABOUT THIS ISSUE BUT BUT I THINK IN REMOVING THE THE EMOTION AND JUST LOOKING AT THE BLACK AND WHITE OF IT I DON'T THINK IT'S ABOUT A POWER CHECK I DON'T I THINK IT'S ABOUT CHECKS AND BALANCES I THINK THAT DECISIONS OF THIS MAGNITUDE RELATIVE TO STATES OF EMERGENCY EXTENSIONS OF STATES OF EMERGENCY AND I KNOW THERE WERE MANY TIMES IN IN THE PANDEMIC ESPECIALLY AS WE'VE BEGAN TO WIND OUT FROM SOME OF THE SURGES WHERE AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDIA BACK THEN WE WOULD WONDER IF THIS IS STILL EMERGENCY ARE WE STILL IN AN EMERGENCY DO YOU THINK SHE'S GOING TO EXTEND IT WHAT DO YOU THINK SHE'S GOING TO DO OH I THINK SHE'S GOING TO EXTEND IT ANOTHER 30 DAYS OH IS THAT WHERE YOU THINK SHE'S AND THESE CONVERSATIONS WERE ALL CENTERED AROUND WHAT ONE PERSON WAS GOING TO DO OR NOT DO THAT WOULD IMPACT AND AFFECT OUR ENTIRE ISLAND AND I WANNA FATHER ERIC AND HIS SERMON FOR THE LIBERATION MASS THAT SAID THAT YOU KNOW WE CAN WE CAN TALK HOT WE CAN MAKE OUR POINTS AND IT'S GREAT BECAUSE NOT ONE PERSON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING DECISIONS THAT THAT ALL OF US HAVE TO LIVE BY AND THAT'S WHY I'M LIKELY TO SUPPORT THIS BILL BECAUSE I AGREE I THINK THAT IF WE ARE GOING TO BE IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER AND THAT'S WHAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WANT THEY JUST WANT US TO BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER THEY DON'T WANT US TO ALL THINK THE SAME THEY DON'T WANT US TO ALL TALK THE SAME THEY RECOGNIZE OUR DIFFERENCES IN FACT I THINK THAT THEY APPRECIATE OUR DIFFERENCES AND IN SOME CASES CELEBRATE OUR DIFFERENCES BUT THOSE DIFFERENCES SHOULD NEVER EVER KEEP US FROM COMING TOGETHER AT THE SAME TABLE AND MAKING DECISIONS THAT ARE THAT ARE GOOD FOR OUR PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT AND DEBATING AND DISCUSSION DISCUSSING DECISIONS THAT AREN'T GOOD FOR OUR PEOPLE THE ART OF PLEADING YOUR CASE AND AGAIN IF YOU JUST TAKE OUT THE IDEA THAT THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF THIS GOVERNOR VERSUS THIS LEGISLATURE *KALAN PXC* ARE YOU READY LET'S GET IT ON NO IT'S NOT TO ME THE BLACK AND WHITE OF IT IS HEY IF YOU THINK IT'S AN EMERGENCY AND I HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER ABOUT JUST THAT 30 DAYS BUT IF YOU THINK THIS IS AN EMERGENCY THEN COME IN AND NOT CONVINCING US BUT TALK TO US THERE'S SO MANY SITUATIONS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF WE JUST TALKED ABOUT IT AND I THINK THIS BILL DOES A LOT TO GET PAST THAT UNWILLINGNESS THAT WE ALL KNOW IS THERE THIS UNWILLINGNESS TO PUT OUR DIFFERENCES ASIDE I THINK THIS BILL ADDRESSES THE WILLINGNESS THAT TOO MANY OF OUR ELECTED LEADERS HAVE TO DIG THEIR HEELS OR THEIR *YORE'* INTO THE SAND AND NOT BUDGE SOMEONE HAD ASKED ME IN THE LEAD UP TO THIS WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE GOVERNOR AND YOU HAD TO GO DOWN TO THE LEGISLATURE EVERY 30 DAYS AND TELL THE SENATORS THIS IS WHY THIS IS AN EMERGENCY AND THIS IS WHY I WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS OR THIS IS WHY I WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT WHAT WOULD YOU DO I WOULD DO IT I WOULD COME DOWN AND IT REMINDS ME OF THE YES I'M GOING TO SAY IT REMINDS ME OF EAGLES FIELD WE BEGGED PLEADED OPEN THE BOOKS COME ON DOWN TO THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE LET'S WORK ON THIS TOGETHER SHOW US WHY IT'S A GOOD DEAL FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE SAME I BELIEVE SHOULD BE TRUE FOR DECLARATIONS OF STATES OF EMERGENCY BUT I TOO HAVE ISSUES WITH 30 DAYS BECAUSE IF WE LOOK AT THE SITUATION WE'RE CURRENTLY IN POST TYPHOON MAWAR 30 DAYS AND I KNOW IT WAS A LONG TIME SEEMED LIKE 30 YEARS FOR MOST OF OUR PEOPLE WITHOUT POWER AND WATER BUT 30 DAYS GOES LIKE THAT IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE I DON'T EVEN THINK THERE'S TIME FOR A LOT OF RESPONSE TO BE STOOD UP IN 30 DAYS SO I THINK I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DISCUSS WHERE I STAND ON THIS BILL AND I'M TRYING TO DISCUSS IT REASONABLY

I DON'T FEEL IT'S AN ATTACK ON ANYONE'S AUTHORITY IN FACT I THINK IT'S A WE'RE JUST REASSERTING AGAIN AS WE OFTEN FIND OURSELVES DOING IN THIS BODY IT'S A RE-RE-REASSERTION OF OUR RIGHTFUL ROLE AS A SEPARATE AND CO-EQUAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND I HAVE AN AMENDMENT ALSO YEAH AND SO MY AMENDMENT IS BASICALLY CHANGING THE 30-DAY REQUIREMENT THAT THE THE A GOVERNOR COME DOWN TO THE LEGISLATURE AND AND PLEAD THEIR CASE I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THAT TO 60 DAYS I FEEL LIKE THAT'S A GOOD COMPROMISE AND IT'S ALREADY IN THE DRIVE THANK YOU I'D ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THAT AMENDMENT LIKE I SAID I FEEL LIKE IT'S A GOOD COMPROMISE I HAD INITIALLY WANTED TO GO FOR 90 DAYS YEAH AND I KNOW THAT'S SOMETHING THAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BEFORE BUT YOU KNOW I'M JUST THROW IT OUT THERE 60 LET'S GO FOR 60. DO I HEAR 60 ALL RIGHT THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION THERE HAS BEEN THERE IS AN AMENDMENT I WILL ADDRESS SENATOR CHRIS CHRIS DUEÑAS ON THE AMENDMENT AS PROFFERED BY SENATOR BARNETT PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND ALREADY HEARD AN OBJECTION IN THE GALLERY SO PRETTY EXCITING DAY TODAY I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT AS A MATTER OF FACT A COLLEAGUE WHO ACTUALLY SAT IN THAT SAME CHAIR OF OUR SENATOR NELSON MADE THE SAME AMENDMENT ON BILL 11 36 AND IT WAS REASONABLE AND THE GOOD SENATOR MENTIONED THAT THE REASON BEHIND THE AMENDMENT WAS BECAUSE OF HER SERVICE IN THE MILITARY AND AS A GUARDS PERSON IT'S CALLED A BATTLE RHYTHM YOU ESTABLISH A BATTLE RHYTHM WHEN YOU GET INTO THE HEAT OF THE BATTLE AND THAT GIVES YOU A LITTLE TIME TO GET GET SET UP AND IT MAKE IT MAKES SENSE MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW I JUST WANTED TO ADDRESS TWO THINGS THAT I THINK ARE IMPORTANT AND I'M I'M GLAD FOR THE MOVER OF THE AMENDMENT AND HIS DIALOGUE ON THE BILL YOU KNOW IT IS TRUE THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NOT ABOUT OUR CURRENT GOVERNOR IT IS ABOUT THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNOR I JUST KNOW THAT I HAD AN IMPASSIONED SPEECH ON THE BILL BECAUSE THOSE ARE THE REALITIES THAT I FELT AND THE REALITIES THAT MANY PEOPLE EXPRESSED TO US AND WITHOUT SAYING THAT I CAN SEE HOW I CAN BE CALLED LAZY AND IT'S UNNECESSARY BUT WE TRIED AND IT ONLY TOOK A DAY AND A HALF MADAM SPEAKER FOR THIS PRIMARILY CIVIL DEFENSE BECAUSE THAT'S WHO WE'RE DEALING WITH HERE WE DON'T NEED DIRECTORS FROM EVERY SINGLE AGENCY TO COME DOWN HERE THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A CIVIL DEFENSE THAT'S WHY THEY JIC WAS STOOD UP FOR ALMOST THREE YEARS MADAM CHAIR THAT'S THE JOB OUR JOB IS TO GET THE ANSWERS THE JOB IS TO HAVE THESE AGENCIES PARTICULARLY THESE HUNDRED PERCENT FEDERAL FUNDED AGENCIES THAT ARE CHARGED WITH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO DO IT BUT IT IS IN CONTEXT WITH WHAT THE GOOD MOVER OF THIS AMENDMENT SAYING GET YOUR BATTLE RHYTHM LET EVERYTHING SETTLE DOWN AND AND AND AND I AGREE ALSO ON THE ISSUE OF HOW MUCH WE DEAL WITH THE UNKNOWN THAT'S ABSOLUTELY TRUE TOO BUT THIS BILL DOESN'T CHALLENGE SCIENCE THIS BILL DOES NOT TERMINATE IT SAYS UNLESS NOT RENEWED THAT'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TERMINATION AUTOMATIC TERMINATION JUST LIKE OUR INSURANCE POLICY I JUST RENEWED MY CAR INSURANCE THE OTHER DAY GOOD THING I REMEMBERED BECAUSE IT'S ONLY A COUPLE WEEKS AND I DON'T WANT TO GET PINCHED BUT THAT TERMINATES UNLESS I GO IN THERE AND SAY HEY HOW WE DOING YOU KNOW WE'VE GOT THE SAME DEAL THIS YEAR OR CAN I SAVE A LITTLE MONEY AND EXTEND ANOTHER YEAR MY INSURANCE ON MY VEHICLE MY HOME SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE SO IMPORTANT BECAUSE WORDS MATTER AND WHAT LEGISLATION CALLS FOR MATTERS BUT I AM COMPLETELY IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AND WE'LL JUST MAKE ONE MORE POINT MADAM SPEAKER YES MAWAR WHAT DID WE DO IN MAWAR CAME IN HERE REALLY QUICK PASSED A BILL GIVING THE GOVERNOR THE ABILITY TO USE 50 MILLION DOLLARS TO RESPOND TO ANY AND ALL OF THESE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH MAWAR WE'RE HERE FOR A COUPLE HOURS DONE WE'RE NOT ASKING TO COME IN HERE AND BUILD ROME WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO DISCUSS A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY BUT WE'RE ASKING FOR THE REASONABLENESS PARTICULARLY DOWN THE LINE AS THESE THINGS GO FORWARD ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO REALIZE WHAT THE BILL DOES AND I'M GLAD THE MOVER OF THIS AMENDMENT YOU KNOW HAD THAT LEVEL AHEAD IN DISCUSSION DISCUSSING THIS THAT THIS IS NOT ABOUT YOU KNOW LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE IT'S ABOUT LET'S GET READY TO DO THE WORK AND THAT IN MY OPINION IS THE ABSOLUTE OPPOSITE OF LAZINESS THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE BARNETT AMENDMENT ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK SPEAKER THERESE AND THEN SENATOR FISHER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU I'D SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT IT CHANGES THE LEGISLATURE'S CONCURRENCE WITH AN EMERGENCY FROM AFTER 30 DAYS TO AFTER 60 DAYS TODAY'S JULY 24TH TYPHOON MAWAR STRUCK GUAM MAY 24TH APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS AND I THINK THAT IS A GOOD AMOUNT OF TIME TO

COME IN AND REALLY DECIDE WHETHER WE SHOULD STILL BE UNDER AN EMERGENCY AND I JUST WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT THE REASON WHY THAT'S IMPORTANT IS NOT JUST BECAUSE OF CERTAIN AUTHORITIES THE GOVERNOR MIGHT HAVE BUT THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT IS ABLE TO OPERATE UNDER EMERGENCY ORDERS SOMETIMES FOR PROCUREMENT AND I THINK THOSE WERE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WERE QUESTIONED DURING THE LAST EMERGENCY AND THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT I THINK WE SHOULD JUST BE VERY CLEAR AND I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON THE BILL ITSELF BUT AS TO THE 60 DAYS I FIND THAT VERY REASONABLE I THINK WE WANT OUR GOVERNOR TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND VERY QUICKLY AND THOROUGHLY AND WIPE OUT ANY THREAT THAT WE CAN CONTROL AND TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD BE INVOLVED AND SO 60 DAYS IS ACTUALLY PUSHING THE OUTER EDGE FOR ME BUT I WOULD SUPPORT THAT AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SPEAKER TERLAJE SENATOR FISHER I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU FOR THE AMENDMENT AS PROFFERED BY SENATOR BARNETT PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM I GUESS I CAN LIVE WITH 60 DAYS I PREFER 30 BUT IF 60 IF 60 WILL GET THIS THING ACROSS THE FINISH LINE THEN I'M GOING TO SUPPORT IT TO YOU KNOW 30 TO 60 IS NOT THAT SMALL A LEAP I HAVE TO KIND OF SHARE A PERSONAL ANECDOTE IN MY FORMER LIFE I HAD A LAW FIRM AND WE REPRESENTED INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE INCARCERATED IN VARIOUS HOTELS DOWNTOWN FOR 15 DAYS PURSUANT TO IT THE GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY WHICH WAS NO SMALL THING AND WE WENT TO COURT ON MANY CASES SUCCESSFUL ON SOME AND NOT SO SUCCESSFUL ON OTHERS TO GET THESE PEOPLE OUT YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT FUNCTIONALLY THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS WAS SUSPENDED AS TO THESE INDIVIDUALS IT'S CALLED THE GREAT WRIT IT'S A THING THAT KEEPS THE GOVERNMENT FROM THROWING US IN THE CAN FOR NO REASON BUT IT WAS ESSENTIALLY CENTRALLY SUSPENDED FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS SO WE HAD TO WORK HARD ON THAT ONE ANOTHER THING WE DID AND I THINK PEOPLE HAVE FORGOTTEN IT BECAUSE IT'S KIND OF FADED INTO THE PAST IS HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF BUSINESSES SHUT DOWN AND WE'RE NOT GIVEN ANY COMPENSATION ALTHOUGH OUR LAW FIRM YOU KNOW FOUGHT AGAINST ARGUING A TAKINGS CLAUSE BUT THE ATTORNEY GENERALS AT THE TIME JUST MOVED HEAVEN AND EARTH TO STOP US BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE GOVERNMENT WAS GOING TO HAVE TO PAY A LOT OF MONEY FOR THIS SEIZURE OF PROPERTY IF YOU SHUT DOWN MY BUSINESS YOU'VE SEIZED MY PROPERTY AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED I WONDER IF MANY PEOPLE KNEW THAT BAR OWNERS CLUB OWNERS SMALL MOM AND POPS THEY COULDN'T AFFORD THE RENT FOR THEIR BUSINESS AND THEY COULDN'T AFFORD THE RENT FOR THEIR HOME OR THEIR MORTGAGE SO THEY ENDED UP SLEEPING BEHIND THE COUNTER AT MANY OF THE BUSINESSES JUST DOING ANYTHING THEY COULD TO STAY OPEN IT WAS A CATASTROPHE FOR THEM AND AN EARLIER SENATOR A SENATOR EARLIER SPOKE ABOUT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO LEFT ISLAND THEY WERE LEFT WITH NO CHOICE THEY HAD TO LEAVE ISLAND IT WAS AT OR STARVE I DON'T KNOW THAT WE AS A BODY MOVED HEAVEN AND EARTH TO PROTECT THEM BUT THANK GOODNESS WE DO HAVE A BILL NOW THAT WILL ALLOW US TO DO THAT ANOTHER SPEAKER EARLIER SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS A LAZY BILL AND I SUPPOSE THE AMENDMENT WOULD BE A LAZY AMENDMENT AS WELL BUT THAT SHOWS A FUNDAMENTAL MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES WE ARE THE FIRST BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS THE SECOND THEY ARE THE ONES WHO DECLARE THE EMERGENCY THE BURDEN IS ON THEM TO JUSTIFY THE EMERGENCY THE BURDEN IS NEVER ON THE PEOPLE TO JUSTIFY THE LIFTING OF THE EMERGENCY THEY HAVE AN ONGOING BURDEN TO SHOW WHY THEY ARE IMPINGING ON PEOPLE'S LIBERTY SO WE HAVE TO YOU KNOW I REALLY WOULD PROVE I MUCH PREFER 30. THAT IS PLENTY OF TIME FOR *ADELUP* TO GET THEIR DUCKS IN A ROW AND COME DOWN TO THE LEGISLATURE TO TELL US WHY THEY STILL NEED THIS THESE VARIOUS PROHIBITIONS I HAVE EVERY FAITH THAT *ADELUP* CAN DO TWO THINGS AT ONCE THEY CAN CONTINUE THE GOVERNANCE OF THE ISLAND WITHIN CONSTITUTIONAL GUARD RAILS AND THEY CAN PREPARE TO COME DOWN HERE AND SAY WHY ARE THE BUSINESSES STILL CLOSED WHY CAN'T I TRAVEL FREELY ON THE ISLAND ETC AND SO FORTH THEY CAN EASILY DO THAT BUT IF 90 DAYS WILL GET THIS THING ACROSS THE FINISH LINE I'LL GO FOR IT AND OR 60 DAYS 60 RATHER THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR 60 DAYS GETS IT ACROSS THE FINISH LINE I I'LL SUPPORT IT I THINK I'VE ALREADY SAID THIS BUT I WOULD CONGRATULATE SENATOR DUEÑAS FOR COMING FORWARD AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN TO CHAMPION THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PREROGATIVES OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER ANYONE ELSE IN THE AMENDMENT IF NOT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS FOR SENATOR BARNETT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE OR CALL FOR THE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT

YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR FOR A COUPLE OF MINUTES OKAY ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I HOPE NO ONE MINDS IF I USE MY NOTES I JUST FIND I WANT TO STICK TO THE FACTS SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THOSE ARE ABSOLUTELY IN FRONT OF ME ALL THE TIME BUT I SUPPORT I SUPPORT PARTS OF THIS BILL I ESPECIALLY SUPPORT THE PART WHERE THE BILL ALLOWS THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS GOING TO AFTER 60 DAYS HAVE TO CONCUR WITH AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNOR THE REASON WHY I SUPPORT THAT I'VE SUPPORTED IT ALL THROUGH MY TERMS HERE AND THAT IS BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT'S IMPERATIVE IT'S IMPERATIVE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE GUAM THAT THE LEGISLATURE BE BRIEFED ON EVERYTHING THAT LEADS THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY IF THERE ARE THREATS TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THOSE IMMEDIATELY THEY SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THEM FIRSTHAND NOT FOURTH HAND OR ALL THE WAY DOWN THE LINE IT IS UP TO THE LEGISLATURE AT THAT POINT TO DETERMINE IF POLICY NEEDS TO BE CHANGED AND TO ACT SWIFTLY IF THAT IS NECESSARY BUT I DON'T SEE WHY ANY GOVERNOR WOULD BE SO ADAMANT AGAINST THE LEGISLATURE BEING BRIEFED BECAUSE WHEN THE LEGISLATURES BRIEFED THE PUBLIC IS BRIEFED AND I THINK BRIEFING THE PUBLIC IS ABSOLUTELY GOING TO HELP US IN EMERGENCIES WITH CREDIBILITY AND COOPERATION THAT'S THE CRISIS WE WERE HAVING IF THERE ARE MEDICAL PERSONNEL THAT THE GOVERNOR IS RELYING ON WHY SHOULDN'T WE HEAR FROM THOSE SAME MEDICAL PERSONNEL IF WE ARE DEMANDING THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM CHANGE THEIR BEHAVIOR NOT SEE THEIR FAMILIES THEN WHY CAN'T WE HEAR THE INFORMATION DIRECTLY SO I VERY MUCH SUPPORT THAT LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE WILL TAKE PLACE 60 DAYS AFTER DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR BY THE WAY THAT THIS SUPPLIES TO I ALSO AGREE WITH THE BILL THAT IT STATES THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS DURING EMERGENCIES AND AT ALL TIMES I SUPPORT THE PART OF THE BILL THAT TALKS ABOUT THE REPLACEMENT COSTS OF THE ITEMS IF THEY ARE SEIZED ESPECIALLY THEIR I THINK THIS IS IF THEY ARE SEIZED UNLAWFULLY BUT YET THE BILL STILL ALLOWS PUBLIC HEALTH TO SEIZE THOSE ITEMS THAT ARE UNLAWFUL ILLEGAL PROHIBITED AND BANNED BY FEDERAL LAW THE PART OF THIS BILL THAT I JUST DON'T SUPPORT IS THE PARTS WHERE IT REDUCES THE PENALTIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN STATUTE DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FROM A MISDEMEANOR TO A CIVIL VIOLATION PUNISHABLE BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED 25 DOLLARS AND TO BE MORE SPECIFIC THIS ONLY APPLIES DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION WE WENT THROUGH AN ENTIRE COURT CASE NOT JUST US BUT OTHER PARTIES CHALLENGING PUBLIC HEALTH QUARANTINE ISOLATION AND THE GOVERNOR'S QUARANTINE ISOLATION DURING THE PANDEMIC AND THE SUPREME COURT TOLD US PURSUANT TO THE ORGANIC ACT THAT IS STRICTLY THE GOVERNOR'S POWER MY ISSUE IS THE 25 DOLLAR PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF QUARANTINE I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THAT GIVES THE AUTHORITY THAT IS NEEDED TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASE AND QUARANTINE HAS ONLY RARELY BEEN IMPLEMENTED ON GUAM AND IN OUR LIFETIMES ONLY DURING THE PANDEMIC I MEAN ON A LARGE SCALE BASIS OTHERWISE THESE ARE THESE ARE PROCEDURES RECOGNIZED THROUGHOUT WHERE QUARANTINE IS ALLOWED BY ALMOST EVERY GOVERNMENT AND IT HAS TO BE ENFORCED I JUST DON'T THINK THAT 25 DOLLARS WOULD SERVE AS A DETERRENT TO ANYONE ESPECIALLY WE KNOW HOW DESPERATE WE ALL WERE TO GO OUT AND DO THINGS TO GET TOGETHER WITH EACH OTHER TOURISTS TO COME IN WITHOUT BEING QUARANTINED AT A TIME WHEN EVERY COUNTRY WAS FACING MASS DEATHS SO IT'S FOR THAT REASON THAT I THANK THE AUTHOR FOR THE BILL BUT I CANNOT SUPPORT THIS BILL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SPEAKER TERLAJE ANYBODY ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SENATOR SENATOR FRANK BLAS ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION SUPPORT THE BILL YOU KNOW I SAT AND I LISTENED TO THE DIFFERENT PRESENTATIONS AND THE DIFFERENT REASONS FOR WHY WE SHOULD AND WHY WE SHOULDN'T SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHAT CONCERNS WE HAD WITH THE LEGISLATION AND YOU KNOW LIKE I NEED TO TAKE IN CONTEXT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LEGISLATION THAT WAS INTRODUCED IN THE 36TH AND THE LEGISLATION THAT'S INTRODUCED HERE IN THE 37TH IN THAT WHILE SIMILAR IT GAVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO AS WAS INITIALLY ALSO PRESENTED GIVES US THE HINDSIGHT TO SEE HOW WE WERE OPERATING IN THE MIDST OF AN EMERGENCY GIVES US THAT OPPORTUNITY NOW TO BE ABLE TO IN THE FORM OF HOT WASH OR IN THE FORM OF EVALUATION FORM OF LOOKING AT HOW THINGS OPERATED WHETHER THERE CAN BE AN IMPROVEMENT I SEE IT IS BECAUSE I WOULD RECALL I CAN RECOLLECT SOME OF THE ARGUMENTS AGAINST SIMILAR PIECE OF LEGISLATION IN THE

PREVIOUS LEGISLATURE AND THAT ONE OF THE THINGS WAS WHY ARE YOU WHY ARE YOU WHY DO YOU WANT TO AMEND SOMETHING THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER BY A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR OR IT WAS SIGNED BY REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR AND I CAN SAY THIS WAY I WANT TO THANK THAT REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR THE REPUBLICAN SENATOR FOR BEING ABLE TO INTRODUCE IT AND TO SIGN IT BECAUSE AT LEAST HE GAVE US A TEMPLATE IT GIVES IT GAVE US SOMETHING TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH TO BE ABLE TO EVALUATE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE US SOME SEMBLANCE OF ORDER AND THEN BUILD FROM IT BECAUSE PRIOR TO THAT THERE WASN'T ANYTHING CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT THIS CONVERSATION WOULD HAVE BEEN TODAY IF WE DIDN'T HAVE IT AND IT'S BECAUSE WE HAD IT WE HAD A A RUDIMENTARY AND YEAH VERY BASIC RESPONSE OR PLAN TO RESPOND FOR RESPONSE IT WAS IN PLACE I BRING THIS UP BECAUSE YOU KNOW I REMEMBER ONE OF THE THINGS IN AS FAR AS WHEN WE GOT INTO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE'RE IN STATE EMERGENCY BECAUSE THEY'RE CLAIMING THEY SAYS WE HAD NO PLAN I DON'T KNOW BUT I DON'T THINK I WANT TO WORK IN A LIVE IN A SOCIETY WHERE THERE'S NO PLAN TO DEAL WITH IT SO AS A RESULT OF WHAT WE'VE HAD TO ENDURE WHAT WE'VE BEEN WENT THROUGH WE FOUND SOME FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM FLAWS IN THE PLAN AND WE'RE HERE TODAY TO BE ABLE TO FIX IT YEAH I FOUND IT VERY INTERESTING HOW IN ALL RIGHT IT WAS PRESENTED ON THE FLOOR THAT THIS IS A LAZY PIECE OF LEGISLATION NO THIS IS LEGISLATION THAT HELPS US TO WORK BETTER IT HELPS TO AFFIRM WHAT ALL OUR ROLES ROLE IS AS A LEGISLATURE IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IN A DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING THAT'S NOTHING THERE'S NOTHING LAZY ABOUT THAT THAT'S DOING OUR JOB AND IN DOING OUR JOB SOMETIMES WE WOULD HAVE TO QUESTION AND IT IS OUR ROLE TO QUESTION THE DESIRE OF THE OTHER BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND HOW THEY WANT TO BE ABLE TO RULE AND I DON'T SAY THOSE THINGS LIGHTLY BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE ALMOST THREE YEARS OF CONSISTENT CONSTANT EXECUTIVE ORDERS HE BEGAN TO WONDER WHETHER OR NOT WE LIVED IN A DEMOCRACY BECAUSE THEN IN A DEMOCRACY WHERE OVER THE LAST OVER THE TIME THAT THERE WAS EXECUTIVE ORDER EVERY AFTER EXECUTIVE WORK WHEN WAS THERE A TIME THAT IT GAVE THE PEOPLE THAT WERE BEING GOVERNED THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PROTECTING BEING PROTECTED BY WHEN DID YOU GIVE THEM WHEN DID WE GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK THEIR CONCERNS OR TO GIVE THEIR IDEAS THAT'S OUR ROLE AND IF LEGISLATION TO BE ABLE TO ENSURE TO AFFIRM WHAT OUR ROLE IS IN THIS SYSTEM IN THIS DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS LAZY WHAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT ARE WE RUNNING AND IT'S LAZY IT'S ALSO VERY INTERESTING TO SAY THAT YOU KNOW THIS WASN'T A SECOND ATTEMPT OR A THIRD ATTEMPT TO BE ABLE TO REIGN IN THE POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR WHEN YOU WEREN'T IN THE HALLS AND YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS HAPPENING HERE WHEN IT WAS FIRST INTRODUCED OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION WAS INTRODUCED IN THE LAST LEGISLATURE IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH LAZINESS AT LEAST IN OUR PART SO I THINK THAT I WAS GOING TO GO ON A LITTLE BIT MORE BUT I I CHOOSE NOT TO DIGRESS AND I CHOOSE TO MOVE FORWARD I CHOOSE TO BASED ON ACTION BASED ON WHAT HAS BEEN AN EXPERIENCE BASED ON WHAT OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS USED TO VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE FOR THIS BILL I CHOOSE NOT TO BE LAZY AND LACKADAISICAL WITH MY RESPONSIBILITY I CHOOSE TO IMPROVE UPON STATUTE TO ENSURE THAT IF AND WHEN WE HAVE TO GO TO A THROUGH A SIMILAR SITUATION THAT THE ROLES AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT THAT RULE THIS COMMUNITY THAT GOVERN THIS COMMUNITY AND I ALSO I WANT TO STAY AWAY FROM RULE IT BECAUSE WE HAVE TO JUST WE GOVERN IT WE DON'T RULE IT BUT SO THAT WE CHOOSE TO AVOID BEING RULED AGAIN THAT IN A RESPONSIBILITY AS THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS COMMUNITY THAT WE ENSURE THAT OUR PEOPLE THE VOICES OF OUR PEOPLE ARE HEARD ARE CONSIDERED AND THAT IT'S NOT AS WAS ALSO STATED BY ONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES IT WASN'T A MATTER OF QUESTIONING WHAT WAS IN THE MIND OF ONE PERSON THIS IS IN WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ONE COMMUNITY SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES PLEASE CONSIDER THIS ACTION CONSIDER THE VOTE CONSIDER WHAT OUR DUTIES ARE OUR ROLE IS IN THIS GOVERNMENT AND VOTE YES ON BILL 7 THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

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

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I TOO RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 737 SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE GETTING READY TO TAKE OFF RISE AND FEEL SUPPORT AND YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I THINK WHAT WE'VE LEARNED OVER THE PAST GOSH GOING THREE YEARS NOW BECAUSE WE WENT RIGHT FROM THE PANDEMIC TO OR RECOVERING FROM PANDEMIC TO RECOVERING FROM THE TYPHOON BUT I THINK WHAT WE'VE LEARNED OVER THE COURSE OF THIS PANDEMIC NOT ONLY IN OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUT

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IS THAT THERE IS AN IMMENSE NEED FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN BRANCHES I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THE ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC NO ONE ALIVE IN THIS FACE OF THE EARTH BASICALLY HAD FACED IT BEFORE AND THERE WAS A QUESTION UNKNOWN AS TO HOW TO DEAL WITH SUCH SO THE WORLD CLOSED DOWN SO I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE IN THE ONSET BUT AS MONTHS ROLLED BY AGAIN AS WAS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY FROM MASKING TO FACE SHIELDS TO SANITATION TO EVEN BECAUSE I MYSELF WAS STUCK IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY FOR 14 MONTHS DURING THE PANDEMIC AND WHENEVER YOU LEFT THE HOUSE AND YOU CAME HOME THERE WAS A PLACE TO TO BATHE OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSE AND YOUR HOUSE AND YOUR CLOTHES WERE TAKEN TO TO BE WASHED AND SANITIZED AND LIKewise YOU WERE AS WELL CARS WILL HAVE TO GO UNDERGO THE SAME THING AS YOU MOVE FROM ONE PLACE TO THE NEXT AND THE RUSH FOR VACCINES AND WHO WAS THE FIRST ONE TO GET IN THE THE BEST VACCINE TO GET AND DON'T GET THIS DON'T GET THAT AND ALL THAT SO THERE ARE A LOT OF UNKNOWNs IN THE VERY BEGINNING BUT AS I SAID IN THE MONTHS WE HAVE LEARNED AND EVEN MORE SO NOW WE HAVE LEARNED THAT A LOT OF THE THINGS THAT WERE IMPOSED ON THE PEOPLE WERE NOT NECESSARILY THE RIGHT THING AND COULD HAVE BEEN DONE A BETTER WAY YOU KNOW IT WAS SAID THAT EARLIER WAS SAID THAT OF COURSE THAT YOU KNOW EXPERTS NEED TO BE CONS BE CONSULTED YEAH ABSOLUTELY BUT EXPERTS DON'T JUST OCCUR OR EXIST IN ONE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND I THINK COLLABORATION IS WHAT'S NEEDED IN THE EXPERTISE IN ALL BRANCHES BECAUSE WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ONE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN THE WHOLE GOVERNMENT AND NOT JUST THE WHOLE GOVERNMENT BUT THE WHOLE ISLAND AND ALL OF OUR DAILY LIVES WERE PUT TO A HALT IT STOPPED EVERYTHING STOPPED BUT WHAT DID NOT OCCUR IN DECIDING TO STOP IS HOW DO WE RESTART WE'RE STILL IN THAT PHASE BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T REALLY RECOVERED AND THANK GOD FOR THE FEDERAL MONIES BUT STILL THE FEDERAL MONIES THAT ARRIVED DID NOT HELP A LOT OF THE FOLKS THAT OR BUSINESSES THAT CLOSE DOWN SO THIS BILL 737 CALLS FOR COLLABORATION I TOO MUCH PREFER A 30-DAY SITUATION WHERE YOU COME DOWN TO THE LEGISLATURE BUT I'LL LIVE WITH A 60 THAT'S WORKABLE THAT'S THAT'S ALL RIGHT AS YOU YOURSELF MADAM SPEAKER YOU SAID TODAY IS THE 60TH DAY OF OUR RECOVERY OF THIS THIS TYPHOON SO THIS BY NO MEANS THIS BILL BY NO MEANS KEEPS THE THE GOVERNOR WHOEVER IT MAY BE FROM COMING DOWN AND COLLABORATING WITH THE LEGISLATURE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE HEALTH EMERGENCIES SHOULD CONTINUE AND AFTER 60 DAYS BOTH ENTITIES MAYBE EVEN THE THIRD BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THEIR POINT OF VIEW AS WELL BECAUSE THEY WERE SHUT DOWN AS TO MOVING FORWARD AND HOW BEST TO DO THAT THAT'S COLLABORATION YOU KNOW IT WAS SAID EARLIER TOO THAT THIS BILL IS FOR LAZY POLITICIANS YOU KNOW IRONIC BECAUSE THIS BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT IS THE CLOSEST TO THE PEOPLE IT'S THOSE IT'S THE MOST RESPONSIVE TO THE PUBLIC'S NEEDS AND OPINIONS AND BECAUSE OF THAT AND BECAUSE OF THAT WE ARE ELECTED EVERY TWO YEARS AS OPPOSED TO THE OTHER BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT IS ELECTED EVERY FOUR YEARS SO YOU CAN SEE THE RESPONSIVENESS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT TO BE WITH THE PEOPLE'S WILL OR TO KNOW THE PEOPLE'S WILL BECAUSE IN TWO YEARS IF YOU'RE NOT RESPONSIVE AND YOU'RE NOT WITH THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE THEY'LL CHANGE YOU OUT SO AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER I I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS BILL BECAUSE IT'S NOT AGAIN IT'S IT'S NOT ABOUT A PARTICULAR GOVERNOR I MEAN LIKE I SAID I JUST POINTED OUT THAT NOT ONLY IN THE LOCAL OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUT OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL THERE WERE A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE'VE LEARNED THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT WERE IMPOSED THAT NOW HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED AND SAID WE SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE DOWN THAT THAT ROAD I MEAN A GOOD EXAMPLE I'M MADAM SPEAKER RIGHT NOW IS WE ARE DEBATING THE SITUATION OF SCHOOL OPENINGS AND WHETHER OR NOT THE STUDENTS WILL BE ARE THE SCHOOLS THAT WON'T OPEN UP ANYTIME WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ONLINE LEARNING WELL WE'VE COME TO THE CONCLUSION NOT JUST THIS BODY BUT FROM PARENTS AND STUDENTS AND AND TEACHERS THAT THAT ONLINE LEARNING DURING THE PANDEMIC REALLY DIDN'T WORK WE GOT THAT FROM WHAT WE'VE LEARNED THROUGH THE PANDEMIC WE'VE LEARNED THAT SO THAT IS WHY IN PREPARATION OF THE OPENING OF SCHOOLS WE ARE VERY RESISTANT TO OR HESITANT TO IMPOSE THE ONLINE LEARNING BECAUSE OF THAT FACT OF WHAT WE'VE LEARNED OF WHAT OUR STUDENTS WENT THROUGH HOW IRONIC AGAIN AS WELL IS THAT IN THE PROCLAMATION OF THIS OF THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ALL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT WAS SHUT DOWN THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT ARE SHUT DOWN AND HE LINGERED AND LINGERED AND LINGERED BUT AGAIN AND WE'RE SAYING WE'RE ASKING HEY CAN YOU PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY OF FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OH I HAVE NO AUTHORITY OVER THAT EARLY IT'S IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH BUT YET YOUR POWERS CAN SHUT DOWN ALL THREE BRANCHES HOW IRONIC BUT I DIGRESS SO AGAIN I APPLAUD THE AUTHOR FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS BILL AND I KNOW AGAIN IN THE PREVIOUS LEGISLATURE THAT THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO TO PASS THE SAME BILL IT GOT ENOUGH VOTES I THINK TO TO TO PASS BUT AND THEN IT WAS I

THINK IT WAS VETOED AND COULD NOT BE OVERWRITTEN SO AS MY COLLEAGUES AGAIN TO PLEASE RECONSIDER OR FOR THE FOLKS THAT WERE HERE THIS LAST OR PREVIOUS LEGISLATURE AND MY COLLEAGUES NOW IT'S BECAUSE WE'VE LEARNED WE'VE LEARNED THROUGH THE PANDEMIC WE'VE LEARNED HOW TO MOVE BETTER TO MOVE FORWARD IN OUR EFFORTS IN HANDLING SITUATIONS SUCH AS THIS AND WE'VE ALSO LEARNED THAT IT'S INCUMBENT ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION WHOEVER THEY MAY BE TO COME TO THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE THE HOUSE THAT IS MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE PEOPLE IT'S DIRECTLY RESPONSIVE TO THE PEOPLE AND COLLABORATE WITH THIS BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AS TO WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE AND HOW TO MOVE FORWARD WHEN THIS COLLABORATION AND THE EFFORT MADE TO COLLABORATE WE WILL COME TO A RESULT AND TO A RESOLVE AGAIN LET ME GO BACK TO PÁLE' FORBES ON FRIDAY NO BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT NO ONE PERSON HAS THE MONOPOLY ON IDEAS AND IT'S GOOD TO GET INTO A HEATED AND HEFTY DEBATE BUT NOT TO HATE BUT TO GET ALONG AND REMEMBER WHO YOU'RE DOING THIS FOR THIS BILL IS NOT AGAINST AN ADMINISTRATION OR A GOVERNOR THIS BILL IS PRO-PEOPLE THIS IS PRO PEOPLE IT DOESN'T LEAVE ANYBODY OUT IT DOESN'T TARGET ONE PERSON THIS IS COMING TOGETHER THIS IS WHAT DEMOCRACY IS ABOUT THIS IS WHAT OUR GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT TO LEAVE THIS BODY OUT OF THE EQUATION IS TO LEAVE THE PEOPLE'S VOICES OUT COMPLETELY AND AGAIN THIS BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT IS THE ONE THAT'S MOST RESPONSIVE TO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND THAT IS WHY WE HAVE TWO YEAR TERMS SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN I ASK MY COLLEAGUES PLEASE SUPPORT BILLS 737 GIVE YOUR VOTE OF APPROVAL AND I ALSO ASK THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL IF I CAN BE A SECOND CO-SPONSOR WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL ANY OTHER SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL UNDER BILL IF NOT SPONSOR MAY CLOSE SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO TAKE A RECESS UNTIL 2 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON UNLESS THE BODY WILL ACCEPT AN AMENDMENT THAT I'M IS BEING PREPARED THAT I WOULD PROFFER THAT WOULD DO A RESTORATION OF A LANGUAGE AND STRIKE A LANGUAGE UNLESS THAT DOESN'T SEEM PROPER COULD WE PLEASE GET A RECESS UNTIL 2 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO RECESS TILL 2 P.M. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WILL BE RECESSED UNTIL 2 P.M.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THANK YOU MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE HAVE YOUR AMENDMENT IN WRITING.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: IT WILL.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS WE ARE AGAIN ON SECOND READING WE ARE ON BILL NUMBER 7-37 COR AND WE WERE ON THE SPONSOR CLOSING ON THE BILL SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ACCOMMODATING THE RECESS THAT WE TOOK OVER LUNCH BECAUSE I WANTED TO ENSURE THAT I GOT BEFORE I CLOSE AND PART OF MY CLOSING IS TO INCLUDE AN AMENDMENT MADAM CHAIR THAT YOU KNOW WHAT SOMETIMES PERFECTION IN ONE PERSON'S EYES IS THE ENEMY OF GOOD AND ACCOMPLISHING WHAT REALLY IS THE TRUE INTENTION OF LEGISLATION AND AFTER HEARING SOME COMMENTS ON THE FLOOR UNDERSTANDING WHILE TO ME CHANGING FROM MISDEMEANORS TO FINES IS IS A GOOD WAY TO GO BUT I DO YOU KNOW REMEMBER THAT THERE WAS A COURT CASE IN THE SUPREME COURT AND IT WAS RULE IN FAVOR OF THE QUARANTINE I ALSO REMEMBER A LOT OF DISMISSALS YOU KNOW OF INDIVIDUALS FROM QUARANTINE WITH JUDGES HEARING CASES WHEREBY THERE WAS YOU KNOW ALSO A LACK OF OF OF QUALITY I GUESS SOME REPRESENTATIONS IN TERMS OF WHAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AT THE TIME OR SOME OF THE OTHER REASONINGS WERE SO IT KIND OF GOES BACK AND FORTH BUT YOU KNOW I REALLY WANT TO PRESERVE THE TRUE INTENTION OF THIS BILL SO MADAM SPEAKER THIS TIME I SHOULD BE IN THE DRIVE AND I ASKED FOR SERGEANT ARMS TO PLEASE PASS OUT THE AMENDMENT FROM MY COLLEAGUES VERY SIMPLE AMENDMENT ESSENTIALLY JUST GOES IN AND TAKES EVERYTHING RELATED TO QUARANTINE AND STRIKES IT THROUGH THAT WAY THE CURRENT LAW AS IT'S WRITTEN WILL REMAIN YOU KNOW AS IT'S CODIFIED AND IN THE END OF THE AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER IT

OF COURSE MAKES THE OBLIGATORY TO ALLOW LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE BILL AND TITLE TO REFLECT THE CHANGES AND SO AT THIS TIME MADAM SPEAKER THAT IS THE AMENDMENT TO REMOVE SECTIONS FIVE SIX AND SEVEN IN ORDER TO RETAIN THE ISSUE OF MISDEMEANOR ON AND ISSUES REGARDING QUARANTINE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S BEEN AN AMENDMENT THAT'S BEEN PASSED OUT IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT OH SORRY COPIES ARE STILL BEING PASSED SO I'LL WAIT ONE MINUTE ALL RIGHT THE AMENDMENT HAS BEEN PASSED OUT SO ON THE AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO MY COLLEAGUES I STAND IN IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I UNDERSTAND THE REASONING THAT WAS MENTIONED BY A PRIOR COLLEAGUE ABOUT THE CONCERN ABOUT THESE ABOUT THE PENALTIES YOU KNOW PUT IN PLACE AND I THINK THIS IS A A GOOD COMPROMISE TO TO MOVE FORWARD WHAT IS CONSIDERED THIS BILL TO BE SOMETHING THAT IS A PROACTIVE APPROACH MOVING FORWARD AND TO BE ABLE TO WELL YOU KNOW WE'RE IT'S IT'S A BILL THAT GETS ALL THE YOU KNOW THE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT TO WORK TOGETHER YOU KNOW THAT IT'S A BILL THAT DOES THAT MOST LIKE BUT I UNDERSTAND YOU KNOW PRIOR EVEN YOU MENTIONED MADNESS SPEAKER YOU'RE YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS SECTION IN IN THE BILL AND WELL IT'S VERY SELF-EXPLANATORY IT TAKES AWAY THE FOCUS FROM WHAT WE'RE REALLY TRYING TO DO FROM THIS BILL AND THAT IS TO HAVE THE AGENT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO ACTUALLY WORK TOGETHER IN TANDEM MOVING FORWARD SO I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS AMENDMENT I THINK IT'S A A GOOD ONE A GOOD COMPROMISE SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM I HAVE TO ECHO MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE'S REMARKS ON THIS I AGREE WITH EM WHOLEHEARTEDLY I'M PLEASED AND I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT OF COURSE IT HAS I THINK ANSWERED THE MAIL AS FAR AS THE CONCERN IS THIS YOU KNOW 60 DAYS 30 DAYS SO SENATOR BARNETT SUBMITTED AN AMENDMENT SO WE'VE WE'VE RESOLVED THAT PROBLEM MA'AM AND I BELIEVE AND I THINK YOU'LL AGREE THAT THE CONCERNS YOU RAISED THE SPEAKER RAISED WHEN SHE WAS SPEAKING I THINK ARE ADDRESSED ADEQUATELY IN THIS AMENDMENT THAT BEING THE CASE YOU KNOW WE TOOK CARE OF THE CLOCK AND WE'VE TAKEN CARE OF THE PROPOSED PENALTIES OR NOT PENALTIES IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE ANSWERED THE MAIL AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS I'M DOING A HEAD COUNT I LOOK I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS PASSING THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO MADAM SPEAKER I JUST NEED THE AUTHOR TO REITERATE IT AND MAYBE JUSTIFY THE AMENDMENT A LOT OF STRIKE THROUGH MAYBE SEND THIS BACK TO COMMITTEE REDO IT ALL AND THEN COME BACK AND THEN WE CAN TAKE A LOOK AT AGAIN BUT IF YOU CAN EXPLAIN THEN WE CAN MOVE ON.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WILL THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: I DO YIELD MADAM SPEAKER AND I RESPECT THE COMMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER AND IN YIELDING MADAM SPEAKER THIS BASICALLY JUST PUTS THE LAW BACK TO WHERE IT WAS IN THIS SECTION IT IT WAS A SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TO MOVE FROM A MISDEMEANOR TO A 25 FINE IT WAS SOMETHING THAT I MYSELF AND OTHERS ONCE AGAIN IN TALKING ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES OF QUARANTINE AND THOSE WHO WERE DISCUSSING YOU KNOW WHAT THE ISSUES WERE AS FAR AS HOW THEY FELT QUARANTINE WAS BEING MANAGED BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THAT'S WORTH THE DEBATE IN THIS EFFORT GIVEN THE OPERATIVE SECTIONS OF THE BILL AND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH SO ACTUALLY FOR FORMATTING PURPOSES MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS VERY APPROPRIATE AND GERMANE IT BASICALLY RE-CODIFIES OR REMAINS CODIFIED WHAT'S CODIFIED IN CODIFIED IN LAW AS THOSE VIOLATIONS WITH REGARD TO YOU KNOW QUARANTINE OUR MISDEMEANORS REMAIN AS MISDEMEANORS TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ARE DONE AND WE MOVE ON I MEAN SIMILAR TO THE 60 DAYS YOU KNOW THE 30 DAYS GOING TO 60 DAYS I MEAN IT'S ALL WITHIN THE OPERATIVE LANGUAGE AND THE OPERATIVE INTENT OF THE BILL BECAUSE THE BILL IS AMENDING A LAW EMERGENCY

POWERS ARE ALREADY A LAW IT'S JUST A MATTER OF HOW WE'RE APPROACHING IT SO I THINK THAT'S COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY MADAM CHAIR TO MOVE THE BILL BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE WHEN THIS IS VERY SUFFICIENT WITH REGARD TO RETURNING YOU KNOW THIS AMENDMENT APPROPRIATELY JUST SIMPLY REMOVING THIS SECTION OF THE BILL WHICH KEEPS THE PUBLIC LAW AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN FOR THIS SECTION THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

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

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER WHEN I STATED POSSIBLY GO BACK IS REFERRING TO WHAT HAD HAPPENED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING IS THIS ALL GERMANE TO REMOVE SOMETHING THAT WAS NEVER INTENDED OR FORESEEN BECAUSE I KNOW THAT ORIGINALLY WHEN IT WAS FIRST INTRODUCED VERY GOOD INTENTION OF THE AUTHOR WHAT HE WANTED TO DO WHAT HE RECOMMENDED HE SHOULD DO AND THAT WAS PROBABLY WHAT WAS SAID OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WHEN YOU START CHANGING IN THE MIDDLE OF A RACE THEN MAYBE YOU NEED TO GO BACK AND START THE RACE AGAIN ONE MORE TIME RESTART IT TAKE A LOOK AT IT MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING'S GERMANE WAS THAT DISCUSSED BY THE PUBLIC DID THE PUBLIC UNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO WHAT YOU END UP DOING ON THE FLOOR BECAUSE ONCE WE GET TO THE FLOOR IT DOESN'T MATTER IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY HEARD IT OR NOT WE AS A BODY CAN DECIDE IT BUT IF WE WANT TO KEEP WITHIN THE INTENT OF HOW THE BILL WAS WRITTEN AND I NO TRUE OBJECTION TO IT BUT I'M JUST SAYING IF IT STARTS TO FADE AWAY AND THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT UP THEN MAYBE SEND IT BACK TO COMMITTEE I'M NOT PROPOSING THAT TO THE AUTHOR BUT I'M JUST SAYING JUST CONSIDER IT AND THAT'S WHY I JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS THE AND THERE'S PLENTY PARAGRAPH FOR ME *UN PEGA PUES PUN LAKÑOS* REALLY THINK THINK ABOUT IT THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: I'M APPRECIATIVE OF THE DIALOGUE MADAM SPEAKERS I'D LIKE TO JUST SEND THE AMENDMENT DOWN NOW AND FINISH CLOSING ON THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A VOTE NOW ON THE AMENDMENT ALL IN FAVOR OF THE OR SORRY IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES AMENDMENT PASSES ALL RIGHT YOU'RE STILL CLOSING SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MADAM CHAIR I WANTED FIRST AND FOREMOST THANK ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE SPIRITED DISCUSSION ON BILL 737 I WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO SPOKE IN FAVOR THOSE WHO MADE THE BILL BETTER I WANT TO START ONCE AGAIN BY UNDERSTANDING WHY MY COLLEAGUE MADE THE POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION OF SENDING THIS BACK BUT I WANT TO REITERATE SO THAT THE LISTENING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS THIS IS THE CORRECT WAY TO RETURN YOU KNOW THE THE TO KEEP INTACT WHAT'S IN THE LAW ALREADY BECAUSE IF YOU LOOK AT THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT IT LINED THROUGH AND STRUCK CERTAIN SECTIONS SO IN ORDER TO DO THIS IN A CLEAN WAY WE REMOVE THIS WHICH MEANS ALL THIS LANGUAGE IS STILL IN THE LAW IT'S JUST THE AMENDMENTS THAT WERE PROPOSED HAVE BEEN REMOVED SO I JUST HOPE THAT PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT INSTEAD OF IT BEING 25 DOLLARS FOR VIOLATIONS OF QUARANTINE IT IS GOING TO REMAIN AS A MISDEMEANOR WHICH WAS THE LAW TO BEGIN WITH MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW DURING THE DISCUSSION ON THE BILL I JUST WANTED TO REITERATE IN MY CLOSING ON SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT WERE BROUGHT TO BEAR MADAM SPEAKER THIS BILL ONCE AGAIN WHAT IT DOES AND WHAT IT DOESN'T DO THIS BILL DOES NOT TAKE AWAY ANY POWERS THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS AND IT DOES NOT QUESTION SCIENCE AND IN TERMS OF WHAT THINGS MIGHT BE HAPPENING WHEN A PANDEMIC ENSUES IT SIMPLY PUTS IN PLACE CO-EQUAL CHECKS AND BALANCE IN OUR GOVERNMENT SO THAT OUR LEGISLATURE AS MY ONE OF MY GOOD COLLEAGUES SAID THE FIRST BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT HAS A SAY AN OPERATIVE REASONING TO MOVING FORWARD YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER IN THIS SESSION ALONE IN ONLY SIX AND A HALF MONTHS WE'VE HAD THREE EMERGENCY SESSIONS I'M SO PROUD OF THIS BODY DEMONSTRATING AND AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR JOB IS AND IT'S NOT A PROBLEM TO GET IT DONE MADAM SPEAKER IN THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION DID COME DOWN WHEN THERE WAS A RESOLUTION AND A PROPOSAL TO TERMINATE THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WE'RE HERE FOR ABOUT A DAY AND A HALF PEOPLE DEGREED AND DISAGREED THE VOTE WENT DOWN THE DETERMINATION WAS NOT DONE IT MAINTAINED AND WE MOVE FORWARD THAT'S WHAT THE LEGISLATIVE BODY DOES THERE WAS THERE WAS THERE WAS NO DISRUPTION OF GOVERNMENT YOU KNOW DID

THE MAINTENANCE GUY NEED TO COME DOWN HERE NO YOU KNOW DID THE DISHWASHER NEED TO COME DOWN HERE NO WHO CAME DOWN HERE CIVIL DEFENSE CIVIL DEFENSE IS THE OPERATIVE AGENCY THAT RUNS AND OPERATES EMERGENCIES WHEN WE ARE IN AN EMERGENCY WE TALK TO THE OFFICIALS WE GOT INFORMATION BY THE TIME WE WERE DONE WITH THAT CONVERSATION MADAM SPEAKER FOR THOSE WHO COULD RECOLLECT WE REALLY ONLY CAME DOWN TO TWO THINGS THAT NEEDED TO CONTINUE GOING FORWARD UNLESS YOU WANTED TO CONTINUE TO SUSPEND THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW UNLESS YOU WANTED TO CONTINUE TO SUSPEND CHECKS AND BALANCES WHEN IT CAME TO EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT UNLESS YOU WANTED TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW THE PICKING OF WINNERS AND LOSERS WITH BUSINESSES AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS WE TALKED ABOUT UNLESS YOU WANTED TO CONTINUE AND I HAD A GOOD CONVERSATION OVER THE LUNCH HOUR WITH ONE OF MY RELIGIOUS ADVISORS WHO SAID CHRIS I JUST HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU WERE SPEAKING ON THE FLOOR THE CHURCHES WERE NOT RAILING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT SAYING WE WANT TO GO INTO MASS TOMORROW AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PANDEMIC THE REASON WHY THE PRIEST WENT ON THE BARNETT SHOW AND OUR ONE OF OUR GOOD SENATORS AND WENT ON AND STARTED PUSHING BACK WAS BECAUSE RESTAURANTS WERE OPENING BECAUSE STORES WERE OPENING BECAUSE THINGS WERE HAPPENING AND IT WAS LIKE WAIT A MINUTE ALL THESE THINGS CAN OPEN BUT WE CAN'T WORSHIP THEY'RE REASONABLE PEOPLE EVEN THOUGH THEY COULD HAVE CITED THE FACT THAT CHURCH AND STATE DOESN'T START AND STOP AT THE DOOR THAT THEY HAVE THOSE RIGHTS BUT IT WAS THE UNREASONABLENESS WHY THEY STARTED TO GO ON AND SAY WE ARE COMPLYING AND WE ARE GOING TO OPEN OUR CHURCHES AGAIN MADAM CHAIR I DON'T SEE I'M FINDING IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE ALMOST AFRAID OF OURSELVES WE'RE AFRAID OF OUR ABILITY WHEN WE'VE DEMONSTRATED IT TIME AND TIME AND TIME AGAIN PARTICULARLY IN THIS 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE THAT WE CAN MOVE WHEN WE NEED TO MOVE AND SOMETIMES IN THE GOOD OLD MIDWEST WE CAN GET ER DONE SO I JUST HOPE THAT AS WE GO FORWARD TO THE VOTING FILE THAT THERE WOULD BE THAT THAT FAITH IN OUR INSTITUTION THAT FAITH IN US AS A LEGISLATURE TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND WHEN WE NEED TO ACT CONVENE IF WE HAD TO FOR 20 MINUTES TO PASS THE RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE AN EMERGENCY THIS SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM I THINK WE'RE CAPABLE OF BEING THE MOST SOME OF THE MOST REASONABLE PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT BUT WHEN THE OPPOSITE EXISTS WHY DON'T WE GO IN AND FIX SOMETHING THAT WE'VE ALREADY TESTED AND AS I MIGHT SAY MADAM SPEAKER I COULD ALMOST UNDERSTAND IF SOME OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR HEART OF HEARTS AND THEIR SOULS BELIEVED IN THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE THAT MAN I JUST CAN'T TAKE THAT RISK BECAUSE WE'RE IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND THIS MAY TERMINATE IT WELL YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE NOT THERE NOW BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RIGHT NOW WE DON'T HAVE THAT HANGING OVER OUR HAND WE DON'T HAVE A SITUATION WHERE A CHIEF EXECUTIVE CAN SAY YOU KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW WHY YOU DON'T HAVE THOSE GOODIES ANYMORE GO DOWN THERE AND TALK TO THOSE 15 INDIVIDUALS THOSE PESKY PEOPLE THEY DID THIS WE DON'T HAVE THAT WE'RE FIXING THE LAW IN A TIME WHERE THERE IS GENERAL CONSENSUS FROM A LOT OF FOLKS THAT IT NEEDS FIXING AND WE'RE NOT DOING IT UNDER ANY CLOUD OF HAVING TO LOSE ANYTHING I PRAY THAT THAT SMALL AMOUNT OF REASON AS I CONSIDER IT ACTUALLY I CONSIDER IT LARGE SOME PEOPLE MAY CONSIDER IT SMALL MAY PREVAIL OVER US TO PASS THIS LEGISLATION AND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES CONSIDERATION MADAM SPEAKER AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO ADD CO-SPONSORS TO THE BILL STARTING WITH THE REQUEST FROM SENATOR LUJAN EARLY ON TO BE THE NUMBER TWO ON ON THIS BILL AND THEN FRANK BLAS, JR. SENATOR TOM FISHER AND SENATOR JOANNE BROWN SENATOR TAITAGUE AND THEN ALSO SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT IN IN THAT ORDER AND ANYBODY ELSE OR SENATOR SAN NICOLAS OF COURSE ONE OF THE FIRST INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT EVEN BEFORE WE HAD THE DISCUSSION WHEN YOU SAW THE REASONABLENESS TO THE BILL THANK YOU SENATOR AND WELCOME ABOARD TO BE A CO-SPONSOR SO I.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION FOR CO-SPONSORS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: ONCE AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER I WANT TO THANK THE BODY FOR ALL THE GREAT DELIBERATION ON THIS BILL AND I'LL I WILL GO NOW AND LIGHT SOME CANDLES AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL NUMBER 7-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTO THE THIRD READING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 28-37 COR SENATOR ROY QUINATA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE BILL 28-37 COR INTRODUCED BY MYSELF ROY ANTHONY BENEVANTE QUINATA AND CO-SPONSORED BY SENATORS WILLIAM A. PARKINSON DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS IT IS AN ACT TO ADD TO ARTICLE 3 CHAPTER 18 TITLE 1 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ADOPTING AND A STANDARDIZED TYPEFACE FOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM INTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE MEASURE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THIS BILL IS AN EASY BILL WHICH AIMS TO PROMOTE A MORE ACCESSIBLE GOVERNMENT BY STANDARDIZING FONTS IN FORMS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL 28-37 HELPS THE GOVERNMENT MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS TO ENSURE THAT EVERY THAT ANY ONE PERSON CAN ACCESS AND UNDERSTAND DOCUMENTS REPORTS COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THE BILL INTENDS TO ADOPT ACCESSIBLE FONTS TO AID IN THIS EFFORT PERSONS WITH CERTAIN DISABILITIES MAY ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES WHEN OFF WHEN USING OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY OR SCREEN READERS WITH TIMES NEW ROMAN THIS FUND MAY ALSO BE CAUSE MAY ALSO CAUSE RECOGNITION PROBLEMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES ACCORDING TO THE U.S. CENTER OF DISEASE CONTROL ONE IN FOUR PEOPLE IN GUAM MAY HAVE A DISABILITY WITH 16 PERCENT OF THEM HAVING EITHER COGNITIVE OR VISION IMPAIRMENT THIS IS WHY IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THAT AS LEGISLATORS WE PRIORITIZE ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH ACCESSIBLE FONTS CHARACTER SPACING ALLOWING FOR INCREASED LEGIBILITY OF DOCUMENTS LEADING TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS BEING COMMUNICATED ON APRIL 16 A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ANOTHER DISCUSS THE PIECES THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION THROUGH THIS BILL WE AIM TO CREATE AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERYONE CAN HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION I BELIEVE BUT THAT ADOPTING THE STANDARDIZED TYPEFACE WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND IMPROVE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL THE CITIZENS OF GUAM ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH DISABILITIES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL BASED ON PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND I THINK THAT PROBABLY OTHER VETERANS WILL JOIN ME IN THIS THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS USED UNIFORM TYPE BASIS SINCE FOREVER FOR A VERY GOOD REASON THEY WANT ACROSS THE FLEET ANY WAY THEY WANTED PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO READ THE BILLS AND READ THEM OR READ THE COMMUNICATIONS AND READ THEM EASILY AND IT WORKS VERY WELL SO I SUPPORT THIS VERY MUCH IT'S GOING TO AVOID US HAVING GOOFY TYPEFACES ALL UP FROM VERY VARIOUS DIVISIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT AND I COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR SUBMITTING IT THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL ANYONE ON THE BILL SENATOR PARKINSON THEN SENATOR TAITAGUE THEN SENATOR SENATOR SAN NICOLAS.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AS AN EMERGENCY SERVICES WORKER IN A PREVIOUS LIFE I UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR STANDARDIZING THE PROCESSES SO THAT WHEN YOU'RE HAVING INTER-AGENCY OR IN OUR CASE FEDERAL OVERLAP WE WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY COULD READ OUR FORMS WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE IT SEEMS LIKE A SMALL THING AND IF IT'S SUCH A SMALL THING LET'S MAKE THIS CHANGE HAPPEN SO THAT EVERYONE CAN AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES WITHOUT UNDUE HARDSHIP WITH THAT I YIELD MY TIME THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I GOT TO GET SOME NEW TECHNOLOGY HERE BUT OKAY YOU KNOW BILL 28-37 YOU KNOW COLLEAGUES I I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEASURE AND HOW IT SPEAKS TO GOVERNMENT GUAM LEVELS OF COMMITMENT TO THOSE WITH DISABILITIES AND HOWEVER GIVEN ADA COMPLIANCE STANDARDS AND BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR TEXTS TO SPEECH SOFTWARE FOR OUR WEBSITE I HAVE TO POSE ONE QUESTION TO THE BODY DOES STANDARDIZING GOVERNMENT FONT REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE ACTION YOU KNOW I'M I'M NO EXPERT ON THE MATTER OF OF FONTS FOR SURE AND GRAPHIC STYLE AND I AND I'LL CONFESS THAT MY STAFF AND I SPENT SEVERAL MINUTES YOU KNOW DISCUSSING SERIFS

IF THAT'S HOW I PRONOUNCED IT CORRECTLY SER IFS BEFORE REALIZING THAT THE MEASURE DIDN'T QUITE FIT INTO THE MIX OF JUGGLING THE REOPENING OF TYPHOON DAMAGED SCHOOLS OR CAMPUSES THE PENDING ARRIVAL OF MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM AND THE FISCAL YEAR OF FY 24 BUDGET MY POINT IS YOU KNOW I I SUPPORT ANYTHING THAT MAKES SERVING OUR MOST VULNERABLE BUT WHEN IS THE BODY GOING TO START BE BEING MORE PRUDENT ON OUR TIME YOU KNOW COULD THIS HAVE BEEN DONE THROUGH AN EXECUTIVE ORDER I'M PRETTY SURE IT COULD HAVE YOU KNOW WILL IT WILL IT COST US ANY MONEY AND OVERTIME OR WILL IT BE RETROACTIVE WELL THE WEBSITES GOVERNMENT-WIDE BE AUDITED BY SPECIAL COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE WHO IS MONITORING THIS AND ARE THERE CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCES SO I DO HAVE A QUESTION WITH REGARDS TO THOSE THOSE CONCERNS I HAVE AND I HOPE THE AUTHOR CAN ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS IF HE SHOULD YIELD TO MY QUESTION IS WHO'S GOING TO BE MONITORING THIS AND ARE THERE CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR IS THAT A QUESTION YOU'D LIKE TO POSE.

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

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

SENATOR QUINATA: AT THIS TIME THE LEGISLATION IS IS SIMPLY TO RECTIFY THE ISSUE THAT STANDS BEFORE US WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS AN EXECUTIVE ORDER I MEAN IF IT DOESN'T GET PASSED TODAY THEN I GUESS I'LL WRITE A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR THAT UNFORTUNATELY WE DIDN'T PASS THIS LEGISLATION SO I ENCOURAGE HER TO THINK ABOUT IMPLEMENTING IT VIA EXECUTIVE ORDER BUT AGAIN I THINK WE HAVE THE TIME TO DO IT TODAY ALTHOUGH THAT THIS IS NOT A AN EMERGENCY SUBSTANTIVE BILL BILL IT WAS ALREADY ON THE PRIOR AGENDA SO WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT MADE IT MADE ITS FINAL WALK THROUGH SO WHETHER OR NOT IT PASSES IT'S IT'S A SIMPLE BILL SIMPLY TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR ISLAND OPERATIONS ARE INCLUSIVE OF ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SIMPLY THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION AND AS THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR OF DISABILITIES SO I HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR FIRST QUESTION THE SECOND QUESTION THERE CURRENTLY ISN'T ANY SORRY THE SECOND PART OF YOUR QUESTION IS IT WE DO NOT HAVE ANY ADVERSE ACTIONS FOR THIS BILL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: RIGHT RIGHT NO.

SENATOR QUINATA: SIMPLY COMMON SENSE YOU KNOW ONCE IT IF IT PASSES WE WANT TO SIMPLIFY ALL DOCUMENTATION AND MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING MOVING FORWARD WHETHER OR NOT DOCUMENTS ARE PROCURED YOU JUST MAKE SURE THAT THE FONTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OR THOSE INDIVIDUALS MOVING FORWARD IF THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU TO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION FOR ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS AND MY CONCERNS YOU KNOW EVEN WITH REGARDS TO ALL WEBSITES GOVERNMENT-WIDE BE AUDITED BY SPECIAL COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE YOU KNOW THESE THESE ARE WE WE PUT A LEGISLATION TOGETHER WHICH ONE THAT ACTUALLY CAN BE DONE LIKE I SAID EARLIER THROUGH AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS BUT UM WE ALSO NEED TO HAVE TEETH INTO THIS SOMETIMES SIMPLE THINGS HAVE A WAY OF CREATING UNNECESSARY ISSUES AND UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES NOT TO MENTION MORE WORK NOT JUST FOR US BUT YOU KNOW MORE SO FOR THE GOVERNMENT RANK AND FILE WHO MUST YOU KNOW ADD ANOTHER LAW TO THEIR STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND DISSEMINATE NOTICE ACCORDINGLY AND IF AND IF NONE OF THESE EXTRA RESPONSIBILITIES BEAR NO WEIGHT OR CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE YOU KNOW WHY THEN DOES IT REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND CODIFY INTO OUR EVER-EXPANDING BOOK OF LAWS BUT YOU KNOW AGAIN I I SUPPORT THIS MEASURE DON'T DON'T START FREAKING OUT SENATOR YOU KNOW I DO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE BECAUSE IT DOES HELP THOSE WITH DISABILITIES I MEAN THIS TYPE OF FONT AND A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE YOU KNOW IT'S A LITTLE MORE THAN JUST BEING YOU KNOW UNIFORMED THIS ACTUALLY PLAYS A PIVOTED ROLE IN BEING ABLE TO DICTATE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE A HEARING DISABILITY AND SO AGAIN YOU KNOW I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO

BE AWARE OF MANY MORE COST EFFECTIVE AVENUES AVAILABLE TO US WHEN WE TRY TO GET OUR PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED SO I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU ON THE MOTION NO SORRY ON THE BILL.

SENATOR QUINATA: MADAM SPEAKER I THANK THE RETIRING SPEAKER FOR UNDERSTANDING THE PRUDENTNESS OF THIS LEGISLATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SEN SENATOR QUINATA YES SORRY YOU DON'T HAVE THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW.

SENATOR QUINATA: OH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: UNTIL THE CLOSING WE STILL HAVE OTHERS YEAH ALL RIGHT OR DID YOU POSE A QUESTION SENATOR NO SO YEAH ON THE BILL WE'RE GOING TO TAKE OTHER SPEAKERS FIRST YEAH SO SEN VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION AND WHILE SOME MAY SEEM THAT THIS IS NOT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE OTHERS WILL UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO HAVE THIS KIND OF LEGISLATION PUT IN PLACE I REMEMBER A ONCE A WISE COLLEAGUE OF OURS WHO SAID THAT YOU LITERALLY DON'T HAVE TO YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO LEGISLATE COMMON SENSE BUT SOMETIMES YOU DO SO THAT THINGS CAN GET STANDARDIZED OR THINGS CAN BE IN ORDER SO THAT EVERYONE HAS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW YOU GET FROM POINT A TO POINT Z AND IN THIS EFFORT I JUST TURNED TO MY COLLEAGUE WHO WAS A RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL AND AN ESQUIRE WHO WHO'S FROM THE VILLAGE OF *TALO'FO'FO* AND I SAID IS THERE A STANDARDIZED PORTION TO THIS AS IT RELATES TO DOCUMENTATION AND ALL THAT AS IT RELATES TO FEDERAL DOCUMENTATION EVEN AS FAR AS FONTS ARE CONCERNED AND THEY SAID MOST DEFINITELY AND I KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I I KNOW THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO DO IT AND I KNOW THAT WE CAN GO THROUGH EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND I KNOW THAT WE CAN EVEN WORK IT WITHIN THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES BUT IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT UNIFORMITY IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT A STANDARDIZED FORM SO THAT THAT PEOPLE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND OR MAKE IT EVEN AT LEAST BETTER FOR THE MAJORITY THAN IT DOESN'T HURT TO GIVE IT A SHOT SO ON THIS EFFORT I LITERALLY THANK THE GOOD AUTHOR FROM *BARRIGADA* OR *YIGO* WHO INTRODUCED THIS LEGISLATION BECAUSE THIS THIS IS A GOOD BILL AND I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THAT AND ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THE SAME EFFORTS *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I APPLAUD THE AUTHOR FOR INTRODUCING THE BILL EVEN I HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY NOW STRUGGLING TRYING TO RE TO READ GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS I JUST ARRIVED A COUPLE DAYS AGO FROM A TRIP AND I HAVE TO FILL OUT ONE OF ONE OF THEM CUSTOMS FORMS YOU JUST KNOW HOW DIFFICULT THAT MIGHT BE FOR SOME AND YOU KNOW I KNOW OUR THE AUTHOR IS REAL YOUNG AND I ENCOURAGE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO RUN FOR OFFICE AND TAKE CARE OF US OLDER GUYS WHO ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY READING AND OTHER THINGS SO I THINK IT'S MAYBE COMMON SENSE TO DO SO BUT IT'S ALSO A GOOD THING TO REQUIRE OUR GOVERNMENT TO TO DO SOMETHING AS GOOD AS THIS IT'S A IT'S A WELL-MEANING BILL IT'S A GOOD BILL AND I SUPPORT IT AND I APPLAUD THE AUTHOR AND I ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT IT AS WELL THANK YOU MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL TO STANDARDIZE HOW THINGS ARE TYPED AND PUT OUT FOR MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE THAT ARE NOT PRIME PRIOR MILITARY AND FOR THE FOLKS THAT ARE MILITARY STANDARDIZE I DON'T CARE WHAT BRANCH OF SERVICE YOU'RE AT STANDARDIZED CERTAIN FONTS TO USE CERTAIN SO FORTH THERE'S A WAY TO WRITE AND IS TOLD AND YOU JUST DO IT IN GOVGUAM THEY NEED TO BRING SOME STANDARDIZATION IN PLACE EVERYBODY WANTS TO DO THEIR OWN THING AND NOT REALIZING THAT SOME PEOPLE CAN'T READ IT MAYBE TOO SMALL TOO FANCY KEEP IT SIMPLE WHEN I MET WITH COMPILER OF LAW SHE SAID STANDARDIZING IS THE BEST WAY AND I I RISE IN SUPPORT THIS BILL AND I THANK THE AUTHOR FOR INTRODUCING THIS BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SEN ANYONE ELSE SENATOR SENATOR PEREZ ON THE BILL.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I BELIEVE IN THE INTENT OF THIS BILL THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO GIVE ACCESS TO THOSE THAT ARE THE LEAST UNDER THE LEAST UNDERSERVED AND THE LEAST PRIVILEGED OF OUR COMMUNITY BUT IN LOOKING AT THE COMMITTEE REPORT THERE WAS NO TESTIMONY WRITTEN TESTIMONY FROM THE AGENCIES THAT OVERSEE OR ASSIST THOSE WITH DISABILITIES SO I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED THAT THERE IS NO FEEDBACK IN REGARDING THIS ALSO YEAH THERE'S NO ORAL TESTIMONIES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE I THINK THIS IS KIND OF CONCERNING ESPECIALLY IF THERE'S NO FEEDBACK FROM THESE KEY AGENCIES I THINK IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE GET THAT BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD THE OTHER THING THAT'S MISSING IN THIS BILL IS THAT IT IS PRESCRIPTIVE SO ONLY SANS SERIF SERIF ARIAL CALIBRI SEAFORD AND AND AND DOING SOME RESEARCH THERE ARE OTHER FONTS THAT ARE ACCEPTABLE AGAIN THERE'S NO LAWS THAT PRESCRIBE SPECIFIC FONTS ADA COMPLIANT FONTS IN ADDITION THERE ARE OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO FROM OTHER ENTITIES THAT MAY RUN IN CONFLICT SO I DO SUPPORT MORE ACCESSIBILITY I THINK THERE SHOULD BE A LITTLE BIT MORE LEEWAY IN REGARDS TO PERHAPS ADDITIONAL FONTS YOU KNOW FONTS ALWAYS CHANGE THROUGH TIME AND ARE WE YOU KNOW MAKING THIS MORE DIFFICULT FOR OURSELVES WHEN WE DON'T HAVE TO AND THE THING TOO IS THAT THERE ARE NO LAWS IN THE U.S. FOR FONTS ONLY POLICIES AND SO ARE WE PUTTING OURSELVES AT MORE DIFFICULTY THAN ALLOWING US MORE THE FLEXIBILITY BUT ACHIEVING THE SAME GOAL SO I DO HAVE RESERVATIONS YOU KNOW OF COURSE I'M OPEN TO SEEING IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY TESTIMONIES BUT AT THE TIME THE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED THERE WAS NO FEEDBACK SO THAT'S THOSE ARE SOME OF MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE BILL OF COURSE I LIKE TO ACHIEVE MORE ACCESS BUT ALSO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THIS *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THE BILL ANYONE ELSE ON THE BILL ON THE BILL SEN ARE YOU RAISING YOUR HANDS SENATOR BARNETT ON THE BILL.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM I HAVE TO SAY I WAS A I DON'T WANT TO SAY UNAWARE BUT I MEAN MAYBE NOT AS AWARE OF SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT ARE SOME MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY FACE RELATIVE TO TYPEFACE SO I TOO COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR ADDRESSING THIS I JUST DID HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS AND FORGIVE MY I DON'T WANT TO SAY IGNORANCE IN ADVANCE BUT I WAS JUST LOOKING AT WHAT WHAT ADA RECOMMENDS AND THEY RECOMMEND ONE OF THE FIRST FONTS IS TIMES NEW ROMAN SO I AGAIN I'M JUST SORRY BUT IF THE AUTHOR COULD CLARIFY IS TIMES NEW ROMAN A SENSORY FONT IS THAT ONE OF THESE THAT WOULD BE LISTED HERE BECAUSE IN THE ADA LIST OF FONTS THEY HAVE A PRETTY LONG LIST.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR QUINATA: I THANK THE RETIRING SPEAKER FOR HIS QUESTION AT THE TIME THE SANS SERIF IS A TYPE OF FONT RIGHT AS WELL SO TIMES NEW ROMAN IS UNDER THE ADA COMPLIANCE SO MY LEGISLATION'S OFF OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SO THERE'S THAT COMPARISON IF WE WANT TO UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN INTERJECT THIS COMMENT TOWARDS SENATOR PEREZ WITH THE PREVIOUS PREVIOUS COMMENTS I I JUST RATHER US BE PROACTIVE THAN REACTIVE IF WE CAN ADDRESS THE CONCERN MOVING FORWARD THEN I THINK THAT'S A GREAT IDEA THAT'S ALL THANK YOU.

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

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU AND THEN THE OTHER QUESTION I HAD SO FOR JUST AGAIN FROM A LOGISTICAL STANDPOINT WHEN WE CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS AND THAT TYPE OF THING WHERE WE RECEIVE TESTIMONY FROM THE OUTSIDE FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM BUT WOULD THAT THAT TESTIMONY ALSO IF WE PASS THIS MEASURE HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDIZED TYPEFACE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR QUINATA: YES OF COURSE ARE YOU ARE YOU REFERRING TO US WHEN WE SUBMIT COMMITTEE REPORTS AND THAT KIND OF DOCUMENTATION OR WHEN SOMEONE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATORS PLEASE ADDRESS THE CHAIR SPEAKER.

SENATOR BARNETT: TO CLARIFY I MEANT FOR EXAMPLE IF WE WERE AT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS BILL OR ANY OTHER BILL AND SOMEONE WAS TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY LIKE ED POCAIGUE OF YONA IS GOING TO SUBMIT TESTIMONIES DOES THAT TESTIMONY HAVE TO ADHERE TO THE STANDARDIZED TYPEFACE MANDATE.

SENATOR QUINATA: NO.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BENNETT YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU I THINK I WANT TO ADD TIMES NEW ROMAN IN THERE BECAUSE I KNOW OVER AT THE COURT I WAS LOOKING AT WHAT FONT THEY USE OVER AT THE COURT AND THEY DO USE TIMES NEW ROMAN SO JUST MAYBE WE WANT TO IF THE AUTHOR HAS NO IF HE'S OKAY WITH IT IF HE'S COOL WITH IT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD JUST TIMES NEW ROMAN IF I GET A LITTLE SHORT RECESS TO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ONE MINUTE RECESS.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE ON AN AMENDMENT BY SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I ALSO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR PATIENCE I KNOW WE KIND OF ALL THOUGHT THAT THIS BILL WAS GOING TO BE LIKE A WHAM BAM THANK YOU SPAM SO AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE I DO HAVE A AN AMENDMENT WE'RE KIND OF JOKING AROUND HERE TO INTRODUCING AMENDMENT BRING BACK CURSIVE BUT I DON'T THINK THAT STANDARDIZED A TYPEFACE I THINK FOR US OLDER PEOPLE THOUGH IT'S NOT NECESSARILY THE TYPEFACE IT'S THE SIZE RIGHT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THOSE *MANÁMKO'* BOOKS WHERE THE LETTERS ARE THAT BIG BUT ANYWAY IN ALL SERIOUSNESS MY AMENDMENT MA'AM IT'S IN THE IT'S IN THE DRIVE FOR MY COLLEAGUES AND I AMEND ARTICLE 3 TO READ THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SHALL ADOPT A STANDARDIZED TYPEFACE FOR USE IN ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS REPORTS AND ELECTRONIC MAIL GENERATED AFTER ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT EACH ENTITY SHALL UTILIZE AND HERE'S WHERE I CHANGE IT TYPEFACE THAT IS AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANT SUCH AS SANS SERIF TIMES NEW ROMAN ARIAL CALIBRI SEAFORD OR OTHER BECAUSE WE WANTED THE LIST TO BE DESCRIPTIVE AND NOT EXHAUSTIVE AS THERE ARE NUMEROUS FONTS THAT ARE ADA COMPLAINT MA'AM I BEG THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES FOR THIS SIMPLE AMENDMENT THAT I THINK REALLY KIND OF ROUNDS OUT AND FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM CASTS A LITTLE BIT OF A WIDER NET FOR THIS ISSUE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT SENATOR BARNETT YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT WAVING CLOSING SO ALL IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES AMENDMENT PASSES SENATOR BARNETT YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR ON THE BILL.

SENATOR BARNETT: NOTHING FURTHER MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL SENATOR QUINATA YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR QUINATA: MADAM SPEAKER I I MOVE TO OPEN IT UP TO CO-SPONSORS I BELIEVE SENATOR FISHER MY MY GREAT COLLEAGUE FROM *TALO'FO'FO* WHO OWNS GOATS SENATOR THE GREAT SENATOR FROM *ORDOT-CHALAN PAGO* SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES GREAT SENATOR FROM YOUR'RE ALREADY A CO-SPONSOR BROTHER *YIGO* JOE SAN AGUSTIN ANYONE ELSE SENATOR BARNETT FROM *IPAN TALO'FO'FO* SOMETIMES ANYONE ELSE SENATOR JESSE LUJAN *TAMUNING TUMON* THEN CAN WE CALL FOR THE VOTE DOES THE CLERKS HAVE THE LIST YES.

SENATOR QUINATA: THAT'S FISHER BARNES IS IT JOE SAN AUGUSTIN BARNETT AND LUJAN.

SENATOR QUINATA: SORRY CAN WE ADD SENATOR FRANK BLAS AS WELL THE GREAT SENATOR FROM *BARRIGADA* ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION ANY OBJECTIONS ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR QUINATA ON THE BILL.

SENATOR QUINATA: MADAM SPEAKER AND I ALSO MOVE TO MOVE IT TO THE THIRD READING FILE ALL RIGHT THERE'S BEEN A MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL NUMBER 28-37 COR ON THE THIRD READING FILE AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW BILL NUMBER 35-37 COR SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO SET ASIDE BILL 3537 AS AMENDED TO THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA THERE'S A MOTION TO TO MOVE BILL NUMBER 35-37 COR TO THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW IN BILL NUMBER 36-37 COR SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I ALSO MOVE TO PLACE BILL 36-37 AS AMENDED TO THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA AS WELL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION MOVING THE BILL TO THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA ANY OBJECTION SEEING NONE MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO MOTION THAT WE RECESS UNTIL 2 P.M. *AGUPA*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL 2 P.M. TOMORROW IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES RECESS UNTIL 2.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS BACK IN RECESS BACK IN SESSION FROM RECESS WE ARE NOW CONTINUING WITH THE SECOND READING FILE WE WILL BEGIN WITH BILL NUMBER 65-37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 65-37 COR AS INTRODUCED BY MYSELF WILLIAM A. PARKINSON AND CO-SPONSORED BY ROY A.B. QUINATA AN ACT TO REPEAL ARTICLE 8 CHAPTER 77 TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REMOVING GUAM MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY STADIUM COMPLEX COMMISSION ON THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS A BILL THAT IS I INTEND TO BE THE FIRST OF MANY THROUGHOUT MY TERM THIS BILL AN ACT TO REPEAL THE GUAM MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY STADIUM COMPLEX COMMISSION IS REALLY A HOUSEKEEPING BILL ONE OF THE THINGS I SAW AS I WAS GOING THROUGH THE LAWS WAS THAT THERE WERE A LOT THERE WAS A LOT OF CLUTTER A LOT OF WELL-INTENTIONED LAWS AND BOARDS THAT FOR WHATEVER REASON WERE NEVER IMPLEMENTED NEVER MANNED NEVER MET AND THAT YOU KNOW THAT THAT THESE BOARDS ARE STILL TAKING UP SPACE ON OUR BOOKS SO WHAT I INTEND TO DO WITH THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES IS TO BEGIN A PROJECT OF YOU KNOW CLEANING UP OUR BOOKS LOOKING FOR DEAD AND DEFUNCT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIKE THIS AND START SYSTEMATICALLY JUST CLEANING UP OUR BOOKS SO THAT THEY'RE A LOT EASIER TO READ AND MAINTAIN AND NOT HAVE SO MUCH CLUTTER BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A LOT OF SUPERFLUOUS LAWS ON OUR BOOKS THAT MAY HAVE NEVER BEEN ENFORCED BUT ARE DISTURBING NONETHELESS SO YES I INTEND FOR THIS TO BE THE FIRST OF MANY THERE'S REALLY NOT MUCH TO SAY ABOUT THE BILL ABOUT THE COMMISSIONS THEMSELVES THE COMMISSIONS HAVE NEVER MET NEVER BEEN EMPANELED AND SO WE'RE JUST GOING TO DISSOLVE THEM AND MOVE ON WITH OUR LIVES AND HOPEFULLY DO SOME MORE HOUSEKEEPING AS THIS TERM CONTINUES AND WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

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

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO MY COLLEAGUES YOU KNOW THIS REMINDS ME OF LEGISLATION THAT I HAD INTRODUCED IN THE THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE UM AT THE REQUEST OF THE OPA B.J. CRUZ FOR SPEAKER B.J. CRUZ AND IT WAS BASICALLY HOUSEKEEPING YOU KNOW THERE WERE THERE WERE ACCOUNTS THAT WERE DORMANT FOR MANY MANY YEARS AND WAS ON THE BOOKS AND EVEN GEDA YOU KNOW CHIMED IN AND AND AGREED THAT THESE THINGS SHOULD BE CLEANED UP AND IT'S NOT BEING USED AFTER ABOUT FIVE YEARS YOU KNOW THEN THEY SHOULD NOT BE IN EXISTENCE AND THEN NOTHING STOPS ANYTHING FROM THIS ANYBODY FROM THIS LEGISLATURE TO TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE YOU KNOW MISTAKENLY TAKEN OFF THE BOOKS AND AND REINTRODUCE IT BUT I THINK WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO DO AND THIS BODY NEEDS TO DO IS BE A PART OF CLEANING OUT LAWS THAT THAT JUST ONE THAT'S BEEN SITTING THERE DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ACCOUNTS AT DOA THAT HAS NOT BEEN USED IN OVER A DECADE AS WELL AS PROGRAMS SO I MEAN THIS IS THIS IS A START AND I'M HAPPY THAT THE SENATOR IS PUSHING SOMETHING LIKE THIS FORWARD AND LOOKING FORWARD TO OTHER OTHER PROGRAMS OR LAWS THAT THIS BODY HAS PASSED BUT YET HAS BEEN ADDRESSED OR ANY KIND KIND OF MOVEMENT MOVE FORWARD I WILL SAY THAT THE 75000 THAT WAS APPROPRIATED TO THIS PROGRAM THAT WAS NEVER PUT IN PLACE IS SOMETHING THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO PUTTING IN IN THE THE FUND FOR OUR CHARTER SCHOOLS AS I MENTIONED EARLIER THERE ARE THEY'RE

REQUESTING TO LIFT THE CAP OF 340 TO 340 MORE ADDITIONAL STUDENTS AND THEY ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF FUNDING FOR THIS AND WE ALL KNOW THAT OUR STUDENTS NEED A PLACE TO LEARN TO STUDY SO YOU KNOW I'LL BE REQUESTING FOR THAT 75000 TO BE GIVEN TO THAT THAT PART OF THE BUDGET SO I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE HOW A GOOD HOUSEKEEPING THAT'S BEING DONE WHETHER IT'S A PROGRAM OR AN ACCOUNT THAT HASN'T BEEN DOING THAT HAS BEEN DORMANT FOR QUITE SOME TIME SO I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ANYONE ELSE ON THE BILL SENATOR QUINATA ON THE BILL YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING ME THIS AFTERNOON GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES WELCOME BACK SO I CERTAINLY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I WAS A CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSEKEEPING AND CLEANING UP OUR LEGISLATIVE STATUTES SO WITH THAT BEING SAID I I ALSO HAD AN AMENDMENT TO THIS BILL AND EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN A COPY ALREADY IT'S SECTION TWO NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW ALL REMAINING FUNDS APPROPRIATED THROUGH THE ENACTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW 33-2229 TO GUAM ECONOMIC AUTHORITY TO FUND THE MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY STADIUM COMPLEX COMMISSION SHALL REMAIN WITH GITA FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RESOURCE AREAS TO INCLUDE THE REBUILDING OF THE NIGHT MARKET I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PREVIOUS SENATOR DID SPEAK ON SENTIMENTS TOWARDS TOUR TOWARDS THE CHARTER SCHOOL SO I ALREADY PUT THIS IN THE DRIVE SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT WAS WRITTEN OUT I MEAN SPOKEN ABOUT AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF IT GETS PASSED OR NOT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR JUST JUST YEAH WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH THE MOTION RIGHT IS IT A MOTION ALL RIGHT SO THERE'S A MOTION TO AMEND THE BILL I'M GOING TO TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE SO THERE'S BEEN AN AMENDMENT AN AMENDMENT PASSED OUT BY SENATOR QUINATA TO LINE 14 PAGE SEVEN I AM GOING TO RULE THIS AMENDMENT NOT GERMANE IT DEALS WITH AN APPROPRIATION AND I DON'T THINK THE APPROPRIATION WAS DISCUSSED DURING THE HEARING OR AT LEAST ANY INTENTION TO SEND MONEY ANYWHERE WAS DISCUSSED DURING THAT HEARING BUT SO I'M GOING TO RULE IT NON-GERMANE OF COURSE THE BODY HAS THE ABILITY TO OVERRULE THE SPEAKER IF THEY SO CHOOSE AND OTHERWISE SENATOR QUINATA YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR AND YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL.

SENATOR QUINATA: MADAM SPEAKER IT'S FINE WE'LL JUST WITHDRAW THE AMENDMENT BASED ON YOUR RULING AND WE'LL JUST PROCEED ON WITH FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE BILL AGAIN COMMEND THE AUTHOR OF THE THE BILL WE LET'S CLEAN THE HOUSE THEN WE'LL APPROPRIATE THE MONEY IN OTHER MEANS THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL ON ON THAT MOTION TO WITHDRAW IS THERE ANY OBJECTION MOTION WITHDRAWN ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YEAH JUST SOME HOUSEKEEPING I'M GLAD WE DIDN'T HAVE TO HAVE WORLD WAR III OVER THAT POT OF MONEY WE COULD SAVE THAT FOR ANOTHER TIME I SUPPOSE BUT YEAH I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR SUPPORTING ME IN THIS HOUSEKEEPING EFFORT UH IT'S NOT EARTH-SHATTERING THING BUT YOU KNOW SOMETIMES SOMEBODY'S GOT TO TAKE A BROOM TO A DIRTY CORNER SO I HOPE THIS BE THE FIRST OF MANY AND LET'S GET THESE BOOKS CLEANED UP AND A LITTLE BIT MORE STREAMLINED THANK YOU COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND LET'S GET IT DONE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON.

SENATOR PARKINSON: AND MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 6537 ON 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 NUMBER 79-37 COR SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO MY COLLEAGUES AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE STAFF MA'AM I MOVE TO PLACE BILL 79-37 COMMITTEE ON RULES THAT WAS INTRODUCED BY MYSELF WHICH IS AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 80.37 A1 OF ARTICLE 2 CHAPTER 80 TITLE IX GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO A SPECIAL ALLEGATION OF POSSESSION AND USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON IN THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY IN THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH I THINK THE BILL LARGELY SPEAKS FOR ITSELF THERE ARE TWO THINGS I'D LIKE TO SAY ABOUT IT ONE IF YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE A SMART PROSECUTOR YOU WOULD REALIZE THAT THIS ENHANCED SETTLEMENT GIVES YOU TREMENDOUS LEVERAGE OVER EXTRACTING PLEAS FROM THE ACCUSED BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO DO 10 YEARS OR YOU WANT TO TAKE A PLEA TO THIS THIRD DEGREE FELONY THAT SORT OF THING SO IT'S A IT'S A IT'S A SIGNIFICANT WEAPON IN THE PROSECUTOR'S QUIVER AND I HOPE THEY WILL IF THIS LAW PASSES I HOPE THEY WILL EXPLOIT IT THE BILL DOES SOMETHING FUNDAMENTAL TO THE UM PUNISHMENTS INVOLVED WITH USING A DEADLY WEAPON IN THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY IF THAT DEADLY WEAPON IS A FIREARM AS DEFINED BY GUAM LAW IT INCREASES THE MINIMUM PENALTY FROM FIVE YEARS TO TEN YEARS THE REASON FOR THAT IS I JUST EXPLAINED IT BUT UM YOU KNOW IF ANYBODY WANTS TO PICK UP THEIR PHONE THEIR PHONE AND GO TO GOOGLE AND IF YOU WERE TO TYPE IN SHOOTING IN GUAM YOU'D IMMEDIATELY SEE A LOT OF HEADLINES HERE'S ONE SOUTHERN GUAM SHOCKED BY SHOOTING DEATH 2023 MANY OF US LIVE IN THE SOUTH AND WE CAN ATTEST TO THAT BEING QUITE SHOCKING MAN DEAD AFTER SUSPECTED SHOOTING CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST POLICE OFFICER IN FATAL SHOOTING POLICE INVESTIGATE SHOOTING THAT LEAVES ONE DEAD IN *DEDEDO* AGAIN SOUTHERN GUAM SHOCKED BY SHOOTING DEATH *AGAT* SHOOTING RULED AS A HOMICIDE A DEADLY SHOOTING IN *HAGAT* CLAIMED THE LIFE OF AJ MENDIOLA TWO DEAD AFTER SHOOTING ON GUAM THREE DEAD EVERYBODY REMEMBERS THIS CATASTROPHE THREE DEAD IN GUAM CLINIC SHOOTING AND SO ON AND SO FORTH IF YOU'RE GOING TO POINT A GUN AT SOMEBODY AND JUST ESSENTIALLY IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU PULL THE TRIGGER YOU'RE GOING TO CAUSE SUCH A SIGNIFICANT DISTRESS TO AN INDIVIDUAL THAT YOU MERIT INCREASED PUNISHMENT FOR THAT AND I HOPE I HOPE I WILL GARNER SUPPORT FROM MY COLLEAGUES THANK YOU MA'AM.

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

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AS I STAND HERE RIGHT NOW I'M NOT QUITE SURE HOW I FEEL ABOUT THIS BILL ON THE ONE HAND I RESPECT AND ADMIRE THE INTENT OF THE AUTHOR IN TRYING TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER BY GIVING PROSECUTORS THE TOOL TO EXTRACT PLEA DEALS AND AS HE SAID BUT AND EXPLOIT THE STRENGTH OF THIS LAW TO GET DEALS THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN ABLE TO GET AND SEE AND THAT'S EXACTLY MY CONCERN BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I HAVE TRIED TO STRENGTHEN ON GUAM ON MY IN MY TERM HERE IS GUN LAWS I'M TRYING TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERSHIP MUCH MORE COMMON ON GUAM AND I FEAR THAT THERE MAY BE A COOLING EFFECT TO GUN OWNERSHIP IF PEOPLE KNOW THAT THERE MIGHT BE THE POTENTIAL OF A 10-YEAR MINIMUM FELONY THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL COULD POTENTIALLY EXPLOIT AGAINST THEM AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER SAID TO EXTRACT A PLEA DEAL THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE OTHERWISE GOTTEN AND SO THAT IS MY CONCERN I I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN ESCALATION FOR CRIMES WITH A DEADLY WEAPON BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO DO IT FOR GUNS LET'S DO IT FOR ALL LET'S DO IT FOR KNIVES LET'S DO IT FOR GUNS LET'S DO IT FOR ALL BUT LET'S NOT EXCLUDE GUNS AS THE ONLY THING WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN ESCALATOR FOR BECAUSE I FEEL IT SENDS THE WRONG MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE AN ANTI-GUN COMMUNITY AND THAT IS NOT A COMMUNITY I THINK WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGING AND WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

NOTE SENATOR PEREZ PRESIDES

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS MEASURE SENATOR BROWN OR SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 7937 AND I GOTTA SAY I'M A LITTLE BIT PUZZLED BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER'S COMMENTS BECAUSE THIS IS A DISCUSSION ABOUT IN THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY ALONGSIDE WHAT MY GOOD FRIEND SENATOR FISHER JUST READ I'M SURE YOU WOULD READ LATER DOWN IN SOME OF THOSE CASES OR IF WE ALL HAVE BEEN READING THE PAPER FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS PROBABLY MAYBE GOING BACK EVEN FURTHER YOU WOULD SEE THAT EVERY SINGLE TIME PULLOVERS HAPPEN WHEN THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF METHAMPHETAMINE IN THERE THERE'S USUALLY GUNS RIGHT BESIDE IT METHAMPHETAMINE GUNS FELONIES THEY GO TO DINNER TOGETHER AND I LOOK AT THIS MADAM SPEAKER AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT ANOTHER DETERRENT ON THOSE PARTICULARLY WHO WOULD PREY ON OUR COMMUNITY BY DISTRIBUTION OF METHAMPHETAMINE THE SCOURGE AND MAYBE EVEN FENTANYL COMING FORWARD OF OUR TERRITORY OF OUR BEAUTIFUL ISLAND YOU KNOW IT'S KIND OF INTERESTING IN SOME OF THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN AGENCIES AT CUSTOMS THEY HAVE THIS SAYING BECAUSE THEY GO BACK AND FORTH WITH AGRICULTURE ON THE ISSUE OF BORDER CONTROL AND SEND THERE'S A SAYING CALLED GUNS AND DRUGS NOT BUGS MEANING CUSTOMS IS IN CHARGE OF THE BORDER LOOKING FOR FOR IN PARTICULAR AMMUNITION DRUGS GUNS THINGS THAT COULD COME THROUGH OUR TERRITORY THAT COULD CAUSE GRAVE HARM TO OUR PEOPLE IN TERMS OF WE ALL KNOW WHAT DRUGS DO WE KNOW WHAT GUNS DO OF COURSE THE BUG SIDE OF IT IS THE INVASIVE SPECIES AND OTHER THINGS WHICH AGRICULTURE IS IN CHARGE OF HOPEFULLY TRYING TO ERADICATE OUR ISLAND I BRING THAT UP SIMPLY JUST TO ONCE AGAIN RE-EMPHASIZE HOW DANGEROUS INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD POSSESS WEAPONS IN COMMISSION OF A FELONY NOT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO'S DECIDING THAT I THINK I SHOULD PROTECT MYSELF BECAUSE THERE'S SO MUCH METHAMPHETAMINE ON THE STREET THERE'S SO MUCH THEFT THERE'S SO MUCH ROBBERY THERE'S SO MUCH INVASIONS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY THE PERSON THAT WANTS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILY AND NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT HAVING A GUN BEFORE I WOULD ESTIMATE THAT THAT INDIVIDUAL WILL BE IN A LAWFUL INDIVIDUAL IN FACT THEY'RE SO LAWFUL MANY OF THEM PROBABLY EVEN NEVER WANTED TO HAVE A FIREARM BUT BECAUSE OF SITUATIONS THAT PERSIST ARE PERSISTENT IN OUR COMMUNITY THEY MAY MAKE THE DECISION AND I APPLAUD THEM FOR THAT DECISION I HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER WHO'S ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS SO MADAM CHAIR I SUPPORT THIS BILL I SUPPORT THIS BILL BECAUSE IT'S TIED TO POTENTIAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BEING CHARGED OUT AS A FELONY AND I SEE IT IN NO WAY SHAPE OR FORM THAT THIS SHOULD DETER ANY EITHER RECREATIONAL OR RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL WANTING TO ACQUIRE A FIREARM HOPEFULLY WITH SOME OF THE GREAT FIREARMS TRAINING INSTRUCTORS AND COMPANIES AND COURSES THAT WE HAVE THROUGHOUT GUAM DO IT RESPONSIBLE GET TRAINED KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH YOUR WEAPON IF YOU'RE DOING THAT PROTECT IT BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT SOMEBODY WHO'S GOING TO STEAL IT COMMITTING A FELONY IF THEY DO THEY GOT SOME CONSEQUENCES AHEAD OF THEM IF THIS BILL PASSES SO FOR THAT MADAM CHAIR I FULLY SUPPORT THIS BILL WE NEED TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY ONCE AGAIN PARTICULARLY WHEN IT COMES TO FELONIES ONCE AGAIN BECAUSE MOST OF THESE CRIMES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH DRUG ILLICIT DRUG DISTRIBUTION PARTICULARLY METHAMPHETAMINE AND ANYTHING WE CAN STACK ON TOP OF PEOPLE'S HEADS THAT WOULD PERPETRATE THAT SCOURGE I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOUR WELCOME SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR JOANNE BROWN AND THEN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR JOANNE BROWN YOU MAY PROCEED GOOD AFTERNOON.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I ALSO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL YOU KNOW IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE'RE CONTINUING TO GO THROUGH THESE CHALLENGES YOU KNOW PRIMARILY I THINK WE ALL RECOGNIZE A LOT OF THIS AS DRUG RELATED BUT THE FACT THAT OUR CITIZENS CONTINUE TO FEEL UNSAFE YOU KNOW WE NEED TO SEND THE MESSAGE OUT THAT THIS TYPE OF ACTION AND BEHAVIOR IS NOT ACCEPTABLE I MEAN LOOK AT JUST A FEW DAYS AGO YOU KNOW WE HAD HEARD THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAD WALKED INTO HOME DEPOT AND IT LOADED HIS CART WITH OVER FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF ITEMS AND WAS PUSHING HIS CART OUT OF THE STORE AND WHEN THE EMPLOYEES CAME UP TO APPROACH HIM BECAUSE HE WAS ILLEGALLY TAKING YOU KNOW THESE THESE THINGS OUT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS THAT'S A LOT AND HE PULLED A GUN OUT ON THEM WHAT DOES THAT TELL YOU HOW MANY OF YOU BEEN TO HOME DEPOT HOW MANY OF YOU'VE BEEN TO HOME DEPOT WITH YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR CHILDREN WHO WOULD THINK THAT YOU SHOULD FEEL UNSAFE JUST GOING ABOUT YOUR DAILY LIVES DOING THE THINGS THAT YOU NEED TO DO ESPECIALLY NOW AT A TIME WHEN MANY OF OUR PEOPLE ARE

HAVING TO GO TO THE HARDWARE STORE YOU KNOW TO DO SOME RECOVERY EFFORTS AND DO SOME REPAIRS AROUND THE HOUSE AS A RESULT OR GET THE TOOLS THAT THEY NEED TO HELP CLEAN UP AROUND THEIR HOUSE AS A RESULT OF THE TYPHOON WE ARE GETTING TO THE POINT IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT TO SET STANDARDS NOW IS NOT THE POPULAR THING TO DO BECAUSE OH MY GOODNESS IT'S THESE PERPETRATORS THESE CRIMINALS THAT ARE THE VICTIMS WE NEED TO EMPATHIZE WITH THEM AND I DON'T EMPATHIZE WITH THEM I HAVE NO EMPATHY WHATSOEVER FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT PERPETRATE THESE TYPE OF CRIMES ON LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS I THINK AT SOME POINT WE NEED TO SAY YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S NOT OKAY AND IF YOU COMMIT THE CRIME NOT ONLY DO YOU DO THE TIME BUT YOU'RE GOING TO DO A MORE SEVERE NUMBER OF YEARS OF TIME FOR YOUR CRIME BECAUSE OTHERWISE PEOPLE THINK OH NO NO WE CAN'T BE TOO TOO HARSH IF WE'RE TOO HARSH YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT GOING TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE IT'S GOING TO GET WORSE WE'RE NOT HELPING THE INDIVIDUAL THAT'S DOING THIS AND I JUST I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY I MEAN WE LIVE IN A TIME HERE IN THIS COMMUNITY AS BEAUTIFUL AS THIS ISLAND IS WE LIVE AT A TIME IN THIS COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE UNSAFE YOU CAN'T EVEN GO TO BED AT NIGHT IS THE ARE THE WINDOWS CLOSED ARE THE SHUTTERS LOCKED IS THE GATE LOCKED OR IS THE CAMERA ON IS THE ALARM SYSTEM ON AND YOU GOT TO WONDER WHO WHO'S THE CRIMINAL WHO'S INCARCERATED IS IT REALLY THOSE THAT ARE OUT THERE THAT ARE RUNNING THIS COMMUNITY THESE DAYS THAT ARE MOVING THE DRUGS AND EVERYTHING ELSE THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE FREE AND THE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS ON THIS ISLAND THAT GO TO WORK EVERY DAY AND TAKE CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES RESPONSIBLE PAY THEIR TAXES THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE IMPRISONED THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE AFRAID TO GO OUT OF THEIR HOUSE AT NIGHT WHAT ABOUT OUR *MANÁMKO* MANY OF THEM WHO LIVE ALONE WHO FEEL UNSAFE IN THEIR OWN HOME A HOME THAT THEY SPENT THEIR ENTIRE LIFE WORKING AND SAVING TO OWN SO THAT HOPEFULLY IN THEIR LATER YEARS THEY CAN HAVE SOME SENSE OF PEACE AND RELAXATION AND ENJOYMENT BEFORE THEIR TIME WE CANNOT EVEN THIS LEGISLATURE CANNOT PROVIDE THAT TO THEM NOW YOU KNOW IT'S IT'S ABOUT GUN MY GOSH WE SHOULD ALL HAVE OUR GUN AND SMOKE OUR MARIJUANA AND KILL BABIES THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING THESE DAYS IF WE'RE GOING TO GO WITH THE DIRECTION OF SOME WHO WANT TO LEAD US IN THAT WAY I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE GUAM I WANT TO LIVE AND IT'S NOT THE GUAM I WANT MY FAMILY TO LIVE IN I DON'T THINK IT'S THE KIND OF GUAM WE WANT OUR FAMILIES TO LIVE IN IF YOU'RE A RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNER THEN MORE POWER TO YOU BUT IF YOU'RE NOT AND YOU COMMIT A CRIME IN THIS COMMUNITY AND YOU HARM OTHERS OR YOU KILL SOMEONE WITH IT I MEAN IF YOU'RE DOING IT TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY I THINK YOU KNOW PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT BUT WHEN YOU'RE JUST DOING IT TO COMMIT A CRIME OR TO STEAL OR TO HARM SOMEONE OR TO TAKE SOMETHING FROM THEM THAT IS NOT YOURS UH THEN WE SHOULD DEAL WITH THAT AND WE SHOULD DEAL WITH THAT HARSHLY THERE SHOULD BE A PRICE TO PAY THERE SHOULD BE JUSTICE BECAUSE OUR PEOPLE CONTINUE TO SUFFER AND IT'S THE VICTIMS IN OUR COMMUNITY THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN HARMED AND VICTIMIZED OUR LEFT TO SUFFER AND WHAT ARE WE DOING TO HELP THEM WHEN THEY SEE THESE CRIMINALS BACK OUT ON THE STREET WHEN THEY SEE THESE CRIMINALS RUNNING THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE RUNNING THE ISLAND THESE DAYS WE KNOW THAT THE DRUGS ARE COMING IN AND BOY THEY'RE COMING IN IN DROVES AND WE'RE STILL NOT HEARING ANYTHING MAYBE IF THE FEDS ARE DOING SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW IS GPD DOING SOMETHING IT'S JUST STROLLING ALL ALONG AND IT CONTINUES DAY AFTER DAY MONTH AFTER MONTH YEAR AFTER YEAR AND OUR PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF OPTIONS THEY REALLY DON'T THEY HAVE TO DEPEND ON US TO PUT NOT ONLY TO PUT THE LAWS IN PLACE BUT HOPE ENSURE THAT THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE LAWS ARE PUT IN PLACE SO THAT WHEN THESE CRIMES ARE COMMITTED AGAINST OUR PEOPLE THERE'S CONSEQUENCE AND THERE'S DIRE CONSEQUENCE AS THEY SHOULD IF YOU'RE GOING TO USE THE WEAPON WITH THE INTENT TO HARM OR IN THE CASES WHERE THEY ACTUALLY DO SHOOT AND KILL SOMEONE ESPECIALLY AN INNOCENT PERSON IN THIS COMMUNITY WE SHOULD SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH AND IT'S NOT OKAY AND SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR JOANNE BROWN ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS YOU HAD YOUR HAND UP EARLIER YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I APPLAUD THE AUTHOR I THANK HIM THIS IS A WONDERFUL BILL YOU KNOW IF ANYTHING THAT WE NEED TO BE DOING RIGHT NOW IS SENDING A MESSAGE THROUGHOUT TO THE PUBLIC THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO TAKE WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE VICTIMIZED ANYMORE WE'RE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STAND STRONG TOGETHER AS A BODY AND MAYBE AS A AS A AS A GROUP OF UH LEADERS THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE OUR PEOPLE VICTIMIZED ANYMORE AND

WE'RE GOING TO IF WE HAVE TO THROW YOU IN THERE AND THROW AWAY THE KEY THEN SO BE IT LET'S DO IT AS AN INFANTRY SOLDIER AS AN INFANTRY MAN I I HAVE TO CARRY A WEAPON TO I PRAYED TO GOD EVERY DAY THAT I NEVER HAD TO USE IT BUT SHOULD I EVER COME TO THAT I ASKED HIM TO BE SWIFT AND ACCURATE MY DAD WOULD ALWAYS TALK TO ME ABOUT PORTLAND HOW BEAUTIFUL PORTLAND WAS PORTLAND IS AND MAYBE WE SHOULD GO UP AND VISIT IT SOMEDAY BUT I GUESS JUST FOR GIGGLES I LOOKED UP PORTLAND THE OTHER DAY AND IT'S CRIME INFESTED IT'S CRIME RIDDEN HOMELESSNESS JUST AN ABANDONMENT OF VALUES RAMPANT DESTRUCTION AND BUSINESSES CLOSING DOWN AND THEN I BEFORE I DRIVE IN HERE BEFORE I DROVE INTO THE PARKING LOT I SEE SOMETHING THAT KIND OF RESEMBLING OR RESEMBLES THE SEEDS OF WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE AND IT AND IT AND IT KIND OF WORRIES ME IT'S WORRISOME I DON'T WANNA LEAVE AN ISLAND IN IN SUCH DISREPAIR KNOWING IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING TODAY WE KNOW WHAT MAY BE COMING SO I I THANK THE AUTHOR FOR PROFFERING THE BILL I THINK IT WOULD DO TREMENDOUS GOOD FOR OUR ISLAND AND I SUPPORT IT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ON THE MAIN MOTION I UNDERSTAND SENATOR JESSE LUJAN YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I TOO RISE IN FULL SUPPORT FOR MY COLLEAGUE AND THIS BILL MY OFFICE MATE AS WELL THIS BY NO MEANS IS A DETERRENCE OF OF FOLKS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS WHO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE THE CLASSES AND ACQUIRE LICENSES AND AND ALL THE OTHER CERTIFICATIONS THAT THEY THAT THAT IS NEEDED TO BE A RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNER AS A MATTER OF FACT RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS WELCOME SUCH LEGISLATION AS A MATTER OF FACT MOST PEOPLE WHO ARE WANTING TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS TAKE THE TIME AGAIN TO BE ABLE TO BE TRAINED IN IN FIREARMS AND THE REASON WHY MORE AND MORE ARE WANTING TO ACQUIRE THE KNOWLEDGE AGAIN TO BE A RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNER IS BECAUSE OF CRIMES SUCH AS VIOLENT CRIMES WITH GUNS AND THEY WANT TO ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND THEMSELVES BECAUSE WE KNOW NOWADAYS THAT YOU COULD BE ANYWHERE IT USED TO BE THAT BURGLARS OR WANNABE BURGLARS WILL WAIT TILL UH YOU'RE NOT AT HOME NOW THEY DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU'RE ASLEEP AWAKE WHATEVER IT IS THEY'LL COME IN AND MOST OF THE TIMES THEY'LL BE ARMED SO MOST PEOPLE ARE WANTING TO BE RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS BECAUSE OF SITUATIONS THAT WE'VE WE READ ABOUT AND AS OUR COLLEAGUE HAD READ ABOUT I READ ABOUT ALL THESE HIDEOUS CRIMES THAT WERE WERE WERE ACTED UPON WITH WITH IN VIOLENCE WITH GUNS AND SO I THINK THAT THE COMMUNITY WELCOMES THIS THE STRICTER THE CRIME THE MORE THE DETERRENCE AND MAKE HOPEFULLY IT'LL MAKE YOU THINK EVEN MORE AND FOLKS THAT ARE THAT ARE OUT THERE IN IN THIS FELONIOUS THESE CRIMES WITH GUNS THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THEM ARE NOT THE REGISTERED OR RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS THEY'RE THE ONES THAT MAKE THE RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS LOOK BAD THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE COMMITTING ALL THESE CRIMES AND ALL THESE RESTRICTIONS AND GUN AND GUN LAWS ARE CREATED BECAUSE OF THESE VIOLENT CRIMES THAT THESE FOLKS DON'T CARE ABOUT MOST OF THEM ACQUIRE THEIR GUN NOT LEGALLY AS WELL AND SO WHEN THEY'RE WHEN THEY'RE CONVICTED FOR THE CRIMES YOU'LL SEE A WHOLE ARRAY OF VIOLENT ACTIONS THAT THAT ARE TAKEN AGAINST THEM BECAUSE FIRST OF ALL YOU KNOW UNREGISTERED GUN AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE STOLEN WEAPON AND ALL THAT SO THERE'S THERE'S NO RESPONSIBILITY IN A LOT OF THESE THESE CRIMES THAT THESE FELONS HAVE COMMITTED SO BY NO MEANS IS THIS AGAIN THIS BILL IT DETERRENCE FOR RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERSHIP IT GOES TO HELP HOPEFULLY PROTECTING THE THE COMMUNITY EVEN MORE RESTRICTOR PENALTY AND HOPEFULLY THAT THESE CROOKS THAT THAT ARE THINKING OF PERFORMING THESE OR THESE CRIMES WITH A GUN AND HOPEFULLY THAT THEY WOULD THEY WOULD THINK WAIT A MINUTE YOU KNOW MAN I'M NOT GOING TO BE FIVE YEARS IT'S GOING TO BE 10 YEARS IF I DO AS SUCH SO I THINK IT'S A GREAT DETERRENCE AND I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES AS WELL TO TO SUPPORT THE BILL AND I ASK AS THE AUTHOR TO BE THE SECOND CO-SPONSOR OF THE BILL WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR LUJAN WE HAVE SPEAKER TERLAJE AND THEN SENATOR ROY QUINATA SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND THE BILL IT GIVES THE PROSECUTOR THE DISCRETION WHETHER TO ADD THE SPECIAL CHARGE IF A PERSON UNLAWFULLY POSSESSES OR USES A FIREARM IN COMMISSION OF A FELONY SO THERE'S SO MANY FACTORS IN THERE THAT STILL NEED TO BE PROVEN WHETHER IT WAS A FELONY WHETHER IT'S A FIREARM OF COURSE AND WHETHER IT WAS

UNLAWFULLY POSSESSED MEANING THEY THEY DIDN'T HAVE A LICENSE FOR THAT FIREARM AND I DO THINK THAT SENTENCE SHOULD BE HAND ENHANCED IF THEY ARE NOT LICENSED FIREARMS CARRIERS THE LICENSING IS ONE OF THE ONLY WAYS THAT WE ARE ABLE RIGHT NOW IN OUR COMMUNITY TO MONITOR AND AND FOR THE POLICE TO HAVE ANY TYPE OF SCREENING PROCESS FOR THE CARRYING OF FIREARMS AND WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE COMMISSION OF FELONIES THESE ARE OUR MOST SERIOUS CRIMES LAST YEAR JUST LAST YEAR THERE WERE MANY GUN CRIMES ON GUAM AND THESE ARE I BELIEVE STILL TRAUMATIZING TO OUR PEOPLE DESPITE THE VERY COMMON POSSESSION OF FIREARMS THESE DAYS SHORT STORE CASHIERS SHOT IN AN ARMED ROBBERY IN *TALO'FO'FO* VILLAGE A MAN A MAN FOUND DEAD OUTSIDE OF HIS *AGAT* HOME GUNSHOT WOUNDS ANOTHER MAN JUST LAST WEEK CHASED BY STRANGERS IN *MALOJLOJ* AND SHOT IN HIS TRUCK THAT'S WHAT THE NEWS TELLS US I EXPECT THERE ARE OTHERS NOT REPORTED IN THE NEWS OUR SCHOOLS THEY RECEIVED THREATS OF GUN VIOLENCE LAST YEAR DISRUPTING CLASSES WORRYING AND UPSETTING PARENTS AND STUDENTS AND THE GUN VIOLENCE DISRUPTS OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY I BELIEVE IT HAS AN IMPACT THAT IS VERY SERIOUS ON THE PSYCHE OF OUR OF OUR CHILDREN SO I SUPPORT THIS BILL IN THE HOPES THAT THIS SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT WILL DETER THAT TYPE OF CRIME IT WILL DETER THE POSSESSION THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND THAT IT WILL DETER THE USE OF FIREARMS IN A FELONY BUT MY BACKGROUND IN TEACHING CRIMINAL JUSTICE TELLS ME THAT THESE DETERRENTS ARE REALLY NOT PROVEN AND IN FACT CALIFORNIA ALL THE STATES ALMOST ALL OF THEM HAVE AN ENACTED SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS FOR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM DURING A FELONY BUT CALIFORNIA MADE THEIRS DISCRETIONARY WITH THE JUDGE NOT THE PROSECUTOR BUT ON THE JUDGE IT'S A SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT THAT THE JUDGE COULD PUT ON OR NOT PUT ON DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE THAT'S MORE IN LINE WITH THE TRENDS OF SENTENCING NOWADAYS BUT I BELIEVE OUR SITUATION IS SERIOUS AND THE RESEARCH IS DIVIDED STILL AS TO WHETHER THESE ARE EFFECTIVE DETERRENTS OR NOT AND IN THE HOPES THAT THEY ARE EFFECTIVE ON GUAM OR THAT THEY WILL BE EFFECTIVE ON GUAM TO DETER GUN VIOLENCE FELONIES EVEN I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS BILL SOME OF THE OTHER STRAIGHT SOME OF THE OTHER STATES TREAT THESE TYPES OF PROVISIONS DIFFERENTLY SOME OF THEM MAKE IT DISCRETIONARY AT SENTENCING WITH THE JUDGES SOME OF THEM DEPEND ON WHAT TYPE OF WEAPON AND THEY EVEN DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TYPES OF FIREARMS AND MAKE THE PENALTIES HIGHER FOR FOR EXAMPLE AUTOMATIC ASSAULT WEAPONS AND THINGS LIKE THAT BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT FIREARMS THROUGHOUT OUR LAW ARE THROUGHOUT OUR LAW AND FEDERAL LAW AND THROUGHOUT THE STATES ARE TREATED DIFFERENTLY THAN EVERY OTHER WEAPON OF OF WHAT ARE THEY CALLED AGAIN WEAPON DEADLY WEAPONS SORRY BRAIN FREEZE YES IN IN EVERY SO THIS PROVISION THAT WE ARE AMENDING TODAY BY THIS BILL OR POTENTIALLY AMENDING BY THIS BILL TREATS ALL DEADLY WEAPONS THE SAME THIS BILL TREATS FIREARMS IN IT WITH AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY ON TOP OF THE PENALTY FOR ALL OTHER DEADLY WEAPONS IN THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY AND SO I SUPPORT THE BILL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE MAIN MOTION I WILL ENTERTAIN SENATOR ROY QUINATA AND THEN SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR QUINATA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER VICE SPEAKER I YOU KNOW I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE AUTHORS I MEASURE IT IT'S UN UN UNFORTUNATE THAT WE HAVE TO COME TO THIS KIND OF POINT I MEAN WE DO LIVE IN DIFFERENT TIMES I GREW UP IN A TIME WHERE YOU NEED TO LOCK YOUR OWN RESIDENTIAL AREA YOU YOU WERE FINE TO LEAVE YOUR CAR UNLOCKED THESE BACK IN THE DAY BUT NOWADAYS IT'S LIKE WE'RE KIND OF PSYCHO WHEN WE LEAVE OUR VEHICLE WE HAVE TO DOUBLE CHECK DOUBLE LOCK IT LIKE FIVE TIMES EVEN IF YOU LEAVE THE THE VEHICLE YOU STILL GO BACK AND JUST DOUBLE CHECK IT BECAUSE YOU KNOW EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NOTHING REALLY VALUABLE IN THE CAR BUT THE CAR BUT IT IS CERTAINLY TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND LEGISLATION LIKE THIS SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN NEEDED BUT BECAUSE OF PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT ARE CAUSING HAVOC ON SOCIETY AND BEING HEINOUS WITH CRIMES IT'S IT'S IT JUST BRINGS THESE PROPOSALS TO THE TABLE WE DO HAVE VERY STRINGENT LAWS YOU HAVE TO GET AN FBI ROUND CHECK BACKGROUND CHECK YOU HAVE TO GO CHECK IN WITH GPD I AM I MYSELF CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARMS LICENSE I CARRY IT EVERY DAY WITH ME IT'S JUST BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE AT NOW IT'S VERY UNFORTUNATE LIKE I SAID TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND IT'S NOT THAT I INTEND TO USE THE WEAPON AT ANY TIME AND THEN BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO CHOOSE NOT TO BE LAWFUL CITIZENS CHOOSE TO BE DISRUPTIVE CITIZENS IN OUR ISLAND AND OUR COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE TO PROTECT NOT ONLY OURSELVES BUT OUR FAMILY AND THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY IS THE GOAL OF ANY CONCEALED CARRY PERSON IS WE WANT TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND PROTECT OUR FAMILIES AND RETURN BACK TO OUR

HOMES IT'S NOT BECAUSE WE WANT TO GO OUT THERE AND BE HAPPY-GO-LUCKY AND STILL ACT LIKE THIS THE WILD WILD WEST IN A SHOOT LIKE FIVE ROUNDS OR THEY'LL EMPTY THE WHOLE MAGAZINE IT'S LITERALLY TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND THOSE WE LOVE AND RETURN BACK HOME TO WHERE WE WANT TO BE SO I SUPPORT AND COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR THIS LEGISLATION ALTHOUGH I DID OPPOSE HIM ON THE COR MEETING IT WAS JUST FOR A GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY WE REALLY NEED THIS LEGISLATION PASSED TO ENSURE THAT WE PROTECT THE CITIZENS THAT ARE LAWFUL AND IMPRISON THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO COMMIT THESE HEINOUS CRIMES AND WREAK HAVOC ON OUR SOCIETY AND THEY AGAIN THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE MAIN MOTION YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON BILL COMMENT ON BILL 79-37 A BILL THAT I STAND IN SUPPORT OF I'VE ASKED QUESTIONS DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE MOST ESPECIALLY ABOUT YOU KNOW OTHER JURISDICTIONS AND IT WAS MENTIONED THAT CALIFORNIA NEW YORK HAVE SIMILAR LAWS LIKE THIS THAT INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR CRIMES COMMITTED WITH WITH A DEADLY WEAPON OR LIKE THIS CASE A GUN AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU KNOW WE ARE ALONG THOSE LINES NOW OF STATES MAYBE EVEN SOME TERRITORIES STATES THAT HAVE TO IMPLEMENT THIS TYPE OF LAW I MEAN WE ARE LOOKING AT FINDING WAYS TO DETER CRIME ON ON THE ISLAND AND THERE WAS ONCE UPON A TIME WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO LOCK OUR DOORS ONCE UPON A TIME WHERE WE HAD NO FEAR WALKING IN *HAGÁTNA* EVEN WHEN IT WAS DARK OR GOING TO THE BASEBALL FIELD AS A YOUNG WOMAN BEING ABLE TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE STILL SAFE UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS NOT THE CASE TODAY AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT WE HAVE TO DO THINGS LIKE THIS TO DETER THESE CRIMINALS THAT SEEM TO HAVE NO FEAR WELL IF THEY HAVE NO FEAR NOW THIS BILL SHOULD GIVE THEM MORE FEAR BECAUSE IT GOES FROM FIVE YEARS STRAIGHT TO TEN STRAIGHT TO TEN THIS BILL STRENGTHENS THE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THOSE WHO OWN WEAPONS AND YES DANGEROUS CRIMINALS SHOULD SERVE SHOULD SERVE AN APPROPRIATE TIME BEHIND BARS STARTING WITH 10 YEARS ONE OF THE COMMENTS THAT WAS MADE BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WHO STOOD BY THE WAY IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION AS WELL AS EVEN A A PUBLIC DEFENDER OR SOMEONE WHO IS ONCE A PROSECUTOR AND THEN BECAME A AN ATTORNEY PUBLIC DEFENDER WHOSE STOOD IN SUPPORT OF THIS BUT SOMETHING THAT CAUGHT MY EYE WAS WHEN THEY MADE WHEN THEY MADE A STATEMENT THAT I THOUGHT WAS JUST EXCELLENT THEY SUPPORT THIS BILL BECAUSE WE NEED TO PUSH BACK THE TIDE OF CRIME I THINK IT'S MORE OF A TSUNAMI THAN A CRIME THAN A TIDE AND WE NEED TO DO OUR PART MY COLLEAGUES EVERY TIME ANY BILL THAT COMES UP THAT HELPS TO DETER CRIMINALS THAT THINK THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH IT WE'LL BE HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DON'T AND ONE I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS YOU KNOW A A DAYDREAM OR YOU KNOW WISHFUL THINKING THAT WE CAN GO BACK TO WHERE IT WAS ONCE IT ONCE UPON A TIME IN GUAM WHERE WE COULD LEAVE OUR WINDOWS OPEN UNLOCKED OUR DOORS UNLOCKED AND NOT BE AFRAID TO WALK THE STREETS EVEN WHEN IT'S DARK LET'S GET TO THAT POINT AGAIN LET'S DO OUR BEST TO GET TO THAT POINT AGAIN THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

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

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I GOT A TEXT THIS MORNING FROM A FRIEND OF MINE A WOMAN FRIEND OF MINE SHE WROTE GOOD MORNING SENATOR I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE YOU ON A CHALLENGE JUST ONE MORNING OR MAYBE ONE WEEK EARLY LIKE AFTER THE GYM DRIVE TO *DEDEDO* MOST ESPECIALLY AROUND PAYLESS 76 *DEDEDO* MALL HOMELESSNESS THEY APPROACH YOUR VEHICLE SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE I FEARED FOR MY LIFE THIS MORNING IT WAS 615 IN THE MORNING I'M A BIG *GREL* BUT NOT WHEN THERE'S TONS OF THEM ALL OVER THE PLACE YEAH WHAT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR ISLAND SPEAKER AFTER SPEAKER TODAY WE'RE ALL DISGUSTED IT BREAKS MY HEART TO SEE WHAT THIS SCOURGE OF CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE HAS DONE TO OUR ISLAND AND THIS ISN'T JUST YOUR RUN-OF-THE-MILL DRUG CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE MAKES YOU PSYCHOTIC THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T APPROACH IT IN THE SAME WAY THAT WE APPROACHED OTHER DRUG EPIDEMICS BECAUSE WHO ARE WE KIDDING HERE REALLY A DETERRENT ARE YOU SERIOUS THIS BILL IS NOT GOING TO DETER ANYONE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET THROUGH TO THESE PEOPLE THEY ARE IN MANY CASES SADLY SADLY BEYOND REACH BECAUSE THE CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE HAS TRANSFORMED THEM FROM PEOPLE WE USED TO KNOW INTO THESE PEOPLE YOU READ ABOUT IN THE NEWS

READ ABOUT HIM ONCE RIDING AROUND ON A MOPED IN *DEDEDO* WITH A HANDGUN THREATENING PEOPLE COLLECTING MONEY FOR THE ICEMAN BOOKED AND RELEASED READ ABOUT HIM AGAIN GETTING INTO A FIGHT AT THE W BOOKED AND RELEASED READ ABOUT THEM AGAIN SAME PEOPLE LEADING POLICE ON A HIGH-SPEED CHASE THIS TIME BOOKED AND CONFINED SO WHAT ARE WE DOING OUR PEOPLE WANT JUSTICE AND THEY'RE SIMPLY NOT GETTING IT BECAUSE LIKE I SAID YOU CAN'T REACH A LOT OF THESE CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE ADDICTS BEFORE I SPEAK MORE ON THAT I WANT TO COMMEND EVERYBODY WHO HAS DECIDED TO LIVE CLEAN PEOPLE HAVE SAID ENOUGH IS ENOUGH I DON'T WANT TO BE ON CRYSTAL METH ANYMORE I CELEBRATE THOSE PEOPLE I HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS WHO HAVE BEAT IT MY MOTHER'S BROTHER BEAT HIS ADDICTION TO CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE BUT IN ORDER TO DO IT HE HAD TO LEAVE THE ISLAND HE HAD TO LEAVE THE ISLAND BECAUSE THERE'S SO MUCH MYTH HERE THAT THE TEMPTATION WAS SO GREAT AND EVERY TIME WE TALK ABOUT EMBRACE OURSELVES I'M GOING TO SAY *MANDAÑA* DRUG TASK FORCE EVERY TIME WE TALK ABOUT SOME KIND OF THING THAT WE CAN PUT TOGETHER TO REALLY GO AFTER THESE DRUGS AND THE PEOPLE WHO DEAL THEM WE'RE THE SAME OLD THING OH WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PERSONNEL WE'RE LOSING OFFICERS WE'RE DOING OUR BEST I'M SORRY BUT TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM OUR BEST IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH DRASTIC TIMES CALL FOR DRASTIC MEASURES I DON'T THINK THIS BILL IS DRASTIC I SUPPORT IT I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A DETERRENT TO ANYBODY WHO IS SO STRUNG OUT ON CRYSTAL METH THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT PLANET THEY'RE ON WE'VE ALL READ THESE CASES THESE MURDER CASES WERE YOU HAD SOMEBODY WHO AND WE'RE NOT AN ANTI-GUN COMMUNITY HERE IN GUAM I THINK WHAT WE WANT TO BE IS ANTI-PEOPLE SHOOTING PEOPLE SO WHEN YOU READ ABOUT THESE CASES THIS CASE OF THIS PALACIOS GUY WHO DIDN'T EVEN REMEMBER BLACKED OUT FOR THREE DAYS WE HEARD IT SO MANY TIMES SO LIKE I SAID I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO SERVE AS A DETERRENT BUT AT THIS POINT YOU DO THE CRIME YOU DO THE TIME MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING NOW BUT *LANA'* IF YOU SIT IN THAT JAIL CELL FOR 10 TO 25 YEARS MAYBE IT'LL COME TO YOU NOW THAT'S WHERE WE'RE AT IN OUR COMMUNITY IT REALLY IT'S SIX SEVEN MONTHS IN BANGING OUR HEAD AGAINST THE WALL WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THIS CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE EPIDEMIC BECAUSE I THINK IT'S CLEAR IF YOU ASK THE 15 BODIES IN THIS LEGISLATURE I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE ALTHOUGH THEIR EFFORTS BEING MADE IT'S JUST SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH AND SO WHAT DO WE DO WE TURN TO INCREASING THE PENALTIES WHICH AGAIN I MY SUPPORT BUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR ISLAND I WAS DRIVING IN HERE TO THE BUILDING 11 IN THE MORNING ON A TUESDAY THREE SKETCHY LOOKING GUYS WITH NO SHIRT WALKING RIGHT THROUGH OUR PARKING LOT YOU SEE IT EVERYWHERE YOU GO JUST NOT SAFE ANYMORE JUST NOT SAFE ANYMORE SO WE COULD LOCK UP A KNUCKLEHEAD FOR 10 TO 25 YEARS BECAUSE THEY COMMITTED A FELONY WHILE USING A DEADLY WEAPON I'M ALL FOR IT I THINK WE NEED TO GET TOUGHER BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO REACH THESE PEOPLE AND IF THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE WE HAVE IS TO PUT THEM IN JAIL FOR A LONG TIME I'M NOT SORRY TO SAY I SUPPORT THAT YEAH IT'S JUST SAD SAD WHAT OUR ISLAND HAS COME TO IT'S SAD BECAUSE YOU HAVE THESE THESE THESE CRIMINALS THAT WE READ ABOUT IN THE NEWS IS ARRESTED OVER AND OVER FOR THE SAME TYPE OF CRIMES LIKE I TOLD THE CHIEF OVER THERE IN THE GUAM CONGRESS HALL BECAUSE HE WAS TALKING ABOUT OH YOU GOT TO CATCH THE LITTLE FISH BECAUSE THEN YOU'RE GOING TO GET TO THE BIG FISH THAT'S ALMOST ACHIEVE I THINK WE CAUGHT ALL THE LITTLE FISH MULTIPLE TIMES WE CAUGHT THAT SAME *MAÑÁHAK* TEN TIMES GIVE ME THE *MAMULAN* AND SO I AGREE IF THE PROSECUTORS CAN USE THIS AS A TOOL TO LEAN ON SOMEBODY MAYBE THEY GIVE INFORMATION MAYBE THEY COULD BE REACHED AND HELP US GO AFTER THE THE BIG FISH NOT THE *MAÑÁHAK* BECAUSE THE THE *MAÑÁHAK* ARE GETTING ARRESTED EVERY DAY THE BIG FISH ARE SWIMMING FREE SO I SUPPORT THIS BILL I COMMEND SENATOR FISHER FOR INTRODUCING IT WE ACTUALLY HAD BREAKFAST WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TERM AND AND THIS WAS A BILL THAT THAT HE WANTED US TO INTRODUCE SO I COMMEND SENATOR FISHER FOR INTRODUCING HIS BILL AND I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF IT I ALSO STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF MAKING CHANGES TO MAKE OUR ISLANDS SAFER FOR OUR PEOPLE BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE RIGHT WE DON'T SLEEP WITH A DOOR UNLOCKED ANYMORE I LOCKED THE CAR WHEN YOU WALK 10 FEET IT'S JUST GETTING WORSE AND READ THE NEWS I DON'T THINK THERE'S BEEN A A NEWS THAT I READ WHERE THERE WASN'T SOME KIND OF ARREST SOMEBODY GETS PULLED OVER WITH A GLASS RESIDUE PIPE WITH CRYSTAL METH OR AN UNREGISTERED FIREARM SO YEAH I THINK THESE THESE BILLS LIKE THIS ARE ARE A GOOD INDICATION OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO AS A BODY AND AS AN ISLAND TO SEND THAT MESSAGE AND IT'S GOT TO BE A LOUD MESSAGE IT'S GOT TO BE A STRONG MESSAGE BECAUSE LIKE I SAID IF YOU CAN'T GET THROUGH TO A LOT OF THESE PEOPLE TOO *KINENI* SO THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO ALSO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE SENATOR BLAS ON ON THE BILL.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK ON THIS BILL AND I WANT TO OPENLY SEE THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER FOR INTRODUCING THE MEASURE YOU KNOW I'VE SAT IN THIS HALL FOR MANY TERMS AND THERE ARE MANY TIMES I DON'T SAY MANY TIMES A FEW TIMES WHEN A DISCUSSION OF A BILL FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM HIT CLOSE TO HOME BECAUSE I CAN HONESTLY SAY WITH ALL THE FEARS THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE STOPPED TALKED ABOUT I LIVED IT IN MY YEARS AS A DRUG AGENT TASK FORCE OFFICER TASK FORCE SUPERVISOR THEN OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE DRUG UNIT I CAN TELL YOU THAT I LIVED IT THERE WERE NIGHTS AND THERE WERE TIMES I PRAYED A NICE THANK GOD THAT I CAME HOME THERE ARE TIMES BEFORE WE HAD AN OPERATIONS I PRAYED THAT MY NONE OF MY PERSONNEL WOULD GET HURT YOU KNOW WE USED TO TRAIN ALMOST REGULARLY AT ONE POINT IN TIME IT WAS ALMOST DAILY ON BEING ABLE TO EFFECTUATE ARRESTS RAIDS SURVEILLANCE RECONNAISSANCE AND WE TRAIN WORST CASE SCENARIO AND IN SOME CASES WE TRAIN THE ONLY CASE SCENARIO AND THE ONLY CASE SCENARIO THE WORST CASE SCENARIO THAT YOU HAD IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT WAS HAVING TO DEAL WITH A FIREARM YOU KNOW IT JUST BROUGHT ME BACK TO THOSE DAYS OF TRAINING WE DIDN'T TRAIN FOR JUST IN CASE WE ENTERED THE HOUSE AND SOMEBODY WAS GOING TO COME AT US WITH A WITH A BAT OR SOMEBODY WAS GOING TO WIELD A KNIFE WE TRAIN FOR THE POSSIBILITY THE LIKELIHOOD AND IN SOME CASES ACTUALLY HAPPENING OF SOMEBODY USING A FIREARM AGAINST US AND ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT I FOUND VERY INTERESTING I WAS I SAT HERE AND I WAS THINKING ABOUT ALL THE DIFFERENT HOMICIDES THAT WE HAD TO THAT I HAD TO DEAL WITH IN MY DRUG ENFORCEMENT DAYS AND THEN EVERY SINGLE HOMICIDE THAT I HAD TO DEAL WITH IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT DEALT WITH A FIREARM COULDN'T RECALL I COULDN'T THINK OF ONE OF THEM THAT DEALT WITH SOMEBODY GETTING BLUDGEONED OVER THE HEAD WITH A BAT OR MULTIPLE STAB WOUNDS IT WAS WITH A FIREARM SO YEAH THIS MAY NOT BE A DETERRENT AND WE COULD HAVE TOTALLY DIFFERENT DISCUSSION AS TO HOW WE CAN DETER DRUG USE DETER DRUG TRAFFICKING IT'S THE USE OF A FIREARM IN THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I'M ALMOST TEMPTED BECAUSE I THINK THAT THERE'S ONE AREA THAT WE NEED NEED TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS IS ADDRESS THE USE OF AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE TO ENHANCE THE PENALTY IF YOU NOT ONLY USE A FIREARM BUT YOU USE AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE YOU KNOW ONE OF THE THINGS I REMEMBER AND I HOPE THAT THEY'VE CHANGED IT OUT BUT AT ONE POINT IN TIME WE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT IS ABOUT OVER 50 UNACCOUNTED HAND GRENADES I SAY 48 ONE WAS GIVEN TO ME BY AN INFORMANT TO TURN IN THE OTHER ONE IT ALMOST EXPLODED IN MY FACE WHAT I'M GETTING AT MY UNDERSTAND THE OTHER THING TOO THAT REALLY BOTHERED ME ABOUT YOU'RE RIGHT OKAY THESE DRUG DEALERS THESE DRUG USERS THESE DRUG TRAFFICKERS THEY'RE TOUGH WITH A GUN OR EXPLOSIVE IN THEIR HAND WHAT THIS BILL WILL DO IS GIVE THE DISCRETION GIVE THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO STICK THE PENALTY TO THEM I'LL SAVE THAT EXPLOSIVE THING FOR ANOTHER BILL TOM DON'T WORRY SO THAT THAT WAY WE CAN GET THIS PASSED AND YOU KNOW I CAN UNDERSTAND MY ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES CONCERN I EMPATHIZE EMPATHIZE WITH THAT I RECOGNIZE THAT I ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT IN OTHER CASES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS YOU KNOW THAT IT'S ALL DEPENDENT ON THE CALIBER OR THE SIZE OF THE FIREARM I'VE SEEN INDIVIDUALS GET SHOT AT AND DIE FROM A 22 CALIBER BULLET TO 38 9 MIL 223 45 IT DIDN'T MATTER WHAT SIZE THE WEAPON WAS IT KILLED HIM THAT DOES NOT MATTER AS TO WHAT KIND OF FIREARM IT IS OH AND GOING BACK TO THE TRAINING IF YOU'RE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE FOCUS MORE ON ASSAULT WEAPONS VERSUS PEASHOOTERS MOST GUN BATTLES HAPPEN WITHIN THREE YARDS OF EACH OTHER A PEASHOOTER 38 CALIBER WILL DO JUST AS MUCH DAMAGE TO YOU AS A TWO TWO THREE ROUND AND IT'S EASIER AT A THREE YARDS DISTANCE TO USE A 38 CALIBER THAN A AR-15 SO IT DOESN'T MATTER AND WHAT THIS BILL DOESN'T IT DOESN'T DIFFERENTIATE IN THAT A FIREARM IS A FIREARM SO I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE I SEE THAT IN THIS MEASURE THIS MEASURE WILL HELP TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN WHAT COULD WHAT OTHER ITEMS COULD BE USED AS DEADLY WEAPONS AND A FIREARM I SEE THE NECESSITY OF BEING ABLE TO ELEVATE THE USE OF A FIREARM AS OPPOSED TO THE USE OF A BAT OR A KNIFE THAT'S THE IMPORTANCE THAT'S THE THAT'S THE CRUX OF THIS IS AS WAS MENTIONED BY THE AUTHOR A SHOOTING ON THIS ISLAND OCCURS FAR TOO MANY TIMES AS OFTEN USED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO THINKS HE'S THE MAN SO IF YOU'RE MAN ENOUGH TO USE A FIREARM WHERE YOU'RE COMMITTING A CRIME BE MAN ENOUGH TO FACE THE PENALTY THAT THIS BILL PROPOSES FOR YOU TO GET IF YOU DO SO AGAIN ONCE AGAIN I THANK THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION I THINK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE SUPPORT THAT THEY'VE ARTICULATED THEY'RE GOING TO PROVIDE I TOO I'M GOING TO PROVIDE THAT SAME AFFIRMATIVE VOTE I'M ASKING MY COLLEAGUES PLEASE VOTE YES ON THIS BILL THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR THE BILL VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: GOOD AFTERNOON MADAM SPEAKER AND *UN DANGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK REAL BRIEFLY ON THIS BILL 79-37 COR AS AUTHORED BY THE GOOD SENATOR FROM *TALO'FO'FO* MADAM SPEAKER AS YOU LOOK AT THIS BILL THAT WOULD PROPOSE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD MAKE THE POSSESSION OF THE USE OF A FIREARM IN THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE FOR A TERM OF NOT LESS THAN 10 YEARS BUT MORE THAN 25 AND NOT MORE THAN 25 YEARS IN PRISON ON TOP OF ANY OTHER PUNISHMENT THAT WOULD BE IMPOSED ALSO I WOULD HAVE SET COMING FROM A A DEFENSE ENVIRONMENT AND HAVE WORKED IN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE FOR ALMOST 15 YEARS OF MY LIFE LEAVING THERE AS AN INVESTIGATOR I WOULD THINK LIKE YOU KNOW WHY WHY AGAIN DO WE HAVE TO DO LEGISLATION LIKE THIS AND NOT AND IN ALL MY YEARS OF GOVERNMENT MADAM SPEAKER I LITERALLY WANT TO SAY THAT I WILL STAND AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE ONE OF MY SEVERAL OF OUR COLLEAGUES TALKED ABOUT HOW GUAM USED TO BE SEVERAL DECADES AGO YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO LOCK YOUR DOOR YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO CLOSE YOUR WINDOWS YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO ROLL UP YOUR WINDOWS IN YOUR CAR YOU LITERALLY COULD LEAVE YOUR STUFF IN YOUR VEHICLE AND IN YOUR HOUSE AND EVERYBODY WILL RESPECT EVERYBODY'S PROPERTY BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED ENVIRONMENTS HAVE CHANGED AND SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO TAKE THE STAND TO HELP DETER I KNOW THAT IT WAS SAID THAT THIS LEGISLATION MAY MAY LEAD TO MORE DEFENDANTS BEING INCARCERATED IN THE DEBT TO GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SO MUCH MORE RIGHT THE FISCAL IMPACTS BUT WE SHOULDN'T LOOK AT THAT MADAM SPEAKER WE REALLY NEED TO TELL OUR COMMUNITY THAT IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW THE RULES AND IF YOU USE WEAPONS AS A SIGN OF WANTING TO SHOW YOURS SUPERIORITY AND BE THE TOUGH GUY YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITH IT AND IMPOSING THIS MEASURE IS TAKING A STAND SAYING WE DON'T WANT IT IN I REMEMBER THE OTHER GOOD SENATOR FROM *TALO'FO'FO* TALKING ABOUT LITERALLY WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR ISLAND TODAY AND ONE OF THE ROOT CAUSES FOR IT THE UTILIZATION OF CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINES HERE ON OUR ISLAND AND HOW WE NEED TO STOP IT MADAM SPEAKER THIS THIS BILL IS ONE OF THOSE BILLS THAT THAT I COULD SAY MAYBE 10 15 YEARS AGO I WOULD HAVE SAID NO WAY I'M NOT I I WON'T EVEN SUPPORT THIS IF YOU ASK ME THIS TWO TWO DECADES AGO WOULD I SUPPORT A MEASURE LIKE THIS I'M GOING TO SAY WE DON'T NEED IT BUT IT'S SAD TO SAY THAT TODAY YEAH MAYBE WE DO NEED SOMETHING TO HELP DETER AND WHETHER THEY SAY IT WILL HELP DETER HONESTLY IF IT'S A WAY TO HELP GET THEM OFF THE STREETS BECAUSE THEY WILLFULLY VIOLATE IT NOT FOLLOWING THE LAWS OF THE COMMUNITY THEN STICK IT TO THEM SO TODAY I WILL STAND AND SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND THANK THE GOOD SENATOR FISHER FOR TAKING THE TIME TO DRAFT THIS LEGISLATION *SAINA MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SAINA MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR VICE SPEAKER ON THE BILL ANY OTHER SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR FISHER: YES SIR I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND THEY'RE VERY EFFUSIVE I GUESS THANKS TO ME FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD THAT'S FAR BEYOND ANYTHING I DESERVE THIS BILL COMES TO US FROM THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT IT COMES TO US THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE REASON HE'S OFFERING IT I I'M CONFIDENT IN SAYING THIS IS BECAUSE HE THINKS THAT MAYBE A WAY TO PROTECT HIS MEN AND WOMEN ON THE FORCE AND I I'M JUST GOING TO IRRIGATE MYSELF THE RIGHT TO SAY THAT EVERYBODY IN THIS CHAMBER SUPPORTS THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WILL TAKE EVERY MEASURE THAT WE CAN TO PROTECT THEM AND TO THANK THEM FOR FOR PROTECTING US THEY ARE OVERWORKED AND THEY ARE UNDERPAID AND TO THE EXTENT WE CAN DO ANYTHING TO PROTECT THEM AND MAKE THEIR LIVES A LITTLE SAFER AND THE LIVES OF THEIR FAMILY NOBODY IS GOING TO DRAG THEIR FEET ON THAT ONE I LIKED I LIKE VERY MUCH WHAT MY FRIEND FROM *YONA* JUST STATED LET'S STICK IT TO THEM I AGREE WITH THAT 100 PERCENT ABSOLUTELY 100 PERCENT NONE OF US IN THIS CHAMBER NOT ONE OF US IS GOING TO GIVE UP NONE OF US IS GOING TO ABANDON OUR STREETS UH TO THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT CRIMINALS ARE LOSING THEY WILL CONTINUE TO LOSE BECAUSE THEY ARE FACING A FORCE THAT WILL NOT GIVE UP AND WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE IS IT A TRAGEDY IT CERTAINLY IS I HEARD MY FRIEND FROM ME *IPAN TALO'FO'FO* TALKING ABOUT A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS A HERO HERO TO HE WAS AN MMA FIGHTER AND HE WAS A HERO TO MANY YOUNGSTERS ON THIS COMMUNITY IN THIS COMMUNITY AND HAD A VERY PROMISING FUTURE AND IT WAS DESTROYED BY CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE AND I HOPE HE'S I HOPE THAT PERSON IS NOT BEYOND RECOVERY BUT IT SEEMS LIKE HE MAY BE AND THAT IS ONE THAT IS ONE MORE LIFE LOST TO WHAT TODAY TODAY APPEARS TO BE AN EPIDEMIC OF CRIME AND I EMPHASIZE TODAY BECAUSE GUAM USED TO BE A MORE PEACEFUL COMMUNITY AND I AM CERTAIN IT WILL BE

AGAIN BUT WE HAVE TO PUT OUR SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL ON THIS ONE WE HAVE TO SUPPORT EVERY ASPECT OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT IS INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE AND CRIMINALITY AND DANGER HOWEVER IT COMES TO US TO DO SO PLEASE ALL OF US SHOULD PICK UP UH YOU KNOW PICK UP THE HOE WE HAVE TO GET TO WORK ON IT AND I GUESS I'M RESPONDING TO THAT BECAUSE YOU KNOW I I IN A SENSE I AGREE WITH MY FRIEND FROM *TALO'FO'FO* THAT THIS MAY NOT BE A DETERRENT TO THOSE WHO ARE PSYCHOTIC BECAUSE OF DRUG USE AND PEOPLE WHO ARE BENT ON THIS SORT OF LIFESTYLE IN GENERAL THAT I JUST SAY DO NOT GIVE UP DO NOT DESPAIR THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOT GIVING UP I'M NOT GIVING UP AND I PROMISE MY FRIEND FROM *TALO'FO'FO* IS NOT GIVING UP EITHER IT'S EASY TO JUST YOU KNOW FEEL BAD ABOUT THE SITUATION I GUESS IS ONE WAY TO LOOK AT IT BUT FEELING BAD ABOUT A SITUATION NEVER EVER SOLVED A PROBLEM WE'RE GOING TO CLEAN THIS UP WE WILL BE IN A SITUATION WHERE WE CAN WALK THE STREET SAFELY AT NIGHT WE WILL BE IN A SITUATION WHERE YOU FEEL PERFECTLY COMFORTABLE LEAVING YOUR HOME AND KNOWING AS MY FRIEND SAID THAT YOUR PROPERTY WILL BE RESPECTED SO YOU KNOW ONE THING THAT OCCURRED TO ME DURING THIS CONVERSATION WAS A RADIO REPORT I HEARD I THINK IT'S THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA IS NOW HAVING TROUBLE WITH GHOST GUNS SO I WOULD INVITE MY SENATORS MY FRIENDS SENATORS TO THINK ABOUT AND THINK ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT WE COULD BE PROACTIVE AND PUT SOME LITIGATION OR PUT SOME LAWS IN PLACE THAT WILL PROHIBIT THE USE AND POSSESSION OF GHOST GUNS YOU KNOW THOSE ARE GUNS THAT ARE ASSEMBLED IN PARTS THERE'S NO SERIAL NUMBER ON THEM YOU CAN ORDER THEM THROUGH THE MAIL BELIEVE IT OR NOT AND THEY ARE 3D PRINTED AND YOU CAN GET THEM IN ASSEMBLED PIECES AND PUT THEM TOGETHER THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY UNTRACEABLE AND AND THEY ARE A CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER TO EVERYBODY IN THE NATION AND THEY GOD FORBID THEY START COMING TO GUAM SO WE MAY BE LOOKING AT THAT THE DOWN THE ROAD AND I'LL TELL YOU HERE'S A HORROR STORY A GUY CAME IN TO SEE ME IN AN OFFICE BECAUSE HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS GOING TO CONTEST CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE HAD SEIZED ESSENTIALLY A BUMP STOCK FROM HIM THAT HE HAD ORDERED ONLINE DUMP STOCK IT I GUESS IT CONVERTS A ROY SENATOR ROY KNOW MORE I THINK BUT I THINK IT CONVERTS A SINGLE SHOT RIFLED INTO ESSENTIALLY A MACHINE GUN BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM YOU YOU ALL MIGHT REMEMBER THAT CATASTROPHE THAT THE HORROR AT IN LAS VEGAS WHERE I THINK 62 PEOPLE WERE KILLED BY A LUNATIC IN THE MGM GRAND WITH BUMP STOCK HE TOOK OUT 62 PEOPLE UM THOSE THINGS ARE OUT THERE AND WE HAVE TO BE READY FOR IT IT'S THE 21ST CENTURY UM I'LL TRY AND WRAP THIS UP REAL QUICK ONE OF MY FRIENDS SAID THAT HE HE WORRIED ABOUT A COOLING EFFECT THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE ON LAWFUL GUN OWNERS AND I HAVE TO JOIN WITH MY FRIEND SENATOR JESSE I THINK RESPONSIBLE THIS REPRESENTS NO THREAT WHATSOEVER TO A RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNER IT REPRESENTS A REAL THREAT TO CRIMINALS I THINK THERE WILL BE A COOLING EFFECT BUT THERE SHOULD BE A COOLING EFFECT THERE SHOULD BE A COOLING EFFECT ON THE USE OF GUNS AND FELONIES SO YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THIS IS NOT ANTI-GUN BY ANY MEANS THIS IS NOT ANTI-GUNS THIS IS AND AS MY FRIEND SAID BEFORE YOU KNOW THIS IS ABOUT WE'RE NOT ANTI-GUN WE'RE ANTI-SHOOTING PEOPLE AND THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT EXCUSE ME SO I JUST I WOULD JUST UH YOU KNOW IF I MEAN WE'RE IN A FIGHT WE'RE IN A WAR AND WE'RE GOING TO WIN IT I'VE SAID THAT SO MANY TIMES AND WE'RE GOING TO WIN IT WE'RE GOING TO CRUSH THESE PEOPLE SO UH THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ANOTHER FRIEND OF MINE FROM *HÁGAT* WITH SOME REMORSE I THINK HE OBSERVED THAT PERHAPS THERE IS AN ABANDONMENT OF VALUES ON ISLAND AND IT CERTAINLY WHEN YOU LOOK AROUND IT CERTAINLY SEEMS TO TO BE TRUE BUT YOU KNOW IF SOMETHING IS ABANDONED WE CAN RECLAIM IT AND WE CAN GET THOSE VALUES BACK AND IT'S AND I KNOW THAT MY FRIEND AND I MORE AND MORE AM GETTING ON BOARD WITH IT LET'S HOPE FOR THE BEST SO WE'LL GET THOSE VALUES BACK AND I'M GOING TO CLOSE MA'AM SENATOR JESSE LUJAN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR OF THE BILL SO I'D LIKE TO BRING HIM ON BOARD SENATOR ROY QUINATA WANTS TO BE A CO-SPONSOR SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT WANTS TO BE A CO-SPONSOR SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES WANTS TO BE A CO-SPONSOR SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS WANTS TO BE A CO-SPONSOR SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS WANTS TO BE A CO-SPONSOR AND WELL IF DOES ANYBODY WANT OUT OKAY OKAY SENATOR SENATOR PARKINSON DOESN'T SUPPORT IT BUT EVERYBODY ELSE DOES ALL RIGHT THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND AND I'D LIKE TO ADD THOSE INDIVIDUALS MAKE MOVE TO ADD THOSE INDIVIDUALS AS CO-SPONSORS OKAY SO I GUESS TO CLEAN THAT UP MA'AM I'D MAKE A MOTION TO ADD EVERY MEMBER OF THE BODY AS A CO-SPONSOR EXCEPT FOR SENATOR PARKINSON AND WITH THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION WE HAVE A MOTION TO ADD CO-SPONSORS THE CLERK HAS A LIST LUJAN QUINATA BARNETT BARNES DUENAS SAN NICOLAS AND THEN EVERYONE ELSE WITH THE

EXCEPTION OF SENATOR PARKINSON IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SIGNAL OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MA'AM AND WITH THAT I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO PLACE BILL 7937 COR ON THE THIRD READING FILE FOR VOTING LATER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE BILL 79-37 COR IN THE THIRD READING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MA'AM.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: COLLEAGUES WE ARE GOING NOW TO BILL 90 92-37 COR AND IT SAYS INTRODUCED BY SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR AT THIS TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 92-37 COR INTRODUCED BY MYSELF THERESE M. TERLAJE AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 9 TO DIVISION 1 CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 26 GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOPS COSMETOLOGY SCHOOLS AND NAIL SALONS ATTACHED HERE TO AS EXHIBIT A INTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT MOTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE PROCEED SPEAKER TERLAJE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU BILL NUMBER 92 ADOPTS A NEW SET OF SANITARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOPS COSMETOLOGY SCHOOLS AND NAIL SALONS THESE RULES WERE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE LEGISLATURE PURSUANT TO THE AAA OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION LAW THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HELD A HEARING AS REQUIRED BY THAT LAW AND THE BILL IS REFERRED TO OUR COMMITTEE AND INTRODUCED IN APRIL WE HAD A PUBLIC HEARING IN APRIL AND THE BILL WAS REPORTED OUT IN JULY SOME OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS INCLUDE UPDATING THE VENTILATION PARAMETERS TO REDUCE VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS LEVELS EXPANDING THE LIST OF ALLOWABLE SINGLE-USE ITEMS LIMITED LIMITING THE CONSUMPTION OF FOOD AND DRINKS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT ESTABLISHING A PHYSICAL SEPARATION OF SPACE TO PREVENT CROSS-CONTAMINATION POSTING OF SIGNS TO PREVENT THE TRANSMISSION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES DEFINED DEFINING PROHIBITED SERVICES AND CHEMICALS OUTLINING REQUIREMENTS FOR SANITATION AND LAUNDERING PROCESSES AND CLARIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR SINKS AND TO ASSIST THE INDUSTRY IN MAKING THESE CHANGES TO THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS LANGUAGE WAS INSERTED INTO THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE EXISTING COSMETIC ESTABLISHMENTS WITH THREE YEARS FROM ADOPTION TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS IN THE INTERIM THEY MUST STILL ADHERE TO EXISTING REGULATIONS AND NEWLY BUILT RENOVATED OR OPENED ESTABLISHMENTS MUST COMPLY WITH THESE PROPOSED REGULATIONS IMMEDIATELY THESE RULES CHANGE OR AMEND RULES THAT WERE ORIGINALLY ADOPTED IN 1984 THAT WAS 40 YEARS AGO STILL USED TO THIS DATE THE GUAM EPA AND PUBLIC HEALTH DID A RECENT FIELD STUDY AND THEY FOUND HIGH LEVELS OF VOLATILE ORGANIC CHEMICALS IN LOCAL NAIL SALONS AND THE BEAUTY SHOPS THESE CHEMICALS CAN BE TOXIC TO THE BODY WHEN EXPERIENCED IN LONG-TERM PERIODS AND ARE PROVEN TO BE CARCINOGENIC ENDANGERING THE HEALTH OF WORKERS WHO ARE DAILY EXPOSED THUS THE NEW RULES MANDATE A VENTILATION REQUIREMENT OF 30 CUBIC FOOT PER MINUTE VERSUS THE 15 CUBIC FOOT PER MINUTE IN THE CURRENT RULES NONE OF THE CURRENT SALONS PASSED THE CURRENT VENTILATION REQUIREMENTS OR AT LEAST THE ONES THAT THEY STUDIED IN THE FIELD STUDY FOR THE WELFARE OF INDIVIDUALS DAILY EXPOSED THE TOXICITY CAN HAVE LIFE-ALTERING EFFECTS FROM EYE AND NOSE IRRITATION TO DAMAGING THE LIVER KIDNEYS CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM BECAUSE COSMETIC ESTABLISHED ESTABLISHMENT A COSMETIC ESTABLISHMENTS PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES INCLUDING HAIR CARE HAND AND FOOT CARE HAIR REMOVAL BY WAXING MANY OTHER NEW SERVATIVES SERVICES THAT HAVE COME OUT OVER THE PAST FOUR DECADES THESE HEALTH CONCERNS HAVE EXPANDED AND THESE RULES ALLOW FOR THE PUBLIC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO REGULATE THOSE AS WELL DEPENDING ON THE TOOLS USED AND THE HYGIENIC PRACTICES OF CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES DISEASES SUCH AS HEPATITIS B AND C HERPES AIDS SKIN AND EYE INFECTIONS HAIR LICE AND CHRONIC FUNGAL DISEASES MAY BE TRANSMITTED AND THAT'S WHAT THESE RULES ARE AIMED TO PREVENT AND THUS I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN PASSING

OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S DILIGENT WORK AND THEY WERE MANDATED BY A PRIOR LAW TO TO COME UP WITH THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND I WANT TO COMMEND THEM BECAUSE THEY THEY HAVE BEEN VERY DILIGENT IN MEETING THEIR MANDATES OF COMING UP WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND I WANT TO ADD FOR THE RECORD THAT SO THIS BILL WAS WE HAD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 18TH AND BUT THE 90 DAYS PURSUANT TO THE AAA ACTUALLY EXPIRED ON JUNE 25TH SO WE ARE IN HERE TODAY HOWEVER TO I WANTED TO GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY DESPITE THE POTENTIAL DEFAULT APPROVAL TO FOR SENATORS TO AMEND THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS IN ANY WAY OR TO JUST BE SURE THAT THEY THEY HAVE SEEN THESE AND THAT WE VOTE ON THEM AS WELL SO WITH THAT I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS BILL 92 *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT SENATOR BARNETT ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM I JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL INTRODUCED BY OUR GREAT SPEAKER AND I'M VERY ENCOURAGED TO HEAR THAT VENTILATION WAS ADDRESSED BECAUSE LIKE WE HAD BROUGHT UP IN THE PUBLIC HEARING A LOT OF TIMES YOU CAN SMELL THE NAIL SALON BEFORE YOU EVER SEE IT AND I'M EXCITED TO GET THESE RULES AND REGS PASSED ESPECIALLY AFTER 40 YEARS TO SAY IT'S LONG OVERDUE IS QUITE THE UNDERSTATEMENT SO AGAIN I JUST RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AND I FURTHER COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR ITS INTRODUCTION THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR BARNETT ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT SENATOR PEREZ ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT WE PROTECT THE PUBLIC YOU KNOW THERE'S ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU KNOW YOU'RE DEALING WITH CLOSE CONTACT WITH SKIN HAIR YOU KNOW WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS NOT A YOU KNOW THERE'S NO WE REDUCE THE OPERA THE OPPORTUNITY TO TO PASS ON DISEASES OR REDUCE THAT THAT HARM YEAH I HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK THROUGH IT AND YOU KNOW THE OTHER THING THAT HAD MENTIONED WAS BIOHAZARD SO THERE HAS TO BE BIOHAZARD TRAINING YOU KNOW AS A FORMAL MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST I YOU KNOW I APPRECIATE THAT YOU KNOW CONSIDERING THERE COULD BE SOME FLUIDS AND YOU KNOW KEEPING OUR POPULACE SAFE IS ONE OF THOSE PROACTIVE MEASURES THAT WE NEED TO HAVE ALSO THE VARIANCES I THINK THE VARIANCE IS IT DOES ALLOW FOR VARIANCES BUT NOT TO THE TO THE EXTENT THAT IT CAUSE CAUSES A PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD OR A NUISANCE AND IT HAS TO BE APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR SO I THINK THESE ARE GOOD MEASURES AND I APPLAUD THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE THE SPONSOR *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SENATOR PEREZ ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU MAY CLOSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'LL WAIVE CLOSING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU ON THE MOTION THEN SPEAKER TERLAJE TO PUT ON THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: TO REITERATE MY MOTION TO PLACE BILL ON THE THIRD READING FILE FOR VOTING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES COLLEAGUES WE ARE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 93-37 COR IS INTRODUCED BY SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND COLLEAGUES THIS IS ANOTHER BILL INTRODUCED PURSUANT TO THE AAA PROCESS WHERE THE LEGISLATURE TAKES THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT HAVE HAD A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE AGENCY GONE THROUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE GOVERNOR SENT DOWN HERE WE PUT IT INTO BILL FORM AND WE HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING ON IT THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CONDUCTED IN APRIL AND HOWEVER I THINK MY COMMITTEE PUT THIS ON HOLD BECAUSE OF THE TYPHOON AND THEY WENT INTO DEFAULT ON JUNE 25 2023 BUT I'M PUTTING THIS BEFORE YOU AS WELL TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO AMEND THESE TO DENY THEM OR OR TO GIVE ANY INPUT ON THESE THESE

RULES WERE A LITTLE BIT MORE CONTROVERSIAL SO THIS IS A BILL 93 WHICH IS AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 26 TO DIVISION 1 CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 26 GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING INSTITUTIONAL PLAYGROUNDS ATTACHED HERE TO AS EXHIBIT A I'D LIKE TO MOVE THIS INTO THE THIRD READING AND TO SPEAK ON THIS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE PROCEED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU AS STATED IN THE TITLE THIS WOULD GOVERN INSTITUTIONAL PLAYGROUNDS AS OF APRIL 2023 PUBLIC HEALTH ESTIMATED 59 LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES REGULATED BY PUBLIC HEALTH AND ONLY FOUR OF THEM HAVING EXISTING PLAYGROUNDS THESE RULES HOWEVER WOULD ALSO APPLY TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC HEALTH SAID THERE WERE 45 THAT THEY REGULATE PUBLIC HEALTH ESTIMATED DURING THEIR AAA PROCESS THAT THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THESE BILLS WOULD BE 916 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF IMPLEMENTATION THAT INCLUDES THE ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLYING WITH THE EXISTING AND NEW REQUIREMENTS IN THE REGULATIONS ACCORDING TO THE U.S. SENATOR I'M SORRY U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION MORE THAN 200000 PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE TREATED FOR PLAYGROUND RELATED INJURIES AT EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS EACH YEAR WITH 75 PERCENT OF THOSE INJURIES OCCURRING AT INSTITUTIONAL PLAYGROUNDS AND ABOUT 45 PERCENT PLAYGROUND RELATED INJURIES BEING SEVERE RESULTING IN FRACTURES CONCUSSIONS DISLOCATIONS AND AMPUTATIONS PUBLIC HEALTH ANTICIPATES THAT THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OF PUBLIC HEALTH SEEKS TO TO ISSUE INSTITUTIONAL PLAYGROUND PERMITS TO QUALIFYING FACILITIES WITH PLAYGROUNDS AND EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN AGED 6 MONTHS TO 12 YEARS AND IN OTHER WORDS TO CATEGORIZE THESE AND THAT COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND EXISTING FACILITIES HAVE 730 CALENDAR DAYS TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE DATE OF ADOPTION INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES IS DEFINED IN GUAM LAW TO INCLUDE SCHOOLS FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES FOSTER FAMILY HOMES GROUP DAYCARE HOMES RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES DAY CARE CENTERS DAY NURSERIES NURSERY SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN SCHOOLS DAYCARE HOMES OR OR SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS OR UNITS AT THE HEARING I WANT TO POINT OUT TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC I MEAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REQUESTED THAT IMPLEMENTATION AS IT APPLIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BE DELAYED FOR CERTAIN SCHOOLS UPON THE SUBMISSION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONSTRUCTION PLAN WITH A REASONABLE TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION THEY ALSO ASKED THAT THE RATIO OF CHILDREN PER STAFF BE MAINTAINED AT THE CURRENT LEVEL WHICH IS ONE STAFF TO 150 CHILDREN AND ONE STAFF TO 20 PRE-K CHILDREN AND THAT HEAD START MAINTAIN ITS REQUIRED RATIO OF ONE STAFF TO TEN CHILDREN THAT IS A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE THAN THE THE RATIOS THAT ARE ACTUALLY ADOPTED IN THESE REGULATIONS SO I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT THESE REQUESTS BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WERE NOT INCORPORATED INTO THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS HOWEVER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND OTHERS AT THE HEARING TESTIFY FOR THE NEED FOR THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS OUR PLAYGROUNDS REALLY ARE NOT CONFORMING TO ANY STANDARDS AT THIS POINT AND SO THAT OF COURSE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN SO I'D ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS BILL MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE ANYONE ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ON THE MAIN MOTION OH I'M SORRY SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I ATTENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THERE WERE SEVERAL DAYCARE FACILITIES THAT WERE THERE TESTIFYING NOT IN NOT IN FAVOR OF THE FULL ENTIRE YOU KNOW RULES AND REGULATIONS BUT IN PARTICULAR THE PLAYGROUND REQUIREMENT AND IT WAS MENTIONED EVEN WITH 1200 SQUARE FEET LIKE ONE OF THE DAY CARES HAD MENTIONED THAT IT WOULD COST THEM TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO PUT ANY KIND OF MATTING DOWN BECAUSE IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ANYTIME YOU HAVE ANY KIND OF PLAYGROUND FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IT'S REQUIRED TO HAVE IT'S REQUIRED NOT TO BE ON CEMENT OR ANYTHING THAT THAT'S A HARD SURFACE ASPHALT OR CEMENT IT WAS MENTIONED TOO THAT DOE IN ORDER TO RETROFIT YOU KNOW ALL THE PLAYGROUNDS THAT THEY HAVE IT'S GOING TO BE VERY COSTLY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN ORDER TO COMPLY SO THE THIS IS WE HAD AT LEAST FOUR INDIVIDUALS WITH DIFFERENT COMPANIES COMING IN THERE I THINK MORE THAN THAT FOUR OR FIVE I'M NOT SURE MAYBE THE THE AUTHOR OF THE ONE WHO'S PRESENTING THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS CAN COMPLY BUT THERE ARE QUITE A BIT THAT WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF THIS LEGISLATION AND I LOOK TO SEE THAT MAYBE WE CAN MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEGIS TO THE PROPOSED

RULES AND REGULATIONS AND I MEAN YOU THINK ABOUT SCHOOL CHILDREN YOU KNOW PLAYING ON THE SIDEWALK YOU KNOW RIGHT USING CHALK AND YOU KNOW DOING HOPSCOTCH AND YOU KNOW THEY'RE FINDING A HARDER SERVICE BASKETBALL FOR INSTANCE IS THE BASKETBALL COURTS ARE GOING TO REQUIRE TO PUT THESE MATS ON THE BASKETBALL COURT YOU KNOW THEY TALKED ABOUT THE STATISTICS OF INJURIES IN THE MAINLAND RIGHT A LARGER DEMOGRAPHICS OF COURSE THE NUMBER IS GOING TO BE A LOT LARGER BUT IT WAS NEVER MENTIONED ON GUAM YOU KNOW MAJOR INJURIES THAT WERE HAPPENING ON THE PLAYGROUND I MEAN GRANTED OF COURSE KIDS ARE KIDS THEY'LL GET HURT BUT HERE IN THIS LEGISLATION I I DO OR THIS RULES AND REGULATIONS NOTHING WAS IN THIS RULES AND REGULATIONS TO HELP ACCOMMODATE ESPECIALLY THE DAYCARE FACILITIES AND OF COURSE WITH DOE THIS IS GOING TO BE VERY COSTLY FOR THEM I MEAN SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TOO AS WELL BUT THERE I DON'T THINK THERE WAS A LOT DONE IN THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF OUR DAYCARE FACILITIES PRIVATE DAYCARE FACILITIES ON THE ISLAND AND WE ALSO KNOW IF YOU LOOK AT THE TESTIMONY FROM DOE NOTHING WAS TO HELP ACCOMMODATE THEM BUT I DO HAVE A QUESTION MADAM SPEAKER TO THE MADAM SPEAKER TERLAJE IF I MAY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: STATE YOUR QUESTION YES PLEASE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SHE SHOULD YIELD IN THE EVENT THIS LEGISLATION DOES NOT PASS YOU KNOW ON THE RULES AND REGULATIONS BECAUSE I I DO REALIZE THE AAA THE REQUIREMENTS TO HAVE RULES AND REGULATIONS BE PAST OR IT BECOMES AUTOMATICALLY IT DEFAULTS AUTOMATICALLY BECOMES LAW SO IF THIS BILL DOES NOT PASS AND DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE CLOCK STARTS ALL OVER AND TO RENEGOTIATE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ALLOW PUBLIC HEALTH TO WORK CLOSELY WITH DOE TO ALLOW PUBLIC HEALTH TO ONCE AGAIN MEET WITH WITH THESE DAY CARE FACILITIES WHICH IS VERY INSTRUMENTAL MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW WE GRANDCHILDREN I MEAN MANY OF US HERE WHO HAVE GRANDCHILDREN AT THESE DAYS CARE FACILITIES YOU KNOW IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO KEEP THEM UP AND RUNNING I MEAN WE JUST SAW WHAT HAPPENED DURING PUA OR DURING COVID THAT MONEY WAS ACTUALLY SET ASIDE FOR THESE FACILITIES YOU KNOW TO ASSIST AND HELP THEM SO I I DO HAVE A QUESTION REGARDING THE PROCESS ON THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS IF THE BILL DOES NOT PASS DOES THAT MEAN THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SORRY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SPEAKER YEAH.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES I I WILL YIELD I THINK IT'S A WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF A COMPLEX SITUATION ON OUR HANDS BECAUSE OF THE DEFAULT APPROVAL OF THE RULES AFTER THE 90 DAYS IF IT'S INTERPRETED TO BE APPROVED ALREADY THEN WE NEED TO DO IN THIS BILL MAKE ANY AMENDMENTS THAT YOU WANT OR OR SET WHATEVER OTHER TIME FRAMES THAT YOU WANT TO SET BY LAW I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO AND OF COURSE THERE WERE CONCERNS BROUGHT UP AT THE PUBLIC HEARING SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS AND WE DID ASK PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THEIR RESPONSE TO DOE'S CONCERNS WE DID NOT RECEIVE A RESPONSE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH AFTER AS TO THE DOE CONCERNS EXCEPT I WANT TO YOU KNOW CLARIFY THAT THE RATIOS WHEN I SAID THEY WERE SIGNIFICANT WHEN IT WAS A RATIO OF ONE TO TEN FOR HEAD START THE NEW RULES WOULD BE ONE TO TWENTY WHERE IT EXISTS 1 TO 20 FOR PRE-K I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE 15 TO 1 OR 1 TO 15 AND THEN DOE USES 1 TO 150 FOR EVERYBODY ABOVE PRE-K BUT THE NEW RULES WOULD SAY ONE TO TEN FOR 25 MONTHS TO THREE YEARS I'M SORRY I WENT BACKWARDS I APOLOGIZE WHERE IT'S WHERE DOE CURRENTLY USES ONE TO A HUNDRED AND ONE STAFF TO 150 CHILDREN IN A PLAYGROUND THE NEW RULES WOULD REQUIRE ONE STAFF FOR EVERY 20 CHILDREN IN THE PLAYGROUND WHICH IS VERY SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL COST FOR DOE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS BUT YES AND THERE WERE OTHER CONCERNS BROUGHT UP AS WELL WE ALSO ASKED PUBLIC HEALTH SHOULD WE AMEND THESE RULES TO USE A CONTINUING A CONTINUOUSLY CHANGING THE GUIDELINES AND SO ONE PERSON WHO TESTIFIED REPORTED YOU KNOW YOU SAID WE SHOULD USE THESE GUIDELINES THAT ARE UPDATED EVERY YEAR FOR PLAYGROUNDS AND HE'S AN INSTALLER OF PLAYGROUNDS HOWEVER WE COULD NOT GET DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE ON THAT IN TIME FOR THIS HEARING OR THIS SESSION TODAY *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*'.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR TERLAJE DOES THAT HELP.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: TAITAGUE YES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THINK I MEAN TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND IF I MAY BECAUSE THIS THIS DOES NOT JUST PERTAIN MA'AM SPEAKER TO JUST YOU KNOW DOE THE PLAYGROUND THE DAYCARE BUT THIS ALSO YOU KNOW HAS TO DO WITH PRIVATE IN SCHOOLS AS AS WELL YOU KNOW SO IF I MAY MADAM SPEAKER CAN I REQUEST PLEASE WITH ALL DUE RESPECT JUST A FEW MINUTES RECESS SO I CAN CONFER WITH THE THE AUTHOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE YES SENATOR WE WILL TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS TO TALK ON THIS ISSUE.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS WE WERE WITH SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE WHO WAS PROFFERING AN AMENDMENT AND I WILL ADDRESS YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THAT RECESS SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS THIS FURTHER AND YOU KNOW SEE WHAT WE CAN DO BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW NOW THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE ALREADY IN PLAY THE ONLY WAY TO AMEND SOME OF THESE WOULD BE YOU KNOW LATER ON DOING IT IN A SEPARATE SEPARATE BILL BECAUSE WE KNOW WE NEED THE INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS BOTH PRIVATE PUBLIC SECTOR SO WHAT MY AMENDMENT SIMPLY DOES MADAM SPEAKER IS IT IT JUST EXTENDS IT FROM 730 DAYS TO 195 CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DAYS OF THE ADOPTION OF FULLY COMPLIANT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU MEANT 1095 DAYS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I'M SORRY 1095 DAYS YES SO MY AMENDMENT IS ON LINE 14 PAGE TWO AND IT'S A SECTION 426026 EFFECTIVE DATE AND IT SIMPLY STRIKES OUT 730 DAYS AND IN IN PLACE IT'S ON 1095 CALENDAR DAYS MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS BASICALLY JUST ADDING ONE MORE YEAR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT IS PROFFERED BY SENATOR TAITAGUE DOES ANYONE WISH TO SPEAK IF NOT IS THERE ANY OBJECTIONS OH SENATOR BROWN I'M SORRY I SAW YOUR HAND ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT YOU MAY SPEAK.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT I ALSO ATTENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING YOU KNOW AND I RECOGNIZE THE CHALLENGES THAT A LOT OF THESE FACILITIES ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH FROM THE DAY CARE CENTERS TO CERTAINLY EVEN OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM TO BE ABLE TO PAY FOR THE UPGRADED REQUIREMENTS TO MEET THE STANDARDS THAT THESE REGULATIONS ARE GOING TO IMPOSE OF COURSE WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO BE SAFE BUT I MEAN IF YOU LOOK AT ALL A LOT OF THE DAY CARE CENTERS I MEAN A LOT OF THE IF YOU GO AND LOOK AT THE OUTDOOR AREAS WHERE THE CHILDREN PLAY DURING THEIR BREAK TIME I MEAN A LOT OF THESE ARE COMMERCIALY BOUGHT YOU KNOW PLAYSETS THAT THEY HAVE BUT PROBABLY WILL NOT BE IN YOU KNOW THESE ARE THINGS WE WOULD BUY FOR OUR CHILDREN IN OUR OWN HOME BUT WOULD NOT FALL INTO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THESE REGULATIONS AND SO OBVIOUSLY IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME IT'S GOING TO TAKE ADDITIONAL COST TO ADDRESS THE SAFETY AND THEN ON TOP OF THAT AFTER YOU KNOW WE'VE SEEN THE INABILITY OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO EVEN PROPERLY ADDRESS THE INSPECTIONS OF A NUMBER OF OUR FACILITIES INCLUDING OUR SCHOOLS TO ENSURE THAT YOU KNOW THEIR THEIR THEIR CAFETERIA AREAS ARE SAFE THEIR CLASSROOM AREAS ARE SAFE FROM MOLD AND ALL THE OTHER CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED TO FIND OUT THAT PUBLIC HEALTH HAS BEEN ISSUING THESE SANITARY PERMITS YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR WITHOUT INSPECTION OF THESE FACILITIES AND NOW ON TOP OF THAT WE'RE PUTTING IN THESE REGULATIONS THAT OF COURSE EVERYONE'S SAYING OH WE NEED THESE REGULATIONS WE NEED TO UPDATE YOU KNOW THESE PLAYGROUND FACILITIES TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFETY AND THEN ON TOP OF THAT THE QUESTION IS HOW EFFECTIVELY IS PUBLIC HEALTH GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO IN AND PROPERLY REGULATE THESE REQUIREMENTS IN THESE FACILITIES IN THESE DAY CARE CENTERS IN THESE SCHOOLS THAT'S ANOTHER BIG QUESTION MARK SO I CERTAINLY UH SUPPORT THE ADDITIONAL TIME BECAUSE I I AM CONCERNED WITH THESE REGULATIONS WENT INTO PLACE WITH THESE I I'VE NEVER BEEN A FAN OF DEFAULT TO APPROVE I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY WE ALLOW THAT WE SHOULD SIMPLY WAIT UNTIL THE LEGISLATURE PROPERLY ADDRESSES

THESE REGULATIONS SO THESE TYPE OF YOU KNOW ISSUES CAN BE ADDRESSED BUT TO OFFSET THE TIMELINE THAT I THINK WOULD BE NECESSARY AND IN ADDITION REALISTICALLY THE COST YOU KNOW WE'D ALL LOVE TO HAVE THOSE NICE PLAYGROUNDS YOU SEE ON BASE THAT HAVE A NICE TENT AND THE RUBBER THE RUBBER FLOORING THAT THEY HAVE AND AND I'M SURE THEY COST A PRETTY PENNY THAT MOST LITTLE THE SMALLER BUSINESSES AND THESE DAYCARE CENTERS ARE REALLY GOING TO NEED TIME I MEAN YOU KNOW THEY CHARGE FOR THEIR SERVICES THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CHARGE PROBABLY A LITTLE MORE TO BE ABLE TO PROCURE TO MEET THESE STANDARDS THAT THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE SO I'M CERTAINLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE THE TIME EXTENSION THAT WOULD AMEND THE EXISTING REGULATIONS THAT WENT INTO PLACE UNDER THE DEFAULT TO APPROVE CLAUSE SO WITH THAT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY COMMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BROWN ANYONE ELSE ON THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANT TO I'M GOING TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE THE AMENDMENT I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYBODY HERE WHO LOVES PLAYGROUNDS MORE THAN ME I LOVE PLAYGROUNDS AND I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY SHOULD BE SAFE AND FUN I THINK WHEN IT COMES TO REGULATION AND YOU KNOW HAVING OUR BUSINESSES AND EVERYBODY COMPLY TAKES TIME TAKES A LOT OF MONEY AND I DON'T WANT TO PUT ON DO BURDEN ON ON A BUSINESS OR ANYBODY WHO HAS TO COMPLY AND GIVING THEM ADDITIONAL MORE ADDITIONAL DAYS TO COMPLY IS IS GOOD AND JUST AND I THANK ARE THE AUTHOR FOR IT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ANYONE ELSE ON THE TAITAGUE AMENDMENT IF NOT SENATOR TAITAGUE WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE OR CALL FOR THE VOTE OH YEAH ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENT SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU MAY CLOSE ON YOUR ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH I JUST WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THIS AND FOR THE EXTENSION I THINK IT'S A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION AND HOPEFULLY YOU KNOW THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE THOSE ISSUES HERE ON GUAM WHERE WHERE CHILDREN I THINK WE ARE ACTUALLY HAVING THEM AND I'VE SEEN THEM MYSELF I HAD TELLING ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL MY DAUGHTER WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG KINDERGARTEN FELL DOWN FROM THE PLAYGROUND AT M.U. LUJAN THE METAL BARS THOSE ARE THE OLD SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS LANDED ON HER HEAD SHE AND NOW WE LAUGH AT ALL OF THOSE THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO US AND THE KIDS WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG BUT NOWADAYS YOU KNOW THE GUIDELINES ARE DIFFERENT AND THEY ARE REALLY ENFORCED NATIONWIDE SO AGAIN PUBLIC HEALTH HAS DONE ITS WORK TO BRING US THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SO HOPEFULLY WE GIVE SOME TIME FOR THESE INSTITUTIONS TO IMPLEMENT AND IN THE INTERIM WE CAN ENCOURAGE IN ANY OTHER WAY OR MAKE ANY OTHER AMENDMENTS THAT THEY FIND REASONABLE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION SPEAKER TO MOVE IT TO THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES I'D LIKE TO ADD SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE JOANNE BROWN WHO ARE AT THE HEARING FOR THIS BILL AND SENATOR BARNETT TO AS CO-SPONSORS.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'D LIKE TO RENEW MY MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL INTO THE THIRD READING FILE BUILD NUMBER 93.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES IT'S QUARTER 10 TILL SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU SPEAKER I MOVE TO RECESS UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I'M GOING TO HOLD ON WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MOMENTS TO RECESS THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER BEFORE WE DO THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS.

RECESS

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

SENATOR FISHER: SHE DOES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I WILL ADDRESS YOU ON BILL NUMBER 144-37 LS.

SENATOR FISHER: I'M SORRY POINT OF INQUIRY I'VE MADE A MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 10 A.M. IT'S A NON-DEBATABLE MOTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THAT'S RIGHT I DO APOLOGIZE SENATOR FISHER I WILL ADDRESS THAT AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR FISHER: AND THEN IF I CAN MA'AM I'D LIKE TO AMEND IT I UNDERSTAND SOME MEMBERS HAVE TO ATTEND FUNERALS IN THE MORNING SO COULD I AMEND THAT TO TWO O'CLOCK.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO RECESS TO TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS MA'AM.

SENATOR FISHER: MA'AM I ROSE TO A POINT OF INQUIRY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE POINT OF INQUIRIES SENATOR FISHER PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT.

SENATOR FISHER: YES MA'AM SINCE IT APPEARS THAT WE WILL BE GOING PAST THE WORKING HOURS WHICH ARE EIGHT TO FIVE WHEN AND ARE SET BY STANDING RULES HAS THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES CHANGED WORKING HOURS PURSUANT TO STANDING RULE 14.04 BRAVO AS REQUIRED BY STANDING RULES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR FISHER I'M GOING TO TAKE THAT UNDER ADVISEMENT.

SENATOR FISHER: THERE'S NO.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AND CALL FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM ORDER BASED ON THE INQUIRY WE WILL BE RECESSED TILL 2 P.M. TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

RECESS

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NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES MANY OF GOD'S BLESSINGS TEACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS AT THIS TIME WE ARE ENTERTAINING BILL NUMBER 95-3 93-37 COR SPEAKER I'M SORRY BILL NUMBER 144-37 LS AS INTRODUCED BY SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE SPEAKER GOOD AFTERNOON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: GOOD AFTERNOON GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES I MAKE A MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 144-37 LS TO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THAT MOTION BILL NUMBER 144-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE IS INTRODUCED BY MYSELF AND SENATORS CHRIS BARNETT AND SABINA FLORES IT'S AN ACT SABINA FLORES PEREZ IT'S AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 70.20 OF CHAPTER 70 AND SECTION 161.10 161.30 AND 161.50 A SECTION 161.55 AND 161.130 OF CHAPTER 161 ALL OF TITLE VII GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ADDRESSING VICTIM CONFIDENTIALITY REPORTING AND RESTITUTION UNDER THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION LAW I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THAT MOTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPEAKER YOU MAY PROCEED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER SO THIS BILL 144 WAS INTRODUCED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION COMMISSION THE INTENT OF THIS LEGISLATION IS TO CLARIFY WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION AS A VICTIM ALLOW THE SUPPORTING REIMBURSEMENT TO THE FUND FROM THE COURT ORDERED RESTITUTIONS AND TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY OF VICTIMS RECORDS AND INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW AND THE PRO THE GRANT PROGRAM WHICH RECEIVES FUNDS TO COMPENSATE THESE VICTIMS IT WAS URGENT BECAUSE WHEN THEY DISCOVERED THE GAP BETWEEN THE FEDERAL LAW AND THE GRANT FUNDS AND THE LOCAL LAW IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT PURSUANT TO THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW ALL OF THEIR MEETINGS WOULD HAVE DISCLOSED THE VICTIM'S CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SO THEY HAVE NOT MET OR ADJUDICATED CLAIMS SINCE OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR AND SO THEY EXPRESSED THAT THERE MIGHT BE A BACKLOG OF VICTIMS AT THIS POINT THAT THEY NEED TO ADJUDICATE BUT THEY WANTED TO AMEND THE LAW FIRST TO PROTECT THE VICTIM'S CONFIDENTIALITY BEFORE THEY DID ANY MORE ADJUDICATION SO WHAT THIS DOES IS WHEN THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW REQUIRES OPEN MEETINGS IT MAKES ONE EXCEPTION FOR WHEN THEY ARE DISCUSSING VICTIMS CLAIMS INCLUDING THEIR MEDICAL RECORDS AND ALL OF THAT VICTIM'S INFORMATION THE BILL ALSO EXPANDS A LIST OF CRIMES FOR WHICH VICTIMS CAN BE COMPENSATED AND INCLUDES A NEW ITEM WHICH IS HIT AND RUN WITH INJURIES FAILURE TO STOP WHICH IS A FELONY AND VEHICULAR HOMICIDE SO AS YOU KNOW THE REST OF THE LISTS ARE DEEMED VIOLENT VIOLENT FELONIES AND THESE ARE TWO MORE ADDITIONS TO THAT LIST FOR WHICH VICTIMS CAN BE COMPENSATED IT ALSO ALLOWS THE COURT TO WHEN THEY ARE ORDERING A DEFENDANT TO PAY RESTITUTION THERE WAS A COURT CASE IN THE SUPREME COURT WHICH DEEMED THAT THEY COULD NOT ORDER THAT DEFENDANT TO PAY THE VICTIM'S COMPENSATION FUND OR TO REIMBURSE IT WITHOUT OUR LAW BEING CHANGED SO WE'RE CHANGING THE LAW TO ALLOW THE COURTS TO ORDER AS RESTITUTION THAT THEY REIMBURSE THE VICTIMS FUND SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO GIVE FUNDS TO ADDITIONAL VICTIMS IT ALSO REQUIRES THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WHO IS THE THEY DO THE ADMIN AND AND THE OFFICE WORK FOR THIS COMMISSION IT REQUIRES THEM TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TOGETHER WITH THEIR FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REQUEST TO THE LEGISLATURE SO THAT WE WILL KNOW THE CATEGORY OF AWARDS THAT THIS COMMISSION IS MAKING WHICH TYPE OF CRIMES AND AND THE AMOUNTS THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN OUT IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE PROGRAM AND SEE IF ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE THERE'S AN EXCEPTION TO THE RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF A VICTIM AND THAT IS IF THE VICTIM GIVES THEIR PRIOR

WRITTEN CONSENT SO THIS WOULD THEN MAKE OUR LOCAL STATUTES CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL STATUTES IN THIS REGARD OR UNDER THIS PROGRAM SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS BILL MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SPEAKER TERLAJE DOES ANYONE WISH TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE'S WISHING TO SPEAK SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN JOE SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SINCE IT WAS DECLARED THAT IT'S ABOUT PROTECTING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE VICTIM I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THAT NOBODY SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN WHEN THEY GO TO COURT THEN THEY FIGURE IT OUT BUT IN REFERENCE TO PROTECTION FOR CONFIDENTIALITY ON ANY VICTIM I'M IN FULL SUPPORT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU IS THERE ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY CAN YOU PLEASE.

NOTE SENATOR SHELTON PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'.*

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE MOTION VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL NUMBER 144-37 LS WHICH WAS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AS PROFFERED BY THE GOOD SENATOR FROM YONA I REALLY WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN WE ARE ADDRESSING VICTIMS CONFIDENTIALITY AND LOOKING AT THE REPORTING AND RESTITUTION UNDER WHAT WE HAVE EXISTING TODAY UNDER THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION LAW I WANT TO SAY THAT THE ADDED UM THE ADDED AMENDMENTS TO THIS TO THIS LEGISLATION UH MADAM SPEAKER IS IS REALLY REALLY GOOD I WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN WE WHEN I LOOKED AT THE BILL AND I SAW THAT THEY ADDED A COUPLE OF MORE WHERE IS THAT THAT A COUPLE OF MORE OF THE CRIMES THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED FOR SUCH COMPENSATION UH AGAIN WHICH WHICH INCLUDED THE HIT AND RUN WITH INJURIES FAILURE TO STOP A FELONY AND VEHICULAR HOMICIDE THAT WAS A REALLY GOOD ADDED POINT AND THEN ALSO FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL IN ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION INCLUDE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S THE THE FISCAL YEAR AND BUDGETARY REPORT MADAM SPEAKER I'M I'M VERY VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE INTENT AND AND WHAT AND HOW THIS BILL WILL BRING BETTER A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH WITH THE VICTIMS AND AS FAR AS KNOWING THAT WE AS THE GOVERNMENT UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'VE GONE THROUGH AND BASED ON THE CATEGORIES AS LISTED THEY MAY QUALIFY OR WHAT THEY MAY QUALIFY FOR IS IS INTACT BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND MAKING SURE THAT THEIR NAMES ARE PROTECTED MADAM SPEAKER IS WHAT IS WHY I SUPPORT THIS MEASURE SO I THANK THE GOOD AUTHOR FROM YONA FOR INTRODUCING THIS LEGISLATION AND I'M HOPING THAT AS PART OF THAT SUPPORT THAT I COULD BE INCLUDED BECAUSE I THINK THAT THIS IS A GOOD BILL AND I HUMBLLY ASK MY COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE BECAUSE IT REALLY REALLY INCLUDES A LOT OF THE ISSUES AND CONCERNS THAT VICTIMS HAVE BROUGHT UP IN THE PAST SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE 144-37 LS *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'.*

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER ON THE MAIN MOTION BILL NUMBER 144-37 ON THE MAIN MOTION SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU MAY CLOSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES AND TO THE VICE SPEAKER AND MY OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO SPOKE ON THE BILL AND FOR THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING I'D LIKE TO THANK THEM BY ADDING THEM AS CO-SPONSORS AS WELL BUT BEFORE I DO THAT I'D LIKE TO FORMALLY THANK THIS COMMISSION FOR THE WORK THAT IT DOES IT WASN'T TOO LONG AGO JUST SEVERAL YEARS I THINK RIGHT BEFORE I BECAME A SENATOR WHEN THIS COMMISSION WAS NOT ACTIVE AND IT IT CAME THROUGH OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AT THAT TIME WAS HIGHLY CRITICIZED FOR NOT ACTIVATING THIS COMMISSION AND VICTIMS WERE CALLING OUR OFF WHEN I DID BECOME A SENATOR VICTOR'S RECALLING OUR OFFICE QUITE FREQUENTLY SO I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE THEY WERE DILIGENTLY GOING THROUGH ALL OF THE CLAIMS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AND THEY ASKED US THAT WE GET THE WORD OUT AND EVEN MORE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A VICTIM UNDER THIS STATUTE YOU

HAVE TO SUFFER ONE OF THESE VIOLENT CRIMES THAT ARE LISTED IN EIGHT GCA 161.55 YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE BEEN YOUR CL THERE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A CASE FILED AGAINST THE PERSON WHO COMMITTED THE CRIME AND THERE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A DECISION IN ANY CASE AGAINST ANYONE FOR YOU TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A VICTIM SO I THINK THAT'S VERY SIGNIFICANT AND I'M PROUD OF GUAM FOR THAT AND UH THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THIS PROGRAM TO CONTINUE IT SO I WANT TO THANK PÁLE' MIKE CRISOSTOMO WHO HEADED THIS COMMISSION FOR MANY YEARS WHEN IT WAS REVITALIZING ATTORNEY GENERAL ELIZABETH BARRETT ANDERSON WAS THE AG WHO REVITALIZED THIS COMMISSION AND NOW SERVES AS ITS CHAIRPERSON DENISE MENDIOLA AND ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION I WANT TO THANK THEM AND ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL FRED NISHIHIRA HE'S ALSO BEEN ACTIVE SINCE ELIZABETH BARRETT ANDERSON WAS THE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM HE HAD ASSISTED WITH THIS COMMISSION AND THEY HAVE STAFF THAT THEY POINTED OUT THAT THE HEARING WAS VERY HARD WORKING AND ABLE TO REALLY GET ALL THESE CLAIMS DONE IN A GOOD TIME AND WITH THAT I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT INCLUDING AND ADD THEM AS SPONSORS INCLUDING SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR BROWN SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN AND VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TO ALL OF YOU AND TO MY ORIGINAL CO-SPONSORS OF COURSE SENATOR SABINA PEREZ AND SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE WITH THIS BILL AND AGAIN I MOVED THAT THE BILL BE PLACED ON OH SORRY ON THE MOTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION TO ADD THE CO-SPONSORS ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I MOVE THAT THE BILL BE PLACED ON THIRD READING FOR VOTING AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND AMENDED ON THE FLOOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECESS AT THIS TIME.

RECESS

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT WE GO BACK TO MOTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION.

SENATOR SHELTON: NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF GOING BACK TO MOTIONS PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES WE'RE BACK IN MOTIONS WE'RE UNDER MOTIONS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO MOTION TO MOVE BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR SPONSORED BY SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 58109 AND 58110 OF CHAPTER 58 AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 58B TO TITLE 10 DIVISION III GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF THE USE OF CONSUMER-GRADE FIREWORKS AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT TO THE SECOND READING AND ADD IT TO THE END OF THE AGENDA.

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

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT'S NOT DEBATABLE ANY OBJECTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MADAM SPEAKER THAT THIS PARTICULAR BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DO YOU HAVE A POINT OF ORDER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THE COMMITTEE REPORT IS NOT COMPLETE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DO YOU HAVE A POINT OF ORDER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: HUH THE COMMITTEE REPORT REGARDING THE ROUND TABLE THAT'S CONNECTED WITH THESE FIREWORKS IS NOT COMPLETE IT WAS NOT POSTED WE DON'T HAVE THAT 50 PERCENT OF THAT INFORMATION ON ON THE WEBSITE SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE PUBLIC REALIZES AND HAS THE ABILITY THE TRANSPARENCY THAT WE ALL TALK ABOUT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ON THERE SO THERE I I OBJECT BECAUSE IT'S NOT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COMMITTEE ON RULES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH.

SENATOR BARNETT: YES MA'AM I ACTUALLY INQUIRED WITH MY COMMITTEE DIRECTOR PRIOR TO COMING DOWN TO SESSION AND I WAS INFORMED THAT BOTH THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR BILL NUMBER 9-37 AS WELL AS THE RELATED COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE SUBSEQUENT ROUNDTABLE THAT WAS HELD RELATIVE TO BILL 9-37 OF BOTH BEEN COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MADAM SPEAKER POINT OF INFORMATION I.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER WHEN WE RECEIVED THE COMMITTEE REPORT LAST WEEK IT DID NOT INCLUDE THE ROUND TABLE IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT SO IF THE ROUNDTABLE WAS JUST SUBMITTED IN THE LAST WHAT DAY OR TWO THAT DOESN'T MEET THE THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW TO ALLOW FIVE DAYS IT WAS NOT INCLUDED AND AND MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY POINT OF INFORMATION DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THIS PARTICULAR DURING JUST A POINT OF INFORMATION THAT DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS BILL IT WAS CLEAR THAT A ROUNDTABLE WOULD BE HELD WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED TO CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION AND THE INFORMATION NEEDED NOT ONLY FOR THE PUBLIC BUT FOR THE SENATORS TOO AS WELL AND THIS WAS NOT INCLUDED TO GIVE THE THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED THE ROUNDTABLE TO THE FIVE-DAY MEETING THE FIVE DAY OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR THANK YOU FOR YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION WE ARE INFORMED BY THE CLERKS THAT BOTH REPORTS WERE SUBMITTED ON JULY 14 BOTH THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND THE ROUNDTABLE REPORT WERE BOTH SUBMITTED PLEASE SEE THE CLERKS IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO FIND THAT ON THE WEBSITE SO ON THE MOTION THERE'S BEEN AN IS THAT AN OBJECTION SENATOR TAITAGUE OKAY SO THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND PLACING BILL NUMBER NINE ON THE AGENDA ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO RECONSIDER THE PREVIOUS MOTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER POINT OF ORDER THERE'S.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF ORDER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOU KNOW THERE'S A THERE'S A MOTION ON THE FLOOR THAT WE CONSIDER SENATOR BARNETT'S BACK AND WE CAN AT LEAST MOVE ON THAT WHATEVER THE DISCUSSION THEY NEED TO DO WE CAN CALL A RECESS BUT AT LEAST CONSIDERED THE BILL FIRST AND LET'S WRAP IT UP THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATORS THERE'S BEEN A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY IN BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ON BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR THE MOTION IS THAT WE WE ARE RECONSIDERING THE MOTION TO PLACE IT ON THE AGENDA THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS SENATOR PARKINSON

YOU ARE RECOGNIZED MADAM MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO MOTION TO MOVE BILL 132-37 FROM THE POTENTIAL LIST TO THE SECOND READING FILE FOR DISCUSSION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THERE'S BEEN A MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 132-37 COR ONTO THE AGENDA ON SECOND READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY POINT OF INFORMATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DO YOU HAVE A POINT OF ORDER SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I HAVE A POINT OF INFORMATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE NOT GOING TO DEBATE THE BILL RIGHT NOW.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I'M NOT DEBATING I'M JUST GIVING A POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DO YOU HAVE A POINT OF INQUIRY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: INQUIRY OKAY IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO DO AN INQUIRY VERSUS INFORMATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHAT IS YOUR INQUIRY SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I'LL BE HAPPY TO DO THAT WAS THE COMMITTEE REPORT DURING THE TIME IT WAS PLACED ON THE SESSION AGENDA WAS A COMMITTEE REPORT EVEN PREPARED OR PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES THAT'S MY POINT OF INQUIRY WAS THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THIS PARTICULAR BILL PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES WHEN WE HAD THE COMMITTEE ON RULES MEETING TO PLACE IT ON THE AGENDA THAT'S MY QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR PLEASE CONSULT WITH THE COMMITTEE ON RULES WE'RE ON A MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 132-37 (COR).

SENATOR TAITAGUE: POINT OF INFORMATION POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER THEN IF I WOULD IF I MAY SENATOR TAITAGUE DO YOU HAVE A VALID POINT OF INFORMATION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YES I DO THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OR ARE YOU TRYING TO DEBATE THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M NOT DEBATING I'M JUST GIVING A POINT OF INFORMATION TO MY COLLEAGUES AND THE PEOPLE THAT ARE LISTENING TODAY THAT DEMAND TRANSPARENCY FROM THIS BODY THAT THIS COMMITTEE REPORT WAS NOT GIVEN IN TIME.

SENATOR BARNETT: MA'AM.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: DURING THE RULES MEETING.

SENATOR BARNETT: OBJECTION MADAM SPEAKER THE SENATOR SENATOR THE SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SENATOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: SENATOR TAITAGUE WAS SENT THE INFORMATION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IT'S NOT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT WE'RE NOT GOING TO DEBATE THIS.

SENATOR BARNETT: IT WAS TIME STAMPED I'M NOT TRYING TO DEBATE HIM MADAM SPEAKER I'M JUST TRYING TO DEFEND THE HARD WORK OF MY COMMITTEE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DO YOU HAVE SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR TAITAGUE STATED HER POINT OF INFORMATION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: BUT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO VOTE ON THE BILL THAT MOTION IS THE PLACE BILL NUMBER 132-37 COR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ONTO THE AGENDA IS THERE AN OBJECTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THERE'S AN OBJECTION MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SENATOR PARKINSON: FELONY THERE YOU GO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MOTION PASSES ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS UNDER MOTION SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: I WOULD LIKE ONE MORE TIME TO RECONSIDER BILL NUMBER 9-37 ADDING IT TO THE SECOND READING AT THE END OF THE AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY IN BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR AND THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THE RECON OF THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ON THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER MOTION PASSES WE'RE NOW RECONSIDERING THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY ON BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR THE MOTION WAS TO PLACE IT ON THE SECOND READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION SO ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND TO PLACING BILL NUMBER NINE ONTO THE AGENDA MOTION FAILS ALL RIGHT ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS IF NOT THEN WE ARE ON THE SECOND READING ON BILL NUMBER ONE WE'RE BACK ON SECOND READING SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED OR UNDER SECOND READING WE'RE ON BILL NUMBER 35-37 COR.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE ON THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 35-37 TO THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE ON BILL NUMBER 36-37 SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE THAT ON THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA AS WELL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 36-37 COR ON THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING AN OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER BILL NUMBER 132-37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED HOWEVER CLERKS CAN YOU PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER THIS BILL IS ON THE DRIVE HAS BEEN ON THE DRIVE AS A POTENTIAL ITEM DOES ANYONE REQUIRE A HARD COPY OKAY THERE'S A REQUEST FOR TWO HARD COPIES ALL RIGHT THANK YOU.

SENATOR PARKINSON: RECESS UNTIL WE HAVE THE HARD COPIES MADAM SPEAKER.

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

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE ARE BILL NUMBER 132-37 COR HARD COPIES HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT TO THOSE WHO REQUESTED SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER BILL NUMBER 132-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AS INTRODUCED BY MYSELF WILLIAM A PARKINSON AN ACT TO ADD A NEW 3491 TO CHAPTER 34 TITLE 9 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATED TO MAKING DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY DURING PUBLIC EMERGENCIES A FELONY I READ THE TITLE OF THAT BILL AND IT'S WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT I HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS ON THE FLOOR I WOULD HOPE IN TIMES IN PUBLIC EMERGENCIES THAT PEOPLE WOULD JUST KNOW PEOPLE WILL JUST DO THE RIGHT THING BECAUSE WE'VE ALL BEEN THERE WE ALL KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO NEED A HELPING HAND AND TO REBUILD BECAUSE WE'RE ALL FROM THIS ISLAND WE ALL KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO PICK UP THE PIECES AND SO WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT WE HAD CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE BEING DAMAGED WATER TANKS THAT HAD DRINKABLE WATER WHEN PEOPLE HAD

NO WATER AVAILABLE THAT JUST THAT MADE ME MAD BUT MORE THAN MAKING ME MAD IT MADE ME REAL DISAPPOINTED AND SO I PUT THIS LEGISLATION FORTH AS A WAY TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY THAT DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCY IF YOU WILL NOT BE PART OF THE SOLUTION WE WILL NOT TOLERATE YOU BEING A PROBLEM MANY JURISDICTIONS HAVE ESCALATORS ON CERTAIN TYPES OF CRIME THAT IN THEIR JURISDICTION THEY DEEM TO BE PARTICULARLY REPREHENSIBLE I THINK DESTROYING PEOPLE'S WATER SUPPLY DURING A NATURAL DISASTER IS REPREHENSIBLE I THINK STRIPPING OUR SCHOOLS WHILE THEY'RE CLOSED AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAOS THAT'S REPREHENSIBLE MESSING WITH CRITICAL GEAR SO THAT WORKERS CANNOT DO THE JOB THAT THEY NEED TO DO THAT IS REPREHENSIBLE AND FOR THESE REASONS I THOUGH I HAVE IT IN MY HEART TO ERR ON THE SIDE OF FORGIVENESS IN THIS WE MUST TAKE A HARD STAND THAT WE WILL NOT ALLOW PEOPLE TO GET IN THE WAY OF OUR RECOVERY BECAUSE THESE RECOVERIES THEY TAKE LONG ENOUGH AS IT IS WE DON'T NEED TO BE SABOTAGING OUR OWN SELVES AND OUR OWN PEOPLE AND SO I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS WITH A HEAVY HEART NOT PROUD OF THIS LEGISLATION I WISH THERE WAS A DIFFERENT WAY BUT I DO BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY WITH THAT I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR AND IS THERE A MOTION I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADD THIS BILL TO THE THIRD READING FILE FOR VOTING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR QUINATA YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: BUENAS AND HÁFA ADAI COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION IT IS OBVIOUSLY UNFORTUNATE THAT WE HAVE TO LEGISLATE SUCH POLICY TO I GUESS PUT MORE TEETH INTO OUR RESPONSE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS OBVIOUSLY WE'VE SEEN THE DELAY AND WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE FURTHER DELAY WITH THE RESPONSE OF WHATEVER RESOURCES OUR PEOPLE NEED WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR EQUIPMENT AND WHATEVER OUR AGENCIES ARE FIXING AND WORKING TIRELESSLY TO DO THOSE EFFORTS AREN'T WASTED MORE OR LESS THE TIME IS NOT WASTED SO WHEN INDIVIDUALS UNFORTUNATELY HAVE NOTHING ELSE BETTER TO DO BUT TO WREAK HAVOC ON SOCIETY WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S TEETH TO BITE THEM BACK WHEN THEY'RE BITING OUR OUR RESOURCES SO THAT BEING SAID I RISE IN SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUE WILL PARKINSON AND I ASKED TO BE THE SECOND CO-SPONSOR ON THIS LEGISLATION IF POSSIBLE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA ON THE BILL ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN AGUSTINE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WELL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL YOU KNOW DURING DISASTER EVERYBODY IS HOPING THAT GPA SHOWS UP GUAM WATERWORKS SHOWS UP PUBLIC WORK SHOWS UP THE THREE MAIN MAJOR AGENCIES AND WE HAVE TO LET'S SAY TO STOP THE CRIME SHAME SHAME SHAME I WISH THAT WE CAN ADD MORE TEETH TO THIS OTHER THAN JUST FELONY BUT MAYBE WE CAN DO THIS LATER BUT I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL I JUST WISH WE HAD DONE THIS SEVERAL TERMS AGO BUT IT HAPPENED NOW AND IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU PUT SOME TEETH AND START PROTECTING OUR FOLKS OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AT GPA WATERWORKS AND DEPARTMENT PART WORKS BECAUSE THEY WORK HARD THEY WORK VERY HARD TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SO WE SHOULD RESPOND ACCORDINGLY THANK YOU AND SENATOR PARKINSON YOU CAN ADD ME ON THE LIST I APPRECIATE IT.

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

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I PROMISE I'LL MAKE IT SHORT MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN RISE AND SUPPORT OF BILL 132-37 COR AS AUTHORED BY THE GOOD SENATOR FROM MAITE I I DO WANT TO SAY THAT AS THE RETIRING SPEAKER SAID YOU KNOW IT'S A SHAME THAT THAT THAT WE HAVE TO SOMETIMES PUT INTO STATUTE PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE WHO DESTROY GOVERNMENT PROPERTY YOU KNOW WE HERE ON GUAM HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT WE'VE BEEN SUCH A RESILIENT COMMUNITY EVERY TIME THERE IS CATASTROPHE OR OR CRISIS THAT WE ARE SO RESILIENT AND THAT WE ALWAYS PULL THROUGH WE ALWAYS COME TOGETHER AND THEN THERE ARE THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE ANY ANY REGARD FOR THESE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND MADAM SPEAKER IF IF WE HAVE TO DO IT SO THAT IT'S STATED SO THAT IT IS NOTED TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE THAT IF YOU DESTROY ANY PROPERTY OWNED BY THESE ENTITIES WHO CONTINUE

TO TRY DURING DURING TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS TO BRING THE COMMUNITY BACK TO RESILIENCY I WANT TO SAY THEY DESERVE TO GET PUNISHED IF THEY VIOLATE IF THEY TAKE IF THEY DAMAGE IF THEY MUTILATE DESTROY MALICIOUSLY THEN THEY SHOULD BE PUNISHED IF THEY'RE CAUGHT YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER WE NEVER USED TO HAVE TO DO THIS BEFORE AS I SAID EARLIER WE NEVER WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO LEGISLATE COMMON SENSE BUT IF WE DON'T PUT IT IN STATUTE THEN THEY'LL JUST KEEP DOING IT OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN SOME OF THEM MIGHT THINK IT'S JUST A JOKE SO IN THAT EFFORT MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE GOOD SENATOR FROM *MAITE* FOR AT LEAST STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE REALIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE AGENCIES AND THE EQUIPMENT THAT THEY UTILIZE TO TRY TO GET THE COMMUNITY BACK INTO SHAPE OR IN IN INTO SOME KIND OF SUPPORT FOR THEM TO TO COME BACK TO DO THEIR DAILY LIVES AND AND TO OPERATE SO THAT OUR COMMUNITY CAN BE CAN BE AT AT REST OR AT PEACE THOSE WHO DAMAGE SHOULD GET PUNISHED AND YOU KNOW YESTERDAY THERE WAS ANOTHER LEGISLATION I SAID YOU KNOW SOMETIMES YOU JUST HAVE TO STICK IT TO THEM AND THESE ARE ONE OF THOSE OTHER LEGISLATION THAT SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE MANDATED BUT WE'RE DOING IT BECAUSE WE HAVE TO MAKE A STATEMENT AND SHOW THAT THE ENFORCEMENT AND THE TEETH IS THERE FOR THOSE WHO LITERALLY WHO LITERALLY MALICIOUSLY DESTROY OUR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY THAT IT'S USED TO TAKE CARE OF OUR COMMUNITY *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM WOULD THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL YIELD TO A QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR FISHER: HOW DOES THIS BILL IN ANY WAY ENHANCE STANDING LAW CRIMES AGAINST THE COMMUNITY WHICH IS FOUND AT NINE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED 43.31 THIS ACTUALLY SEEMS TO LIMIT THE PUNISHMENT THAT ONE WOULD MERIT IF THEY DESTROY PUBLIC PROPERTY AND VIOLATE THIS LAW I JUST IT'S AND I WOULD JUST ALSO ADDEND THAT YOU KNOW THE PROPONENT YESTERDAY TOLD US HOW HE WAS HELPING TO CLEAN UP THE BOOKS THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED BY REMOVING SUPERFLUOUS AND UNNECESSARY STATUTES ISN'T HE IN FACT CLUTTERING THE BOOKS BY OFFERING THIS UNNECESSARY LAW SINCE THE PUNISHMENT AND THE PROHIBITIONS ARE ALREADY CONTAINED WITHIN GUAM LAW THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YES MADAM SPEAKER SOME OF THE PROVISIONS THAT ARE IN HERE WERE ACTUALLY CAME AT THE REQUEST THAT THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

SENATOR FISHER: SO.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THEY HAD FOUND THAT THE EXISTING LAW WAS DEFICIENT IN HELPING THEM IN THEIR MISSION TO PROSECUTE THESE CRIMES AND WE HAD ADOPTED SOME OF THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING THE 90 DAYS AFTER THE EMERGENCIES BECAUSE THEY FOUND THAT SOMETIMES IT WASN'T EXACTLY DURING THE EMERGENCIES THEMSELVES BUT AFTER THE EVENT THAT SOME OF THESE CRIMES WERE HAPPENING AND IT WAS THIS WAS A WAY TO HELP THEM WITH ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MA'AM THAT DID NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION HOW DOES THIS BILL ENHANCE THOSE PUNISHMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS FOUND IN NINE GCA 43.31 WILL THE AUTHOR YIELD YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE YOU ASKING HIM TO YIELD IS THAT THE SAME QUESTION.

SENATOR FISHER: IT'S NOT THE WELL IT'S IT IS THE SAME QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR OR THE AUTHOR.

SENATOR PARKINSON: NO I'M GOOD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT IS THE SAME QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AUTHOR WOULD YIELD.

SENATOR FISHER: I'M JUST LOOKING FOR THE ANSWER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR FISHER: DID HE YIELD MA'AM I.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NO NO.

SENATOR FISHER: HE WON'T YIELD TO DEFEND HIS OWN BILL.

SENATOR PARKINSON: NO I WON'T YIELD.

SENATOR PARKINSON: WOW OKAY I MEAN TYPICALLY WHEN ONE PROPOSES A BILL MADAM SPEAKER ONE IS WILLING TO DEFEND IT BUT OKAY THIS IS JUST UNNECESSARY THANK YOU VERY MUCH MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER ANYONE ELSE ON THE BILL SENATOR BLAS ON THE BILL YOU ARE RECOGNIZED THEN SENATOR LUJAN.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE I UNDERSTAND THE INTENT FIRST I I WAS YOU KNOW I MUST OBJECT TO THE PROCESS OF HOW THIS WAS WAS BEING PUT ABOUT WITH REGARD TO YOU KNOW THE TRANSPARENCY AND THE OPENNESS THAT THIS BODY SHOULD HAVE IN THE LEGISLATION THEY'RE ABOUT TO DELIBERATE ON THAT SAID IS I IN THIS DELIBERATE PROCESS AND IN LOOKING AT THIS BILL LET ME GO STRAIGHT OUT TO THE BILL I APPRECIATE THE INTENT BUT I THINK THIS BILL PRESENTS A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT AMBIGUITIES THAT YOU KNOW EVEN AS SOMEBODY WHO WOULD BACK IN MY LAW ENFORCEMENT DAYS AND I WAS ASKED TO ENFORCE THIS I WOULD HAVE TO ASK A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT QUESTIONS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY PROBABLE CAUSE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE IT AN EFFECTUATE AN ARREST FIRST OFF I'M GOING TO MAKE REFERENCE TO PAGE ONE LINE EIGHT A PERSON COMMITS A FELONY WHAT KIND OF FELONY FIRST SECOND THIRD DEGREE FELONY WHAT KIND OF FELONY IS THIS GOING TO BE BASED ON THE DISCRETION OF WHO OKAY SECONDLY IT TALKS ABOUT GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OR PUBLIC PROPERTY THEN IT SAYS PROPERTY OWNED BY GPA GUAM POWER AUTHORITY GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ANY OR ANY PROPERTY EQUIPMENT USED BY FIRST RESPONDERS WHICH FIRST RESPONDERS HE'S TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE ACCORDING TO THE STATUTE ACCORDING TO WHAT WE HAVE IN AS FAR AS FIRST RESPONDERS FIRST RESPONDERS GOES BEYOND GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT SO IF WE HAD A FIRST RESPONDER A WITHIN THAT EMERGENCY FROM OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY DOES THAT FIRST RESPONDERS NOW EQUIPMENT NOW COME THE RESPONSIBILITY IN THE ROLE THE POSSESSION OF PUBLIC GOVERNMENT PROPERTY NEXT ONE IS PUBLIC EMERGENCIES WHAT'S A PUBLIC EMERGENCY OKAY BECAUSE YOU CAN BROADLY DEFINE PUBLIC EMERGENCY AND THEN IF YOU BROADLY DEFINE THAT PUBLIC EMERGENCY YOU CAN JUST PUT BOB JUST ABOUT PUTTING THIS FOR EVERY OTHER LAW I MEAN EVERY OTHER STATUE THAT WE HAVE IN THE BOOK AND THE LAST ONE THE LEGISLATURE MAY END THE 90-DAY REQUIREMENT BY BY RESOLUTION BEFORE THE END OF 90 DAYS WHY DO WE WANT TO DO THAT YOU KNOW AND THEN WE DECIDE TO DO THAT WHAT KIND OF LEGAL PROBLEMS ARE WE GOING TO RUN INTO FIRST WE SAY ENFORCE THE LAW THEN WE SAY BY RESOLUTION DON'T ENFORCE THE LAW I UNDERSTAND THE INTENT OF THIS LEGISLATION I APPRECIATE IT BUT THIS BILL APPEARS TO ME TO BE AN OPEN AND BROAD DISCUSSION AS TO WHAT IT SHOULD BE BECAUSE THEN WHAT ARE WE GOING TO SAY YES TO ARE WE GOING TO CLASSIFY THIS AS THE SAME FELONY AS MOST OTHER HEINOUS CRIMES ARE WE GOING TO DEEM PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT OWNED BY PRIVATE ENTITIES WHO ARE WHO'VE GOT THE RESPONSIBILITY WHO WHO CAN RESPOND AS FIRST RESPONDERS AS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY ARE WE GOING TO BROADLY DEFINE AND AND PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC EMERGENCY CAN DEFINE IN MANY OTHER WAYS AND THEN ARE WE GOING TO INSERT OURSELVES TO SAY AFTER 23 DAYS AFTER THE EMERGENCY LAWS IS NO LONGER NEEDED AND THEN SOMETHING HAPPENS IN THE 24TH AND THE 25TH DAY REALLY AND YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I COULD HAVE TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY OF BEING ABLE TO POSE THIS QUESTION TO YOU TO THE AUTHOR BUT I DECIDED NOT TO BECAUSE IF YOU CAN'T YIELD TO THE QUESTION THAT WAS FROM THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER ON SOME VERY BASIC QUESTIONS WHY AM I GOING TO GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRY TO DO THIS FIX IT FIX IT I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU DO WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO I UNDERSTAND WHAT IS BEING WHAT WHAT THE AUTHOR WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO DO HERE I AGREE WITH IT BUT IN THE FORM IN THE IN THE LEGISLATIVE FORM THAT IT'S IN TO BE CODIFIED IN STATUTE TOO MUCH AMBIGUITY MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE THIS BACK TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO SAID THAT WANT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME TEETH IN IN STATUTE TO BE ABLE TO GO AFTER THIS AND ASK HIM FOR THE LANGUAGE THAT'S NECESSARY TO BE ABLE TO

TAKE AWAY THIS AMBIGUITY I APPLAUD HIM THE AUTHOR FOR WANTING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT FOR RAISING ISSUE FOR FOR BRINGING IT UP FOR A DISCUSSION I THINK BY THAT IN THIS DISCUSSION WE FIND THAT IN THIS FINALITY THAT IT'S IN RIGHT NOW IT WON'T WORK AND IT'S GOING TO CAUSE MORE PROBLEMS JUST TO BE ABLE TO DEFINE THIS YOU KNOW WHAT I'M ASKING YOU COULD TAKE OFF YOUR HAT AND AS AN OFFICER OF THE COURT AS WELL AS OTHER ANOTHER ONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES HERE LOOK AT THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION I DON'T HAVE A LAW DEGREE I'D LOVE TO BE ABLE TO DEFEND SOMEBODY WHO'S GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE ARRESTED FOR THIS BUT THEN I DON'T WANT TO BE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO'S GOING TO BE TASKED HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT AND RELY ON THIS LAW AND LOOK AT IT AND SAYS WHAT IS GOING TO BE THE BASIS FOR ME TO EFFECTUATE THE ARREST AND WILL IT STAND IN COURT I JUST LOOKED AT THIS AND I'M LIKE NICE INTENT YOU'RE MISSING A LOT OF STUFF SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I'M GOING TO MAKE A MOTION TO MOVE THIS BACK TO COMMITTEE SO THAT THE LANGUAGE CAN BE DONE WE CAN FIX THIS LANGUAGE THE LANGUAGE CAN BE FIXED IN THIS SO THEY CAN ACTUALLY PROVIDE THE TEETH MOUTHS WIDE OPEN BUT IT'S GOT NO TEETH I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO MOVE THE BILL BACK TO COMMITTEE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO PLACE MOVE THE BILL BACK TO COMMITTEE AND THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND THREE I'M SIX MOTION FAILS SENATOR LUJAN ON THE BILL YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW ASK THE RETIRING SPEAKER HAD SAID ALREADY IN REGARDS TO WHAT IS ALREADY BEEN CODIFIED IN LAW AND I'M JUST WONDERING AND AGAIN NO NOBODY WILL DISPUTE THE FACT THAT WE ALL DEFINITELY WANT TO SEE MORE PENALTIES AND AND MORE AGAIN MORE MORE TIME DONE FOR FOLKS WHO COMMIT CRIMES MOST ESPECIALLY DURING DURING EMERGENCIES BUT I'M I'M JUST WONDERING IF THIS BILL WOULD MAKE IT EASIER BECAUSE AS NINE GCA 43.31 STATES ALL THE ALL THESE ALREADY BUT I'M JUST WONDERING IF YOU POINT OUT IF YOU JUST SINGLE OUT GUAM POWER AUTHORITY GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THEN YOUR PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT USED BY FIRST RESPONDERS IF WE JUST SINGLE THEM OUT THERE ARE OTHER GOVGUAM ENTITIES THAT MAY HAVE PROPERTIES THAT GET DESTROYED AND IF WE IF WE DON'T ALSO INCLUDE THEM AND LIKewise WE KNOW THAT THIS THIS PAST STORM THERE WAS MORE THEFT AND MUTILATION AND AND STUFF'S BEING DONE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR THAT MAY BE IN THE IN THE IN THE THE GOVERNMENT SIDE SO I'M JUST WONDERING IF THIS IF THIS LAW PASSES IF THIS BILL PASSES AT THE LAW WOULD IT MAKE IT EASIER NOW WOULD IT NULLIFY NINE GCA 43.1 AND THEREFORE ALL DESTRUCTIONS THEN DURING THE EMERGENCIES AND ALL THAT WILL BE WILL BE NULLIFIED OTHER THAN IF DESTRUCTION COMES TO THESE THREE GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES AND OUR EQUIPMENT OWNED BY THESE PROPERTIES AND THAT'S THAT'S MY QUESTION I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT AND MAYBE I DON'T KNOW THE THE THE AUTHOR MAY YIELD TO TO TO THAT AND I'M JUST AGAIN MY CONCERN IS THAT IF THIS WILL NULLIFY NINE GCA MAKE IT EASIER BECAUSE I THINK ALL WE WHAT WE WANT IS TO MAKE IT EVEN HARDER AND MORE PUNISHABLE AND MAYBE MORE TIME DONE IF YOU'RE FOUND GUILTY OF THAT BUT IF THIS NULLIFIES WHAT IS ALREADY IN LAW THEN WE'RE MAKING IT EASIER AND AND THINGS TO BE OTHER DESTRUCTIONS OR THEFT THAT WOULD HAPPEN IN OTHER GOV GUAM AGENCIES OR EVEN THE PRIVATE SECTOR PRIVATE HOMES AND BUSINESSES AND ALL THAT THAT THIS WILL SUPERSEDE THAT I I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT AND CAN SOMEBODY ANSWER YEAH I MEAN I'M YIELDING TO ANYBODY WHO MAY HAVE THE ANSWER TO THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHO ARE YOU ASKING TO YIELD SENATOR.

SENATOR LUJAN: I MAYBE THE AUTHOR MAYBE YEAH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION NO.

SENATOR LUJAN: SENATOR LUJAN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY I MEAN AGAIN I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IN THIS BODY WILL WILL DISAGREE THAT WE WANT MORE PENALTIES FOR DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OF PRIVATE ENTITY PROPERTIES ANY PROPERTIES WAS ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO VULNERABLE VERY VULNERABLE TIMES BUT BECAUSE IT'S ALREADY BEEN STATED IN NINE GCA 43.31 IF THIS BILL PASSES INTO LAW THIS THIS DOES THIS WEAKEN NINE GCA AND THIS WILL WILL THIS SUPERSEDE NINE GCA AND THEREFORE BE ONLY BE APPLICABLE TO THE THREE ENTITIES THAT ARE STATED IN THIS I I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT AND IF THIS NULLIFIES NINE GCA THEN WE'LL MAKE ALL THE OTHER DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTIES DURING EMERGENCIES AND ALL THAT WHAT'S

ALREADY IN STATUTE WILL WEAKEN IT AND AND SO I I WE DON'T I I THINK NONE OF US WANT TO WEAKEN THAT WE WANT TO STRENGTHEN THE LAW BUT DOES THIS WEAKEN IT DOES THIS WEAKEN NINE GCA 43.31.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE YOU ASKING THE SENATOR TO YIELD.

SENATOR LUJAN: YES YEAH YEAH SURE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE AUTHOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YES I'LL YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR PARKINSON.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THE ANSWER IS NO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR LUJAN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR LUJAN: OH OKAY IT DOESN'T OKAY I MEAN THAT THAT ANSWERS MY QUESTION THEN BUT IT'S STILL AGAIN WE SAYS THAT THESE THESE THESE THREE ENTITIES PROP THEIR PROPERTIES AND ANY EQUIPMENT UM WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT THE OTHER GOVGUAM ENTITIES WHO ARE NOT LISTED ON HERE AND THEIR PROPERTIES MAY BE BE DAMAGED OR PILFERED YEAH AND I'M JUST WONDERING I MEAN MAYBE IF IF THE BODY CAN TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAYBE EVEN THE AUTHOR TO READ NINE GCA 43.31 AND HAVE US UNDERSTAND IT COMPLETELY BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO ASK TO VOTE ON IT AND I KNOW HE SAID IT DOESN'T WEAKEN IT BUT MAYBE WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND NINE GCA 43.31 BEFORE WE MOVE ON THAT'S MY REQUEST.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE YOU ASKING FOR SOMEONE TO YIELD OR DO YOU WANT TO READ IT YOURSELF WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO.

SENATOR LUJAN: WELL NO NO I MEAN I'M ASKING FOR ALL OF US TO READ IT WE'RE WE'RE GOING TO BE ASKED TO VOTE ON THIS AND I KNOW THE AUTHOR I KNOW THE AUTHOR SAID IT DOESN'T WEAKEN IT BUT MAYBE WE SHOULD WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND IT ALL OF US SHOULD READ IT AND UNDERSTAND IT AND AND COME TO A CONSENSUS WHETHER OR NOT IT DOES AND WHAT DOES THIS DO TO WHAT DOES THIS DO TO TO NINE GCA BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO BE VOTING ON THIS AND IF IF SOMEHOW THIS WEAKENS NINE GCA 43.31 THEN WE WE'VE JUST DONE THE OPPOSITE AND WHAT THIS BODY WANTS TO DO OR INTENDS TO DO YOU JUST WANT TO WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE GOING TO ASK THE VOTE ON SOMETHING THAT I DON'T THINK ANY OF US HAS A GOOD GRIP ON ON THIS AND LIKE I SAID A LOT OF THE DESTRUCTION A LOT OF THE THEFT THAT WE THAT THAT WE'VE HAD IN DESTRUCTION HAS WAS DONE TO THE PRIVATE ENTITIES PRIVATE HOMES WE READ OF ALL THESE GENERATORS BEING STOLEN BUSH CUTTERS AND THOSE ARE A PART OF OF OF OF BUSH CUTTERS AND AND CHAINSAWS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE SO WHAT DOES THIS DO AND SO I'M I'M I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M GONNA VOTE ON THIS AT THIS POINT AND AND I'M GOING TO READ IT AGAIN AND UNDERSTAND IT AND AND MY VERSION OF THAT UNDERSTANDING WILL BE THE WAY I VOTE AND SO I THINK THE BODY NEEDS A A A A HOLISTIC UNDERSTANDING ON NINE GCA VERSUS WHAT THIS CAN DO TO THAT ANYWAY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR BROWN: YOU KNOW IT'S UNFORTUNATE MADAM SPEAKER AND I HAVE TO SAY ALSO I'M GOING TO STATE MY OBJECTION AGAIN IN MY COMMENTS BECAUSE I HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS IS UNFORTUNATE HOW WE'RE TRYING TO SLAM DUNK LEGISLATION WITHOUT MEETING TIMELINE REQUIREMENTS AND WHETHER OR NOT OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS BODY THINK THAT THAT HAS BEEN MET TO THEIR SATISFACTION THE FACT THAT OTHERS HERE BELIEVE THAT IS NOT THE CASE I THINK THOSE CONCERNS SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED AND I THINK THE INABILITY TO ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS OR OBJECT TO ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT OUR COLLEAGUES HAVE ON THIS SIDE OF THE AISLE WITH REGARDS TO BILL AGAIN I I DON'T THINK THAT DOES ANYTHING TO FACILITATE GOODWILL IN WANTING TO SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION EVEN THOUGH I THINK THE BASIS OF IT IS IS A HAS A GOOD INTENT IN WHAT WE WANT TO DO I MEAN I THINK WE'VE ALL SEEN THE CHALLENGES OUR PEOPLE HAVE GONE THROUGH WE'VE GONE THROUGH THEM OURSELVES WITH THIS PAST TYPHOON AND MANY OTHERS THAT HAVE COME BEFORE THIS AND YOU KNOW IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THIS IS THE WAY THE DIALOGUE IS GOING COLLEAGUES BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR POWER YOU MISUSED IT AND ABUSE

IT IT GETS TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU AND THIS IS THE VERY KIND OF STUFF AND I'VE BEEN AROUND LONG ENOUGH TO SEE THIS HAPPEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN WE HAVE BEEN GENEROUS IN OUR LEADERSHIP BUT WE'RE NOT WE'RE NOT IT NEVER RECIPROCATES YOU KNOW NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED AND WHEN WE SEE THIS KIND OF STUFF WHEN I SEE IT I'VE BEEN AROUND THE ONLY ONE WHO SERVED A TERM MORE THAN ME IS MY GOOD COLLEAGUE TO MY LEFT WHO'S JUST MY NEIGHBOR UP THE ROAD IN PAGO BAY BUT WHEN WE SEE THIS KIND OF NONSENSE IT'S KIND OF CHILDISHNESS ON THE FLOOR IT REALLY DOESN'T SPEAK WELL AND IT REALLY MAKES ME REALLY WONDER IF EVERYONE WANT TO VOTE FOR THIS BILL BECAUSE OF HOW IT'S BEEN HANDLED AND HAS BEEN HANDLED ON THE FLOOR THIS AFTERNOON SO THOSE ARE THE ONLY COMMENTS I HAVE TO MAKE YOU CAN TAKE THEM LEAVE THEM DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO WITH THEM BUT I THINK THE PUBLIC UNFORTUNATELY HAS TO SEE THESE TYPE OF DISPLAYS BUT THEY ALSO SHOULD BE AWARE OF HOW LEGISLATION IS BEING PASSED BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE VOTES TO DO IT IS THIS THE RIGHT WAY TO DO IT AND IS CREATING CONTINUED DISSENSION AMONG YOUR FELLOW COLLEAGUES ESPECIALLY ON THIS SIDE OF THE AISLE THE WAY TO PROCEED CONSISTENTLY BECAUSE WE THINK OH WE GOT IT YOU WON'T ALWAYS HAVE IT ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU RELY ON OUR SUPPORT TO GET YOUR BILLS PASSED TO PUT YOU IN POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP YOU JUST NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF THAT BECAUSE WHEN YOU ABUSE IT YOU KNOW DON'T COME KNOCKING ON OUR DOOR AND EXPECTING THAT LEVEL OF SUPPORT WHEN THIS IS HOW WE ALSO WHO ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE BEING TREATED WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER NO FURTHER COMMENT ON THIS BILL.

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

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO MY COLLEAGUES YOU KNOW IT'S VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT THE INTENT OF THIS LEGISLATION IS A GOOD GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND PROTECT THE COMMUNITY AS MUCH AS WE CAN IN A PRIOR BILL THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT DID JUST THAT HOWEVER WHEN WE HAVE A BILL THAT'S IN FRONT OF US AND WHEN AN AUTHOR OF THE BILL DOESN'T EVEN DO THE HOMEWORK OR EVEN FINDS YOU KNOW ANSWERS QUESTIONS ON A BILL IT MAKES ME IT MAKES ME THINK IS IT IS THIS A POLITICAL BILL WHERE I DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING SHOW UP AT PUBLIC HEARINGS I DON'T HAVE TO STUDY I DON'T HAVE TO PUT THE THE WORK IN AND I'LL JUST RELY ON MY COLLEAGUES ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE TO VOTE FOR IT ANYWAYS BECAUSE IT DOESN'T MATTER BECAUSE I ALREADY GOT THE VOTES I MEAN THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE AND IF YOU DON'T THINK PEOPLE ARE WATCHING US YOU'RE MISTAKEN WE'RE ON TOP OF OF THE GUIDING LIGHT YOU KNOW RIGHT NOW WHEN IT COMES TO SOAP OPERAS THIS BODY PEOPLE ARE WATCHING AND WHEN SOMEBODY DOES NOT WANT TO DEFEND A BILL OR GIVE THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WE HAVE AS A BODY TO COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND IT THEN IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE SOMEBODY MADE A DEAL ON THE OTHER SIDE TO GET EIGHT VOTES I READ THE COMMITTEE REPORT I WAS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING I STUDIED IT AND I ALSO REMEMBER A LETTER COMING IN FROM HOMELAND SECURITY THE QUESTION WAS WAS THERE ANY DAMAGE OR PROPERTY STOLEN AT THESE AGENCIES AND THEY SAID NONE BUT YOU KNOW IT'S NOT IN THE I DIDN'T SEE IT IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT I THINK IT CAME AFTER SOMEBODY EMAILED ME THAT WASN'T IN HERE BUT IF YOU READ THE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE BOND THERE ARE SO MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS BILL THAT DOES NOT HELP THE INTENT OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THIS BODY PAST BILLS THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO COME BACK A MONTH OR TWO MONTHS LATER OR A YEAR FROM NOW TO CORRECT BECAUSE WE DIDN'T DO IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME EVERY BILL THAT'S INTRODUCED BY A SENATOR HERE NEEDS TO TAKE THE TIME TO STUDY TO UNDERSTAND IT TO BE THE PROFESSIONAL TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THIS BILL WOULD DO HOW WILL IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY AND MOST ESPECIALLY ANSWER THE QUESTIONS OF YOUR COLLEAGUES IT IS SO FRUSTRATING IT'S SO FRUSTRATING BEING IN HERE GOING TO ALL THE PUBLIC HEARINGS BEING AT SESSION STUDYING ALL THESE BILLS AND NOT HAVING THE SAME BODY OR SAME SENATORS DO THE SAME AND THINK THAT THEY CAN JUST MAKE DEALS ON THIS SIDE AND GET THIS BILL PASSED SO MY NAME WILL BE IN THE NEWSPAPER SO PEOPLE THINK I'M REALLY WORKING WELL WHEN YOU SAID NO TO A QUESTION THAT'S NOT WORKING THERE IS A FLAW IN THIS LEGISLATION AND FOR THE AUTHOR TO SAY OH IT WAS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT CAME TO ME AND ASKED I DON'T SEE A LETTER IN HERE SAYING THAT AT ALL YOUR VOTE IS PRECIOUS IN THIS BODY AND WHEN YOU VOTE ON SOMETHING YOU'RE VOTING ON SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP THE COMMUNITY THAT WILL DO GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT MAKES SENSE FOR THE COMMUNITY BUT MOST ESPECIALLY SO THAT YOU CAN SLEEP AT NIGHT YOU KNOW THE DUE DILIGENCE WAS DONE ON THIS PARTICULAR BILL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND NOT HINDER THE LAWS

HOW MANY LAWS OUT THERE THAT WE'VE PASSED THAT WE THERE'S QUESTIONS OF WE GO TO COURT AND EVEN JUDGES HAVE ISSUES WITH CERTAIN LAWS BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT WRITTEN CORRECTLY WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER CRACK IN OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM FOR ATTORNEYS TO GO IN THERE AND AND DEBATE IT NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW WHAT DID THE LEGISLATURE INTEND FOR THIS HOW DO WE FOLLOW THE LAW WHEN IT'S WRITTEN SO POORLY MADAM SPEAKER THIS WE WE CANNOT VOTE ON A BILL LIKE THIS IN GOOD CONSCIENCE CAN YOU SLEEP TONIGHT IF YOU VOTE YES ON THIS BILL OR DID YOU ALREADY MAKE A DEAL SHAME ON US IF ANY OF US DID THAT SHAME ON US THE PEOPLE OF GUAM DESERVE MORE THEY DESERVE BETTER THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE BILL YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW I I'VE BEEN APPRECIATING SOME OF THE COMMENTS FROM OUR COLLEAGUES AND THE REASON WHY AS I REVIEW THE BILL 132 37 IS AN ABSENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT IT'S HARD TO ASCERTAIN THE HISTORY OR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE BILL WAS BROUGHT FORWARD MAYBE ABSENT SOME ANECDOTAL INFORMATION OR SOME INFORMATION THAT'S MAYBE PROVIDED IN THE MEDIA OR OR THE LIKE I MEAN IT'S NOT TO SAY CERTAINLY THAT THERE HASN'T BEEN FROM TIME TO TIME NOT JUST THIS MOST RECENT EMERGENCY WITH THE TYPHOON MAWAR BUT EVEN OTHERS PRIOR TO IT MADAM SPEAKER BUT REALLY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT EXPLAIN WHAT WAS PUT FORWARD TO KIND OF LEAD UP TO THIS AND IN SOME MORE DETAIL SO IT WOULD BE A LITTLE BIT MORE CLEAR SO MADAM SPEAKER THIS TIME I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT SINCE LIKE MY RETIRING SPEAKER MENTIONED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS KIND OF INVOKED IN HAVING LED THE EFFORT WITH REGARD TO THIS SO I WOULD ASK THE AUTHOR TO YIELD TO A QUESTION MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I'M MAKING A REQUEST FOR THE AUTHOR TO YIELD TO A QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DID YOU STATE THE QUESTION.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YES SINCE YOU HAVE MENTIONED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS BEEN THE IMPETUS TO THIS BILL BEING INTRODUCED AND THAT NOT BEING CONTAINED AT LEAST IN ANY SORT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND NO LEGISLATIVE INTENT ON THIS BILL DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN WRITING EMAIL PHONE TEXT MESSAGE RECORD OR ANYTHING TO STATE CLEARLY THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKED FOR THIS AND HAS APPROVED OF THE LANGUAGE THAT HAS BEEN PLACED IN THIS BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YEAH SURE IF YOU LOOK AT THE ORIGINAL BILL IT WAS VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE HAVE NOW AND AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING WHERE THE ATTORNEYS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TESTIFIED WE INCORPORATED THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AND AMENDED THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: SO YEAH I MEAN I'LL TAKE THAT ON THE WORD PUT FORWARD AND I'LL REVIEW THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR ME BEFORE I MAKE A DECISION BUT YOU KNOW IT'S KIND OF INTERESTING EARLIER THERE WAS A DISCUSSION HOW SOME BILLS ARE DRAFTED AND THEY'RE KIND OF LAZY IN THEIR IN THEIR IN THEIR DRAFT AND AND I THINK I HAVE TO ITERATE VERY STRONGLY THAT YOU KNOW NOT HAVING PLACED THAT AS IN A SUBSTITUTE BILL TO THE COMMITTEE FOR THE LEGISLATURE YOU KNOW I I HAVE TO SAY THAT THAT'S IN MY OPINION VERY LAZY STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION BECAUSE THAT LAYS OUT THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH AND AFTER WHICH THIS IS BEING PRESENTED AS A MATTER OF FACT MADAM CHAIR I WILL REVIEW AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE INCORPORATIONS ARE SUCH THAT WERE ADOPTED SIMPLY BECAUSE I WOULD THINK THAT THEN YOU WOULD SEND THAT BACK TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HAVE THEM REVIEW WHAT THAT WAS AND THE ATTORNEYS TO SEE IF THAT WAS ACTUALLY THE LANGUAGE AND AND DEMONSTRATE THAT THROUGHOUT THE COMMITTEE REPORT WITH AMENDED INFORMATION BUT I HAVE TO SAY YOU KNOW SOMETIMES WE MAKE YOU KNOW OBSERVATIONS ON THE FLOOR HERE ON HOW STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION GOES FORWARD AND SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO LOOK AT OURSELVES BECAUSE UM THIS WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE INTENT I THINK THIS IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE LAZIEST PIECES OF LEGISLATION THAT I'VE EVER SEEN ASSEMBLED THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COLLEAGUES WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT WE RECESS UNTIL 2 P.M. TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO RECESS TILL 2 TOMORROW SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION *HÅFA ADAI* COLLEAGUES WE ARE BACK ON SECOND READING WE LEFT OFF ON BILL NUMBER 132-37 COR I WILL ASK AGAIN IF THERE'S ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON BILL 132-37COR IF THERE'S NO ONE THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL WELL I'M SO SORRY SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YEAH I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE AUTHOR SO THE QUESTION IS THAT IT'S BEEN IS THERE IDENTICAL LEGISLATION OR IS THERE IDENTICAL CRIME THAT FITS WHAT THIS BILL IS ADDRESSING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: SURE BUT CAN YOU CAN YOU I'M SORRY I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION MA'AM.

SENATOR PEREZ: SO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR WOULD YOU PLEASE REPEAT THE QUESTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: SURE JUST I GUESS FOR CLARITY'S SAKE SO THERE IS SOMETHING CALLED CRIMES AGAINST THE COMMUNITY AND SO DOES THIS BILL IS IT DUPLICATING THAT PARTICULAR CRIME.

SENATOR PARKINSON: I DON'T BELIEVE IT DOES.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY ALL RIGHT THANK YOU FOR THAT RESPONSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FIRST OFF I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MOTION TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN TINA MUÑA BARNES CHRIS BARNETT ROY A. B. QUINATA AND MYSELF WILLIAM PARKINSON TO AMEND SECTION ONE OF THE BILL TO READ 3491 DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY DURING PUBLIC EMERGENCIES PENALTY A PERSON COMMITS A THIRD DEGREE FELONY IF HE WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE OWNER OR THE OWNER'S AGENT OR THE PERSON IN LAWFUL POSSESSION INTENTIONALLY TEARS DOWN DAMAGES MUTILATES OR DESTROYS ANY PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM DURING TIMES OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY AND UP TO 90 DAYS AFTER A PUBLIC EMERGENCY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT COLLEAGUES THERE ARE SEVERAL AMENDMENTS IN THAT AMENDMENT THEY ARE ADDING THE WORDS THIRD DEGREE TO FELONY ADDING THE WORD INTO REPLACING THE WORD MALICIOUSLY WITH INTENTIONALLY ADDING OR EQUIPMENT AND COMBINING B INTO A THE 90 DAYS WILL NOW BE PART OF A I TAKE THAT BACK 90 DAYS IS ALREADY PART OF A IT'S HARD TO SEE THE DOUBLE UNDERLINES HERE SO THERE'S ONLY THREE THINGS BEING DONE HERE FOUR THINGS ADDING THE WORDS THIRD DEGREE REPLACING THE WORD MALICIOUSLY WITH THE WORD INTENTIONALLY ADDING THE WORDS OR EQUIPMENT AND ADDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM INSTEAD OF GUAM POWER AUTHORITY GUAM WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ALL RIGHT ON THAT AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION OR WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT SEEING NO OBJECTION AMENDMENT PASSES SENATOR PARKINSON.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I UNDERSTAND THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ISSUE WITH HOW THIS BILL WAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA BUT THE FACTS ARE SIMPLE BILL 132 WAS BORN OF REAL INCIDENTS REAL CONCERNS AND REAL HARM THAT WAS DONE TO OUR COMMUNITY AS WE REFLECT ON THE RECENT PUBLIC EMERGENCY THAT HAS UNDOUBTEDLY TESTED OUR RESILIENCE AND OUR UNITY IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ADDRESS A CONCERNING ISSUE THAT IS ARISEN IN ITS AFTERMATH VANDALISM THEFT AND DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY THESE ACTS WERE WILLFUL AND MALICIOUS AND THREATENED THE SENSE OF SECURITY AND RECOVERY WE HAVE AS AN ISLAND IN THE WAKE OF A PUBLIC EMERGENCY WHEN WE SHOULD BE BANDING TOGETHER TO REBUILD AND RECOVER IT IS DEEPLY DISHEARTENING TO WITNESS SOME INDIVIDUALS CHOOSE TO ENGAGE WITH ACTS OF DESTRUCTION DESIGNATION AS A FELONY SENDS A POWERFUL MESSAGE TO POTENTIAL WRONGDOERS IT DEMONSTRATES THAT WE TAKE THIS ISSUE SERIOUSLY AND ARE COMMITTED TO PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF OUR ISLAND BY ELEVATING THE PENALTIES FOR SUCH OFFENSES WE DETER THOSE WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE CONSIDER COMMITTING ACTS THUS REDUCING THESE INCIDENTS AND THEIR NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY BEYOND THE PUNITIVE ASPECTS WE MUST ALSO FOCUS ON FOSTERING A CULTURE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT FOR OUR SURROUNDINGS BY CRIMINALIZING POST-EMERGENCY VANDALISM WE HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING OUR CRITICAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN A TIME OF GREAT NEED SOME HAVE ARGUED THAT THIS BILL NEEDS A FINDINGS AND INTENT TO MAKE CLEAR PURPOSE OF THIS LEGISLATION THERE CANNOT BE A MORE CLEAR INTENT THAN WE WISH TO PUNISH THOSE WHO HINDER OUR RECOVERY FROM AN EMERGENCY THROUGH ACTS OF WILLFUL DESTRUCTION AND THEFT WHILE SOME MAY CHOOSE TO WILLFULLY BE BLIND TO THE CLEAR INTENT OF THIS BILL I WILL REMAIN RESOLVED TO BE THE TOUGHEST SENATOR ON CRIME OTHERS HAVE SAID THIS BILL WOULD NULLIFY EXISTING LAWS ON CRIMES AGAINST THE COMMUNITY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SUPPORTED THIS LEGISLATION AND I DOUBT THAT THE TOUGHEST AG ON CRIME WOULD SUPPORT A LAW WHICH WOULD NULLIFY THE CRIMES AGAINST THE COMMUNITY SECTION OF THE GUAM CODE THIS BILL ADDS A SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT AS IN AND IS ANOTHER TOOL FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SEEK JUSTICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY THIS WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO A CRIME AGAINST THE COMMUNITY AND NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR IT FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE DEFICIENT IN ARITHMETIC ONE PLUS ONE IS TWO AND NOT ZERO OTHERS HAVE SAID THAT THE DESIGNATION AS A FELONY IS NOT SPECIFIC ENOUGH THE GUAM CODE IS CLEAR ANY CRIME DECLARED TO BE A FELONY WITHOUT SPECIFIC SPECIFICATION OF A DEGREE IS OF THE THIRD DEGREE AN ATTORNEY SHOULD KNOW THAT AND SHOULD NOT FEIGN IGNORANCE FOR POLITICAL ATTACK POINTS OTHERS HAVE SAID THAT THE ABILITY FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO END THE ENHANCED PENALTY PERIOD IS CONFUSING AND UNNECESSARY I FIND IT IRONIC THAT SOME OF THE SAME PEOPLE WHO WOULD ARGUE FOR THE ABILITY TO END A PUBLIC EMERGENCY WOULD FIND SUCH TROUBLE WITH A PROVISION THAT GIVES THE LEGISLATURE THE SAME POWER IN THIS NEWLY PROPOSED FACET OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ENFORCEMENT PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE OF WHOSE NAME IS APPEARS AS PRIME SPONSOR MEMBERS OF THIS HALL MAY NOT HAVE ME AS THEIR FAVORITE SENATOR BUT THIS BILL HAS NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN TO FOSTER A STRONGER MORE RESILIENT GUAM THAT STANDS UNITED AGAINST ACTS OF VANDALISM AND DESTRUCTION AND ENSURES THAT THOSE WHO ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT THE HARMONY OF OUR COMMUNITY ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS BY MAKING VANDALISM A FELONY AFTER A PUBLIC EMERGENCY WE SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT SUCH BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND THAT OUR ISLAND'S RESILIENCY AND UNITY WILL PREVAIL IN CONCLUSION I URGE ALL OF US TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE MEASURE TO VOTE NOT OUT OF SPITE FOR PERSONALITIES BUT FOR THE GOOD OF GUAM TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD A STRONGER FOUNDATION FOR OUR ISLAND'S PROGRESS ONE THAT UPHOLDS THE VALUE OF RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY AND RESILIENCE AND WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR I MAKE A MOTION TO MOVE THIS BILL 132-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S ON THE MOTION TO MOVE IT TO THE THIRD READING THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF MOVING BILL 132-37 COR IS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING FILE PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME THANK YOU SENATOR WE'RE NOW CONTINUING UNDER SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: OH THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOTION TO RECESS TILL 3 P.M. TOMORROW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL 3 P.M. TOMORROW IS THERE ANY OBJECTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: POINT MADAM SPEAKER POINT POINT OF INQUIRY JUST A POINT OF INQUIRY WITH REGARDS TO OUR RECESS I THOUGHT WE HAD TWO MORE BILLS ON THE AGENDA MADAM SPEAKER IF WE CAN DISPOSE OF THOSE AND THEN COME BACK IN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO RECESS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE RECESSED UNTIL 3 P.M. TOMORROW.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUĀHAN* IS BACK IN SESSION WELCOME BACK COLLEAGUES WE'RE STILL ON THE SECOND READING FOLDER WE LEFT OFF ON BILL NUMBER 35 SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO SET ASIDE BILL 35-37 AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO SET BILL NUMBER 35-37 COR ASIDE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 36-37 COR SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO SET ASIDE BILL 36-37 AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 132-37 SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MOTION TO HAVE THE BODY RECONSIDER ITS PREVIOUS DECISION CONCERNING BILL NUMBER 132-37.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES.

SENATOR PARKINSON: NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S BEEN A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY ON BILL NUMBER 132-37 COR THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ON THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS ON BILL NUMBER 132-37 COR 1234567 MOTION CARRIES WE'RE AGAIN ON BILL NUMBER 132-37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: MADAM CHAIR I WOULD MOTION TO ADD BILL 132-37 AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING FILE NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION NO OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THE IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 132-37 COR ONTO THE THIRD READING FILE AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND AMENDED ON THE FLOOR JUST PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES COLLEAGUES WE'VE EXHAUSTED OUR SECOND READING FILE SENATOR PARKINSON WE'RE WE'VE JUST EXHAUSTED THE SECOND READING FILE MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: I MOVE THAT WE GO BACK TO MOTIONS MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION IS THAT AN OBJECTION THERE IS AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SENATOR SHELTON: TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MOTION CARRIES WE'RE BACK ON MOTIONS MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED OH SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: MADAM CHAIR AT THIS TIME I MOTION THE BODY TO RECONSIDER THE BODY'S ACTIONS REGARDING BILL 9-37 AN ACT TO LEGALIZE CONSUMER GRADE FIREWORKS TO ADD IT TO THE SECOND READING FILE FROM THE POTENTIALS LIST

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR PARKINSON COULD YOU PLEASE RESTATE YOUR MOTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: I WOULD LIKE TO MOTION FOR THE BODY TO RECONSIDER ITS PREVIOUS DECISION REGARDING BILL AT NUMBER 9-37 AND ACT TO LEGALIZE CONSUMER GRADE FIREWORKS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO RECONSIDER THE BODY'S ACTIONS ON BILL NUMBER 9-37 THIS IS JUST TO RECONSIDER ALL IN FAVOR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ON THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: MADAM CHAIR I WOULD LIKE I WOULD LIKE TO MOTION TO INTRODUCE BILL NUMBER 9-32 INTO THE SECOND READING FILE AND HAVE THE PRIME SPONSOR DISCUSS IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU MEAN YOU'D LIKE TO PLACE MOTION TO PLACE ON THE AGENDA BILL 9-37.

SENATOR PARKINSON: EXCUSE ME DULY CORRECTED MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR ONTO THE AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES ARE THERE ANY OTHER MOTIONS WE'RE ON SECOND READING OR UNDER MOTIONS MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES I MOVE TO ADOPT THE SESSION AGENDA FOR THE BUDGET SESSION AND PLACE BILL NUMBER 26-37 WHICH IS OUR BUDGET BILL IN THE SECOND READING FILE THIS SESSION AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED FOR AN AUGUST 7 2023 SESSION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 7 BUDGET SESSION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* COLLEAGUES WE'RE NOW IF THERE ARE NO OTHER MOTIONS WE ARE NOW ON SECOND READING UNDER BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MAKE A MOTION TO MOVE TO THIRD READING AND DISCUSSION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT PLEASE PROCEED WITH DISCUSSION.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER IT'S KIND OF GRIPPING FOR ME AT THE MOMENT BECAUSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M SORRY COULD WE GET ORDER PLEASE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I'VE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'LL TAKE A MINUTE RECESS I'M SORRY SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS COLLEAGUES THE BILL HAS BEEN PASSED OUT AGAIN WE'RE ON BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WANTED FIREWORKS AND I GOT IT MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO ACCEPT BILL NUMBER NINE THAT'S 37 COR AS SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY MYSELF DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS CO-SPONSORED BY JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN ROY A. B. QUINATA TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES WILLIAM A. PARKINSON THERESE M. TERLAJE JESSE A. LUJAN AND THOMAS J. FISHER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN YOU PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: OH I'M SORRY MA'AM AN ACT TO AMEND 58-109 AND 58110 OF CHAPTER 58 AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 58B TO TITLE 10 DIVISION 3 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF THE USE OF CONSUMER GRADE FIREWORKS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU THERE'S BEEN A MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE BILL NUMBER NINE-37 COR ON THE FLOOR AS STATED BY THE AUTHOR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO SUBSTITUTING THE BILL SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: MADAM THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO SET ASIDE BILL NUMBER NINE-37 COR AS SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO SET ASIDE BILL NUMBER 9-37 COR AS SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES THE BILL SET ASIDE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR THAT EXHAUSTS OUR SECOND READING FOLDER COLLEAGUES THE THIRD READING FOLDER HAS BEEN PASSED OUT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THAT WE TO PROCEEDING OTHERWISE WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE THIRD READING WE ARE NOW ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE ALL RIGHT WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE THIRD READING FILE BILL NUMBER 7-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE .

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 7-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS JESSE A. LUJAN FRANK BLAS, JR. THOMAS J. FISHER JOANNE BROWN TELO T. TAITAGUE CHRIS BARNETT DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 19406 AND AMEND SECTIONS 19405 B 19405C AND 19805C OF CHAPTER 19 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING THE SUBS THE SUSPENSION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT AND TO REPEAL CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU CLERK 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 (NAY) SENATOR PARKINSON (NAY) SENATOR PEREZ (PASS) SENATOR QUINATA (NAY) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (NAY) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (NAY) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (PASS) SENATOR PEREZ (PASS – NAY).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 7-37 COR RECEIVED NINE AYES AND SIX NAYS BILL NUMBER 7-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 28-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 28-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY ROY A. B. QUINATA WILLIAM A. PARKINSON DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS THOMAS J. FISHER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN CHRIS BARNETT JESSE A. LUJAN FRANK BLAS, JR. AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 3 INTO CHAPTER 18 OF TITLE 1 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ADOPTING A STANDARDIZED TYPEFACE FOR ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS REPORTS AND ELECTRONIC MAIL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.

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 28-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 79-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE BILL NUMBER 65-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 65-37 COR INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM A. PARKINSON ROY A. B. QUINATA AN AC TO REPEAL ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 77 TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REMOVING THE GUAM MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY STADIUM COMPLEX COMMISSION.

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 65-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 79-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 79-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY THOMAS J. FISHER JESSE A. LUJAN ROY A. B. QUINATA CHRIS BARNETT TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS FRANK BLAS, JR. JOANNE BROWN SABINA FLORES PEREZ JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN AMANDA L. SHELTON TELO T. TAITAGUE THERESE M. TERLAJE AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 80.37 A1 OF ARTICLE 2 CHAPTER 80 TITLE IX GUAM QUOTE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO A SPECIAL ALLEGATION OF POSSESSION AND USE OF A DEADLY WEAPON IN THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 79-37 COR RECEIVED 14 AYES AND ONE NAY BILL NUMBER 79-37 COR IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 92-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 92-37 COR INTRODUCED BY THERESE M. TERLAJE AND ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 4 AND DIVISION 1 TITLE 26 GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOPS COSMETOLOGY SCHOOLS AND NAIL SALONS ATTACHED HERE TO AS EXHIBIT A.

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 92-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 93-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 92 93-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY THERESE M. TERLAJE TELO T. TAITAGUE JOANNE BROWN CHRIS BARNETT AND ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 26 TO CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 1 TITLE 26 GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO ADOPTING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE INSTITUTIONAL PLAYGROUNDS ATTACHED HERE TO AS EXHIBIT A.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CALL ROLL CALL.

SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (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 93-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 144-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 144-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY THERESE M. TERLAJE SABINA FLORES PEREZ CHRIS BARNETT JESSE A. LUJAN ROY A. B. QUINATA TELO T. TAITAGUE JOANNE BROWN JOE S. SAN AUGUSTIN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 70.20 OF ARTICLE 1 CHAPTER 70 AND SECTIONS 161.10 161.30 161.50 A 161.55 AND 161.130 A CHAPTER 161 ALL OF TITLE 8 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ADDRESSING VICTIM CONFIDENTIALITY REPORTING AND RESUBSTITUTION UNDER THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION LAW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 144-37 LS RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 132-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS STAFF: BILL NUMBER 132-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM A. PARKINSON AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 3491 TO CHAPTER 34 TITLE IX GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO MAKING DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY DURING PUBLIC EMERGENCIES OF FELONY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

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

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 132-37 COR RECEIVED SEVEN AYES EIGHT NAYS AND IS BILL NUMBER 132-37 FAILED BY THE BODY WE'RE NOW ON THE VOTING FILE WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE NOMINATION OF CHRISTINE BALETO ON THE NOMINATION OF CHRISTINE BALETO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER UPPER LEVEL MANAGEMENT POSITION SORRY COULD WE HAVE ORDER PLEASE OH SORRY SORRY WE NEED ORDER IS THERE A MOTION OH OKAY SORRY ON THE NOMINATION OF CHRISTINE BALETO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF UPPER-LEVEL MANAGEMENT POSITION IN PRIVATE BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM EDUCATION BOARD ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CHRISTINE BALETO RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT IN IS DULY PASSED DULY CONFIRMED ON THE NOMINATION OF SIMONE E.P. BOLLINGER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER LITERATURE REPRESENTATIVE OF

THE GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES THE CAHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SIMONE E.P. BOLLINGER RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE BODY AND IS DULY CONFIRMED ON THE NOMINATION OF EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: EVANGELINE M. CEPEDA RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THE BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF MONICA OKADA GUZMAN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AGENCY THE CAHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MONICA OKADA GUZMAN RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THE BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF MICHELLE C. PEREZ TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES 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: MICHELLE C. PEREZ RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WE'RE NOW ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT IF IF NOT THEN WE'RE ON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND I'D LIKE I HAVE A COUPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS ONE IS THAT WE'VE I WILL BE CALLING THE LEGISLATURE INTO BUDGET SESSION ON AUGUST 7 AT 9 A.M. TO ALL SENATORS ARE INVITED TO A MEETING WITH THE MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY WHO WILL BE VISITING GUAM THAT MEETING SET FOR MONDAY AND THE DETAILS ARE IN YOUR EMAIL THREE I WILL BE CALLING AN EMERGENCY SESSION ON MONDAY AT 11 A.M. TO DEAL WITH EDUCATION MATTERS YES ARE THERE ANY OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS IF NOT MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO ADJOURN TODAY'S SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING AN OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE ARE ADJOURNED *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND UN DANGKOLO NA *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* COLLEAGUES.