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SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS CALLED TO ORDER. FOR OUR PRAYER THIS MORNING WILL SENATOR MARY TORRES KINDLY LEAD US PLEASE STAND.

SENATOR TORRES:(SPOKE IN *CHAMORU* 00:33-01:40) *GI NA'AN I TATA I LAHI ÑA YAN I ESPÍRITU SÁNTO YU'OS TÁTA NI TODU HA NA' SIÑA HU AGRADESI I BENDESI NI UN NA' I HAM PARA TA CHO'CHO GUINI GI LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* FATHER FOR WHOM ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE BLESSINGS YOU HAVE PROVIDED TO US TO WORK HERE AT THE GUAM LEGISLATURE *YU'OS TÁTA GIHA HAM MO'NA NI CHECHU' MÁMI PARA I TAOTAO-TA YA TA CHALANI MO'NA PARA I MINÁOLEK I ISLÁTA* HEAVENLY FATHER GUIDE US FORWARD IN OUR WORK FOR OUR PEOPLE SO WE CAN ADVANCE THE GOOD OF OUR ISLAND *NA'I HAM ÁNIMU YAN PASENSA GUINI GI FINENANA NA SESION* LORD OUR FATHER PROTECT US YOUR CHILDREN OF THE GOD GIVE US COURAGE AND PATIENCE AT THIS BEGINNING OF OUR SESSION AMEN ANY THOUGHTS ANY UNITS ANY SPIRIT US ON.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* FOR THE RECOGNITION OF A RECIPIENT OF *IMILÁYAN MÁSTAKILO* NOW *SACRIFICIAL* COULD SENATOR REGINE BISCOE LEE ACKNOWLEDGE.

SENATOR REGINE BISCOE LEE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER ON BEHALF OF THE GRATEFUL ISLAND AND COUNTRY WE HONOR MESS ATTENDANT SECOND-CLASS NON PETTY OFFICER NICHOLAS SN FURGERGER WORLD WAR TWO IN THE FAMILY OF MESS ATTENDANT SECOND-CLASS NON PETTY OFFICERS AND NICOLAS SANICOLAS FURGERGER FOR MAKING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN SERVICE AND DEFENSE OF OUR ISLAND AND COUNTRY.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SENATOR LEE AND FOR THE RECITATION OF THE *INFRESI* WILL SENATOR REGINE LEE KINDLY LEAD US.

SENATOR REGINE BISCOE LEE: *INFRESI GINEN I MÁSTAKHELO' GI HINASSO-KU, I MÁSTAKHALOM GI KURASON-HU, YAN I MÁST FIGO' NA NINA'SIÑÁ-HU, HU UFRESEN MAISA YU' PARA BAI HU PRUTEHI YAN HU DIFENDE I HINENGGE, I KOTTURA, I LENGGUÁHI, I AIRE, I HANOM, YAN I TANO' CHAMORU NI' IRENSLÁ-KU DIRECHO GINEN AS YU'OS TÁTA. ESTE HU AFITMA GI HILO' I BIPBLIA YAN I BANDERÁ-HU, I BANDERAN GUÅHAN.*

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* AND FOR THE SINGING OF THE GUAM HYMN IN *CHAMORU* AND THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE AND SENATOR LOUISE MUNA TO PLEASE BEGIN [MUSIC] *FANOHGÉ CHAMORRO PUT I TANO' TAKANTA I MATUNA-NA GI TODU LUGATPARA I ONRA, PARA I GLORIAABIBA 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 PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS MADAM PLORT HAJIMAN GAYA GUNEY PUT FABOT.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR LEE SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MOYLAN SPEAKER MUNA BARNES GUY HERE MY NEMESIS SENATOR MUNA VICE SPEAKER NELSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR RIDGELL SENATORS SAN AUGUSTIN SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR TORRES MADAM SPEAKER THERE IS A QUORUM.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM CLERK THIS TIME OUT RECOGNIZE ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR MARSH TAITANO YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR MARSH: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNALS DATED JANUARY 7 2019 AND JANUARY 12 2019 SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNALS DATED JANUARY 7 2019 IN JANUARY 12 2019 ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS IF THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR MARSH TAITANO YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION THAT COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR MARSH TAITANO YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE MESSAGES FROM *IMAGAHAGAN GUAHAN* AND I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION THAT MESSAGES FROM *IMAGAHAGAN GUAHAN* BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR MARSH TAITANO YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND I MOVE THAT THEY NOW BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION THAT REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADERSHIP SENATOR MARSH TAITANO YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU YOU CAN PROCEED.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT BILLS INTRODUCED BILLS NUMBER 1 THROUGH 35 LS THROUGH 12:35 L S AND 13-35 COR THROUGH 53 - 35 COR AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED RESOLUTION NUMBERS 1 THROUGH 35 COR THROUGH 50-35 COR BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THEIR FIRST READING.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES WE ARE IN MOTION SUBSISTENT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR MARSH TAITANO YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO EXCUSE SENATORS NOT PRESENT FOR TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR MARSH TAITANO YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES AND AT THIS TIME I RECOGNIZE SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN ON YOUR MOTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULE I MOVED TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 4-34 35 LS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON TO THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES, CAN I HAVE YOU READ THE BILL NUMBER 4 PLEASE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN IF I MAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE BILL IS AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 24 103 OF CHAPTER 24 TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THAT IS NEW TAX LEVIED ON REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT AT 1 MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SENATOR WILL CASTRO YOU HAVE AN.

SENATOR CASTRO: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I LIKE TO RISE AN OBJECTION TO THE MOTION FOR A COUPLE REASONS FIRST I HAVE YET TO SEE THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND SECOND AS A MATTER OF PROCEDURE OR HOW WE HOW I THINK WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD IN CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE BODY YOU KNOW THIS WASN'T AN ITEM THAT WAS DULY PUT ONTO OR ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND SO WHILE I MAY NOT NECESSARILY OBJECT TO THE BILL ON ITS FACE I WOULD ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUE TO ALLOW THE BILL AT LEAST TO MAKE IT TO THE SESSION AGENDA SECOND MADAM SPEAKER IN TERMS OF TIMING WE'RE NOT EVEN 90 DAYS WE'RE NOT EVEN 90 DAYS INTO THE FIRST PART OF THIS ADMINISTRATION OR OUR TERM AS SENATORS AND WITHOUT IDENTIFYING MY COLLEAGUES NECESSARILY UNNECESSARILY THE RECORD ALMOST A YEAR AGO TO DATE WITH EXCEPTION OF TWO DAYS THERE WAS EXTENSIVE DELIBERATION ON A SIMILAR MEASUREMENT ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES EVEN STATED FOR THE RECORD LET US TAKE A PAUSE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR CASTRO IF I MAY I DON'T NEED TO INTERRUPT YOU BUT I'M JUST IF I CAN TAKE A LEGISLATIVE RECESS JUST SO I CAN GET AN INTERPRETATION WE ARE IN RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE 35TH ONE LEGISLATORS BACK FROM RECESS ON THE MOTION OF THE FLOOR I KNOW IT'S THERE WAS AN OBJECTION I'M GOING TO CALL FOR THE VOTE ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF HAVING BILL 4 AS IN BILL 4 – 35 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ANNOUNCING BECAUSE THERE'S AN OBJECTION SHOW OF HANDS FOR THOSE IN FAVOR TO PUT IT ON THE SESSION AGENDA SO PUT IT ON THE SESSION AGENDA MOTION FAILS OKAY WE ARE STILL IN LEGISLATIVE WE ARE NOW LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR MARSH TAITANO YOU ARE NOW RECOGNIZED I I DO APOLOGIZE I'LL TAKE THAT BACK SENATOR BECAUSE WE ARE A LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCES I WILL CALL ON THE OVERSIGHTS SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE ON THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND TOURISM FOR THE MOVING OF THERESE ARRIOLA.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MOVE THE NOMINATION OF THERESE ARRIOLA FOR DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER BE PLACE ON THE AGENDA WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO PASS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* SENATOR SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATION APPROPRIATIONS AND HOUSING HEREBY REPORTS OUT THE NOMINATION OF EDWARD BIRN TO SERVE AS THE DEPARTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION WITH RECOMMENDATION TO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS ON THE NOMINATION OF JANE T FLORES TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS WHAT THEIR RECOMMENDATION TO CONFIRM BE PLACED IN THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT OBJECTION I MEAN ON THAT MOTION NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES SENATOR SHELTON CAN YOU JUST DO THE ONE FOR MELANIE BRENNAN ALSO.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER I ALSO MOVED TO PLACE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS ON THE NOMINATION OF MELANIE BRENNAN TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO CONFIRM TO BE PLACED IN THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION HEARING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR REGINE BISCOE LEE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LEE: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO PLACE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND LABOR THE NOMINATION OF MR. DAVID DELL'ISOLA TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO CONFIRM BE PLACED IN THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO ALSO PLACED BY THE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TOURISM HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAND AND JUSTICE THE NOMINATION OF LINDA DINORSEY TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BE PLACE ON VOTING FILE FOR TODAY.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WITH THE RECOMMENDATION WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DO PASS ON THAT MOTION WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR SHELTON CAN YOU MOVE DAVID DANIEL LEON GUERRERO PLEASE.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE GUAM BUILD-UP TO MOVE TO THE VOTING FILE THE NOMINATION OF DANIEL LEON GUERRERO TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SENATOR SHELTON ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES SENATORS SENATOR MARSH TAITANO YOU ARE RECOGNIZED NO I APOLOGIZE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN WE ARE ON SECOND READING NOW AND I'M GONNA GO AHEAD AND RECOGNIZE SENATOR JAMES C MOYLAN ON BILL NUMBER 19.

SENATOR MOYLAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE A THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL 19-35 IN SECOND READING FOR DISCUSSION TODAY MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SECOND OR THIRD READING FOR DISCUSSION THIRD THIRD FOR DISCUSSION.

SENATOR MOYLAN: THIRD FOR DISCUSSION THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION PLEASE PROCEED *PARA A DISKUNSIGI MO'NA* FOR DISCUSSION YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND PROCEED.

SENATOR MOYLAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR DISCUSSION ON BILL IN 1935 JUST A BRIEF BRIEF SCENARIO OF WHAT I WENT THROUGH TODAY JUST COMING DOWN TO OUR SESSION THAT SAYS I LEFT MY HOUSE I WAS DEPARTED AND I WENT DOWN THE ROAD ON *TUN TUN JUAN TUN JUAN SANTOS* STREET AND CAME ACROSS SOME HUGE POTHOLES I HAD TO GO TO THE LEFT IF I DECIDE TO GO TO ON COMING TRAFFIC OR I HAD TO GO TO THE RIGHT IF I DECIDED TO GO INTO THE BUILDINGS BUT I AVOIDED THAT POTHOLE AFTER LEAVING MY STREET THERE I WENT ON TO *PALE SAN VITORES* ROAD AND I CAME DID MY INTERSECTION AT FUJITA HOTEL AND I HAD TO WATCH THE DIVIDER LANE IN BETWEEN THE TWO LANES THAT I NOTICED IT WAS HEAVILY HIT ALL THE TIME AND AND RUN DOWN A CONCRETE BARRIER CONSTANTLY RUN DOWN AND RUN DOWN AND RUN DOWN ONLY BECAUSE IT'S NOT PROPERLY MARKED AS PROCEEDED NOR FUN *PALE SAN VITORES* ROAD I KNOW WHERE ALL MY MY MANHOLES ARE IN ADDITION THE MANHOLES THAT ARE TOO HIGH AND I KNOW WHERE ALL THE MANHOLES ARE THAT ARE TOO LOW SO THAT GOES A LITTLE BIT LEFT AND A LITTLE BIT RIGHT THERE'S CONTINUOUS ROAD DEBRIS AND THERE'S CONTINUOUS ROAD HAZARDS THAT I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THEY ARE ALL THE WAY UP INTO AGANA TO COME TODAY'S TO TODAY'S SESSION AND I'M SURE A LOT OF OTHER FOLKS KNOW AS WELL OF ALL THE DIFFERENT POTHOLES THEN OBSTACLES THAT THEY OVERCOME GETTING TO WORK IN THE MORNING AND PICKING UP THE CHILDREN DURING THE AFTERNOON AND GETTING HOME AT AT NIGHT TOO SO BILL 1935 ADDRESSES SPECIFICALLY A SPECIAL FUND THAT WAS MADE FOR REPAIRS AND CONSTRUCTIONS OF OUR ROADS AND THAT SPECIAL FUND HAS BEEN TOUCHED THAT SPECIAL FUN IN THE FISCAL YEARS OF 2016 AND 2017 AS WE KNOW WERE ON THE AVERAGE ABOUT TWO MILLION TWO POINT ONE FIVE MILLION ANNUALLY OF THAT SPECIAL TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY FUND WAS TRANSFERRED OUT TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR OTHER GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES NOW THE TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY FUND HAS GENERATED NEARLY TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY OVER RECENT YEARS BUT A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE IS TRULY BEING UTILIZED FOR ITS INTENT WHICH ARE ROAD REPAIRS AND IN 2017 THE TAXPAYERS WERE ASKED TO PAY EVEN MORE AT THE PUMPS WITH THE INCREASE AS WE RECALL AT THE LIQUID FUEL TAX BECAUSE WE REALIZED THAT THERE WASN'T ENOUGH MONEY IN THE TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY FUNDS BECAUSE IT WAS TOUCHED MOST RECENTLY SINCE THIS BILL WAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA I'VE SEEN COMMENTS FROM OUR PUBLIC'S AND A CONSTITUENTS ASKING AND BRINGING TO THE POINT OF THE DIFFERENT ROADS THAT ARE ALL IN DISREPAIR WE OFTEN TRAVEL AT CROWN BAKERY BETWEEN CROWN BAKERY TO PAYLESS IN MANGILAO AND IT'S FULL OF POTHOLES AND IRREGULAR PAVEMENTS CROSS ISLAND ROAD NEEDS FIXING AND I'VE HEARD OF TWO VEHICLES ALREADY DAMAGED THESE ROADS JUST RECENTLY AND THERE'S ROADS JUST WARPING AND

RIPLEY FROM THE HEAT AND BIG TRUCKS AND MOVEMENTS AGANA AGANA ROUTE 8 AND THE TRI INTERSECTION ARE ARE JUST IN TERRIBLE SITUATION SO WHAT THIS BILL DOES DOES RECOMMEND THOUGH THAT WE CONSIDER IS THAT WE MAKE MAKE IT MORE SCRUTINIZE WE MAKE IT HARDER WE WE DEMAND THAT THE FUNDS ARE USED JUST FOR THAT PURPOSE AND THAT'S FOR THE TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY FUNDS AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES AND AS SUCH A THING IS DONE AGAIN THAT WE MAKE IT AN ACT OF A MISDEMEANOR AS PROPOSED IN BILL 1935 SO MADAM SPEAKER I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BRING TO DISCUSSION BILL 1935 THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* SENATOR JIM MOYLAN ANYBODY ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT SO THE BILL SAYS THAT WE'RE GOING TO PUT A PENALTY ON USE OF THE TERRITORY HIGHWAY FUND IF IT IS USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE OTHER THAN THOSE PURPOSES STATED BY LAW YEARS AGO IN FIVE GCA SECTION FIVE FOUR 102 BY FOR 102 OUTLINES CERTAIN USES OF THE FUND WHICH I AGREE WITH THE SPONSOR INCLUDES MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS AND ROADS AND VILLAGE STREETS AND ALL HIGHWAY RELATED PLANS PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS PFEIFFER 102 ALSO INCLUDES A SUBSECTION F WHICH I HAD ASKED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING WHETHER THESE PROJECTS HAD BEEN COMPLETED BECAUSE SUBSECTION F ALSO JUST SPECIFICALLY LISTS ROAD PROJECTS OR PROJECTS THAT WOULD BE USED THAT THESE FUNDS WOULD BE USED FOR AND AGAIN THIS WAS YEARS AGO SO I'M NOT SURE WHETHER THESE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BUT IF NOT I I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT WE INCLUDE SUBSECTION F AND LESS NOT SURE THE COMMITTEE OR THE SPONSOR CAN UPDATE US ON THAT I WOULD ASK IF THE THE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON WOULD YIELD MADAM SPEAKER TO WHETHER F SHOULD BE INCLUDED HAS BEEN COMPLETED OR SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES, SENATOR THERESE SENATOR SENATOR TERLAJE IF I MAY YOU'RE ASKING FOR THE OVERSIGHT SHARE ON HIGHWAYS AND.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: I APOLOGIZE YES

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THAT SENATOR CLYNT RIDGELL ON HIGH ON DPW RIGHT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: NO I I SENATOR TERLAJES OFF ISLAND I APOLOGIZE MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD ASK YOU IF THE SPONSOR HAS INFORMATION OTHERWISE I WOULD JUST ASK THAT WE JUST INCLUDE F IN CASE THESE PROJECTS ARE NOT DONE THEN IT WOULD NOT MAKE IT THEY WOULD NOT PENALIZE DPW FOR CONTINUING WORK ON THESE PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE CLARA STREET IN TOTO TOTO KINATA ROAD THINGS LIKE THAT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE I'M JUST GOING TO TAKE A BRIEF BRIEF RECESS JUST SO THAT YOU CAN WRITE THAT AMENDMENT WHEREAS.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: ITS JUST TO INCLUDE SUBSECTION F SO WHERE HE LISTS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YEAH WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE A BRIEF RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE LEGISLATURE'S BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR TERLAJE *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* I DO HAVE THE AMENDMENT HERE SO ON THE AMENDMENTS AS THERE ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST HAVE A QUESTION WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT IF WE'RE GONNA GO AHEAD AND CLUED I MEAN THIS IS DEFINITELY A WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BILL IS CLEAN AND INCLUDING OF F SHOULDN'T WE ALSO MAKE THAT AMENDMENT TWO AT THE BOTTOM PAGE OF THE BILL AFTER E WITH THE EXPLANATION AS WELL BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE JUST HAVE A SHORT AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATORS WHO YOU'RE ADDRESSING THAT TO THE BODY AND THEY RIGHT SO GO AHEAD AND ADDRESS THE PODIUM AND THEN THE CHAIR AND THEN ME THE SPEAKER THAT I WILL WORK IN AN INQUIRY FORM SO ARE YOU ASKING.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER TO ALSO INCLUDE IN THIS AMENDMENT TO WRITE OUT WHAT LETTER F IS TO I MEAN WE'RE CLEANING UP THE BILL SO THAT WAY WE CAN DO IT ALL AT THE SAME TIME AND AND I'D LIKE HER TO SPEAK ON IT PLEASE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR TERLAJE PLEASE.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD YIELD TO THAT QUESTION AND THANK YOU TO THE POSER OF THE QUESTION IT'S I THINK TECHNICALLY WE DON'T NEED TO PUT F IN THE BILL BECAUSE WHEN THE BILLS ENGROSSED WE REALLY AREN'T GOING TO SEE ALL OF THESE OTHER SUBSECTIONS WE'RE ONLY GOING TO SEE SUBSECTION B WHICH IS THE ONLY SUBSECTION THAT'S BEING AMENDED TO ADD TO ADD THE ITEM ONE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SO ARE YOU GONNA MOVE TO.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: BUT I WILL READ F SO THAT SHE KNOWS WHAT F SAYS AND AND F I MEAN C D E AND F ARE REALLY NOT BEING AMENDED RIGHT SO F F IS I'M GOING TO SHORTCUT IT IT'S A 1.5 MILLION APPROPRIATED FROM TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY FUND TO DPW FOR REPAIRS OF CLARA STREET IN IN *TOTO* WIDENING OF *TOTO KINÁTA* ROAD AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR OR THE DIRECTOR OF D.O.E. ANY ROAD LEADING TO ANY SCHOOL THAT IS UNSAFE OR DOES NOT MEET THE HIGHWAY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY DPW SHALL ALSO BE REPAIRED UNDER THIS ACT AND NUMBER FOUR IS MONETARY COMPENSATION OR LAND EXCHANGE ON A VALUE PER VALUE BASIS TO PRIVATE LANDOWNERS WHOSE PROPERTIES ARE CONDEMNED AS A RESULT OF THE PROVISIONS IN SUBSECTION F.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AND THAT'S UP SECTION F OKAY SENATOR TO TELO DOES ANSWER THANK YOU ON THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES ON SENATOR.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: THANK YOU SPEAKER SO JUST TO CONCLUDE ON THE BILL I WANT I WANT AGAIN THANK THE SPONSOR AND I KNOW HIS INTENTION IS THAT ANY MONEY RAISED THAT WE SAY WE'RE GOING TO RAISE ESPECIALLY WHEN WE RAISE TAXES FOR FOR ROADS IT'S GOING TO GO TOWARDS ROADS AND I AM IN 100% AGREEMENT WITH THAT I AM ACTUALLY PROUD OF WHAT THE LEGISLATURE DID IN THE LAST TERM IN THAT IT MADE SURE THAT MONEY THAT WAS GOING TO ALL OTHER PURPOSES REALLY WENT BACK TO THE USE OF ROADS THERE ARE OTHER PURPOSES THAT ARE ALLOWED BY LAW FOR THE LIQUID FUELS TAX THAT ARE NOT YOU KNOW CONSIDERED IN THIS SECTION BUT THAT'S THAT'S FOR ANOTHER DAY I GUESS BUT BUT THE VILLAGE I MEAN THE GUAM HIGHWAY FUND SO THIS IS RESTRICTING GUAM HIGHWAY FUNDS TRANSFERS AND WE HAVE SEEN TRANSFERS IN THE PAST FROM THE E-911 FUNDS FROM THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND AND SO WE'VE PASSED BILL UPON BILL TRYING TO TIGHTEN OUR LANGUAGE WHICH ALREADY SAYS THIS MONEY SHALL NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES AND SO WE'RE AGAIN ATTEMPTING TO TIGHTEN THE LANGUAGE SO THAT YOU KNOW THE POWERS THAT BE GET THE MESSAGE THAT WE SHALL NOT TRANSFER THESE MONIES FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES BUT I I HAVE TO SAY THAT YEAH I HAVE SEEN LANGUAGES AND PASSED BUDGETS THAT SAY SPECIAL FUNDS WILL BE TRANSFERRED WHEN THEY ARE NECESSARY TO TO MAKE UP FOR YOU KNOW BUDGET BILLS BUT IN OUR RECENT BUDGET BILL I DIDN'T KNOW THAT I'D LOOKED FOR GUAM HIGHWAY FUND IN THE RECENT BUDGET SO OUR 2019 BUDGET ACT TO SEE WHAT THEY'RE BEING USED FOR AND GUAM HIGHWAY FUND WAS NINE POINT FIVE MILLION APPROPRIATED TO DPW 1.1 MILLION TO GPD 5.4 MILLION TO THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL AND 2.7 MILLION TO GR TA SO I I'M THINKING THAT REALLY THE THE PREDICAMENT THAT THE LEGISLATURE WILL BE IN IS THAT IT'S THE LEGISLATURE THAT IS APPROPRIATING THE MONEY FOR OTHER PURPOSES PERHAPS OR I WOULD INTERPRET THAT MOST OF THESE PURPOSES ARE CONSISTENT WITH ABCDE AND F WHICH WE DO YOU KNOW AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR'S FOR VILLAGE STREETS TO REPAIR THE POTHOLES AND AND YOU KNOW MAKE SURE THAT THOSE ROADS ARE SAFER PASSAGE GPD THE SAME SAME AND SO THAT'S WHY THEY ARE GETTING PARTS OF THIS MONEY YES BUT THE BULK OF IT REALLY WENT TO DPW SO AND I KNOW THAT WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT ROADS BEFORE THAT YOU KNOW IT WAS REALLY SOBERING FOR US BECAUSE WE REALIZED THAT THEY HAD PREPARED A STUDY YEARS AGO THAT TALKED ABOUT WHICH I THINK IN 2009 THAT WAS A VILLAGE STREETS MASTER PLAN THESE WERE ALL THE ROADS THAT THEY HAD DECIDED IN VILLAGE STREETS NOT EVEN HIGHWAYS THAT NEED TO BE REPAIRED AND THE LIST WAS SO EXTENSIVE THAT IT COST AND SO IN THE RECENT TERMS WE SAID 58.5 MILLION FOR THE TOP THREE ON ON THAT LIST AND 16.1 MILLION FOR THE TOP AND WE LET THEN THEY ALLOWED THE MAYOR'S TO CHOOSE THREE AGAIN OUT OF THIS EXTENSIVE LIST AND FOR THE TOP THREE FROM EACH OF THE MAYOR'S THEY WERE GOING TO SPEND 16.1 MILLION DOLLARS SO WHERE THEIR GRADUALLY YOU KNOW TAKING CARE OF THIS THE ITEMS ON THAT LIST BUT THE LIST IS VERY VERY LONG AND WE'RE STILL FACING HUGE AMOUNTS OF ROADS AS THE SPONSOR SAYS THAT ARE IN NEED OF ADDRESSING AND AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* SENATOR TERLAJE THANK YOU FOR THAT ON THE MAIN MOTION IF THERE'S NO OTHER MEMBERS SENATOR OH SENATOR TORRES I DO APOLOGIZE *PUT FABOT KUNSIGIA'*.

SENATOR TORRES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO PROFFER A QUESTION TO THE MOVER OF THIS BILL IF HE WILL SO YIELD.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE PROCEED WITH THE QUESTION

SENATOR TORRES: IN LOOKING AT THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND FINDINGS AROUND LINES 22 TO 25 OF PAGE ONE IT DISCUSSES HOW THIS FUND HAS EXISTED FOR DECADES AND THAT OF LATE IT HAS BEEN USED TO INCLUDE OTHER EXPENDITURES SUCH AS BOND PLEDGES PUBLIC EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION IN THE MASS TRANSIT SO THAT IS THE OTHER USES I SUPPOSE THAT THIS IS INTENDING TO DIVERT BUT MY QUESTION SPECIFICALLY IS IN LOOKING AT PAGE THREE IF WE GO TO LINE 15 IT'S VERY CLEAR ABOUT THE APPROPRIATION OF MONIES FROM THESE FUNDS AND IT APPEARS FROM THE PLAIN READ OF THE LANGUAGE THAT THE MONIES SHALL CAN SHALL BE EXPENDED ONLY AFTER APPROPRIATION IS MADE BY THE LEGISLATURE AND CERTIFICATION OF VOUCHERS AND THE LIKE AND THAT THERE'S A REPORTING REQUIREMENT BY PUBLIC WORKS SO MY QUESTION TO THE THE AUTHOR WOULD BE IF THERE ARE STRICT MEASURES IN PLACE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF THE MONEY AND IT ALL POINTS BACK TO THE LEGISLATURE WHO EXACTLY ARE WE TARGETING TO BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR SO NOW WE'RE SAYING THERE'S NO AUTHORIZATION TO AND THAT ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THIS AND TRANSFERS BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR SO IF WE'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT CAN APPROPRIATE HOW EXACTLY DOES THIS APPLY.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* SENATOR TORRES SENATOR MOYLAN WOULD YOU LIKE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR MOYLAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION IF IT'S APPROPRIATE IT ALREADY BY BY OUR LEGISLATURE BODY THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE TARGETING WHERE WE ARE TARGETING ANYTHING NEW THAT POPS UP SIMILAR SITUATIONS LIKE WE SAW WITH THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND SIMILAR SITUATIONS LIKE WE SAW WITH THE E-911 FUN IF IT'S ALREADY BUILT INTO THIS THEN WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH BUT AS SOMEHOW SOMEBODY GETS THEIR HANDS INTO THE COOKIE JAR AND WANTS TO USE IT FOR SOMETHING ELSE THAT WE'RE NOT AWARE OF THAT'S WHERE THE MISDEMEANOR SHOULD COME INTO PLAY MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR TORRES DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR INQUIRY.

SENATOR TORRES: IF I MAY FURTHER PROBE SO THAT WOULD MEAN SOMEONE OTHER THAN SOMEONE D-P-W DOESN'T SPEND IT ACCORDING TO THE APPROPRIATION AND DOESN'T BACK IT UP OR SOMEONE AT D-O-A TAKES IT I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHO THAT OTHER SITUATION IS BECAUSE YOU KNOW ANOTHER ANOTHER SITUATION TOO WE HAVE TO CONSIDER IS IF YOU LOOK AT THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT IT ALSO TALKS ABOUT MONIES AT SOME POINT OF LATE BEING PLEDGED TOWARDS BONDS AND SO.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU.

SENATOR TORRES: IS THAT COMPROMISED AS WELL IT'S THE OTHER WHO IS THE OTHER DOA THE GOVERNOR.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SEN SENATOR MOYLAN WOULD YOU LIKE TO ANSWER THAT.

SENATOR MOYLAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER USUALLY WE DON'T FIND OUT UNTIL THE OPA INVESTIGATION COMES OUT THEN WE REALIZED THAT THINGS WERE ALTERED AND REMOVED AND THAT'S WHEN WE FIND THE TRUE REASON FOR THAT MONEY TO BE REMOVED SO WE WHOEVER IS THE SIGNER THE SIGNATURE OF THAT CHECK WILL BE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MISDEMEANOR CHARGE SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR TORRES DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR INQUIRY IF NOT THANK YOU WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION CONTINUE ARE YOU DONE *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* SENATOR TORRES ON THE MAIN MOTION IF THERE'S NO OTHERS SENATORS SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: TO THE AUTHOR SO WHOEVER SIGNS THE CHECK IS THE ONE THAT'S THE MISDEMEANOR.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: IS THAT IN THE FORM OF A QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I'M JUST TRYING TO I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HE JUST LAST SAID EVEN IF HE COULD BE YIELD THAT QUESTION.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THAT IS AN INQUIRY SENATOR MOYLAN WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESPOND TO SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN.

SENATOR MOYLAN: MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO CALL FOR A ONE-MINUTE RECESS PLEASE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE WE ARE IN RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE LEGISLATURE'S BACK FROM RECESS WHEN WE LEFT SENATOR MOYLAN HAD ASKED FOR A BRIEF RECESS SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED DID SENATOR MOYLAN ANSWER THE INQUIRY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NOT REALLY MADAM SPEAKER BUT I WANT TO MAKE IT FOR THE RECORD THE NUMBER ONE BASED ON BUDGET 2019 PUBLIC WORKS HAS FUNDED NINE POINT FIVE OF THE HIGHWAY FUND REGIONAL TRANSIT IS 2.7 GPD IS ONE POINT TWO MAYOR'S OFFICE IS FIVE POINT FOUR DPW TWO POINT NINE DOA STREET LIGHTS 800 37,000 DOA SINGLE AUDIT 18,000 MA'AM WITH THIS BILL I UNDERSTAND AND I AGREE WITH THE INTENT BUT WHEN WE START PUTTING TOGETHER 2020S BUDGET UNDERSTAND THAT IF THIS BILL PASSES THEN THE BUDGET ACT IS GONNA REFLECT A SHORTFALL IN MANY AREAS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND WHEN THAT REFLECTS THAT I HOPE THAT HE'S READY TO GET ON THE TABLE TO IDENTIFY WHERE THE FUND IS GONNA COME FROM BECAUSE THAT'LL BE SOMETHING THAT WE'LL BE WORKING VERY HARD TO FIND THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK IF NOT SENATOR MOYLAN WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE ON YOUR BILL AND SEND DOWN TO THE THIRD READING TO THE VOTING FILE.

SENATOR MOYLAN: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AGAIN THIS THIS BILL INTENT IN 1935 IS FOR THE TRANSFER THAT IS NOT APPROPRIATED OR DESIGNATED FOR THE HIGHWAY THE HIGHWAY TERRITORIAL FUNDS THERE THERE FOR OUR HIGHWAYS THE BILL IS INTENDED TO SECURE THESE FUNDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE IT WAS MEANT TO BE AND THAT'S FOR THE REPAIR AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR ROADS ANY OTHER NECESSARY TRANSFERS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE LEGISLATURE BODY THAT'S NOT THE INTENT WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IS ANYTHING NEW THAT SOMEBODY WANTS TO TOUCH THIS WITHOUT OUR APPROVAL SO THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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

SENATOR MOYLAN: YES, MADAM CHAIR I'D LIKE TO MOVE THIS TO VOTE AND FILE FOR THIRD READING.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES SENATOR KELLY MARSH TAITANO YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO SET-ASIDE BILL 23-35.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT RECESS LA LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATION BACK IN SESSION WE WILL GO AHEAD AND I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION SENATOR SAN AUGUSTIN WILL TAKE A LUNCH RECESS UNTIL TWO O'CLOCK AND DISCUSS IT SO WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES.

RECESS

SENATOR SHELTON: *Hafa Adai* AND GOOD AFTERNOON THE LEGISLATURE IS BACK IN SESSION WE ARE NOW IN THE SECOND READING FILE I LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MOVE BILL NUMBER 30-35 (COR) HAS INTRODUCED BY MYSELF AND AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE GUAM BUILD-UP WHICH IS AN ACT TO ADD SECTION 4302 F1 OF CHAPTER FOUR4 TITLE FOUR4 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THAT ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS BE COVERED UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT I'D LIKE TO MOVE IT TO THE THIRD READING AND IF I CAN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITHIN THE TIMELINE SET MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SHELTON: TO DISCUSS BILL NUMBER 30-35 SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE TALU'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER THE IMPETUS OF BILL 30-35 WAS VERY SIMPLE MAKING SURE THAT WE DO AS POLICYMAKERS WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR HARD-WORKING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WORKERS AND RETIREES THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE TO PROVIDE THEM WITH BETTER HEALTH CARE COVERAGE MADAM SPEAKER WE MAKE SURE THAT AT THE AT THE VERY LEAST WE BRING IT TO THIS TABLE AND DISCUSS IT UNDER BILL NUMBER 30 - 35 AS AMENDED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES WILL HAVE BOTH HOSPITALS IN THEIR HEALTH CARE INSURANCE NETWORKS SO THAT THEY CAN DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHICH LEVEL OF CARE THEY CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DURING A LIFE OR DEATH SITUATION NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHICH HOSPITAL THEY ARE GOING TO ARE GOING TO NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEIR HOSPITAL FEES BECAUSE THEY WERE TREATED IN AN OUT-OF-NETWORK HOSPITAL MANY PEOPLE ON OUR ISLAND REFUSE CARE MADAM SPEAKER GOING AGAINST THEIR DOCTOR'S ORDERS BECAUSE THE FEAR OF PAYING THE FEES IN AN OUT-OF-NETWORK HOSPITAL IS GREATER THAN THE FEAR OF LOSING THEIR OWN LIFE MADAM SPEAKER I WANT TO KNOW THAT IN NO WAY DOES THIS BILL WORK AGAINST THE EFFORTS OF OF GMH OF THE HARD WORKING EMPLOYEES OR TAKE AWAY FROM THE DOCTORS NURSES AND EMPLOYEES OF THE HOSPITAL I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT BOTH HOSPITALS IN PREVIOUS TERMS WORKING WITH THEM ARE MET TO COEXIST AND COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER IN CERTAIN CASES THE GOVERNMENT WORKED HARD TO BRING IN ADDITIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO OUR PEOPLE SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO OFF ISLAND FOR TREATMENT ANYMORE MADAM SPEAKER THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MEDICAL FUNDRAISERS AND OTHER BURDENS THAT FAMILIES GO THROUGH TO TAKE A LOVED ONE TO GET MEDICAL SERVICES AND I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MADAM SPEAKER WHAT IS THE POINT OF THESE EFFORTS IF ANY INSURANCE CONTRACT NEGOTIATED IN THE FUTURE MAY NOT INCLUDE BOTH HOSPITALS I TRULY BELIEVE IN MY HEART OF HEARTS THAT IT SHOULD BE A FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT MADAM SPEAKER I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS RAISED FROM THE BILL INTRODUCED IN THE 34TH GUAM LEGISLATURE AND YOU KNOW YOU AND I KNOW THAT ONE LEGISLATURE DOESN'T BOUND THE OTHER LEGISLATURE BUT THAT THE HOWEVER THE BILL THAT WERE INTRODUCED TODAY AS AMENDED THIS IS THE BILL THAT WE DISCUSSED TODAY IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM BILL 34 AND AND THAT BILL 34 THE THE BILL IN THE PREVIOUS 34TH GUAM LEGISLATURE IT'S NOT WHAT ARE DISCUSSING TODAY IN THIS BILL 30-35 AS AMENDED WE ARE DISCUSSING GIVING OUR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES AND OUR RETIREES THE POWER TO DECIDE THE HEALTH CARE OPTIONS AND TO GO TO WHERE THE CRITICAL MEDICAL EXPERTISE IS IF IT IS NOT PROVIDED BY OUR PUBLIC HOSPITAL CURRENTLY MADAM SPEAKER MORE PEOPLE CHOOSE TO BE COVERED UNDER A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN THAT INCLUDES BOTH HOSPITALS IN THEIR NETWORK ABOUT 84% OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF GUAM EMPLOYEES ARE COVERED UNDER A CONTRACT MADAM SPEAKER THAT INCLUDES BOTH HOSPITALS ADDITIONALLY IF WE LOOK AT OUR SURROUNDINGS TODAY I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MADAM SPEAKER THAT PEOPLE LIVE MORE PEOPLE TODAY LIVE AROUND THE HOSPITAL THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL THAT IS IN THE NORTH IN AN EMERGENCY PATIENTS ARE TAKING BY MANDATE TO THE CLOSEST HOSPITAL EITHER GMH GRMC OR NAVAL HOSPITAL THE ODDS OF OUR PEOPLE GOING TO GRMC MADAM SPEAKERS VERY VERY LIKELY IF GRMC CONTINUES TO BE OUT OF THE NETWORK THE PATIENTS WOULD HAVE TO PAY THESE UN NEGOTIATED COST MADAM SPEAKER YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR PROS AND CONS ABOUT THIS BILL AND I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT WE DO WHAT WE CAN TO TAKE CARE OF OUR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES AND THEIR RETIREES I WANT TO STRESS THAT MADAM SPEAKER WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS TO TAKE CARE OF OUR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES SO MADAM SPEAKER I'M GOING TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST AND HUMBLY ASK OUR COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS BILL 30-35 AS AMENDED SO THAT WE CAN EASE OUR GOVERNMENT WORKERS AND RETIREES MINDS ABOUT THE LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THEM FROM YEAR TO YEAR MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY I JUST WANT TO NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT THERE WAS AN UPDATED FISCAL NOTE THAT WAS PROVIDED TO THIS BODY AND I KNOW THAT ALL MY COLLEAGUES AND THE CLERK AND THE COMMITTEE ON RULES HAD RECEIVED THEM SO AGAIN I WANT TO THANK YOU I KNOW THAT THAT'S WITHIN THE TIMELINE PRESCRIBED TO TALK ABOUT THE MAIN MOTION OF THIS BILL THE IMPETUS FOR WHY I'D LIKE TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO VOTE FOR THIS BILL AND SAY *UNDÁNGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK *SAINA MA'ÁSE*.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SPEAKER IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE BILL.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER IF THERE'S NO ONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE BILL I'D LIKE TO MOVE IT TO THIRD READING VOTING FILE ALREADY.

SENATOR SHELTON: I BELIEVE WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR MARSH YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): MADAM SPEAKER WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL 30-35 YIELD TO A QUESTION OR THAT.

SENATOR SHELTON: WHAT IS YOUR QUESTION SENATOR MARSH TAITANO.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): IS THERE ANYTHING THAT STOPS OR HINDERS AN INSURANCE COMPANY FROM OFFERING A TIERED PLAN SO THAT CHOICES AND COMPETITION STILL EXIST EVEN IN AN EXCLUSIONARY AWARDDING OF A GOVERNMENT OF GUAM CONTRACT SHOULD THIS BILL GO FORWARD.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* SENATOR MARSH TAITANO DOES THE AUTHOR WISH TO YIELD TO THE QUESTION CAN YOU PLEASE REPEAT THE QUESTION.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): YES, I'LL REPEAT THE QUESTION IS THERE ANYTHING THAT STOPS OR HINDERS AN INSURANCE COMPANY FROM OFFERING A TIERED PLAN SO THAT CHOICES AND COMPETITION STILL EXIST EVEN IN AN EXCLUSIONARY AWARDDING SO FOR EXAMPLE IF IN PLAN A THERE WAS LIMITED COVERAGE THAT COVERED A STATE OR LOCAL HOSPITAL ONLY BUT IN PLAN B IT WOULD BE AN EXPANDED PLAN THAT PROVIDED ACCESS TO A LARGER GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND CLINICS LET'S SAY IN THE AWARDDING OF AG OF GUAM CONTRACT.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU DOES THE AUTHOR WISH TO YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES, THEY DO MADAM SPEAKER AND WITH THAT INCREASE THE ANSWER WOULD BE NO.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* DOES ANYONE WISH TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: I WOULD LIKE TO ASK A QUESTION OF THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL.

SENATOR SHELTON: SENATOR PEREZ WHAT IS YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: SHOULD TAKE CARE BE MANDATED TO BE REQUIRED TO SERVE INCLUDE ALL PRIVATE ENTITIES HOSPITALS IN THEIR INSURANCE WHAT ARE THE WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF IT THEM PULLING OUT AS ONE OF THE POTENTIAL INSURANCE AND WHAT WHAT EFFECT WOULD THAT HAVE OF THERE BE ONLY ONE INSURANCE COMPANY PROVIDING SERVICE FOR GOV GUAM EMPLOYEES.

SENATOR SHELTON: SENATOR PEREZ CAN YOU PLEASE REPEAT THE QUESTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: SO THE QUESTION BASICALLY REFERS TO THE IMPACT IF THIS MANDATE GOES FORWARD WHAT IMPACT WOULD THAT HAVE ON THE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE COMPANIES VYING FOR GOV GUAM TO SUPPLY GO GUAM INSURANCE AND IF THERE'S ONLY ONE REMAINING INSURANCE COMPANY WHAT IMPACT WOULD THAT HAVE ON GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FINANCES.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ DOES THE SPEAKER WISH TO YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I HOPE I'M UNDERSTANDING THAT CORRECTLY I THINK THAT THE RISK POOL I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MADAM SPEAKER BASED ON THAT INQUIRY THAT ALL BUT ONE RIGHT NOW HAVE A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH WITH WITH THE HOSPITAL WITH THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL AND I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THEN THAT THAT IS 84 PERCENT OF THE EMPLOYEES AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* DOES ANYONE ELSE WISH TO SPEAK ON THE BILL BILL 30-35 SENATOR PEREZ WAS THE ANSWER SATISFIED.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES, THANK YOU.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ IS ANYONE ELSE SENATOR MUÑA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR MUÑA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M TRYING TO PUT MY THOUGHTS INTO CONTEXT HERE AND JUST TRY TO PUT THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE AS TO WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE AND WHAT THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION IS TRYING TO DO AND I UNDERSTAND WHERE SHE'S COMING FROM I TOO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OR NOT TO CHOOSE WHICH WHICH FACILITY I WANTED TO GO TO AND THERE WERE SOME TIMES WHERE I JUST DIDN'T REALLY HAVE THAT CHOICE BECAUSE IT'S A MATTER OF VICINITY I WAS CLOSER TO WHERE I NEEDED TO GO TO AT THE TIME AND AND I DIDN'T HAVE TO THINK TWICE ABOUT WHERE I WAS GOING SO I UNDERSTAND THE AUTHOR OF THE OF THIS LEGISLATION YOU KNOW HEALTH CARE IN MEDICINE JUST ACROSS THE NATION IT'S JUST RISING PERIOD YOU KNOW WE DON'T HAVE ANY CONTROL OVER THAT THE

PEOPLE YOU KNOW WE WE PAY FOR PREMIUMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND WE DESERVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE AND THAT'S THE WAY I FEEL I FEEL LIKE IF WE'RE PUTTING OUR TRUST IN THESE IN THESE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE FOR US WHEN WE NEED IT AND SO THAT'S WHERE I THAT'S WHERE I STAND RIGHT NOW I WANT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THAT CHOICE IF I NEEDED TO AND NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST OUT OF MY POCKET IF IT'S MY LOVED ONE AND IT'S IT'S MORE CONVENIENT FOR THEM TO GO TO A CERTAIN FACILITY I THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TOO AS WELL I THINK OUR I MEAN WE BASE OUR OUR HEALTH CARE NEEDS ON REPUTATION AND AND TRUST AND AND THAT DEVELOPS LOYALTY TO THAT CERTAIN PROVIDER THAT CERTAIN DOCTOR AND IF I DON'T HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO THAT DOCTOR YEAH THAT'S GONNA AFFECT HOW I VIEW HEALTHCARE AND I REALLY DO THINK THAT THE MORE BARRIERS WE PUT ON OUR PEOPLE THE LESS CHANCES OF THEM GOING OUT TO GET HEALTH CARE AND SO FOR ME IF WE MAKE IT A LITTLE BIT EASIER FOR THEM FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY THEN THEY SHOULD HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY SO I KNOW THAT THIS BILL DOESN'T ADDRESS CHOICES BUT IT'S THE NEXT STEP AND SO I IF IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SENATOR MUÑA IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON BILL 30-35 SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER FOR MY COLLEAGUES I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE NUMBER ONE SOME HAVE ASKED ME WAS THE PHYSICAL IMPACT CURRENTLY TODAY THE OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET CANNOT DETERMINE WHAT THE IMPACT COULD BE BECAUSE THEY'RE JUST STARTING TO GET TOGETHER FOR THE NEGOTIATION WITH THE GOV GUAM OF ALL THE INSURANCE COMPANY BUT I ALSO LIKE TO REMIND OUR COLLEAGUES THAT NUMBER ONE THE ONLY ONE PRIVATE HOSPITAL TODAY HAS A QC THERE'S ONLY ONE INSURANCE COMPANY THAT HAS A QC AND I'D LIKE TO SEE WHY THEY CAN'T OFFER ALL THE BENEFITS TO THE GUAM EMPLOYEES TO INCLUDE EVERYBODY ELSE ON THE ISLAND SO AS FAR AS FINANCIAL IMPACT I KNOW THAT SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES MAY BE ASKING WELL WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR I CAN'T TALK TOO MUCH ABOUT LAST YEAR CAN ONLY TALK ABOUT THIS YEAR RIGHT NOW THE OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET CANNOT IDENTIFY WHAT THE FINANCIAL IMPACT COULD BE AND NEITHER CAN THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE NEGOTIATION IS STILL ONGOING AT THIS TIME THANK YOU.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WE WILL TAKE A ONE-MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): MEMBERS WE'RE BACK IN SESSION SENATOR SHELTON WE WERE BACK IN SESSION ON THE MOTION TO PLACE SENATOR SHELTON YOU WERE RECOGNIZED AND THEN SENATOR TERLAJE.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU.

VERY MUCH AND I RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS BILL AND HOW THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL REALLY WISHES TO ADDRESS THE ACCESS OF HEALTH CARE FOR OUR PEOPLE AND I KNOW THAT IT'S OUR DUTY AS POLICYMAKERS TO GIVE THE PEOPLE THE BEST VALUE FOR THEIR MONEY TAXPAYER MONEY AND HAVING READ THE FISCAL NOTE THE NEW FISCAL NOTE PROVIDED BY THE COMMITTEE I AM VERY CONCERNED TO READ IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE FISCAL NOTE HOWEVER ABSENT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM DOA INCLUDING DATA THAT MAY BE CONFIDENTIAL DUE TO THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM HEALTH INSURANCE NEGOTIATION PROCESS THE BUREAU IS NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL COST IMPACT AT THIS TIME AND I WAS ABLE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE AT BBMR AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE INFORMATION THAT'S NEEDED TO COMPLETE THIS FISCAL NOTE IS CONFIDENTIAL BECAUSE THE CURRENT DATA CANNOT BE RELEASED DUE TO THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS HOWEVER IF THAT'S THE CASE I'D LIKE TO ASK IF IT'S POSSIBLE FOR LAST YEAR'S DATA OR THE PROJECTIONS FROM THE OPA BE USED AS THE AVAILABLE DATA TO COME UP WITH A COST ESTIMATE I UNDERSTAND TO YOU THAT THIS IS OF COURSE GOING TO BE A VERY ROUGH ESTIMATE IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO COME UP WITH THIS KIND OF NUMBER AND TRY TO PREDICT MARKET FORCES BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF AN IMPARTIAL COST ANALYSIS THAT COMES FROM EITHER THE OUR OFFICE OF OUR OFB OR FROM BBMR I THINK THAT THIS IS A LEGITIMATE CONCERN THAT I HOPE THAT THE AUTHOR CAN ADDRESS SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): SPEAKER WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER I WILL TRY IF WE'RE LOOKING AT ACTUAL NUMBERS HAS PROVIDED TO US TODAY I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT FROM FISCAL YEARS 2014 TO 2019 THOSE NUMBERS WERE GIVEN 79% OF THAT COMING FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THAT WOULD BE THAT WOULD SHOULDER FOR THIS COVERAGE THE EMPLOYEES AND THE RETIREES WOULD BE PAYING AT A 21 PERCENT MARGIN AND IF YOU TAKE

THE TOTAL OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL LESS THE DENTAL BECAUSE WE'RE ONLY TAKING ABOUT OR WE'RE LESSING THAT FROM FROM THE DENTAL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE MEDICAL POLICY WE'RE AVERAGING EACH YEAR FROM 2014 IT WAS AT 72 MILLION 2015 WAS AT I I HOPE I'M SAYING THIS RIGHT 80 MILLION AND THEN 90 FOR 2016 WE'RE LOOKING AT EIGHTY SIX POINT ONE FOR 2017 I'M SORRY YES FOR 2017 IT WOULD BE AT EIGHTY SIX POINT NINE FOR TWENTY EIGHTEEN NINETY ONE POINT ZERO AND THEN FOR TWENTY NINE NINETEEN WHICH WOULD BE AT NINETY THREE POINT ZERO AGAIN I'M JUST BASING IT ON AN ANALYSIS THAT WE RECEIVED THAT ONLY READS UP TO TWENTY SEVEN FROM THE OPA WHICH IS THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY WHICH GIVES FROM 2014 ALL THE WAY TO 2017 AND THEN WITH THE PROJECTIONS ON 2018 AND TWENTY NINTH NINETEEN WHICH WE ARE ON NOW 2020 COULD BE A NEGOTIATED RATE DOWN TO EIGHTY THREE POINT SEVEN AND THAT WOULD BE EIGHTY THREE POINT SEVEN MILLION I AGAIN I'M JUST BASING IT BASED ON WHAT WAS GIVEN AND AND ANALYZING IT FROM THE OPA'S REPORT.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): SENATOR SHELTON ARE YOU ARE YOU SATISFIED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER I THINK WHAT I'M I'M REALLY TRYING TO ASK IS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DETERMINE THE COST IMPACT OF THIS BILL SO I LIKE TO REQUEST THE AUTHOR THE COMMITTEE TO TO ASK FOR BA BMR TO USE THE HISTORICAL DATA FROM LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE US WITH AN AMENDED FISCAL NOTE.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): SPEAKER WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THAT FURTHER YEAH QUESTION.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: JUST JUST BASED ON ON THE ADDED PROVISION MADAM SPEAKER BASED ON THE CURRENT LAW TODAY BASED ON ON THE INQUIRY IT WILL BE NO COSTS TO THERE WILL BE BE NO COSTS UNDER THE CURRENT LAW BECAUSE UNDER THE CURRENT LAW THE AFFECTED INSURED WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE THEREBY NOPE NO INCREASE VIA THE INCLUSION OF GRMC WOULD BE THERE AND AGAIN I DIDN'T WE DIDN'T DO THE ANALYSIS TO THAT I'M JUST WHAT SHE WAS ASKING BASED ON ON WHAT WAS WRITTEN FROM THE OPA I GOT THOSE FROM YEARS 2014 THROUGH 2017 FROM THE OPA WE CAN TAKE A MINUTE RECESS IF YOU WANT US TO MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): SENATOR SHELTON ARE YOU SATISFIED WE'LL TAKE A BRIEF RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE'S BACK FROM RECESS LADIES AND GENTLEMEN JUST BASED ON THE INQUIRIES THAT WERE ASKED FOR FROM THE BBMR WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION WE PROBABLY WON'T GET THE NEEDED INFORMATION UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING SO WE ARE GOING TO MOVE TO RECESS TILL 10 O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING WE ARE IN RECESS.

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VICE SPEAKER NELSON: SESSION IS NOW RECONVENED I BELIEVE WE WERE ON THE QUESTION OF SENATOR SHELTON BUT I BELIEVE THE SPEAKER HAS A POINT OF INFORMATION THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM SPEAKER AND JUST FOR THE RECORD I JUST WANT TO NOTE TO OUR COLLEAGUES IN THIS AUGUST BODY THAT AN UPDATED REVISION OF THE FISCAL NOTE WAS SENT DOWN BY BBMR SO I JUST WANT TO NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT ALL OUR COLLEAGUES HAVE A COPY OF THIS NEW DOCUMENT THAT WAS PRESENTED TO US THIS MORNING *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE* (THANK YOU).

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE* (THANK YOU) GOOD MORNING I'D LIKE TO THANK BBMR FOR THE QUICK TURNAROUND IN TRYING TO BUY PROVIDE US THE INFORMATION ON THE COST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND BBMR AGAIN SAYS IN THE IN THE NEW FISCAL NOTE PER CORRESPONDENCE WITH DOA ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HEALTH INSURANCE NEGOTIATIONS FOR FY2020 HAVE ALREADY COMMENCED DOA IS PREVENTED FROM RELEASING DATA ON COST AND THE POTENTIAL EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES INCLUDED IN THIS BILL BY THE NEED TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY DURING THE NEGOTIATED PROCESS AS WELL AS HIPPA CONCERNS AND CONTINUES TO SAY AS SUCH THE BUREAU IS NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL COST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AT THIS TIME FOR FY 2020 I DO WANT TO THANK THEM FOR TRYING TO PROVIDE US THE INFORMATION FROM FY 2018 AND 2019 AND THE PERCENTAGE OF GROWTH DURING THAT PERIOD OF BEING 0.83% HOWEVER I THINK THIS STILL DOESN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW THE COST THAT IT WILL BE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IT'LL AFFECT OUR BUDGET WHAT WE DO MOVING FORWARD HERE IN THE LEGISLATURE IT'LL AFFECT OUR TAXPAYERS MOST ESPECIALLY IT'LL AFFECT THE 12,532 GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES WHO WILL BE PAYING THEIR SHARE OF THIS INSURANCE AND TAKECARE AND GRMC HAVE BOTH BEEN PUTTING OUT NUMBERS OF HOW MUCH THIS WILL COST WILL COST OUR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WILL COST AND THE ESTIMATE THAT TAKECARE PUTS OUT SAYS THAT EMPLOYEES SHARE FOR A FAMILY CAN RAISE 400% THAT'S A REAL CONCERN BUT THAT'S A NUMBER THAT TAKECARE IS PUTTING OUT AND THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER NUMBERS FLOATING AROUND BUT I THINK THAT WHAT WE NEED TO HEAR IN THIS BODY BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD IS AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS FROM BBMR SO I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS ISSUE THANK YOU *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE* (THANK YOU).

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE* (THANK YOU) SENATOR SHELTON ANY OTHER SENATORS LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL ANY OTHER SENATORS LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL ON BILL 30 SENATOR TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WELCOME BACK MADAM SPEAKER THE GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HEALTH INSURANCE IS THE LARGEST PROCUREMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IN A YEAR IN EVERY ANNUALLY IT'S ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$91,000,000 ONE IT ALSO ONE OF THE MOST COMPLEX SOLICITATION AND NEGOTIATING SCHEMES IN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY IS A COMPLEX INDUSTRY EXPERTS EXPERTS MAKE A LIVING YOU KNOW CONSULTING STATE GOVERNMENTS AND YOU KNOW OUR OWN LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN IN THIS FIELD AND I KNOW THAT THE NEGOTIATING TEAM HIRES CONSULTANTS EVERY YEAR TO ADVISE THEM AND STATES HIRE CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE THEM AS TO THE IMPACTS OF DIFFERENT HEALTH POLICIES WE ARE BEING REALLY I WOULDN'T SAY WE'RE DROWNING BUT WE ARE DEFINITELY BEING YOU KNOW BOMBARDED WITH ARGUMENTS ALL AROUND FOR AND AGAINST THIS BILL EVEN DOCOTRS ARE SEEM TO BE DIVIDED ON THE ISSUE THE DEBATE OF COURSE IT HAS HIGHLIGHTED MANY ISSUES THAT MUST BE SOLVED PROBLEMS THAT EXIST IN OUR CURRENT NEGOTIATION OR CONTRACTS PROBLEMS IN BILLINGS

PROBLEMS IN COLLECTIONS ALL ALL KINDS OF PROBLEMS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM MUST DO BETTER ON AND I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN SOLVE THOSE BUT THEY'RE NOT SOLVED IN THIS BILL WE CANNOT SOLVE THOSE HOWEVER I BELIEVE WITH LESS COMPETITION IN IN OUR PROCUREMENT WE CANNOT SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS WITH UNEQUAL BARGAINING POWER IN NEGOTIATIONS WE KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THAT FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IT THAT THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT AND LABOR ACCOUNT EXPLICITLY FORBIDS THE DENIAL OF SERVICES TO ANY PATIENT IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AND THUS GRMC MUST PROVIDE CARE TO PATIENTS IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PATIENTS HEALTH INSURER HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH GRMC OR GRMC AS PART OF ITS CONTRACTED NETWORK ALSO WE KNOW THAT THE CURRENT AND PREVIOUS GOVGUAM HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT INCLUDES A PROVISION THAT STATES IF A CARRIER DOES NOT CONTRACT WITH THE PROVIDER OF ANY SOLE SOURCE SERVICE IN GUAM IT MUST REIMBURSE THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER BY SUCH GUAM PROVIDER AS IF THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER WERE A PARTICIPATING PROVIDER SO THERE IS A LOT OF DEBATE IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT COVERAGE AT GRMC AND ACCESS TO IT IN AN EMERGENCIES ACCESS TO IT UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES AND I THINK THAT WISELY THE NEGOTATING TEAM HAS ENSURED THAT THAT IS THERE IS ACCESS THE BILL WE ARE LOOKING AT TODAY IS VERY SIMILAR IF NOT IDENTICAL TO THE MANDATE THAT WAS PROPOSED IN THE LAST TERM BY SPEAKER CRUZ THE FORMER SPEAKER CRUZ THAT BILL RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION FROM HEALTH INSURANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND IT WAS WITHDRAWN THE BILL WE'RE LOOKING AT TODAY IS A RESULT OF ANOTHER LAW THAT PASSED IN THE 34TH GUAM LEGISLATURE WHICH REQUIRED THAT THE HEALTH INSURANCE NEGOTIATING TEAM FORWARD ONLY THE LOWEST COST OPTION OF EITHER THE EXCLUSIVE OR NON-EXCLUSIVE PROPOSAL TO THE GOVERNOR THAT WAS A HUGE CHANGE IN OUR POLICY FOR NEGOTIATING HEALTH INSURANCE THAT LAW WAS INTENDED TO SAVE APPROXIMATELY 18 TO \$20,000,000 IT WAS PASSED IN THE MIDST OF A FISCAL CRISIS MAYBE SEVERAL OF THEM THAT WE WERE FACING AND THE LEGISLATURE WAS MAKING VERY HARD CHOICES AT THE TIME TO SAVE MONEY WE WERE CUTTING WE WERE FORGOING THE RENOVATION OF A MATERNITY THE LABOR AND DELIVERY WARD RATHER AT THE HOSPITAL AND MANY OTHER THINGS IN OUR GOVERNMENT IF I ATTENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS BILL AND WAS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BILL IN THE LAST TERM AND THERE MANY CONCERNS PRESENTED FROM HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS AND SOME OF THOSE REMAIN REGARDING HIGHER COST FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES A REDUCTION IN CHOICE BECAUSE OF THE HIGHER COST AND POTENTIAL LEGAL CHALLENGES THAT MAY DELAY OR CAUSE ANOTHER BAR TO THE NEGOTATING AND SELECTION PROCESS WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED AND WHEN THE NEGOTIATING TEAM LAST YEAR PIT A VERY SIMILAR REQUIREMENT AS IN THIS BILL THEY PUT THAT IN THEIR RFP AND IT WAS IT WAS CONTESTED AND SO THAT WAS NEVER REALLY RESOLVED BECAUSE THEY SETTLED AND I GUESS THE SETTLEMENT WAS TO CARRY OVER WITH THE PRIOR CONTRACT SO THAT'S WHAT WE ARE OPERATING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 BY MANDATING ALL HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS TO INCLUDE THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL IN THEIR NETWORK IT CREATES A POTENTIAL COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE FOR THAT PRIVATE HOSPITAL TO NEGOTIATE WHATEVER FEES IT MAY CHOOSE POTENTIALLY TYING THE HANDS OF GOVGUAM AND ITS EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL MAY BE EMPOWERED TO SET THEIR FEES AT WHATEVER LEVEL THEY CHOOSE AND AS A PRIVATE ENTITY THEY ARE NOT BOUND TO THE SAME REQUIREMENTS THAT GMH HAS IN MONITORING ITS FEES THROUGH PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TRANSPARENCY THE FISCAL NOTE FROM BMR IN FEBRUARY NOW WE'VE RECEIVED TWO SINCE THEN BUT IN FEBRUARY AND ALSO LAST YEAR THE FISCAL NOTE I MEAN SORRY YES AND LAST YEAR'S FISCAL NOTE WHERE THEY BOTH SAID THAT AND I "THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR COST ESCALATION DUE TO REDUCED COMPETITION AND "A POTENTIAL FOR THE OVERALL PRICING BASIS PREFERRED BY THE QUALIFIED INSURANCE PROVIDERS TO INCREASE IT DID NOT GIVE AN EXACT AMOUNT OF THE POTENTIAL INCREASE DUE TO A LACK OF DATA AND NOW THEY'RE SAYING THEY CAN'T DO THAT BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF OF THE INFORMATION HOWEVER THERE ARE ESTIMATES AND WE'VE ALL SEEN THESE BY TAKECARE WHICH ESTIMATED AN ADDITIONAL 20,000,000 TO THE TOTAL PREMIUM FOR GOVGUAM AND THAT SOME POLICY PREMIUMS FOR FAMILIES WOULD INCREASE BY 120 PER MONTH FOR EMPLOYEES AND 140 PER MONTH FOR RETIREES CURRENTLY ABOUT 16% OF GOVGUAM EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES CHOOSE A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL AND WE WONDER WHY AND WE'RE GUESSING WE'RE SPECULATING AND I'M GUESSING THAT IT'S BECAUSE THEY ARE CHOOSING THEY FEEL THEY CANNOT AFFORD THE PREMIUMS TO GO ANY OTHER WAY WE KNOW AT THE VERY LEAST THAT THIS 16% WILL SEE INCREASED RATES AND IT'S UNCLEAR IF OTHER INSURANCE COMPANIES CURRENT NEGOTIATED RATES WILL BE AFFECTED IF THERE'S A LACK OF COMPETITION OR NO INCENTIVE TO NEGOTIATE LOWER RATES I'M WONDERING IF WE SHOULD SPECULATE AS TO THE IMPACTS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WE ARE NOT GIVEN YOU KNOW ANY INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS AS MY COLLEAGUE POINTED OUT EARLIER AND WHETHER WHETHER THIS BILL WOULD WASH AWAY THAT 18 TO \$20,000,000 IN SAVINGS THAT WE WERE TRYING TO OBTAIN BY PASSING THAT BILL IN THE LAST TERM OF THE LEGISLATURE

WHICH WHICH YOU KNOW IS REALLY I THINK THE CRUX OF THE ISSUE HERE AND THAT BILL WE TRIED TO SAVE MONEY BY FORCING PERHAPS AN EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT WITH ONLY ONE PROVIDER AND NOW WE ARE TRYING TO UNDO THAT BY ALLOW I MEAN YOU KNOW FORCING MANDATES WITH WHO WE'RE GOING TO CONTRACT WITH THOSE PROVIDERS OR THAT HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY WOULD CONTRACT WITH PERHAPS I THINK IT'S BETTER FOR US TO RECONSIDER THAT CHOICE IF THAT IS REALLY WHAT YOU KNOW IF WE HAVE THIS EXTRA MONEY THEN I WOULD MUCH RATHER GO BACK AND RECONSIDER THAT CHOICE OF AND ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO HAVE A CHOICE OF HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES AGAIN AND I WOULD THINK THAT WOULD BE A BETTER USE OF A POTENTIAL 18 TO \$20,000,000 RATHER THAN YOU KNOW END UP WITH AN EXCLUSIVE ONE INSURANCE COMPANY WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE AT THIS POINT THE IMPACTS OF OTHER INSURANCE COMPANIES YOU KNOW BEING LEFT OUT AND WHAT HOW THAT WILL IMPACT THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY IN OTHER WAYS AND WE DON'T KNOW THE IMPACTS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS TO YOU KNOW AMOUNTS AND THERE ARE JUST TOO MANY UNKNOWNNS IF WE WANT OUR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES TO AVAIL OF GOVGUAM HEALTH INSURANCE WE HAVE TO DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO HOLD DOWN THE COSTS AND SOME SOME SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ALLOW THE NEGOTIATING OF PRICES BEFORE MANDATING ANY PROVIDER THERE HAVE BEEN ALLEGATIONS THAT THIS BILL WILL ALSO NEGATIVELY IMPACT TO GMH IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING AND MY HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL TEAM IS SCRAMBLING TO FIND MONEY FOR THE \$13,000,000 IN MEDICAID THAT WE ARE GOING TO NEED BEGINNING APRIL 1 AND THE CRITICAL GMH CMS IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING FOR YEARS AND THE NEW MATERNITY WARD THAT WE HAD TO FOREGO AND THAT THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN THEIR INPUT AS TO WHETHER FUNDING THIS PRIVATE HOSPITAL BENEFIT FOR GOVGUAM EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED OVER ALL OF THOSE OTHER PROJECTS OR IF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS AT THIS POINT FOREGOING ITS ITS DESIRE WHICH THEY EXPRESSED TO THE LEGISLATURE TO TO RISE TO THE CHALLENGE AND TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT IT CURRENTLY DOES NOT PROVIDE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND OF COURSE THEY'RE GOING TO NEED OUR ASSISTANCE TO DO THIS I BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE AS POLICYMAKERS WITH THE POWER OF THE PURSE STRINGS TAKE THE TIME NECESSARY TO BE FULLY BRIEFED ABOUT THE FISCAL IMPACTS BEFORE WE ACT THERE'S BEEN MANY MUCH TESTIMONY EVEN TESTIMONY THAT I THAT HAVE WE RECEIVED AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING I THINK ALMOST EVERY DAY WE RECEIVE DIFFERENT TESTIMONY FROM DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND A FEW OF THESE ARE SELECT CARE THEY STATED THAT THE BILL WOULD BE BETTER IF AMENDED TO QUOTE ENSURE THAT THE REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS IS FULLY VESTED AND LEFT IN THE HANDS OF THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE THEY ALSO MENTIONED THAT THEY ARE QUOTE CONCERNED WITH WHAT WOULD POTENTIALLY BECOME NEGOTIATING ADVANTAGES FOR THE NEW PRIVATE HOSPITAL AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF POTENTIALLY HIGHER FEES THEY RECOMMENDED IMPLEMENTING SAFETY NETS AND LIMITS TO COST INCREASES BUT NONE OF THESE RECOMMEND RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS IS INCLUDED AT THIS TIME IN THE BILL TAKE CARES TESTIMONY OF COURSE AND THEIR CONCERNS WERE VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT THEY HAD TESTIFIED YEARS AGO THAT THEY WOULD THIS BILL WOULD CAUSE RATES TO RISE EXPONENTIALLY THEY OUTLINED EQUAL PROTECTION RIGHTS VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS RIGHTS OF HEALTH INSURERS IMPROPER DELEGATION OF POWER AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO REVENUES AT GMH THE GUAM FEDERATION OF TEACHERS OPPOSED THE BILL THEY CITED POTENTIAL COST INCREASES TO EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES DR. THOMAS SHIEH HAS REGISTERED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE BILL AND I ACTUALLY HIS TESTIMONY SUGGESTS THAT IF WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS FOR A PRIVATE HOSPITAL WHY ARE WE NOT GOING TO DO THIS FOR PRIVATE PROVIDERS SUCH AS HIM WHO HAS I DON'T WANNA I'M PARAPHRASING HERE SO BUT WHO HAS SERVICES AVAILABLE AT HIS CLINIC THAT ARE NOT ANYWHERE ELSE IN IN GUAM AND I THOUGHT THAT EXAMPLE WAS VERY INTERESTING WE ALSO HAVE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES WHO'VE EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS WITH BEING UNABLE TO AFFORD ANY INCREASE IN PREMIUMS THERE ARE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO'VE REGISTERED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL AND SOME OF THEM HAVE SUGGESTED THAT WE PUT A CAP ON THE GRMC FEES IF WE ARE GOING TO MANDATE THAT GRMC BE BE INCLUDED UNFORTUNATELY THAT CAP IS ALSO NOT PART OF THIS BILL I UNDERSTAND AND COMMEND THE INTENT OF THIS BILL TO ENSURE THAT GOVGUAM EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES CAN ACCESS THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL IN GUAM HOWEVER I'M CONCERNED THAT THE COST OF THE GOVERNMENT AND GOVGUAM AND RETIREES MAY BE THERE THERE UNKNOWN AT THIS POINT THEY MAY BE TOO HIGH AND IF SO WOULD PRECLUDE THESE SAME EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES FROM SEEKING THE SERVICES ALTOGETHER OR PRECLUDE GMH FROM EXPANDING ITS SERVICES I KNOW THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE IF THE LEGISLATURE IS TO DICTATE THE TERMS OF THE NEW SOLICITATION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE BY THE GOVGUAM NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE YET I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THAT IF ALL THE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND SOME PHYSICIANS ARE WARNING US OF SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN COSTS AND CHANGE IN NEGOTIATING POWER UNLESS WE DO MORE THAT WE SHOULD GO BACK TO THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS AND WORK SOME MORE TO COME UP WITH THE LANGUAGE THAT WILL AVOID INCREASING PREMIUMS OR DEDUCTIBLES FOR THE

EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM I BELIEVE WE CAN DO BETTER IF WE DO NOT BUCKLE TO PRESSURE TO ACT UNINFORMED OR TO EMBED THE GOVERNMENT IN A LEGAL BATTLE AND FOREGO YOU KNOW A NEW CONTRACT OR AND THAT WE WE DON'T NEED TO FOREGO OTHER SOLUTIONS SUCH AS ALLOWING THE NEGOTIATING TEAM TO NEGOTIATE RATES WITH THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL THOSE ARE JUST SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS THAT WERE MADE FOR THESE REASONS MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD I WOULD MOVE THAT I WOULD MOVE THE BILL BACK TO THE COMMITTEE SO THAT WE CAN CONSIDER THE CAPS THAT HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED ON THE GRMC RATES OR WE CAN CONSIDER WHO SHOULD NEGOTIATE RATES IF WE ARE GOING TO MANDATE THAT THIS PRIVATE HOSPITAL BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT OR CONSIDER THE OTHER THE REST OF THE TESTIMONY AND AND MOST OF ALL CONSIDER THE IMPACT THE FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WHICH I FEEL IS NOT AVAILABLE TO US TODAY THAT WOULD BE MY MOTION MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE THERE HAS BEEN A MOTION TO MOVE BILL 30-35 BACK IN TO BACK TO THE COMMITTEE I HEAR THERE IS AN OBJECTION SO ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF MOVING BILL 30-35 BACK TO COMMITTEE PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

NOTE ON THE MOTION: SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: OKAY MOTION FAILS ANY OTHER SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK FORGIVE ME SENATOR TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: I WAS GOING TO PROFFER AN AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S BEEN FULLY PREPARED YET SO IF I COULD ASK THE INDULGENCE FOR THE BODY TO PROFFER THAT AT A LATER TIME I APPRECIATE THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: YES, THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE AND THE OTHER SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON BILL 30-35 SENATOR "PEDO" TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM CHAIR *KULAN ATRASAO HU NI PARA BAI EKUNGOK SI SUBRINAO THERESE NI YONA* TESTIMONY (I'M KIND OF LATE TO HEAR THE TESTOMONY FROM MY NIECE THERESE TESTIMONY) BUT FOR ONE LET ME JUST SAY THAT BILL 30-35 IS A GOOD BILL WE CANNOT AVOID AVOID ANY OTHER HEALTH CARE SERVICES WITH THE LIMITED HOSPITALS THAT WE HAVE SO WE NEED TO ALLOW GRMC TO BE PART OF THAT *YANGGEN TA ATAN I NUMERUN, I NUMERU Hafa pa u ma gasta* (IF WE LOOK AT THE NUMBERS, THE NUMBERS OF WHATS GOING TO SPENT) I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT ABOUT THE MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE ARE GOING TO INCUR IF WE IF THE SUGGESTION IS TO MOVE BACK BILL 30-35 WHAT I'M ASKING IS THAT YOU KNOW IF WE MAKE MAKE THE COMPARISON ON THE COST FOR IN-NETWORK AVERAGE FOR PATIENT COST AN AVERAGE OUTWARD OF NETWORK PATIENT COST IF YOU LOOK AT THESE NUMBERS YOU KNOW THE SPECIALTY CLINIC VISIT FOR ONE IN NETWORK IS \$40 WHEN YOU GO OUT TO OUT OF NETWORK PATIENT COSTS IT'S GONNA COST \$1,413 AND WE GO DOWN TO EMERGENCY ROOM VISIT ON AN IN-NETWORK COST IT'S \$195 AND IF WE GO OUT-OF-NETWORK THE PATIENT COST WOULD BE \$1,948 SO *MAILA TA ATTAN I DIFERENCIA GUINI* (LET'S LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE HERE) OUT PATIENT VISIT FOR IN-NETWORK COST \$143 OUT OF NETWORK COSTS FOR PATIENTS \$1,431 MORE THAN WHAT MORE THAN I WILL SAY 80% OF THAT MONEY THAT IS BEING FORK OUT ON THE OUT-OF-NETWORK PATIENT COSTS ON THE INPATIENT STING COST IN NETWORK PATIENT COSTS IT'S GOING TO COST ONE HUNDRED AND THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS NOW IF YOU GO OUT OF NETWORK COSTS FOR PATIENT COST IT'S GOING TO COST THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS SO THIS IS WHAT MY MY ARGUMENT IS FORGET ABOUT THE MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE ANTICIPATE TO INCUR IF WE GO TO ONE ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER SIDE RIGHT WE NEED TO WE NEED TO REALIZE THE COST OF THE PATIENTS THE PATIENT'S STAY THE INPATIENT VISIT THE INPATIENT ROOM VISIT THE OUTPATIENT VISIT THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT THAT WOULD REALLY HURT PATIENTS GOING UP TO GOING UP GOING OUT TO THE OUT NETWORK PATIENT COST SO THIS IS JUST MY ARGUMENT I AM NOT AGAINST YOU KNOW MOVING BACK BILL 30-35 OR NOT AGAINST THAT BUT WE NEED TO REALIZE THAT YOU KNOW THE THING IS WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE COST OF PATIENTS RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THAT'S THE BIGGEST PART OF THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE RICH PEOPLE ON THIS ISLAND MAYBE YOU KNOW PEOPLE THAT HAVE BIG BUSINESSES CAN AFFORD THE OUT OF THE OUT OF NETWORK COST SO THAT'S MY ARGUMENT I AM NOT I AM NOT AGAINST YOU KNOW WHAT TERESA SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE JUST MENTIONED BUT I JUST WANT TO PUT THIS OUT THAT THIS IS WHAT THIS IS WHAT I'VE GATHERED THAT THAT WOULD WOULD BENEFIT OUR OUR PATIENTS ON ISLAND THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU SENATOR "PEDO" IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON BILL 30 SENATOR TORRES YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TORRES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ONE OF THE RETIRING SPEAKERS SPOKE ABOUT THE NATURE OF THIS BILL AND THERE APPEARS TO BE NO WIN-WIN SITUATION WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE THE DIFFERENT SIDES THAT ARE ARGUING THEIR POINTS FOR AND AGAINST THIS MEASURE AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT IT HAS A BUSINESS IMPACT ON THE ONLY CARRIER THAT DOES NOT OFFER IN NETWORK COVERAGE OF THE OF THE ONE PRIVATE HOSPITAL VERSUS THE OTHERS OR THE HOSPITAL THAT NOW HAS TO SEE PATIENTS WHAT I WANT TO POINT OUT IS WHILE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT AND ACTIVE LABOR ACT EMTALA DOES IN FACT APPLY AND REQUIRES THAT ANY MEMBER ANY CITIZEN OF GUAM WHO'S TAKEN TO THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL FOR EMERGENCY CARE MUST BE TREATED AND THAT OUR CONTRACT ALSO CALLS THAT ANY PATIENT AND I'LL QUOTE HERE FROM THE FROM THE AGREEMENT IF A CARRIER DOES NOT CONTRACT WITH THE PROVIDER OF ANY SOLE SOURCE SERVICE IN GUAM IT MUST REIMBURSE FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER IF THE PROVIDER ARE PARTICIPATING I'M SORRY I'M I'VE LOST MY PLACE LET ME TAKE THAT BACK GRMC MUST PROVIDE CARE TO PATIENTS IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PATIENT'S HEALTH INSURER HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH GRMC OR GRMC AS PART OF ITS CONTRACTED NETWORK MADAM SPEAKER MY POINT THAT I'M TRYING TO MAKE IS WE UNDERSTAND THAT EMTALA REQUIRES THAT THE PATIENTS RECEIVE EMERGENCY CARE AT OUR PRIVATE HOSPITAL WE ALSO UNDERSTAND BY THE CONTRACT THAT GRMC CAN PROVIDE AND WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR SERVICES IF THE SERVICES ARE NOT PROVIDED AT OR AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL BUT WHAT WE'RE NOT DISCUSSING HERE AND I WANT TO ADVOCATE NOT FOR ANY ONE PARTY I WANT TO ADVOCATE FOR THE EMPLOYEES THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CURRENTLY WITH AN INSURANCE POLICY THAT DOES NOT HAVE A NETWORK COVERAGE AT GRMC MADAM SPEAKER THE DEVIL IS ALWAYS IN THE DETAIL AND WHILE THE CONTRACT PROVIDES THAT YOU CAN GET REIMBURSED OR YOU WILL BE REIMBURSED THE METHOD BY WHICH A GOV GUAM EMPLOYEE SEEKS REIMBURSEMENT IS NOT PRACTICAL IS NOT PRACTICAL TO THE POINT WHERE OF THE 1,600 EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE SOUGHT CARE AT GRMC WHO ARE CURRENTLY TAKE CARE MEMBERS THESE EMPLOYEES HAVE BILLED AT A FULL PRICE THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS THEY HAVE TO BE BECAUSE THEY'RE THEY'RE OUT OF NETWORK AS A RESULT OF THE 1,600 EMPLOYEES WITH THIS ONE INSURANCE POLICY THAT IS NOT IN THE NETWORK THEY PERSONALLY HAVE TO PAY GRMC TO DATE 13.5 MILLION DOLLARS OUT OF THEIR PERSONAL POCKETS SO WHILE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CAN WE AFFORD IS THIS WHAT IS THIS GONNA COST US EVERYTHING HAS TO BE TAKEN WITHIN CONTEXT IT HAS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE BIGGER PICTURE HAS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS 16 PERCENT OF GOV GUAM EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY ARE SUBSCRIBING TO A PLAN THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE GRMC AND THERE IN NETWORK COVERAGE THE EXPOSURE TO THOSE EMPLOYEES IS IT'S GREAT THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAIL MADAM SPEAKER IN SO FAR AS I IF I WERE TO AND I AM ONE OF THOSE EMPLOYEES INTO THAT COVERAGE SO I CAN SPEAK FROM MY PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE BUT THIS IS FACT I WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY MY BILL IN FULL AND THEN I MUST PROVIDE BEFORE I CAN EVEN MAKE A CLAIM AND THEN I MUST PROVIDE A CERTAIN A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS ORIGINAL RECEIPTS THE RECORDS ALL OF THAT AND THEN MAKE THE CLAIM FOR REIMBURSEMENT THE REIMBURSEMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE ELIGIBLE COSTS WHICH ARE DETERMINED BY MY INSURANCE COMPANY SO WHILE REIMBURSEMENT IS FACTORED IN IT IS NOT 100 PERCENT AND AS A RESULT WE SEE THAT SO MANY OF THESE PATIENTS 1600 OF THEM HAVE AMASSED A BILL THAT LARGE SO WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT COSTS YOU KNOW LET'S LET'S JUST LET'S JUST FACTOR IN THE COST TO THE INDIVIDUAL LET'S LET'S TAKE THE BUSINESS SIDE OF IT OUT FOR ARGUMENT'S SAKE BECAUSE WHAT WERE WHAT I WANT TO APPEAL TO AND WHAT I'M ADVOCATING TO ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEE IS WE'RE REALLY LOOKING AT THE DIGNITY OF HEALTH CARE ON GUAM IN YEARS PAST WE DIDN'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF GETTING FULL MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR ANY VARIETY OF ILLNESSES PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT EFFECT GUAM CITIZENS DIABETES CARDIAC ISSUES WE NOW HAVE A FACILITY THAT CAN TAKE CARE OF THOSE IN THE PAST WHEN WE DIDN'T HAVE FULL CARE INCLUDING CANCER CARE TO SOME DEGREE WE WERE FORCED TO EITHER NOT GET CARE OR GO OFF ISLAND HOW HORRIBLE IS THAT WHEN ARE WHEN ONE OF OUR TOP PRIORITIES OF THIS GOVERNMENT IS HEALTHCARE TO FORCE OUR PEOPLE TO HAVE TO GO OFF ISLAND NOW WE'RE IN A SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE FACILITIES THAT CAN PROVIDE AND BY DEFAULT MANY OF US WILL END UP WHETHER WE HAVE COVERAGE AT GRMC WILL END UP THERE BECAUSE OUR HOSPITAL CAN'T PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES AND WHERE THEY CAN'T PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES WE WILL BE REFERRED OVER TO GRMC THE RATE I BELIEVE HAD CAN BE CONTAINED IN SO FAR AS THE RATE ESCALATION IF WE FACTOR IN WHAT THE ESCALATION WAS WHEN GRMC ENTERED THE MARKET THAT RATE WE KNOW THAT IT WENT UP BY 13 PERCENT BUT ANNUALLY AFTER THAT THE RATE INCREASED BY A NOMINAL AMOUNT AVERAGING ABOUT 2.6 PERCENT ANNUALLY SO IF YOU IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT THE ENTERING THE ENTRANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL CARRIER WITH 16 PERCENT OF THE MARKET SHARE IS GONNA DO IT'S NOT GONNA SOAR I DON'T BELIEVE EXPONENTIALLY AND IF WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT RUNAWAY RATES BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A COMMISSION RIGHT NOW THAT CAN REGULATE RATES WHEN THERE ARE FEE INCREASES OR THERE PRIVATE HOSPITALS NOT SUBJECT TO TO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON RATE

INCREASES LIKE OUR PUBLIC HOSPITAL IS THEN MAYBE WE CAN PROFFER A SIMPLE AMENDMENT TO THIS WHERE WE CAN HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO TO NEGOTIATE IT AT RATES NOT TO EXCEED THOSE ADOPTED BY MEDICARE MEDICARE RATES THERE'S A SCIENCE TO MEDICARE RATES AND MAYBE THAT IS THE CAP THAT WERE SEEKING TO ALLEVIATE OUR CONCERN ABOUT SKYROCKETING RATE ADJUSTMENTS DOWN THE ROAD BUT MADAM SPEAKER GOING BACK TO MY ORIGINAL POINT ABOUT THE THE PAYER I'M JUST SO CONCERNED ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY AND THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE ON THIS ISLAND AND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE BY OUR GOV GUAM EMPLOYEES THEY ARE ABOUT 28,000 GOV GUAM SUBSCRIBERS RIGHT NOW IF WE FOLLOW THE LETTER OF PRIOR LAW WHICH SAYS THAT THE NEGOTIATING TEAM SHALL AWARD TO THE LOWEST BIDDER LET'S ASSUME THAT THE LOWEST BIDDER CAN UNDERPRICED THEIR COMPETITORS BECAUSE THEY OPT OUT OF THIS IN-NETWORK PROVISION THAT COULD POTENTIALLY SUBJECT ALL OF US TO HAVING COVERAGE IF GOV GUAM WERE TO GO WITH THE LOWEST BIDDER WHO DOESN'T HAVE IN-NETWORK PROVISIONS WITH OUR PRIVATE HOSPITAL IT COULD COULD SUBJECT ALL OF US TO THE SCENARIO WHERE 1,600 OF US HAVE ALREADY FOUND OURSELVES WE END UP IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM AND MOST PEOPLE GET ADMITTED AS A RESULT OF BEING TAKEN TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM THEY GET ADMITTED FOR SPECIALTY CARE THEY AMASS A BILL THAT IS FULL PRICE NOT NEGOTIATED AT DISCOUNTED PRICES FULL PRICE IN ORDER FOR THEM TO GET REIMBURSED PER THE AGREEMENT WITH THE THING THEY MUST PAY THEIR BILL IN FULL THE AVERAGE INPATIENT BILL ESTIMATE WOULD BE AT THE TOP TOP TOP TOP RATE \$34,000 SO YOU AND I MADAM SPEAKER WILL PAY OUR \$34,000 BILL ON THE SPOT GATHER UP ALL THAT PERTINENT INFORMATION THAT'S REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION SUBMIT FOR REIMBURSEMENT AND THEN PRAY THAT THE ELIGIBILITY COMES CLOSE TO THAT ASSUMING WE HAVE AN 80/20 PLAN WHATEVER THE PLAN WE HAVE YOU SEE THAT IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT AND I BELIEVE THE RETIREE SPEAKER SPOKE THAT AS WELL WE UNDERSTAND THE BUSINESS MODEL EVERYBODY'S GONNA ARGUE FOR THEIR BOTTOM LINE AND I WOULDN'T DON'T NECESSARILY WANT TO HURT ANYBODY'S BOTTOM LINE BUT WHAT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT AND REMIND US IS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT GOV GUAM EMPLOYEES WE'RE TALKING ABOUT YOU AND I AND THE VERY SICK PEOPLE THAT WHETHER BY CHOICE OR NOT THAT AMBULANCE IS GONNA TAKE HIM TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL OR OUR PUBLIC HOSPITAL IS GONNA REFER THEM OVER FOR SPECIALTY CARE THAT THE PRIVATE THAT THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL CANNOT PROVIDE AND WE ARE STUCK WHY MUST WE BE STUCK WHEN WE HAVE THE ABILITY RIGHT NOW TO PROVIDE BASIC STANDARD CARE AND BE TRUE TO OUR MANDATE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE ON GUAM I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE DIGNITY OF IT I FIND IT SO UNDIGNIFIED TO BELIEVE THAT I WILL EITHER WALLOW IN A PLACE THAT CAN'T TAKE CARE OF ME OR LOSE ALL OF MY ASSETS OR MY FAMILY'S ASSETS BECAUSE I JUST WANT ADEQUATE CARE AND I DON'T WANT TO GO OFF ISLAND TO SOME FOREIGN COUNTRY YOU SEE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IT'S IT'S BASIC IT'S A BASIC STANDARD AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU MADAM SPEAKER BUT I REMEMBER WHEN THAT HOSPITAL WAS OPENED I REMEMBER THINKING OH LOOK AT WHAT WE FINALLY HAVE ON GUAM SOMEBODY INVESTED IN SOMETHING NOW WE HAVE THE DIGNITY OF RECEIVING APPROPRIATE CARE WE HAVE THE HIGHEST ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF NON COMMUNICABLE DISEASE ON GUAM IT'S MADAM SPEAKER WE KNOW THE EFFECTS AND WHAT IT MEANS TO THE AVERAGE PERSON WITH GOV GUAM INSURANCE WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE IN NETWORK PROVISIONS WE KNOW THAT THEY ARE VERY LIKELY TO END UP THERE ANYWAYS AND IF NOT BY CHOICE THEY CHOOSE TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE OFTENTIMES THEY WILL ELECT TO BE DISCHARGED AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE WHICH PUTS THEM IN ANOTHER PREDICAMENT IN TERMS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT SO I'M I'M SPEAKING TO THE VERY DIGNITY I SHOULD HOPE THAT IF I SHOULD BECOME VERY ILL THAT I HAVE THE ABILITY TO NOT ONLY RECEIVE HEALTH CARE ON ISLAND AT A FACILITY THAT IS HERE THAT CAN PROVIDE IT FOR ME BUT THAT WE WOULD HAVE NEGOTIATED SOMETHING REASONABLE SO THAT WE DON'T SUBJECT OUR PEOPLE TO HAVING TO PAY FULL PRICE IN FULL OUT-OF-POCKET AND PRAY THAT THEY GET REIMBURSED A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT SO I WOULD LIKE TO PROFFER AN AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY TO INCLUDE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE TO LINE FOUR TO EIGHT ON PAGE ONE OF THE BILL I'M SORRY AT THE END OF LINE EIGHT TO ADD THE WORDS AT RATES NOT TO EXCEED THOSE ADOPTED BY MEDICARE.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: SENATOR TORRES CAN YOU PLEASE REPEAT YOUR AMENDMENT.

SENATOR TORRES: THE AMENDMENT IS TO ADD THE LINES THE WORDS AT THE END OF THE SENTENCE ON LINE EIGHT AT RATES NOT TO EXCEED THOSE ADOPTED BY MEDICARE.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: DOES EVERYONE HAVE A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY SENATOR TORRES.

SENATOR TORRES: I HAVE NOT MADE A COPY MADAM SPEAKER BUT I MAY.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: OKAY WE'LL TAKE A QUICK RECESS QUICK ONE MINUTE RECESS FOR EVERYONE TO GET A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

RECESS

SENATOR TORRES: MADAM SPEAKER ACTUALLY I'LL WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENT I WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENT I.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: OKAY WE NOW RETURNING FROM RECESS SENATOR TORRES WOULD LIKE TO WITHDRAW HER AMENDMENT THANK YOU SENATOR ANY OTHER SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON BILL 30 SENATOR LEE AND THEN SENATOR MARSH SENATOR LEE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LEE: SI YU'OS MA'ASE MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES YOU KNOW I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF LISTENING TO MANY OF YOU GIVE YOUR THOUGHTS AND YOUR AND I'VE ACTUALLY HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO HEAR FROM MANY OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WITH REGARDS TO THIS BILL WE RECEIVED EMAILS FROM PEOPLE PHONE CALLS WE'VE BEEN LISTENING TO FOLKS ON THE RADIO KIND OF JUST GIVE US THEIR PERSPECTIVE AND IN THAT TIME I'VE REALLY STARTED TO THINK ABOUT THE IDEA BEHIND INSURANCE WHY DO WE HAVE INSURANCE WHAT WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT SO ESSENTIAL INSURANCE MADAM SPEAKER IS A SAFETY NET IT IS THERE AND THE BASIC PREMISE OF HAVING INSURANCE IS THAT IT HELPS TO PROTECT POLICY HOLDERS FROM UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES IT HELPS TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS FROM THINGS THAT WE JUST CAN'T SEE COMING AND SO THAT'S WHY YOU KNOW MANY PLACES GUAM INCLUDED YOU HAVE TO HAVE INSURANCE IF YOU'RE GONNA BE OUT ON THE ROAD BECAUSE WE WANT ALL OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF OUR DRIVERS AND OUR PASSENGERS TO BE PROTECTED WE WANT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC I WANT TO PROTECT THEM FROM POTENTIAL CATASTROPHIC EVENTS THAT HAPPEN IN OUR LIVES AND I THINK THAT THE WHOLE REASONING BEHIND INSURANCE IS IT SUPPOSED TO WORK FOR THE POLICY HOLDER IS SUPPOSED TO WORK FOR US AND NOT AGAINST US AND I THINK THAT IN THE INSTANCE OF AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER WAS MENTIONING OVER 1600 POLICYHOLDERS THAT HAVE BEEN TREATED AT THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL THEY ARE CONSIDERED OUT OF NETWORK 1600 PATIENTS WHO HAVE BEEN TREATED FOR YOU KNOW SOMETIMES LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESSES OR ACCIDENTS AND IT I REALLY ALSO GOT A CHANCE TO THINK ABOUT WHERE OUR PEOPLE RESIDE WHEN WHEN CATASTROPHIC EVENTS HAPPEN WHERE ARE THEY ON OUR ISLAND AND IN TERMS OF EMTALA AND AND ALL OF THE DIFFERENT THINGS THAT ARE IN PLACE IF SOMEBODY FROM DEDEDO OR YIGO OR SOMEBODY WHO JUST HAPPENS TO BE UP THERE HAS A STROKE OR GOD FORBID HAS A HEART ATTACK UNDER THE CURRENT SITUATION THEY ARE STRANDED IN TERMS OF THEIR GEOGRAPHY MORE THAN HALF OF OUR POPULATION LIVES IN THE NORTH OF OUR ISLAND TO INCLUDE YOU KNOW WHEN I'M THINKING ABOUT THIS I'M THINKING OF MY GRANDMOTHER SISTERS WHO ALL LIVE UP THERE SOME OF THEM ARE YOU KNOW GOV GUAM RETIREES THAT HAVE COVERAGE AS GOV GUAM RETIREES AND I JUST FEEL THAT IT'S EXTREMELY UNFAIR TO LEAVE A LARGE PART OF OUR POPULATION STRANDED BECAUSE OF WHERE THEY LIVE AND I FEEL LIKE ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ALL THE RETIREES AND OUR FOSTER CHILDREN ESPECIALLY DESERVE ACCESS TO THE WIDEST HEALTH CARE POSSIBLE AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THIS FOLKS THAT ARE COVERED UNDER THE THREE M'S MEDICARE MEDICAID AND MIP THEY HAVE ESSENTIALLY MORE ACCESS THAN SOME OF THESE GOV GUAM RETIREES THAN OUR EMPLOYEES DO AND SO I ALSO GOT TO THINKING MADAM SPEAKER WHAT IF WHAT IF WE DO NOTHING WHAT IF THIS BILL FAILS TO PASS OR WHAT IF WE JUST YOU KNOW SEND IT BACK TO COMMITTEE AND HAVE IT DIE THERE WHAT IS THE COST OF US DOING NOTHING TODAY ANOTHER WHAT-IF SCENARIO IF WE DO NOTHING AND TAKE CARE ENDS UP WINNING THE BID AND NOT INCLUDING IN-NETWORK COVERAGE AT OUR PRIVATE HOSPITAL THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR 84% OF THE GOV GUAM BASE GOING FROM HAVING A CHOICE TO HAVING NO CHOICE AND WHAT REALLY STRUCK ME MADAM SPEAKER IS IT ALSO PLACES A TREMENDOUS BURDEN ON AN ALREADY STRUGGLING GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL I HAVE BEEN A PATIENT AT GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THE DOCTORS AT NURSES AT GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HAVE SAVED MY LIFE ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS THAT I'M AWARE OF THE MOST RECENT ONE THAT I CAN REMEMBER IS WHEN I WAS PREGNANT WITH MY FIRST DAUGHTER I HAD AN EXTREME CASE OF HYPEREMESIS GRAVIDARUM IT'S A VERY RARE CONDITION THAT HAPPENS IN A VERY VERY VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF PREGNANCIES AND THE CARE THAT I RECEIVED FROM THE DOCTORS AND NURSES AT GMH WAS SECOND TO NONE I WAS ALSO ALSO HOSPITALIZED AT FOUR OTHER HOSPITALS FOR THE SAME CONDITION WHILE I WAS PREGNANT AND NONE OF THE CARE AT INOVA FAIRFAX IN VIRGINIA AT GEORGETOWN IN WASHINGTON DC AT A HOSPITAL IN HOUSTON EVEN COMPARED TO THE CARE THAT I RECEIVED AT GMH I DON'T THINK ANYBODY HERE CAN DISPUTE THAT THE CARE THAT THE QUALITY CARE THAT WE RECEIVE AT ANY OF THE HOSPITALS HERE ON GUAM THAT'S NOT UP FOR DEBATE AND WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR PROFESSIONALS IN BOTH HOSPITALS THAT PROVIDE US THE CARE THAT WE NEED BUT IN TERMS OF BEING AT THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME THAT'S NOT A RISK THAT I'M WILLING TO PLACE ON OUR GOV GUAM EMPLOYEES AND OUR AND OUR RETIREES AND I THINK THAT THERE ARE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE WITH THIS BILL BUT I'M WILLING TO TRY TO OFFER UP WHAT I CAN AND ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO TO HELP ME IN IDENTIFYING ISSUES OF

MUTUAL CONCERN AND TRYING TO ADDRESS THOSE AND IN THAT SPIRIT MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO OFFER TWO AMENDMENTS TWO TECHNICAL POINTS FOR AMENDMENTS AND IF I COULD HAVE THEM PASSED OUT THE FIRST ONE MADAM SPEAKER WOULD BE AN AMENDMENT TO PAGE 1 LINE 9 OF THE BILL AND THIS IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR LEGAL COUNSEL WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS BILL SHOULD IT PASS AND SO MY AMENDMENT WOULD BE TO STRIKE OUT THE WORDS THIS ACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON INACTMENT AND REPLACE IT WITH THE WORDS THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT PERIOD FOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM GROUP INSURANCE PURSUANT TO 4GCA SUBSECTION 4301 AND ESSENTIALLY MADAM SPEAKER WHAT THIS DOES IS IN THE CURRENT LANGUAGE OF THE BILL IT DICTATES ALL COMPANIES OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITIES PROVIDING OR APPLYING TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE OR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SHALL HAVE CONTRACTS AND THEN IT GOES ON AND ON BUT I WANT TO JUST BE VERY CLEAR THAT INSTEAD OF GROUPING IT ALL INTO ALL COMPANIES WE WANT TO MAKE IT THE LANGUAGE A LITTLE BIT TIGHTER SO THAT ONLY THE COMPANIES THAT THIS THAT THIS ACT WOULD ONLY TAKE EFFECT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT PERIOD SO ALL OF THOSE PARTICIPATING AFTER THIS CURRENT CONTRACT WOULD BE AFFECTED AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUES IN ADVANCE FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU SENATOR LEE I BELIEVE EVERYONE HAS A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT THE AMENDMENT IS ON PAGE 1 LINE 9 AND IT IS TO READ THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT PERIOD FOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM GROUP INSURANCE PURSUANT TO 4GCA SUBSECTION 4301 ARE THERE ANY SENATORS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY SENATORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY SENATORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: SENATOR MADAM SPEAKER JUST A POINT OF INQUIRY SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN IS THAT THIS BILL SHOULD IT PASS DOES IT MEAN THAT THIS BILL WOULD NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL FOR THE 2020 OR 2021 INSURANCE PERIOD.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: DOES A SPONSOR YIELD TO THE POINT OF INQUIRY.

SENATOR LEE: I'LL YIELD MADAM SPEAKER AND I THINK MY COLLEAGUE FOR THE QUESTION SO THIS IT WOULD ESSENTIALLY ALLOW THAT THE BILL TAKE EFFECT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT PERIOD FOR GOV GUAM GROUP INSURANCE.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: SENATOR PEREZ DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR POINT OF INQUIRY.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE JUST TO FURTHER CLARIFY SO THIS COULD BE INSERTED INTO THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD THIS BE THE POSSIBILITY OF THIS BILL BEING INSERTED INTO THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: SENATOR LEE DO YOU YIELD.

SENATOR LEE: SO IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD IMPACT THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS BUT THEN BUT IT WOULDN'T TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE CURRENT CONTRACT EXPIRES.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YES THAT CLARIFIES IT.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: SENATOR TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER JUST AN A INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER THIS LANGUAGE ACCOUNTS FOR THE THE ROLLOVER THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY UNDER I GUESS WE'RE CURRENTLY UNDER I MEAN THEY'RE I THINK THE I KNOW THAT THEY ROLLED OVER THE PRIOR CONTRACT SO I DON'T KNOW IF THEY CALL THAT THE CONTRACT PERIOD I MEAN I DON'T KNOW IF IF THAT'S JUST I'M JUST NOT SURE I GUESS I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT DEPARTMENT I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS TO TO THE INTENT AND I GUESS I JUST WANT THIS TO WORK FOR DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION WHO HAS TO ENFORCE THAT CONTRACT THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: WE'LL TAKE A QUICK RECESS AND ASK LEGAL FOR THEIR OPINION.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: WE'LL RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M. TODAY THANK YOU.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: WE ARE NOW BACK IN SESSION WE LEFT OFF WITH SENATOR LEE YOUR AMENDMENTS SENATOR LEE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LEE: *SI YU'OS MAM'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM SPEAKER AND I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR RAISING SOME CONCERN ON SEVERAL OF THESE AMENDMENTS AND WE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH LEGAL AND OTHER FOLKS TO TRY TO CLEAN THIS UP AND I THINK WE HAVE THE CLEANEST WAY POSSIBLE SO THAT BEING SAID I'D LIKE TO WITHDRAW MY INITIAL AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THERE HAS BEEN A MOTION TO WITHDRAW HER AMENDMENT ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS SENATOR LEE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LEE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) COLLEAGUES AND *SI YU'OS MAM'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM SPEAKER THIS NEXT AMENDMENT WILL ENCOMPASS SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAD DISCUSSED WITH THE INITIAL AMENDMENT BUT I ALSO LIKE TO JUST BRING UP A COUPLE OF TECHNICAL POINTS THE AND I BELIEVE THAT MY AMENDMENT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AND THAT'S TO PAGE TWO I'M SORRY PAGE ONE LINE TWO OF THE BILL AND SO BASICALLY WHAT THIS NEW LANGUAGE WOULD DO IS THE PROVISION REMAINS THE SAME SUBSTANTIVELY IT'S THE SAME WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD TRIGGER A SECONDARY PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT AND WHAT WE'VE ATTEMPTED TO DO IS AMEND THIS LANGUAGE TO REALLY EMPHASIZE OUR INTENTION THAT WHAT WE WANT TO PROVIDE IS A BENEFIT OF HEALTHCARE OPTIONS TO THE EMPLOYEES RETIREES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND OUR FOSTER CHILDREN AS WELL AND SO FOR CLARITY WE'VE MOVED THE LANGUAGE TO A PREVIOUS SUBSECTION OF THE SAME SECTION OF THIS CODE THAT I THINK BETTER DELINEATES SOME OF THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS THAT THE NEGOTIATING TEAM MUST CONSIDER SO THAT BEING SAID WE WOULD BE AMENDING SECTION ONE OF THE BILL TO READ IT'S A NEW § 4302(C)(12) IS HEREBY ADDED TO CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO READ (12) BEGINNING WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, WHICH AGAIN ADDRESSES OUR PREVIOUS ATTEMPT AT CHANGING THE ENACTMENT DATE THE NEGOTIATING TEAM SHALL CONSIDER ONLY THOSE COMPANIES OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITIES PROVIDING OR APPLYING TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE OR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH INSURANCE HEALTH CARE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WHOSE IN-NETWORK COVERAGE INCLUDES ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS OPERATING ON GUAM AND AGAIN THIS IS JUST AN ATTEMPT THIS AMENDMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY SOME OF THE LANGUAGE WE HAVE MOVED THE LANGUAGE TO A PREVIOUS SECTION PREVIOUS SUBSECTION OF THE SAME SECTION OF THE CODE AND IT JUST HELPS US TO DELINEATE OTHER REQUIREMENTS THAT THE NEGOTIATING TEAM MUST CONSIDER AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUES IN ADVANCE FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT AND I'M OPEN TO ANY QUESTIONS THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU).

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU SENATOR LEE WOULD ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE MOTION SENATOR MUÑA YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR MUÑA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T DISAGREE WITH THE AMENDMENT I'M JUST WONDERING MAYBE WE SHOULD WE ALSO HAVE TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF THE BILL.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: IS THAT A POINT OF INQUIRY SENATOR MUÑA.

SENATOR MUÑA: YEAH A POINT OF INQUIRY.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: SENATOR LEE DO YOU YIELD.

SENATOR LEE: YES I DO MADAM SPEAKER AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUE FOR HER QUESTION ABSOLUTELY IF THIS AMENDMENT WERE TO PASS THEN WE WOULD NEED TO UPDATE THE TITLE OF THE BILL TO REFLECT THE NEW SUBSECTION THAT WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO AMEND.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: SENATOR MUÑA ANY ANY OTHER COLLEAGUES WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T OBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT BUT I AM A LITTLE CONCERNED AND I GUESS I JUST WANT TO STATE THAT ON THE RECORD BECAUSE ON THE PREVIOUS LANGUAGE IN THE BILL THAT'S BEING DELETED HERE AND SOME OF THE TESTIMONY THAT WE SEE WE RECEIVED THEY THEY SPOKE SPECIFICALLY TO THIS LANGUAGE ABOUT CONTRACTS AND SO I KNOW THAT SO NOW THE NEW LANGUAGE WHICH DOES NOT HAVE THIS WORD CONTRACTS IT HAS IN NETWORK COVERAGE AND OF COURSE TO ME THE LAYPERSON IT IT SOUNDS SIMILAR I GUESS I'M JUST CONCERNED THAT YEAH IN THIS INDUSTRY WHETHER THIS HAS A SIGNIFICANT MEANING THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE OR NOT AND AND I GUESS THAT'S WHY I WOULD I MEAN YOU KNOW IDEALLY YEAH THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE COMPANIES THAT ARE INVOLVED ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE GETTING VERY ACTIVE IN THEIR TESTIMONY COULD WEIGH IN ON BECAUSE I I JUST DON'T WANT TO I DON'T I DON'T KNOW I AM I CAN'T SAY I GUESS WHAT THE EFFECT OF THIS MIGHT BE OR NOT THANK YOU.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE SENATOR NELSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER JUST A POINT OF INQUIRY AND PERHAPS A LITTLE BIT OF CLARITY IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER THAT IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER THAT THIS NEW AMENDMENT WOULD ALSO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE TITLE OF THE BILL BECAUSE ESSENTIALLY IT REMOVES THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF WHAT THE BILL WAS WRITTEN ON AND REWRITES IT IN A DIFFERENT FORM AND IT ALSO ADDRESSES A DIFFERENT SUBSECTION SO IN THE ORIGINAL BILL WHAT IS ADDED IS §4302(f)(1) OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, IS HEREBY ADDED TO READ ALL COMPANIES OR OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITIES PROVIDING OR APPLYING TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE OR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SHALL HAVE CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES WITH ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS OPERATING IN GUAM THAT ARE PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO ANY AND ALL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES OR RETIREES AND THE AMENDMENT THAT IS BEING PROFFERED IT IS TO AMEND THAT EXACT SECTION WHICH WAS INTENDED TO ADD IN THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO SHOW A NEW § 4302(C)(12) IS HEREBY ADDED TO CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO READ BEGINNING WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 THE NEGOTIATING TEAM SHALL CONSIDER ONLY THOSE ONLY THOSE COMPANIES OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITIES PROVIDING OR APPLYING TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE OR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WHOSE IN-NETWORK COVERAGE INCLUDES ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS OPERATING IN GUAM AND SO TWO THINGS TWO TWO TWO QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE OR TWO POINT OF INCREASES IS ONE IS IF THIS IS A WHOLE DIFFERENT BILL AND THEN TWO CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT IS IN NETWORK COVERAGE.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VICE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: AND I THINK FOR THE FIRST QUESTION WE MIGHT HAVE LEGAL TO WEIGH IN IF WE ARE DOING A WHOLE DIFFERENT BILL BECAUSE ESSENTIALLY WE'RE CHANGING THE TITLE NOW AND WE'RE ALSO CHANGING WHAT WAS ADDED IN THE BILL ITSELF.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VICE SPEAKER NELSON WE'LL TAKE A ONE-MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR SHELTON: VICE SPEAKER NELSON WERE YOUR POINTS OF INCREASE SATISFIED.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SPEAKING WITH LEGAL IT DOES COME UP ON THAT QUESTION WHETHER IT IS GERMANE OR NOT AND IT IS A IT CAN BE A DEBATABLE SUBJECT HOWEVER THIS AMENDMENT WHICH IS A VERY GOOD AMENDMENT REPLACES THE WHOLE BILL ITSELF AND SO HERE WE'RE TRYING TO INSERT LANGUAGE THAT REPLACES EVERYTHING ON THE BILL THAT IT CUR AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS AND IF WE'RE GONNA TAKE THIS APPROACH THEN PERHAPS WE SHOULD TAKE THIS BILL OR THIS AMENDMENT AND WRITE THE BILL WITH IT AND USE THIS AS THE BILL TO REPRESENT BILL 30-35 I CANNOT SUPPORT COMPLETELY REPLACING A BILL THROUGH ONE SIMPLE AMENDMENT I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A VERY WELL WRITTEN AMENDMENT IT PROTECTS THE GOVERNMENT BUT IT'S PERHAPS IT SHOWS SOME OF THE SHORTCOMINGS OF BILL 30-35.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: MADAM SPEAKER I WAS NOT ADDRESSING ANYONE I'M TALKING ON THE BILL.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER THERE'S A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE ON THE FLOOR.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: MADAM SPEAKER MAY I FINISH I WAS NOT ATTACKING ANYONE MADAM SPEAKER I WAS SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY ON THE BILL AND THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SHELTON: SPEAKER SPEAKER BARNES PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM SPEAKER SHE'S TALKING ABOUT THE IMPETUS ON HOW THE BILL WAS CREATED AND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US IN THIS BODY KNOWS THAT WHEN A BILL IS CREATED BY THE TIME IT GOES INTO A PUBLIC HEARING AND BY THE TIME IT GETS ON TO SESSION FLOORS AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS CAN BE MADE TO AN ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE BILL AND CHANGE TO MAKE IT BETTER OR TO TAKE AWAY SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO DISCREDIT THE WORK THAT IS BEING DONE BY THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION I DO TAKE A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF WHY WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES AND THEIR RETIREES SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT OPTION TO ADDRESS THEIR MEDICAL NEEDS AND THE EXPERTISE THAT THEY NEED FOR THEIR MEDICAL CONDITIONS AT BOTH HOSPITALS THAT EXIST HERE ON GUAM SO POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU SPEAKER WE'LL TAKE A ONE-MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR SHELTON: YOU MAY CONTINUE VICE SPEAKER NELSON.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS PROFFERED IS A VERY GOOD AMENDMENT HOWEVER THAT AMENDMENT COMPLETELY CHANGES THE CURRENT BILL THAT IS THAT WE ARE DEBATING RIGHT NOW SO WE TALK ABOUT VALUE WE TALK ABOUT WE NEED TO GET THIS TO THE PEOPLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT OUR RETIREES HAVE THIS BETTER OPTION BUT WE NEED TO DO IT RIGHT WE CANNOT JUST RAMROD SOMETHING THROUGH AND SAY THAT THIS WILL SUFFICE ESPECIALLY WHEN WE KNOW IT'S COMPLETELY CHANGING THE WHOLE BILL ITSELF A LOT OF WORK WAS DONE BUT THIS AMENDMENT A LOT OF WORK NEEDS TO BE PUT BEFORE THE PUBLIC AS WELL BECAUSE THIS IS A VERY STRONG AMENDMENT AND IT IS A VERY GOOD AMENDMENT BUT WE CANNOT TAKE A BILL ON SESSION FLOOR AND COMPLETELY CHANGE THE MEAT OF IT EVERYTHING THAT WAS MEANT TO BE ADDED WHICH BY THE WAY WILL ALSO IMPACT THE CHANGE OF THE COMPLETE TITLE AND SO THEREFORE I I RISE IN IN OPPOSITION OF THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE THIS AMENDMENT WILL ESSENTIALLY CHANGE THE WHOLE BILL AND WITH THAT WE NEED TO HAVE ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING IF THAT IS THE CASE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VICE SPEAKER NELSON DOES ANYONE ELSE WISH TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TORRES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TORRES: MADAM SPEAKER I I DON'T SHARE THE SAME REACTION TO THIS AMENDMENT I BELIEVE THAT IT IS STILL GERMANE TO THE TOPIC THAT THE WAY THAT THIS NEW AMENDMENT IS WRITTEN IT'S IT'S A MATTER OF SOME SEMANTICS BUT I BELIEVE IT ARRIVES AT THE SAME PLACE THAT WAS INTENDED WITH THE BILL AS IT WAS PRESENTED SO YOU KNOW WE CAN ARGUE THAT AMENDMENTS BECAUSE IT IT AFFECTS A NEW TITLE OR IT WILL AFFECT THE TITLE THAT THAT IT'S NOT GERMANE I THINK THAT YOU KNOW THAT TITLES AND PLACEMENTS ARE ALL TECHNICALITIES AND AND A LOT OF TIMES TOO WE WILL CATCH ERRORS WHERE IT IS BETTER FIT IN A SUBSECTION OF A OF A OF A AND IT'S IN A SUBSECTION OR A BUT THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT IT'S ENTIRELY NEW I BELIEVE THAT THIS I I I STAND IN FAVOR OF THIS AMENDMENT I THINK THAT IT IS IT IS STILL GERMANE TO THE BILL BUT IT IS A MATTER OF SEMANTICS AND IT DOESN'T IT ISN'T INAPPROPRIATE TO MAKE TECHNICALITIES OR CERTAIN AMENDMENTS THAT JUST ALTER THE WAY THINGS ARE SAID SO LONG AS THEY'RE ESSENTIALLY SAYING THE SAME THING AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS AMENDMENT IS SPEAKING TO THE SPIRIT OF THE BILL AS ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED AND DISCUSSED AT A PUBLIC HEARING AND THAT IS JUST MY TAKE ON IT THANK YOU.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU SENATOR TORRES DOES ANYONE ELSE WISH TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR LEE WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT OR I'M SORRY SENATOR NELSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER SINCE THAT IS THE CASE I DON'T THINK IT'S AN ARGUE THAT WERE ARGUING ABOUT THE SITUATION I THINK THAT IT'S A DEBATE BUT IF THAT IS THE CASE AND I'D LIKE TO REQUEST THAT I'D LIKE TO CALL QUESTION WHETHER IT IS GERMANE OR NOT.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU SENATOR NELSON WE'LL TAKE A ONE-MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR SHELTON: THE LEGISLATURE IS BACK IN SESSION AFTER CONSIDERING THE MATTER ON WHETHER THE AMENDMENT IS GERMANE I RULE THAT THE AMENDMENT IS GERMANE OF COURSE IF ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES DISAGREE AND WISH TO CHALLENGE THEY MAY DO SO SENATOR NELSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE OF THAT RULING I'D LIKE TO MAKE ANOTHER CALL FOR QUESTION WHETHER IT IS MATERIAL OR NOT WHETHER THIS AMENDMENT IS MATERIAL TO THE CURRENT BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU WE WILL TAKE A ONE-MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE QUESTION WHETHER THE AMENDMENT IS MATERIAL I RULE THAT THE AMENDMENT IS NOT MATERIALLY DIFFERENT AND AGAIN IF ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES DISAGREE IN WISH TO CHALLENGE THEY MAY DO SO OKAY DOES ANYONE ELSE WISH TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO FURTHER AMEND WITH "PROVIDED THAT THE RATES OF THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL BE DEEMED FAIR AND REASONABLE BY THE NEGOTIATING TEAM."

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU WE'LL TAKE A ONE-MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: SENATOR PEREZ YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AFTER MORE DELIBERATION I WOULD LIKE TO WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENT SO THE THE REASON FOR THE AMENDMENT I JUST WANT TO SPEAK FOR THE RECORD THAT THE REASON FOR THE AMENDMENT WAS TO PUT SAFEGUARDS IN CASE THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL INCREASES THE RATES EXORBITANTLY AND SO I BOARDED THAT LANGUAGE SO THAT IN THE CASE THAT THAT HAPPENS THE NEGOTIATING TEAM CAN ACTUALLY BASICALLY WORK TOWARDS A MORE REASONABLE AND FAIR PRICE FOR OUR GOVERNMENT ACTIVE GOVERNMENT AND GUAM EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT THE THE AMENDMENT IS SOME QUESTIONS THERE'S QUESTIONS AS FAR AS THE GERMANENESS OF IT SO I WOULD POSSIBLY ADDRESS AS AT A LATER TIME THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU THERE HAS BEEN A MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS ANY OTHER SENATORS WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PEDO TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT OKAY ANY OTHER SENATORS WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT JUST JUST JUST A MINUTE SENATOR SENATOR PEREZ WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE ON THE WITHDRAW OKAY SENATOR PEDO YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR "PEDO" TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FIRST OFF LET ME JUST SAY THAT I SUPPORT THE THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE AMENDMENT BUT I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT ANOTHER ISSUE THAT I KIND OF JUST FORGOT WHEN I FIRST APPROACHED YOU KNOW THE THE FLOOR FIRST OFF LET ME JUST SAY THAT I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL I WANT TO SAY THAT YOU KNOW WHEN MY BROTHER WAS ADMITTED AT THE HOSPITAL FOR AT LEAST ALMOST A MONTH I SEE A HARD AND NUMBERS OF HARD-WORKING

PEOPLE UP THERE THE DOCTOR SAW UP THERE A VERY PROFESSIONAL BUT LATER ON IN TIME WHEN MY BROTHER WAS ADMITTED FOR ACTUALLY TWO WEEKS TAYA NOTHING HAPPENED HE HAD THE STAGE THEY SCHEDULED HIM FOR FOR A GALLBLADDER OPERATION MANNANGA DOS SIMANNA I CHE'LU PA MA OPERA YA EYUGUI PAGO NA BAI SANGAN I PINITI-HU I MANMACHAOGUEGUE-TA NI ESTE SIHA I TATUNGO-HA MANESPIPIHA LUGAT TA FANAYUDA KUMU MINALANGO NA BANDA DOS SIMANNA I CHE'LU NA SUMAGA GI ESPITAT TAYA MA CHOGUENA DESPUES ANAI MA OPERA TI SINA TI SINA KUMENENTOS TI SINA MANLI'E' MA PEGA ESPITAT MAS DOS SIMANA PUES MA SODDA' HAM YAN I MEDIKU NI MUNENEHA MANU TODO I DISION HÁFA PAO MA CHOGUE I CHE'LU PUES UFAISEN I MEDIKU ILEKKU DAK HÁFA NA MAMATAI I CHE'LU-HU ESTA I CHE'LU TI SINA MALI'E' TI SINA MOVE I KANNAINA TODO I TAOTAONA MATAI PUES UFAISEN I MEDIKU DAK (WE WAITED FOR TWO WEEKS FOR MY BROTHER TO OPERATED. I'M GOING TO TELL YOU HOW HURT I WAS TO WHAT WAS DONE TO US. WE'RE LOOKING FOR A PLACE FOR HELP FOR THE SICK. FOR TWO WEEKS MY BROTHER STAYED IN THE HOSPITAL AND NOTHING WAS DONE, AFTER HE WAS OPERATED ON HE WAS NOT ABLE TO TALK AND SEE. HE WAS AT THE HOSPITAL FOR TWO WEEKS SO I MET WITH THE DOCTOR WHOSE IN CHARGE FOR HIS CARE AND I ASKED THE DOCTOR WHY IS MY BROTHER DYING, ALREADY MY BROTHER CANT SEE OR MOVE HIS HANDS HIS BODY WAS DEAD THEN I ASKED THE DOCTOR) HOW COME MY BROTHER'S DYING BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES AT THE HOSPITAL AND I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I'VE SEEN A WHOLE LOT OF HARD-WORKING PEOPLE UP THERE THE DOCTORS ARE GREAT BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES SUCH AS EQUIPMENT MACHINES AND MAYBE SPECIALIZED STRUCTURES IT'S NO USE PUES MA KONNE I CHE'LU HU FAISEN I MEDIKU I LEKKU KAO SINA HU KONNE I CHE'LU PARA I FILIPINAS ILEKNA HUNGGAN ILEKKU KAO TAYA GUA AN MAUDAI GI BATKON AIRE YA U MAOLEKA TODU YA ILEKNA HUNGGAN YA ILLEKU YA HAFANA NAI SINOT MEDIKU NA TI UN REKKOMENDA I CHE'LU NA U MA NA' HANA NAI I CHE'LU-HU PARA FILIPINAS YA U MA AREKLA I CHETNOTNA PUES ILLEKU TI PRUBLEMA IN NA HANO I CHE'LU PRA UN MES GI IYA FILIPINAS EYU MA SANGANI HAM I MA OPERANA GUINI GI IYA GUAM TI NESSISSARIO MA OPERA PUES UN MES PUES UN MES I SUMIGANA GI IYA FILIPINAS IN BIRA TA'LO MAGI (WE BROUGHT MY BROTHER BACK TO GUAM AND THEY TOLD US IN THE PHILIPPINES THAT THEY HE ONLY HAS LIKE SIX MONTHS TO LIVE AGAINST THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AND ALL THAT BECAUSE THEY MEANT WELL I AM NOT CHALLENGING I AM NOT REBUTTING ANY OF THE SPEAKERS PRIOR SPEAKERS BUT WHAT I AM SAYING IS THAT THIS PARTICULAR BILL IS A GOOD BILL BECAUSE IT WOULD GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO OUR RESIDENTS ON GUAM TO CHOOSE ON THEIR OWN DESIRE WHICH MEDICAL FACILITY THEY WANT TO GO TO) EYUGUI MALAGU BAI NA KLARU NI HITA PA'GO MANDADANNA HIT SINADOT, PUT SINADOT, PUT SINADOT YA TA TUNGO HA' NA GUAHA AGUMENTO GUA NA BIAHAI (I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO US SENATORS THAT ARE HERE, SENATOR FOR SENATOR FOR SENATOR AND WE ALL KNOW THERE ARE TIMES THERE WILL BE ARGUMENTS) LIKE THE OLD SAYING GOES NOW IF THERE'S CONTROVERSIES AND PEOPLE START MAKING AMENDMENTS AND ALL THAT THAT'S GOOD BECAUSE AT LEAST WE COME UP TO THE REALITIES OF MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION YA ENAOGUE; NA HU FAFISEN TODU U I MANATUNGO' TA NISISITA TA SUMOPOTTE ESTE NA BILL 30-35 YA HOKOG GINAGAGAO-TA PARA TA ESPIHA EMPANU PARA TA AYUDA I TAOTAO-TA AH'E' TI I GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES HA; YA ENOGUE; AN MA SANGAN NA UN MIYON MA FATITINAS NA DIHA TO HU ATETENDE ENAO (SO THATS WHY IM ASKING MY COLLEGUES THAT WE NEED TO SUPPORT BILL 30-35 ALL WE'RE ASKING FOR IS TO FIND A WAY TO HELP OUR PEOPLE NOT ONLY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES) SO WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS COMING IN TO BE REALIZED BY THIS GOVERNMENT IT'S JUST AN ANTICIPATED MINDSET THAT WE HAVE AND MAYBE IT MIGHT COME BECOME A REALITY IN MIGHT NOT AND MOST OF THE TIME IT DOESN'T BECOME A REALITY BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT WE NEED TO TO HAVE IN OUR MINDS IS THE SAFETY AND TAKING CARE OF THOSE MEDICAL SERVICES THAT OUR PEOPLE NEEDED UN DÁNGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE (THANK YOU VERY MUCH) MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU SENATOR PEDO WOULD ANY OTHER OTHER COLLEAGUES LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENT NO OBJECTION AMENDMENT PASSES SENATOR LEE YOU'RE WELCOME TO CLOSE.

SENATOR LEE: SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE (THANK YOU) COLLEAGUES AND THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M NOT SURE IF THIS YES AMENDMENT HAS BEEN PASSED OUT BUT THIS IS TO LINE 9 PAGE 1 OF THE BILL AND WITH THE PREVIOUS AMENDMENT PASSING THIS JUST DELETES SECTION 2 OF THE BILL SO THE EFFECTIVE DATE WOULD BE DELETED BECAUSE IT'S ALREADY ENCAPSULATED IN THE VERSION THAT PASSED SO WOULD JUST DELETE SECTION 2 THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AGAIN THE THE AMENDMENT THAT JUST PASSED AND I QUOTE BEGINNING WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 THE NEGOTIATING TEAM SHALL CONSIDER AND IT CONTINUES

LIKE THAT SO IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE ARE IN NO LONGER WE NO LONGER IN NEED THE LANGUAGE FOR THE ENACTMENT DATE AND SO THIS AMENDMENT WOULD JUST STRIKE OUT THAT LANGUAGE.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: ANY SENATORS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT THE AMENDMENT IS ON LINE 9 PAGE 1 AND IT WILL CROSS OUT SECTION 2 EFFECTIVE DATE THIS ACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENTS NO OBJECTION AMENDMENT PASSES SENATOR LEE.

SENATOR LEE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN I JUST I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR FOR THEIR COMMENTS AND FOR ASSISTING ALL OF US AND IN TRYING TO PUT FORWARD THE CLEANEST POSSIBLE VERSION OF THIS BILL AND IN CLOSING I JUST LIKE TO REITERATE THE POINT THAT I BELIEVE THAT INSURANCE REALLY IS A SAFETY NET AND IT'S THERE TO PROTECT ALL OF US FROM UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES FROM THINGS THAT WE CAN'T SEE COMING AND AGAIN I JUST WANT TO RE-EMPHASIZE THE IDEA THAT IT IT SHOULD THIS BILL FAIL TO PASS OR SHOULD WE DO NOTHING THE POTENTIAL FOR ONE OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO WIN AN EXCLUSIVE BID THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR 84% OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES RETIREES AND OUR FOSTER CHILDREN GOING FROM HAVING A CHOICE BETWEEN BEING COVERED AT OUR PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND A PRIVATE HOSPITAL TO HAVING NO CHOICE AT ALL AND SO I THINK THAT ALONE PLACING THAT TREMENDOUS BURDEN ON OUR ALREADY STRUGGLING GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT IT AS WELL IN ADDITION THERE IS COMMUNICATION BETWEEN OUR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITAL THEY HAVE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS WHEN THEIR BEDS BEDS ARE UNAVAILABLE AT GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THEY ARE ABLE TO DIVERT PATIENTS TO GRMC AND VICE VERSA AND THAT'S WHAT WE REALLY NEED WE REALLY NEED IN THIS COMMUNITY BETWEEN THE HOSPITALS BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BETWEEN OUR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOMES FOR OUR COMMUNITY THE HEALTHIEST POSSIBLE COMMUNITY AND SO I KNOW THAT ALL THE MEMBERS OF THIS BODY THAT'S WHY WE'RE CONSTANTLY STRIVING FOR AND I THINK PATIENTS ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF EMERGENCY OR SPECIALTY COVERAGE REALLY NEED TO TAKE THAT TIME AND FOCUS ON GETTING BETTER FOCUS ON THEIR HEALTH THEY SHOULDN'T BE SPENDING ALL THEIR ENERGY AND THEIR EFFORT IN FOCUSING ON POTENTIAL BANKRUPTCY OR THEIR HOSPITAL BILLS INSTEAD OF HOSPITAL BILLS THEY SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH AND SO FOR THAT REASON I SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND I THINK MY COLLEAGUES IN ADVANCE FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF IT AS WELL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU SENATOR LEE ANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE THE BILL SPEAKER BARNES YOU'RE WELCOME TO CLOSE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM SPEAKER BEFORE I CLOSE I JUST WANT TO EXTEND MY *UN DĀNGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU VERY MUCH) TO OUR COLLEAGUES FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE BILLS FOR THOSE WHO QUESTION FOR THOSE WHO LITERALLY TRIED TO FIND IT IN THEIR HEART TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ACCESS FOR COVERAGE TO OUR EMPLOYEES AND TO OUR RETIREES THAT THEY BE GIVEN THAT OPPORTUNITY SO I'D LIKE TO MOTION AT THIS TIME TO PUT IT IN THE VOTING FILE AND AGAIN SAY THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU).

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THERE'S BEEN A MOTION TO MOVE THE BILL TO THE THIRD READING FILE NO OBJECTIONS QUICK TWO MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HĀFA ADAI* (HELLO) AND GOOD AFTERNOON THIS LEGISLATURE'S BACK FROM RECESS AND AT THIS TIME I WILL RECOGNIZE SENATOR CLYNT RIDGELL YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR RIDGELL: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT ON THAT MOTION FROM SENATOR CLYNT RIDGELL THERE IS THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES SENATOR RIDGELL YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR RIDGELL: MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGRICULTURE MARITIME TRANSPORTATION POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE I MOVE TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF CHELSA MUNA-BRECHT TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ON THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS MOTIONS CARRIES SENATOR RIDGELL YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR RIDGELL: MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGRICULTURE MARITIME TRANSPORTATION POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE I MOVETO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF MELANIE MENDIOLA TO SERVE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES SENATOR JER RIDGELL I WILL STILL RECOGNIZE YOU *CON SIGI* (GO AHEAD).

SENATOR RIDGELL: MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGRICULTURE MARITIME TRANSPORTATION POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE I MOVE TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF ISA MARIE C. KOKI TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR RIDGELL: MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGRICULTURE MARITIME TRANSPORTATION POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE I MOVETO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF ANTHONY P. CHARGUALAF, JR. TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT WE PROCEED TO THE LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: BEFORE WE DO THAT ARE THERE ANYBODY ELSE WISHING TO GO ON MOTIONS RIGHT NOW SENATORS ON MOTIONS BEFORE WE GO TO THE LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE WE ARE IN MOTIONS RIGHT NOW CONCURRENT SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED *CON SIGI-HA MONA PUT FABOT* (YOU MAY PROCEED PLEASE).

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVETO ACT ON THE DEFEATED MOTION TO PLACE BILL 4-35 (LS) AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATION APPROPRIATIONS AND HOUSING ON THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THERE IS A MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION TO PUT BILL NUMBER 4 ON THE SESSION AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SENATOR CASTRO YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR CASTRO: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I RISE AN OBJECTION TO THE MOTION AND I'D LIKE TO STATE MY REASONS FOR THE RECORD.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO IF IF THIS IS A DEBATABLE MOTION IT THIS IS NOT A DEBATABLE MOTION IF AN OBJECTION IS HEARD ON A MOTION TO PUT ON THE AGENDA.

SENATOR CASTRO: SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TO DEBATE WITH ME MADAM SPEAKER AM I ENTITLED TO ENTER MY OBJECTION INTO THE RECORD MY STATEMENT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES BUT.

SENATOR CASTRO: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOUR.

SENATOR CASTRO: I JUST WANT TO RESTATE IT FOR THE RECORD SO MY OBJECTION TO THE MOTION AGAIN IS BASED ON THE FACT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR NO SENATORS.

SENATOR CASTRO: I DON'T NEED TO SAY IT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I DO APOLOGIZE SENATOR CASTRO BASED ON THE PREVIOUS THIS MOTION TO PUT THE BILL ON SESSION AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION IS THE MOTION IS IS IS ON MOTION FORM IT'S NOT A DEBATABLE ONE IF THERE'S AN OBJECTION I JUST HAVE TO CALL FOR THE VOTE.

SENATOR CASTRO: I.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SO I ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR OBJECTION.

SENATOR CASTRO: SO.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AND THEN I WILL CALL FOR THE VOTE.

SENATOR CASTRO: POINT OF INFORMATION THEN.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES.

SENATOR CASTRO: I'LL STATE MY POINT OF INFORMATION CAN A REPETITIOUS MOTION VERBATIM THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY DEFEATED IN THE SAME SESSION BE RENEWED.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE GONNA GO AHEAD AND TAKE A MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: HI *HÅFA ADAI* (HELLO) THIS LEGISLATURE'S BACK IN SESSION LADIES AND GENTLEMEN WHEN I SPOKE EARLIER JUST FOR CLARIFICATIONS SAKE IN ORDER FOR US TO PLACE A BILL ON AN AGENDA IF THERE'S AN OBJECTION IT IS NOT DEBATABLE THEN THE COUNT WILL BE CALLED BECAUSE THERE IS A MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION TO PUT UP THE THE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROVIDE THAT THE OBJECTION CAN BE NOTED AND THE REASON SO SENATOR CASTRO I WILL GIVE YOU TIME TO VOICE YOUR OBJECTION.

SENATOR CASTRO: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: FOR THE RECORD.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I JUST WANT TO RE-ENTER INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD THAT MY OBJECTION IS BASED ON TWO POINTS THE FIRST POINT BEING AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL MOTION YESTERDAY THERE WAS NO COMMITTEE REPORT ATTACHED THERE WASN'T TILL THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED THAT A COMMITTEE REPORT WAS PLACED ON MY DESK AT APPROXIMATELY 10:46 A.M. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT I BELIEVE THE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS ALSO PUBLISHED ON THE LEGISLATIVE WEBSITE MAYBE AFTER 1:00 P.M. AND ALTHOUGH THE FIRST INCIDENCE WAS CURED MADAM SPEAKER AND ALTHOUGH IT WAS PUBLISHED ON THE LEGISLATIVE WEBSITE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO STATE OPENLY AND FOR THE PUBLIC'S BENEFIT THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT BE MADE AT LEAST MORE THAN 24 HOURS SO LET'S SAY NOW IT'S ABOUT 26 TO 28 HOURS IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE COMMITTEE REPORT MADAM SPEAKER SO THAT WE CAN CHALLENGE ANY MISREPRESENTATIONS OR REAFFIRM ANY STATEMENTS OF FACT OR SO THAT WE CAN MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS AND BE AN INFORMED BODY ON A MATTER AS IMPORTANT AS A TAX BILL IT'S UPON THAT REASON ALONE MADAM SPEAKER THE REASON FOR THE PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO HAVE THAT RIGHT TO THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THEY CAN REACT AND NOTIFY THEIR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BILL THE SECOND ISSUE MA'AM WAS ON THE ISSUE OF THE POINT OF INQUIRY ON A QUESTION BEING PUT FORWARD TO THE BODY IF A REPETITIOUS MOTION VERBATIM

COULD BE HEARD AGAIN I DON'T STAND ON OBJECTION TO DEBATING THE BILL IT'S THE PROCESS BY WHICH WE INTRODUCED IT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR CASTRO ON ON THE MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION IS THERE ANYONE ELSE IF NOT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU MAY CLOSE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER THE MOTION WAS ONLY ASKED TO RECONSIDER IF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER NEEDED MORE TIME HE HAD TIME YESTERDAY HE'S ALSO IN THE COMMITTEE AND HE DID SIGN TO REPORT IT OUT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SO OF ALL THE TIME HE NEEDS HE'S I DON'T EXPECT IT TO BE IF IT'S IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE PUT IN THE SESSION AGENDA IT'LL BE HEARD TOMORROW BECAUSE THE TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR CASTRO: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE MA'AM.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR CASTOR THERE'S AN OBJECTION ON THE FLOOR I APPRECIATE SENATOR CASTRO ON THE POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOU KNOW MA'AM AT LEAST I COULD SAY THIS MUCH AT LEAST WHAT I LEARNED FROM THE LAST TERM I I INADVERTENTLY MADE A DIRECT REFERENCE TO A SITTING SENATOR ON AN ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED IN SAME SAME COURTESY WAS EXTENDED TO YOU AND SINCE THE INDIVIDUAL POINTED ME OUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS IS LESS ABOUT ME.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YEAH YES.

SENATOR CASTRO: MEMBERS OF THE BODY THIS IS LESS ABOUT ME BUT I DO WANT TO ADDRESS THIS BECAUSE.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR CASTRO: I WAS POINTED OUT MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD I RESERVE.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR CASTRO: PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR CASTRO.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: AS THE MAJORITY AS THE MAJORITY LEADER MADAM SPEAKER

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES I'M RECOGNIZING YOU.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN HAD ALREADY CLOSED I BELIEVE NOW THERE'S A CALL FOR THE VOTE FOR.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES. THERE'S.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: RECONSIDERATION ON THE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YEAH.

SENATOR CASTRO: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE CAN WE GET A PARLIMENTARY RULE ON THIS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR CASTRO THANK YOU VICE SPEAKER THERE IS AN OBJECTION ON THE FLOOR WE WILL CALL FOR FOR THE VOTE ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN FAVOR TO RECONSIDER TO PUT BILL NO. 4-35 IS IT LS OR COR LS NO. 4 -L - S 35 (LS) ON SESSION AGENDA PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND OKAY.

NOTE ON THE MOTION: SENATOR LEE SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO) SENATOR MOYLAN VICE SPEAKER NELSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR “PEDO” TERLAJE SENATOR TORRES

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: FOUR FIVE SIX EIGHT MOTION CARRIES I WILL AGAIN RECOGNIZE SENATOR CLYNT RIDGELL WE ARE NOW ON LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE TO MOVE IT TO THE VOTING FILE PLEASE YOUR NOMINEES SENATOR RIDGELL TO MOVE THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR RIDGELL: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOTION TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF CHELSA MUNA-BRECHT TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE INTO THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: JULIAN OKAY YES ON THAT MOTION IF THERE’S NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR RIDGELL.

SENATOR RIDGELL: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOTION TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF MELANIE MENDIOLA TO SERVE AS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY INTO THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO PASS SENATOR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO.

SENATOR RIDGELL: YES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: TO DO PASS.

SENATOR RIDGELL: WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO PASS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES SENATOR RIDGELL YOU’RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR RIDGELL: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE NOMINATION OF ISA MARICE C. KOKI TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS INTO THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DOPASS.

SENATOR RIDGELL: YES WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO PASS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES *SI YU’OS MA’ÅSE* (THANK YOU) SENATOR RIDGELL YOU’RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR RIDGELL: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF ANTHONY P. CHARGUALAF TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO CONFIRM INTO THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES LADIES AND GENTLEMEN I’M GONNA GO AHEAD AND TAKE A REAL BRIEF RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HÅFA ADAI* (HELLO) AGAIN WE ARE BACK FROM RECESS WE’RE JUST GOING TO STATE FOR THE RECORD WE HAVE TWO BILLS THAT ARE ON THE AGENDA PRESENTLY THANK YOU MADAM CLERK ON TO CALL ON THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION AGAIN FOR FOR BILL NO. 4 TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA I’M

GOING TO MAKE THAT CALL RIGHT NOW ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS I'M GONNA TAKE A 30-SECOND RECESS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AGAIN WE ARE BACK FROM RECESS AND JUST FOR CLARIFICATION SAKES FOR THE CALL ON THE MOTION THERE WAS AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF PLACING BILL 4-35 (LS) ON THE AGENDA PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND YEAH.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: MADAM SPEAKER JUST TO CLARIFY THIS IS TO MOVE BILL 4-35 INTO THE SECOND READING FILE BECAUSE EARLIER WE VOTED ON THE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: RIGHT FOR THE RECONSIDERATION.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: RECONSIDERATION RIGHT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES, YOU ARE RIGHT OKAY COUNT PLEASE CAN I SEE THE SHOW OF HANDS.

NOTE ON THE MOTION: SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO) SENATOR MOYLAN VICE SPEAKER NELSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR "PEDO" TERLAJE SENATOR TORRES

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MOTION CARRIES OKAY LADIES AND GENTLEMEN WE HAVE TWO MORE BILLS ON THE AGENDA AND THEN THE LEGAL COUNSELS WILL HAVE TO ENGROSS AND WORK WITH MAKING SURE THAT THE DOCUMENTS ARE READY FOR VOTING SO WE ASK THAT WE COME IN AT NINE O'CLOCK I'M GOING TO ASK THAT WE COME IN AND AT NINE O'CLOCK AND TALK ON THE TWO BILLS THAT ARE ON THE AGENDA BUT BE PREPARED TO VOTE BY 4:30 AND WE'RE HOPING THAT WITH ALL THE THE AMENDMENTS THAT ARE NEEDED ON BOTH BILLS THAT THEY WILL BE READY BY TOMORROW MORNING SO ON THE MOTION TO RECESS TILL NINE O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING YES VICE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO RECESS AND RETURN BACK TO 9:00 A.M. TOMORROW MORNING.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) ON THAT MOTION WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES THANK YOU.

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SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *MANANA SI YU'OS* GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATORS BACK FROM RECESS WHEN WE LEFT OFF LAST NIGHT WE ARE IN THE SECOND READING SENATOR VICE SPEAKER TELENA NELSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON BILL 23-35.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER BEFORE I BEGIN I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR PUSHING THE BILL INTO THE PUBLIC HEARING AND IN SUCH AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER SO I APPRECIATE THAT THANK YOU VERY MUCH I JUST WANT TO SAY MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS AN EFFORT TO BRING SOME EQUALITY AND.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I KNOW COULD MORE A VICE SPEAKER IF I MAY COULD YOU PLEASE MOVE THE BILL YES TO THE THIRD READING AND WE'LL HAVE DISCUSSION ON THAT *KUNSIGIA' PUT FABOT*.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MOVE THE BILL INTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND AND DISCUSS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WITH DISCUSSION PLEASE GO AHEAD AND PROCEED.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER GUESS MY COFFEE WAS A LITTLE BIT STRONG THIS MORNING I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR MOVING THE BILL FORWARD IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER AND THANK YOU FOR ENSURING THAT IT WAS IT WAS GIVEN A PUBLIC HEARING REALLY THIS BILL IS A PURPOSE TO BRING SOME EQUALITY WITHIN OUR GOVERNMENT SYSTEM WHEN IN REGARDS TO VETERANS POINTS NOW THE INTENT OF THE ORIGINAL FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT LAWS WAS THAT VETERANS ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE AN FIVE-POINT PREFERENCE UPON EMPLOYMENT AND IN 8-2 MIKE TWO EIGHT ROMEO PART FOUR SECTION EIGHT CHAPTER EIGHT REVISED JULY 4TH JULY 2ND 2014 IT STATES VETERANS MUST BE CHARGED FROM ACTIVE DUTY UNDER AN HONORABLE OR GENERAL DISCHARGE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR VETERANS PREFERENCE AND IT SPECIFICALLY STATES MADAM SPEAKER VETERANS PREFERENCE VETERANS PREFERENCE DOES NOT APPLY TO INTERNAL AGENCY ACTIONS SUCH AS PROMOTIONS TRANSFERS REASSIGNMENTS AND REINSTATEMENTS AND WE HEARD IN THE PUBLIC HEARING MADAM SPEAKER THE INEQUALITY THAT THE CURRENT LAW PROPOSED ON THOSE THAT WERE NOT IN THE MILITARY FOR THOSE THAT WERE NOT VETERANS AND ESSENTIALLY IT IMPACTED A LOT OF THE PROMOTION'S WE SAW LAST TERM THAT'S WITHIN THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WITHIN GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT THERE WAS APPROPRIATION AND AND MONEY AVAILABLE TO GIVE OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS A PROMOTION A LONG LONG OVERDUE PROMOTION IT'S VERY RARE THAT THOSE THAT ARE IN OUR PUBLIC SAFETY THOSE THAT PROTECT US HAVE WE HAVE THE AFFORDABILITY TO TO ALLOW THE PROMOTION'S OF THE RANKS AND SO IN THIS TIME MANY PEOPLE THAT WERE AFFECTED THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED THAT WERE NOT VETERANS THAT WHO WHEN SOME VETERANS WENT OFF ON DEPLOYMENT OR ADDITIONAL TRAINING OR SCHOOLING THAT THEY STAYED HOME SACRIFICED THEIR THEIR TIME AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILY TO COVER DOWN FOR THOSE THAT WERE ABSENT IN SUPPORT OF OUR COUNTRY AND SO MADAM SPEAKER IT'S JUST AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE THAT THAT STAY HERE ON THE HOMEFRONT AND GUARD AND PROTECT OUR INTERESTS OUR OUR SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY TO GIVE THEM A EQUAL AN EQUAL BALANCE WHEN IT COMES TO PROMOTIONS AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED WITHIN THE FEDERAL LAW THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* VICE SPEAKER ANYBODY ON THE MAIN MOTION THERE'S ANYONE SENATOR ONE YOU WISH TO SPEAK SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN *PUT FABOT KUNSIGI MONA'*.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU A MADAM SPEAKER I JUST RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL NUMBER ONE I'VE BEEN APPROACHED BY MANY OF MY CONSTITUENTS SAYING THAT THEY SUPPORT THE MILITARY BUT SOME OF THEM WE NEED TO ALSO REMIND OURSELVES THAT THE MILITARY TODAY IS A VOLUNTEER ARMY NAVY MARINES AND AIR FORCE AND ON MANY OCCASIONS THE DEPARTMENT'S HERE ON GUAM AND AGENCIES ON GUAM HAVE BEEN DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FOR UPWARD MOBILITY AND ONLY BECAUSE THE PREFERENCE POINTS WILL MATTER YOU WOULD HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL GO THROUGH THE WHOLE GAMUT OF MEETING ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THAT DEPARTMENT TO GET PROMOTED THEN LATER TO FIND OUT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL THAT WAS ON MILITARY DUTY FOR 12 MONTHS HAS A CANDYMAN UNDER USERRA BECAUSE OF THIS LAW TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AND THEN THEY'LL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF THE FIVE OR TEN POINTS BECAUSE THERE'S IT'S FIVE POINTS FOR BEING A VETERAN TEN POINTS FOR BEING DISABLED SO THAT CAUSES A AN IMBALANCE IN THE PROMOTION IN THE PROMOTION PROCESS AND I HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT THIS BILL WILL CORRECT AND MAKE SURE THAT IT'S BALANCED AND JUST FOR THE RECORD I AM A VETERAN I'M RETIRED FROM UNITED STATES ARMY AND I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL TO BRING SOME BALANCE TO THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ANYBODY ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SENATOR SHELTON CAN YOU PLEASE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF OUR COLLEAGUE REGARDING THE THE FIVE POINTS THAT WAS GIVEN TO THE MILITARY HOWEVER I JUST WANT TO MAKE JUST MAKE AN ADDENDUM TO THAT BILL AND I WAS TALKING TO THE SPONSOR OF THIS BILL AND THE CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SAFETY I MUST SAY THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF REPERCUSSIONS FROM THE LAST PROMOTION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SO MY PLAN IS BECAUSE BEFORE YOU ENTER THE POLICE THE THE BEING A POLICE OFFICER YOU NEED TO ACTUALLY HAVE TRAINING WITH THE BALEA TRAINING REQUIREMENT SOME OF THE UNDER THE POST THE POLICE STANDARD REQUIREMENTS SO I WAS TALKING TO THE SPONSOR OF THIS BILL AND MY PLAN IS TO TO INCLUDE THE BALEA TRAINING WITH THAT OF THE INITIAL POLICE TRAINING AND EXPAND THAT TRAINING TO SIX MONTHS AND THAT WOULD GIVE ONCE THEY GRADUATE FROM THE BALEA AND THE POLICE TRAINING THEY CAN THEY CAN GET THE FIVE POINTS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THEM TO ENT-ENTER THE POLICE DEPARTMENT I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR HOWEVER THAT WE WILL NOT LOWER THE STANDARD OF THE POLICE TRAINING SO AND THAT THAT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME STUDY THAT I MADE IN ORDER TO MOVE AWAY FROM FROM SOME OF THE CONTROVERSIES ON THE LAST POLICE POLICE PROMOTION THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SENATOR TERLAJE DOES ANYONE ELSE WISH TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE MEASURE OF THIS BILL AND THE INTENT AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW IF I COULD JUST HAVE A MINUTE RECESS TO CONSULT WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION BECAUSE THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION THAT CAME IN WITH THE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION MR. ED BIRNS WHO HANDLES PERSONNEL AND AND AND IN IN HIS LETTER TO ME AS THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR HE NOTES SOME SPECIFICS THAT MAY BETTER DEFINE THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATION SO I'D LIKE TO CONFER WITH THE SPEAKER I MEAN WITH THE VICE SPEAKER ON THIS IF I MAY.

SENATOR SHELTON: WELL TAKE A ONE-MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

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

SENATOR SHELTON: WE'RE BACK IN SESSION SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONFER WITH THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION AND AND THE CONCERNS THAT I HAD BASED ON THE INTERPRETATION I AM SATISFIED SO I JUST SAY THAT I STAND IN SUPPORT *SAINA MA'ASE*.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* WILL TAKE A ONE-MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES THE LEGISLATURE'S BACK FROM RECESS THANK YOU ANYBODY ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR JIM MOYLAN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR MOYLAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I LIKE TO PLEDGE MY SUPPORT FOR BILL 23-35 MY PAST EXPERIENCE AS AN ARMY VETERAN AND ALSO MY EXPERIENCE AS A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE I FEEL THIS IS A FAIR BILL AND JUSTIFIABLE AND AND I ALSO LIKE TO ASK BASED ON MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND AND HOW I WISH TO MOVE WITH THIS BILL THERE'S ALSO WISH TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF THIS BILL IF I MIGHT KINDLY ASK THAT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION TO INCLUDE SENATOR JIM MOYLAN AS CO-SPONSOR HEARING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ANYBODY ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR MARY TORRES *PUT FABOT KUNSIGI*.

SENATOR MARY TORRES: MADAM SPEAKER I WON'T ASK TO BE A CO-SPONSOR BUT I DO WANT TO GIVE ACCOLADES TO THE TO THE MOVER OF THIS BILL BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE NOTICED OVER TIME IS THAT WE'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE OUR CITIZENS TO DO THEIR BEST AND TO ADVANCE IN THEIR CAREERS AND A LOT OF TIMES WE YOU KNOW WE OFFER INCENTIVES AND WE OFFER WAYS TO ALLOW PEOPLE WHO ARE DISADVANTAGED TO GET THEIR FOOT IN THE DOOR BUT BUT IT'S ALWAYS PRESUMED THAT ONCE YOUR FOOT IS IN THE DOOR IT'S REALLY UP TO YOU TO EXCEL AND THAT'S ON YOU AND FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE TAKEN THE THE EFFORT AND THE TIME AND THE SACRIFICE AND THE INVESTMENT TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION TO DO THE BEST THAT THEY CAN AT THEIR JOBS AND TO PERFORM ABOVE AND BEYOND THEY TRULY ARE DESERVING OF MERITORIOUS ADVANCES AND IN THAT REGARD THIS BILL HELPS TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE REALLY TAKEN UPON THEMSELVES TO MAKE THEIR LIVES BETTER AND TO IMPROVE THEIR SITUATION AND THE SITUATION OF THE EMPLOYERS THAT THAT THEY WORK THE EMPLOYMENT WITHIN WHICH THEY WORK SO WITH THAT I GIVE MY FULL HEARTED SUPPORT TO THIS BILL AND I ALSO COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR CORRECTING SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS A GOOD STEP TOWARDS INCENTIVIZING US TO DO BETTER FOR OURSELVES BY OURSELVES AND FOR OUR COLLEAGUES THAT WE WORK WITH *SI YU'OS MA'ASE*.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHO SENADORAN TORRES* AND ANYBODY ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION VICE SPEAKER NELSON WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT REALLY THIS IS A BILL THAT BRINGS PARODY EQUALITY FOR FOR FOR ALL AND SO YOU KNOW SOMETIMES IT CAN BE CHALLENGING TO PRESENT THIS KIND OF BILL BECAUSE OF THE PERHAPS OF THE PRESSURE WE FEEL ON BOTH SIDES BUT I'D LIKE TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR COURAGE AND THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* VICE SPEAKER NELSON LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THE NEXT.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: AND MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO MOVE THE BILL TO THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THAT'S RIGHT ON THAT MOTION WITHOUT ANY OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE ARE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 4 SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 4-35 LS ON THE THIRD READING FILE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *KUNSIGI MO'NA* SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN *PUT FABOT*.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MY COLLEAGUES PRESENTLY PUBLIC LAW 34-116 RENDERS THE INCREASED TAX RATE TO BE APPLICABLE ON REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS OF 1 MILLION ONLY WITH NO INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC LANGUAGE DEFINE DEFINING TERMS WITHIN STANDING LEGISLATION FOR REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT IN EXCESS OF 1 MILLION FAILURE TO CORRECT THE VERB IS TO INCLUDE IMPROVEMENT EXCEEDING 1 MILLION WILL RESULT IN CONTINUAL UNREALIZED AND UNCOLLECTED REVENUE OF PROSPECTIVE SUBJECT TAX LEVIES FOR THE TERRITORIAL EDUCATION FACILITY FUNDS MY COLLEAGUES I HAD PASSED OUT THE LETTER FROM DIRECTOR OR ACTING DIRECTOR LESTER CARLSON YOU'LL FIND ON PAGE 2 TO THAT DOCUMENT IN FY 2019 ADOPTED TEFF REVENUE WAS PROJECTED TO THE 38 MILLION 301 107,000 DIFFERENCE OF 9 MILLION FOR FY FROM FY 2018 ADOPTED REVENUE OF 29 MILLION 260 403,000 YOU'LL FIND ON THE THIRD COLUMN THE AGENCY THAT WILL IT BE IMPACTED CURRENTLY TODAY IF THIS BILL DOES NOT PASS THE THE DEPARTMENT EDUCATION WILL BE THE WILL BE THE LARGEST AGENCY HIT WITH APPROXIMATELY 4.7 MILLION DOLLARS FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC WORKS BUS OPERATION OF 2.5 AND IF YOU NOTICE JUST THOSE TWO AGENCIES ARE ALL EDUCATION RELATED THE NEXT HIGHEST WOULD BE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IF YOU NOTICE ON THAT LISTS MY COLLEAGUES THESE ARE ALL RELATED TO EDUCATION TODAY BILL 4-35 SEEKS TO CORRECT THE VERBAGE THAT WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED IN PUBLIC LAW 34-116 THAT ONLY LEVIED ADDITIONAL TAX ON REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS VALUED AT 1 MILLION BY CLARIFYING THIS TAX SHALL BE PROPERLY VALUED AT 1 MILLION OR MORE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SO THAT WE'RE CLEAR SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN CAN YOU JUST DO A CALL THAT THAT WE ARE THAT YOU HAVE DISSEMINATED THIS FOR THE PUBLIC'S MEAN FOR OUR COLLEAGUES IS A REVIEW.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIS WASN'T SUBMITTED IN IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT SO I JUST WANT YOU TO ACKNOWLEDGE TO THE PODIUM THAT WE ACCEPT THIS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU OH IT HAS TO BE ADDED ON OK YES MADAM SPEAKER I ASK THAT IT BE ADDED ON THAT'S WHY I HAD IT DISSEMINATED BECAUSE I WAS LOOKING AT THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND I KNOW THIS IS LETTER BUT THE SECOND PAGE WASN'T THERE SO IM LIKE THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE INADVERTENTLY.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* ON THAT MOTION IF THERE ARE ANY OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES THANK YOU ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE *PUT FABOT KUNSIGI MONA*.

SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW IN THE BEGINNING WHEN I WAS LOOKING AT THIS PARTICULAR BILL I HAD THOUGHT THAT YOU KNOW SOME OF THAT MONEY CAN BE USED FOR GOING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BECAUSE THE HOSPITAL REALLY DO NEED A LOT OF CASH BUT THEN WHEN I FURTHER TALKED TO THE SPONSOR OF THIS BILL I FOUND OUT THAT MOST OF THE MONEY IS BEING USED FOR FOR THE GOODS OF CENTER OR FOCUS ON EDUCATION SO I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SENATOR TERLAJE SENATOR VICE SPEAKER NELSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE MAIN MOTION.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER JUST TO AS A CAVEAT TO TO LESSER CARLSON'S LETTER SO THE PUBLIC KNOWS THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OPERATIONS THE REDUCTION WILL BE 4.7 MILLION DOLLARS THE FIRST GENERATION AT TRUST FUND INITIATIVE 34,813 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR BUS OPERATIONS 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS DEPARTMENT OF CHAMORRO AFFAIRS 423 THOUSAND DOLLARS DCA GUAM EDUCATIONAL TELECOM CORPORATION PBS GUAM \$198,000 UOG CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND THREE HUNDRED AND FOUR THOUSAND UOG FIRST GENERATION FUND INITIATIVE 174 GCC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 87 THOUSAND GCC FIRST GENERATION TRUST FUND 69 THOUSAND GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATION CERTIFICATION THIS IS WHERE OUR TEACHERS GO TO ENSURE THAT THEY

ARE CERTIFIED 91 THOUSAND WHICH IS PROBABLY CUTTING OUT THEIR STAFF TO EVEN PROCESS THESE CERTIFICATIONS THE MAYOR COUNCIL GUAM GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 151,000 SO WE KNOW THAT SOME OF OUR VILLAGE MAYOR'S SOME GO TO THE SCHOOLS AND HELP THEM WHEN THEY NEED GRASS CUTTING FOR THE INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS AND ALSO SOME OF THE LANDSCAPING TO THAT SO THAT THE THE SCHOOLS ARE NOT OVER GROUND WITH WITH BUSH AND AND AND GRASS MAYOR'S COUNCIL ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SCHOOL EDUCATION WHICH BRINGS US TO A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF NINE MILLION DOLLARS AND MADAM SPEAKER JUST TO SAY THAT ALREADY IN IN 2018 GDOE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ALREADY MADE A 12.2 MILLION CUT AND SOME OF THOSE CUTS IMPACTED AS LISTED ARE THE FREEZING OF HIRING AT CENTRAL AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION WHICH IS 2.2 MILLION DOLLARS REDUCED CONTRACTUAL SERVICES WHICH IS 3 MILLION DOLLARS THIS CAN GO FROM MAINTENANCE TO THEIR TO THEIR HVAC THEIR AIR CONDITIONING THIS IS ALSO THE CLEANING OF THE SCHOOL RESTROOM SO THAT THE STUDENTS HAVE A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT TO GO TO SCHOOL IN DELAYED PRE-K EXPANSION WHICH MEANS THAT THOSE THAT ARE YOUNG AND PARENTS WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE THEM A HEAD START INTO SCHOOL THESE PROGRAM THIS PROGRAM WAS DELAYED THEY REDIRECTED A LOT OF FUNDS REDIRECTED LIBRARY FUNDS SO SOME OF THE LIBRARY LIBRARIANS WERE IMPACTED BY THIS AND WE ALL KNOW THAT OUR STUDENTS NEED TO GO TO THE LIBRARY TO STUDY INTO ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ESPECIALLY MANY OF THE MANY OF OUR STUDENTS WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AT HOME SO THEY STAY BEHIND STAY IN SCHOOL AND DO THEIR HOMEWORK AT SCHOOL REDIRECT A TEXTBOOK FUNDS WE ALREADY KNOW THAT WE HAVE A SOMEWHAT MANY OF OUR TEXTBOOKS IN OUR SCHOOLS ARE OUTDATED AND AND MAYBE WE DON'T LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IT BUT IT'S A FACT THAT OUR STUDENTS WHAT WE'RE TEACHING THEM IS IS OUTDATED INFORMATION DELAYED ONBOARDING OF SUBSTITUTES SUBSTITUTES ARE VERY IMPORTANT IN THEIR INTO IN OUR EDUCATION COMMUNITY MANY OF OUR TEACHERS YOU KNOW THEY THEY REALLY STRIVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE PERFECT ATTENDANCE BUT THEY ALSO HAVE FAMILIES TO CARE FOR AND THEY ALSO DO GET ILL FROM TIME TO TIME AND SO REALLY THAT DID HINDER A LOT OF THE OPERATIONS WITHIN THE SCHOOLS TEACHERS HAD TO GIVE UP THEIR PREPARATION PERIOD WHERE THEY GRADE PAPERS THEY CONTACT PARENTS TO COVER DOWN FOR FOR OTHER FOR OTHER TEACHERS BECAUSE THE SUBSTITUTES WERE NOT PRESENT AND THEN ALSO THE PRO RATA FOR CHARTER SCHOOL BUDGET REDUCTIONS SO EVEN OUR CHARTER SCHOOLS WERE IMPACTED NOW IN ADDITION TO THAT MADAM SPEAKER WHAT WILL FURTHER BE IMPACTED IS OUR SPORTS AND FACILITIES EQUIPMENT SO THAT MEANS DURING LUNCHTIME THAT THE KIDS THAT ONE WILL BE IMPACTED WHERE THEY WON'T HAVE THE PERHAPS LIKE THE SOCCER BALL THE BASKETBALL OR OR THINGS THAT THEY NEED DURING LUNCH TO TO KEEP THEM ACTIVE AND WE ALL KNOW THAT DOES GROWING CHILDREN WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT OUR OUR CHILDREN ARE ENGAGED AND AS THEY GO THROUGH THAT GROWING PROCESS THEY HAVE AN OUTLET AND SPORTS IS A VERY POSITIVE OUTLET FOR OUR CHILDREN AND SO THIS IS GOING TO DIRECTLY IMPACT THAT OPERATIONAL FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE IMPACTED FUNDS FOR SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL IT'S BEEN SO MANY YEARS ALREADY SINCE WE'VE BEEN APPROPRIATING MONEY TO DO E TO GET SIMON SANCHEZ ROLLING WE NOW PUT IT IN THE SUPERINTENDENT'S HANDS TO TO ENSURE THAT SIMON SANCHEZ CAN BE PROPERLY BIDDED OUT FOR FOR TO REBUILD THAT SCHOOL LIBRARY FUNDS WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPACTED WHICH MEANS THAT A LOT OF THE BOOKS AND THE LIBRARIES ARE ALSO OUTDATED THE IMPACT OF THE INTERNET SERVICES WILL BE WILL BE ALSO AFFECTED AND THE ELIMINATION OF AFTER HOURS AND SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND SO IT'S AFTER HOURS AND SUMMER ACTIVITIES YOU KNOW IS WHAT WE USED TO KNOW AS DEED WHERE THE STUDENTS STAY AFTER SCHOOL AND THEY YOU KNOW HAVE SOME TIME TO UNWIND FROM THE DAY AND THEN THEY DO THEIR HOMEWORK AND AND A LOT OF TEACHERS GIVE THEIR TIME FOR THIS A LOT OF STAFF GIVE THEIR TIME FOR THIS ALSO TO INCLUDE INTER- INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS SO REALLY IT'S THIS IS THIS IS THE WHOLE GROWTH THAT'S GOING TO BE IMPACTED AND MAYBE IT'S YOU KNOW IT'S IT'S KIND OF CONFLICTING BUT WHEN WE RUN WE RUN ON THREE PILLARS RIGHT WE ALWAYS SAY EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH THAT'S THAT'S BASICALLY EVERYONE'S GENERAL PLATFORM AND SO THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO STAY TRUE TO THAT PLATFORM THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

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

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER GOOD MORNING I'M ALSO VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LIST OF THAT SENATOR VICE SPEAKER NEL- THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER SPOKE ABOUT AND PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE CUTS TO OUR GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM OUR DPW BUS OPERATIONS AND THE REBUILDING OF

SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL AND SO I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND IF THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL WILL YIELD TO A QUESTION REGARDING THE TESTIMONY FROM OUR PUBLIC HEARING THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH SUGGESTED IN HIS TESTIMONY FOR LANGUAGE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BILL AND SHALL BE RETROACTIVE TO REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2018 SO I'D LIKE TO ASK IF THE AUTHOR COULD TALK ABOUT THE DECISION BECAUSE IT IT WAS NOT INCLUDED SO I'D LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT THAT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY SHELTON SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WHICH YOU'D LIKE TO ANSWER THAT INQUIRY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES, THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AFTER SPEAKING WITH BBMR AND DRT AND EVEN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ADVISED THEM THAT I'M GONNA IN I'M GONNA ALLOW THE BILL TO BE INTRODUCED AS INTRODUCED BUT AFTER SPEAKING WITH LEGAL TODAY IF WE CAN GET A REAL SHORT RECESS THE AMENDMENT WILL BE ADDED AND INTRODUCED TO IDENTIFY THE REP- TO RETRO THE COLLECTIONS TO THE DATE OF THE BUDGET ACT WHICH WOULD BE AUGUST 2018.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE'RE GONNA GO AHEAD AND TAKE A BRIEF RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE LEGISLATURE'S BACK FROM RECESS THERE WAS A QUESTION ON THE FLOOR I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND ADDRESS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE INQUIRY PLEASE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES, MADAM SPEAKER THE QUESTION THAT WAS ASKED IS THAT WHY WASN'T IT ADDRESS THE TAX COMMISSIONER THIS COULD BE HANDLED ADMINISTRATIVELY IF THIS BILL IS PASSED AND I LEAVE THAT UP TO THE TAX COMMISSION TO DECIDE AND THAT IS THE GOVERNOR OKAY THANK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SENATOR SHELTON DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR INQUIRY *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* ON THE MOTION WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT ARE YOU OKAY LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY ARE YOU OKAY OKAY ANYBODY ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION ON BILL 4 SENATOR CASTRO YOU'RE RECOGNIZED *PUT FABOT KUNSIGI*.

SENATOR CASTRO: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN OPPOSITION TO THE BILL AND I HAVE SEVERAL SOURCES HERE SO IF HE JUST BARE WITH ME AS I AS I SIFT THROUGH SOME OF THIS I MY OPPOSITION RESTS ON TWO POINTS FIRST I REALLY THINK WE NEED A VISIT REVISIT TEFF WHILE I DON'T STAND IN OPPOSITION TO WHAT TEFF IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT IN TERMS OF THESE DEDICATED SOURCES OF FUNDING I I LIKE TO CHALLENGE MY COLLEAGUES DOWN THE LINE EVENTUALLY TO GO BACK TO WHY TEFF WAS ESTABLISHED IT'S A PROTECTED FUND A FACILITIES FUND AND YES I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD COMPROMISE BUS OPERATIONS BUT JUST TO STATE MY POINT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT BUS OPERATIONS HAS TO DO WITH EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES NOW DON'T GET ME WRONG I SUPPORT ALL THE INITIATIVES THAT ARE LISTED HERE AS A LIFELONG EDUCATOR BUT I'LL LEAVE THAT IS TO ME THAT'S FOR ANOTHER TIME I DO HAVE A SERIES OF QUESTIONS I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE AUTHOR IF HE WOULD YIELD BUT LET ME GO AHEAD AND STATE MY QUESTIONS SO HE CAN DETERMINE BEST WHICH ONES HE WANTS TO ANSWER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WELL WE'LL GO AHEAD AND TAKE IT ONE AT A TIME AND THEN I'LL GO AHEAD AND YIELD TO HIM SENATOR.

SENATOR CASTRO: SURE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: IF I MAY.

SENATOR CASTRO: OKAY SO LET ME JUST GO AND PREFACE BY SAYING WE'RE LOOKING TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL CHANGES TO A BILL THAT WAS PASSED THAT IS INTENDED TO RAISE AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT AND A HALF TO 9 AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS NOT WITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT SEVERAL SOURCES ARE INDICATING IN WRITING IN HINDSIGHT THESE ARE NOT PROSPECTIVE NUMBERS HERE THESE ARE REALIZED FIGURES THAT NOT ONLY HAVE WE FINISHED FY 18 WITH A BUDGET SURPLUS WE'RE TRACKING EVEN IN JANUARY THAT REVENUES HAVE EXCEEDED EXPENDITURES AND SO YOU KNOW THE RHETORICAL QUESTION

COMES BACK AT ME IF YOU'RE GONNA PULL 9 MILLION DOLLARS IF THAT'S GONNA BE A SHORTFALL HOW ARE YOU GONNA MAKE THAT UP WELL IF THE REPORTS ARE CORRECT.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: POINT OF INQUIRY MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I APOLOGIZE VICE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: YES, IF THERE IS A REVENUE OR EXCESS THAT THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER IS TALKING ABOUT PERHAPS HE CAN PRODUCE THE DOCUMENTATION SO THAT WE CAN SEE.

SENATOR CASTRO: I SURE WILL.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: BECAUSE I DO SHARE THE SAME CONCERN.

SENATOR CASTRO: POINT OF ORDER.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: IF WE CAN TAKE A QUICK.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE CAN GO AHEAD AND TAKE A MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: MADAM SPEAKER SO WE CAN ACQUIRE THE DOCUMENT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: LEGISLATURE'S BACK FROM RECESS I WILL ALLOW SENATOR CASTRO TO FINISH HIS STATEMENTS AND THEN IF THERE ARE ANY DOCUMENTATION TO THE INQUIRY IS FOR THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION I WILL MAKE YOU FINISH YOUR COMMENTS AND THEN WE WILL PROCEED IF THE BODY WANTS TO READ AND REFER TO THE STATEMENTS FOR COPIES I WILL ASK THAT COPIES BE MADE THEN.

SENATOR CASTRO: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THAT'S VERY CONSIDERATE OF YOU I'D LIKE TO FINISH A CONCEPT I DON'T MIND BEING ASKED FOR MY REFERENCES I THINK THAT'S ONLY RIGHT AND PROPER BUT WHAT I THINK IS IMPROPER IS INTERRUPTING ME IN THE MIDDLE OF.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR CASTRO.

SENATOR CASTRO: SO MY FIRST REFERENCE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR CASTRO: AND I'LL GO AHEAD AND READ THE REFERENCE INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD BECAUSE I HAVE SEVERAL OF THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO STOP AFTER EVERY SENTENCE I WON'T BE ABLE TO DELIVER OKAY HE SAYS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE PROCEED THANK YOU SIR.

SENATOR CASTRO: ORDER CAN WE GET SOME ORDER HERE

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE YOU CAN PROCEED.

SENATOR CASTRO: MY FIRST REFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF MY ASSERTION THAT THERE'S BEEN PUBLISHED REPORTS OF A CASH SURPLUS AND I REFERENCE PRODUCED BY THE TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PAGE 103 DATED 2018 AND I'LL QUOTE THE TOTAL ESTIMATED CASH OUTLAY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2019 IS 81.5 MILLION AND INCLUDES DISBURSEMENTS OR SET ASIDES FOR DEBT SERVICE ETC ETC LAST SENTENCE OF THE SAME PARAGRAPH OF THE SAME PAGE OF THE SAME DOCUMENT QUOTE THE ESTIMATED CASH RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY 2019 IS 86.1 MILLION LEAVING AN ESTIMATED ENDING CASH BALANCE AT THE END OF JANUARY 2019 A 4.8 MILLION DOLLARS THAT'S MY FIRST REFERENCE I'LL BE HAPPY TO PASS THIS ON TO THE CLERK'S IF THE COLLEAGUES WEREN'T AT THE PUBLIC HEARING WHERE THIS WAS FIRST MADE AWARE TO ME I UNDERSTAND I BELIEVE IT TO BE TRUE THAT YOU ACTUALLY DISSEMINATED THIS TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE BODY I JUST HAPPENED TO PRINT OUT A COPY AND HIGHLIGHT A CERTAIN SECTION TO SUPPORT MY CLAIM SO I'M GONNA GO AHEAD AND RAISE MY HAND IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO COME AND GET THIS I'LL PROVIDE COPIES

TO THE REST OF THE BODY AGAIN FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD AND THE LISTENING AUDIENCE I'M REPORTING A STATEMENT THAT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT PAGE 103 I'D ALSO LIKE TO GET THIS BACK BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER SUPPORTING STATEMENTS WITHIN THE SAME DOCUMENT THAT I'D LIKE TO REFER TO.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR CASTRO WE'RE GONNA TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS

RECESS

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: HI THE LEGISLATURE'S BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR WILL CASTRO YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR CASTRO: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW NOTWITHSTANDING THE EXCHANGE EARLY I JUST WANT TO SAY ON A LIGHTER NOTE IF THE STRATEGY IS DESIGNED TO HELP ME LOSE MY THOUGHT I THINK IT'S WORKING BUT IN ALL SERIOUSNESS YOU SHOULD ALL HAVE A COPY OF MY FIRST REFERENCE NOW IF I CAN BEG THE INDULGENCE OF THE BODY I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO FINISH A COUPLE THOUGHTS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR CASTRO COULD YOU PLEASE ADDRESS THE PODIUM.

SENATOR CASTRO: YEAH I'LL LOOK AT YOU SPEAKER JUST KEEP SMILING BECAUSE IT'S VERY CONTENTIOUS BEHIND ME I JUST IF I CAN BEG THE INDULGENCE OF THE BODY TO FINISH MY THOUGHTS AND I'LL READ INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD WHAT I'M CITING BUT IF I HAD TO STOP EVERY SENTENCE TO CONVEY AND REPLICATE THIS IT WE'LL BE HERE AND I DON'T THINK THAT SHOULD BE USED AGAINST MY 15 MINUTES II WAS ADVISED EARLIER I USED FIVE MINUTES READY FOR THE FIRST FIRST HALF OF MY PAGE AND I DON'T THINK THAT WAS DUE TO MY FAULT BUT NONETHELESS THE FIRST REFERENCE WAS FROM THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE REPORT REPORTING JUST JANUARY'S FINANCES MA'AM IF YOU WERE REFER TO LOCAL MEDIA AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT'S A VERY CREDIBLE SOURCE BUT IF YOU REFER TO LOCAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS GOVERNOR CAVLVO REPORTED A 20 TO 25 MILLION DOLLAR FY 18 SURPLUS BUT WELL LET'S NOT TAKE HIS WORD FOR IT THE PREVIOUS GOVERNOR LET'S GO AHEAD AND REFER SOMETHING TO SOME THINGS THAT WERE PROVIDED TO US IN WRITING I'M GONNA GO AHEAD AND DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE DOCUMENT AND THEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE IN YOUR FILES OR ONE READILY AVAILABLE AT THE END OF MY DISCUSSION I'LL GO AHEAD AND PROVIDE A COPY FOR YOU I'M GONNA BE REFERENCING THE SENATORIAL BUDGET BRIEFING THAT WAS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT FISCAL DISCIPLINE TEAM ON OR AROUND FEBRUARY 6 20 2019 AND AND I'LL READ FROM THIS CHART HERE AND BASICALLY IT SAYS THAT THERE'S AN ESTIMATED SINGLE YEAR SURPLUS OF 13.5 MILLION UNAUDITED UNAUDITED I GET IT THAT MEANS WE DID AUDIT OKAY BUT THIS IS WHAT WE'RE TRACKING AND THAT AND IT'S AFFIRMED THAT THE PRIOR YEAR WAS ANOTHER CASH SURPLUS BUT LET ME NOT TAKE THIS ON ITS FACE VALUE LET ME GO AHEAD AND GO TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND THIS IS WHY THIS IS WHY TO MY EARLIEST OBJECTION AND I APPRECIATE WHOEVER ESTABLISHED THAT AS A MATTER OF RULE AND OPERATION BY WHICH WE GOVERN THIS BODY THIS IS WHY THE COMMITTEE REPORT IS SO IMPORTANT SO THAT WE CAN GO BACK AND LOOK AT STATEMENTS AND CHALLENGE IT OR USE IT IN AFFIRMATION OF OUR POSITION AND I QUOTE FROM PAGE 10 OF I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE HOW THIS IS NUMBERED BUT PAGE 10 OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT THAT I RECEIVED AT 10:46A.M. IT SAYS AND I QUOTE OH NO THE SURPLUS WERE WORKING WITH MR. BIRN THE AUDIT'S NOT DONE BUT WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL END FISCAL YEAR 18 WITH A SURPLUS OKAY I ALSO HAVE ANOTHER SOURCE FROM THE SAME. TRANSITION COMMITTEE REPORT I'M SORRY I DON'T HAVE IT READILY AVAILABLE IT'S IN FRONT OF ME SOMEWHERE THAT ALSO REPORTS AN FY 18 SURPLUS SO BEGS THE QUESTION MA'AM IT BEGS THE QUESTION IF WE'RE GONNA SET IT IF WE DID THAT WELL AFTER OCTOBER 1 2018 FINANCIALLY AS A GOVERNMENT AS A GOVERNMENT I'M NOT EVEN GOING INTO THE COST-CUTTING COST-CONTAINMENT PART OF THIS DISCUSSION WHY DO WE NEED AN ADDITIONAL 9 MILLION DOLLARS OH NO IT'S NOT A CASH SHORTFALL I THINK WE NEED TO REFER TO THE LETTER THAT WAS PROVIDED TO US BY THE GOOD CHAIRMAN THE QUESTION THEN BECOMES UNREALIZED REVENUE IT'S ONLY A SHORTFALL IF YOU SPEND MORE THAN YOU EXPECTED TO RECEIVE I THINK WE NEED TO HOLD A LINE MY REAL QUESTION TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO RETURN TO THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE IS MY WHERE ARE WE GOING ARE WE GOING TO SIMPLY WALK AWAY AND ABANDON THE POSITION WE TOOK AS A BODY IN THE 34TH TO LOOK AT SOME FISCAL RESTRAINT MEASURES SUCH AS REORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT AS PROFFERED BY THE FORMER SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON JR. WHAT ABOUT THE SAR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AS

PROFFERED AND PASSED BY THE FORMER SENATOR MIKE SAN NICOLAS HIMSELF WHAT ABOUT THE 200 MILLION DOLLAR TAX LIABILITY THAT'S ALSO CITED ALSO CITED IN THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE REPORT WHAT ABOUT AND I DIDN'T I DIDN'T VOTE FOR THIS BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT MEASURE THAT SAID WE'RE NOT GOING TO FUND DEPUTY DIRECTORS GOING FORWARD IN JANUARY WHAT ABOUT THAT AND THE COURT STRUCK IT DOWN BUT LET ME BE CLEAR THE COURT SAID IT WAS INORGANIC THAT WE CAN'T TELL THE EXECUTIVE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE NOT TO DO THAT BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO STOP THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE FROM MAKING THE RIGHT DECISIONS TO LIVE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW TO CONTROL COSTS NOW I WENT ON THE RECORD I WENT ON THE RECORD TO SAY I SUPPORT THE TENORIO THE LEON GUERRERO TENORIO ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE I THINK THEY HAVE A GREAT PLAN TO NOT CONDUCT BUSINESS AS USUAL BUT I'M IMPLOING I'M ASKING THIS BODY LET'S GO TILL APRIL TO THEIR PRIORITY THEIR FISCAL SPENDING PRIORITIES ARE GIVEN TO US TO REVIEW BECAUSE I REALLY BELIEVE THAT WE'RE GONNA FINISH THIS YEAR AHEAD AS WE HAD PROJECTED IN THE LAST BODY AND I'LL CLOSE WITH MY STATEMENTS OF FACT AND I'LL PROVIDE THIS TO THE STAFF TO MAKE COPIES I DO HAVE I'M GONNA START NOW MY LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR THE GOOD CHAIRMAN HERE SOMEONE WHOSE INTEGRITY IS NOT IN QUESTION I ADMIRE AND RESPECT THE INDIVIDUAL AND I WILL COMMIT TO WORK WITH HIM ON OTHER SOLUTIONS BUT WHERE ARE WE AT WITH THE ANTICIPATED VISITOR ARRIVALS IN THE RESULTING BBT AND I'M REFERRING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 INCOME BUSINESS TAX PRELIMINARY PROJECTIONS AS PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET AND THIS IS ON THEIR WEBSITE SO IF YOU WANT TO LOG ON AND CHECK IT OUT WHILE I'M FINISHING MY MY POSITION YOU CAN DO THAT THAT'S JUST ONE REFERENCE SPEAKER THIS THING IS RIDDLED WITH ALL KINDS OF POTENTIAL E ECONOMIC INDICATORS ABOUT WHERE WE COULD BE AS A GOVERNMENT WITHOUT HAVING TO RAISE TAXES AS A MATTER OF FACT I DON'T WANT TO GET TOO AHEAD OF MYSELF BUT I THINK WE'RE IN A GOOD POSITION TO COME BACK TO THAT 1% BBT AS WE PROMISED IF THE ECONOMY WAS TO TURN AROUND NOW TO MY QUESTIONS DO YOU WANT TO REMIND ME OF HOW MUCH TIME I HAVE OR MAYBE SENATOR MOYLAN WOULD YIELD BUT I DO HAVE A QUESTION AND HE CAN ANSWER IF YOU WANT TO DO IT ONE AT A TIME WE CAN DO THAT MA'AM AS A MATTER OF FACT I'LL TAKE YOUR CUE ON THAT TOO THE PRIME SPONSOR OR ANY OF THE CO-AUTHORS WHERE ARE WE AT WITH THE SAR IN TERMS OF THE AGGRESSIVE COLLECTIONS THAT WE WERE REQUIRING THE ADMINISTRATION TO UNDERTAKE TO RECOVER ANYWHERE FROM 150 TO 200 MILLION DOLLARS THAT'S MY QUESTION SHOULD I AND DOES THAT COUNT AGAINST MY TIME.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WOULD YOU LIKE TO ANSWER THE INQUIRY TO THE STATUS OF THE SAR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER IN REFERENCE TO THE AGGRESSIVE PURSUIT OF TAXES WE'D HAVE TO ASK THE REVENUE TAX TO COME AND TESTIFY BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY MAJOR COLLECTION OF TAXES AND IF WE EXPECTED THAT WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THIS NEW ADMINISTRATION JUST ONE COMMENT I HAVE IF THERE IS TRULY A SURPLUS THEN WHY WE'RE MAIN MAY MANY AGENCIES NOT GIVEN ALL THEIR ALLOTMENTS IN 2018 AND AND AND THAT'S NOT UP FOR DEBATE THAT'S A MATTER OF RECORD THANK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR CASTRO.

SENATOR CASTRO: AND THANK YOU AND NO THAT DOESN'T SATISFY MY QUESTION BUT I APPRECIATE THE RESPONSE I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION MA'AM WHERE ARE WE AT WITH A CIGARETTE TAXES STAMP.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT INQUIRY SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN CAN YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION AGAIN.

SENATOR CASTRO: SO I'M BASICALLY GOING DOWN THE LIST OF PREVIOUS INITIATIVES I'LL RESTATE THE EXACT QUESTION SO I BASICALLY LISTED TWO INITIATIVES THAT WERE ON THE TABLE POTENTIAL SOURCES OF REVENUE ACTUALLY NOT POTENTIAL DEFINED SOURCES OF REVENUE AND MY SECOND QUESTION WAS WHERE ARE WE AT WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE CIGARETTE TAX STAMP ACT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT QUESTION CIGARETTE STAMP ACT.

SENATOR CASTRO: MAYBE I GOT THE WORD MESSED UP BUT I THINK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE'RE GONNA GO AHEAD THIRTY SECOND RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE LEGISLATURE'S BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR CASTRO.

SENATOR CASTRO: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY MAY NOT HAVE THAT INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE AND I GUESS SO I'LL WITHDRAW THAT QUESTION BUT BUT MY POINT BY ASKING THOSE QUESTIONS IS IS ANYBODY SCRUBBING THIS AND LOOKING AT EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE IN THE 34TH TO STABILIZE THE ECONOMY AND WHERE ARE WE TRACKING WITH ALL OF THAT THAT'S MY POINT AND THEN I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION AND I'D LIKE TO CLOSE AND SO COULD SOMEONE JUST LET ME KNOW AND I HAVE THE LAST THREE MINUTES AND CLOSE THANK YOU MY NEXT QUESTION AND AND I'LL GO AHEAD AND PASS THIS ON TO THE OFB THAT THE CHAIRMAN THE GOOD CHAIRMAN DOES HE REFUTE IS A YES OR NO ANSWER DOES HE REFUTE ANY OF THE CLAIMS ESTABLISHING THAT EITHER THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE REPORT IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 OFB REPORT IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT THAT WAS PUBLISHED ANY OF THE STATEMENTS THAT I HAD MADE FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD IS DOES HE STAND IN REFUTATION OF THE ASSERTIONS MADE THAT THERE WAS A CASH SURPLUS OR THAT WE COLLECTED MORE REVENUES THAN EXPENDITURES AT LEAST FOR 2019 JANUARY.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT QUESTION SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WOULD YOU LIKE HIM TO REPEAT IT OR HE ASKED FOR A YES OR NO ANSWER YOU YIELD.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER YES I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS ASKING BECAUSE I WAS TRYING TO DECIPHER EVERYTHING ELSE HE WAS SAYING EVERYTHING THAT HE WAS RELATING TO ENDED WHEN THE ADMINIS LAST ADMINISTRATION ENDED IN DECEMBER EVERYTHING THIS CURRENT ADMINISTRATION IS DOING IS TRYING TO REORGANIZE RESTRUCTURE AND TO ASK QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE STAMP ACT THE CIGARETTE STAMP COLLECTION ALL AND ALL THE COLLECTIONS HE ONCE REFERRED TO THE LAST YEAR I ONLY HAVE REALLY ONE STATEMENT TO MAKE IF THERE WAS SO MUCH MONEY EVEN WITH THE TRANSITION REPORT THAT HAS COME OUT THAT I'VE ASKED PUBLICLY HAS THE ADMINISTRATION ADOPTED IT AND ACCEPTED AS TRUE AND CORRECT NEVER WAS ANSWERED SO I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY ANSWERS FOR MY GOOD COLLEAGUE MY MY MY COMMITTEE MEMBER THANK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR CASTRO YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR CASTRO: THANK YOU AND AGAIN YOU KNOW I DON'T STAND IN OPPOSITION OF THE BILL ON ITS FACE IF WE CAN THOROUGHLY DEBATE IT WITH ALL THE INFORMATION IN FRONT OF US WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE WHO GET PAID THE MONEY FOR THEIR SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS AND POINT OF IT JUST AS A POINT OF INFORMATION THIS IS NOT FROM THE PRIOR ADMINISTRATION'S RECORDS THESE ARE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN WORKING FOR THAT ADMINISTRATION IN THIS ADMINISTRATION AND I EVEN CITED A JANUARY FIGURE BUT LET ME GO AHEAD AND CLOSE I WANT TO CLOSE BY SAYING BY PASSING THESE THIS TAX PROVISION OKAY WE'RE NOT MAKING GOOD ON THE COMMITMENT OF THE 34TH GUAM LEGISLATURE TO COLLECT ON TAXES AND TIGHTENING THE ENFORCEMENT ASPECT THAT WE RATHER INCREASE TAXES BEFORE REDUCING GOVERNMENT SPENDING IF WE PASS THIS WE'RE BASICALLY SAYING AND THIS IS THE SENTIMENT OF A PRIOR A SENATOR WHO SERVED IN THE 34TH AS WELL THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT IS IN OR IS OR ISN'T BEING DONE TO CONTROL COSTS WE'RE GONNA GO AHEAD AND PASS THIS TAX PROVISION AS A REVENUE ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY WE WANT A SEGMENT OF THIS POPULATION TO PAY FOR THE NINE MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE WON'T REALIZE IF WE DON'T TAX PASS THIS TAX I THINK WE NEED TO PUT AN END TO GOVERNMENT GROWTH AND INCREASES IN EXISTING SO WE NEED TO STOP INTRODUCING NEW TAXES WE NEED TO ROLL BACK SOME OF THE ONES IF THERE'S A PROJECTED SURPLUS IF OUR GOVERNMENT ITSELF IS OVERSPENDING AND NOT LIVING WITHIN ITS MEANS WITHIN ITS REVENUES PROJECTED AND REALIZED THEN IT'S THE GOVERNMENT THAT'S THE PROBLEM NOT THOSE WHO MADE AN HONEST LIVING AND PURCHASE PROPERTY OR WHO ARE THE BENEFICIARIES OF THEIR PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS SUCCESSES OR NOT PASSING A REGRESSIVE TAX THAT IS PASSED ON TO SOMEBODY WHO'S LIVING IN AN APARTMENT OR A FOUR-PLEX AS I CLOSE MADAM SPEAKER I WANT TO THANK THE GOOD CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE AND I HAVE I RESPECT HIM AND I PLEDGE TO WORK CLOSER WITH HIM I REMEMBER HIM ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND HE'S AN UPSTANDING MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY HE PROBABLY HAS ARGUABLY THE TOUGHEST JOB IN THIS BODY RIGHT NOW BUT THIS DOES NOT NEGATE THE FACT THAT ALL OFB IN THE PRIOR LEGISLATURE ASSURED

US TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT WE PASSED THE BALANCED BUDGET AND FAST FORWARD TO AUGUST OF 2018 SIX MONTHS LATER AFTER AFTER WE HAD TAKEN THOSE EXTREME MEASURES IN THE SPRING OF 2018 PASSED THE BUDGET IN AUGUST 4 TO 6 MONTHS OF PAST SO WE HAVE SOME REAL FIGURES UPON WHICH TO CONDUCT OUR ASSESSMENTS ALTHOUGH THE MOVER OF THE BILL WAS SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THE BILL ON THE AGENDA BY SUSPENDING THE RULES I'D STILL LIKE TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO REMEMBER THAT THIS ELECTION PEOPLE WANT TO CHANGE THEY SPOKE WITH AUTHORITY WHEN THEY ELECTED NEW MEMBERS AND ONES THAT MAINTAIN THEIR TRUST AND THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY WANTED A LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT IN MY OPINION CAN IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EVERYBODY AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW PASSING A REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT TAX INITIATIVE UPON THE BACKS OF A SEGMENT OF THIS POPULATION OR ANY ADDITIONAL TAX IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ANYONE AS A MATTER OF FACT AND I'M NO ECONOMIST RIGHT I'M JUST A SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER BUT I DON'T THINK THAT COULD IN ANY WAY INTERMEDIATE OR LONG TERM STIMULATE THIS ECONOMY AGAIN AND IN MY LAST MINUTE THANK YOU FOR FOR THE REMINDER THE BILL AFTER ALL THINGS CONSIDERS DOES NOT DO WHAT IT'S INTENDED TO DO I THINK IN MY OPINION INSTEAD IT PENALIZES THE SUCCESSES OF HARD-WORKING LAW-ABIDING RESIDENTS OF THIS ISLAND AND I WOULD STRONGLY DISCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES BUT YOU DON'T REWARD THOSE WHO WORKED HARDER AND EARN MORE BY TAXING THEM MORE MADAM SPEAKER AND THAT'S THAT'S WHAT I THINK IN MY OPINION THIS BILL DOES THANK YOU THANK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SENATOR CASTRO ON THE MAIN MOTION I HAVE SENATOR MARY TORRES AND SENATOR MARSH TAITANO AND SENATOR LOUIS MUÑA SENATOR MARY TORRES YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR MARY TORRES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF BILL 4-35 AND I WANT TO REMIND ALL OF US THAT BILL 4-35 IS A VERY SIMPLE CONCEPT IT IS A BILL THAT AMENDS A TECHNICALITY TO THE BUDGET ACT THAT WAS PASSED IN THE 34TH GUAM LEGISLATURE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 IT IS A BILL THAT INCLUDES AN AMENDMENT OF TWO WORDS THAT COMPRISE SIX LETTERS IN ONE SPACE VERY BASIC CONCEPT THE REASON I SUPPORT THIS BILL IS SAID WE WENT THROUGH A PROCESS IN THE 34TH GUAM LEGISLATURE WHICH IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST POLITICALLY CHARGED BUDGET PROCESSES THAT I'VE EXPERIENCED WITH ALL SORTS OF CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT IS THE RIGHT COURSE WHAT ARE THE PROPER TAXES THAT NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO ARRIVE AT A BUDGET A BALANCED BUDGET AS A RESULT OF A TECHNICALITY THAT WAS LATER FOUND IN OPINED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S THAT TECHNICALITY THAT OVERSIGHT CLEARLY AN OVERSIGHT BECAUSE THE INTENTION OF THE LAN- OF THE PLAIN LANGUAGE WAS WAS UNDERSTOOD BY ALL BUT THE PLAIN LANGUAGE UNFORTUNATELY CAUSED A TECHNICAL CONCERN THAT RESULTED IF READ ON ITS FACE WOULD RESULT IN A NINE MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL TO WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A BALANCED BUDGET IN ALL GOOD FAITH SO IT DOESN'T I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY ANYBODY WOULD NOT WANT TO AT LEAST TAKE A POSITION OF MAKING WHOLE THE BUDGET BILL MAKING IT WHOLE IF WE UNDERSTAND THAT A MINOR TECHNICALITY THAT INVOLVED TWO WORDS SIX LETTERS AND ONE SPACE CAN'T BE CHANGED SO EASILY SO LOGICALLY SO REASONABLY THROUGH A BILL SUCH AS 4 - 35 AND IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT I SUPPORT THIS BILL WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE TO COME IN PLACE THAT WILL BE THE ADMINISTRATORS THE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH'S ROLE TO MAKE GOOD WITH THE THE BUDGET BILL THAT WE PASSED POSSIBLY MAKE BETTER WITH ALL THE EXISTING LAWS INCLUDING THE TAX LAWS AND COLLECTIONS BUT AT THE VERY LEAST LET US PLEASE GIVE OUR GOVERNOR OUR EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND OURSELVES THE BENEFIT OF A BALANCED BUDGET NOT A BUDGET THAT WE KNOW BECAUSE OF A TECHNICALITY HAS A NINE MILLION DOLLAR HOLE IT HAS NOW BLED NINE MILLION DOLLARS LET US WORK TO PATCH THAT HOLE LOOKING FOR IT PROSPECTIVELY WE ALL EXPECT AND TRUST THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IN WORKING WITH THIS THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY WILL DO ITS BEST TO GENERATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN EXCESS OF WHAT IS BEEN PROJECTED IN THE BUDGET ACT SHOULD THAT OCCUR THAT ONLY MEANS MORE MONEY TO FIX OUR ROADS TO FIX OUR SCHOOLS THAT NEED REPAIR TO PUT ADEQUATE SUPPLIES IN THE SCHOOLS TO ADEQUATELY STOCK THE PHARMACEUTICALS IN GMH TO ADEQUATELY HIRE BADLY NEEDED PERSONNEL IN LAW ENFORCEMENT PROSPECTIVELY WE WANT ALL GOOD THINGS BUT LET US AT LEAST START FROM A SOLID GROUND SOLID GROUND MEANING A BALANCED BUDGET THAT IS WHOLE THAT IS NOW GOING TO BE MADE WHOLE IF WE HAVE THE GOOD SENSE TO FIX A TECHNICALITY THAT WE'VE REALIZED TO MAKE THEM AT LEAST THE BUDGET BILL HAVE THE THE MONIES THAT WERE PROJECTED INTACT NOT SHORT NINE MILLION BECAUSE

OF A TECHNICALITY MADAM SPEAKER I SINCERELY HOPE THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ALL THE PRESSURES THAT WE CAN AT LEAST THINK REASONABLY BECAUSE WE ARE NOT WHEN WE PASS THE BUDGET ACT AND ALL AND THIS THIS INCREASE IN IN REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR PROPERTIES FOR TAXES FOR LEVIED ON PROPERTIES ON IMPROVEMENTS ON LAND WITH THE VALUE OF 1 MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE WAS CONTEMPLATED AND WELL THOUGHT OUT AND VETTED AND MADAM SPEAKER LET'S BE SENSIBLE THIS TAX AS MOST PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD WAS A TAX ON PEOPLE WHO COULD AFFORD IT MORE THAN OTHERS SAY WHO WOULD BE AFFECTED BY A SALES TAX OR AN INCREASED BPT AND THE PREMISE WHEN WE NOBODY WANTS TAXES I'VE ALWAYS FOUGHT AGAINST TAXES BUT AT SOME POINT THOSE THAT CAN AFFORD TO DO IT FOR THE GREATER GOOD WOULD BE WILLING TO DO THEIR SHARE FOR THE GREATER GOOD THAT'S ALL WE'RE LOOKING FOR AND SO LET'S LET'S LET'S NOT LOSE SIGHT OF IT BILL FOR 4-35 IS A VERY SIMPLE CONCEPT WE DON'T HAVE TO OVERTHINK THE FACT THAT IT AFFECTS THE BUDGET ACT MAKING IT WHOLE PUTTING IN TWO CRITICAL WORDS THAT COMPRISE ONLY SIX LETTERS BASIC BUT IT AT LEAST MAKES US WHOLE AGAIN IT GIVES OUR GOVERNOR OUR EXECUTIVE BRANCH SOMETHING TO WORK FOR WE'VE IDENTIFIED THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS TECHNICAL ERROR IN THE LAST BUDGET ACT THIS OMISSION OF THESE SIX LETTERS AND ONE SPACE IT RESULTED IN NINE MILLION DOLLAR GAP LET'S PUT THAT GAP IN WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR LET'S MAKE 2019 A BETTER YEAR FOR GUAM LET'S MAKE IT BETTER BUT LET'S START BY AT LEAST PUTTING A BAND-AID WHERE WE SEE THAT A BAND-AID CAN BE MADE LET'S NOT BE STUPID WE HAVE A BIG MANDATE WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO DO WITH TAXES THAT OUR TAX POLICIES THAT ARE IN PLACE TAX COLLECTIONS THAT NEED TO HAPPEN WE HAVE SO MANY PROBLEMS BUT AT LEAST LET'S START FROM WHERE WE CAN BE WHOLE WITH A BUDGET ACT THAT WAS SO CONTENTIOUS BUT WE ARRIVED AT SOMETHING THAT WE ALL BELIEVED OR A MAJORITY OF US AT LEAST BELIEVED IN THE 34TH GUAM LEGISLATURE THAT IT WAS FEASIBLE WITHOUT THIS AMENDMENT IT IS NOT FEASIBLE IT IS NO LONGER BALANCED I WANT TO MAKE IT BALANCED I WANT TO GO ON GOODWILL I WANT TO START THIS THIS NEW YEAR ON GOOD FOOTING WITH ALL GOOD INTENTIONS AND SO I THANK THE FOUR CO-SPONSORS OF THIS BILL AND I ENCOURAGE THE REST OF THE SENATORS TO PLEASE JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING THIS LET'S JUST GO BACK TO THE BASICS FIX WHAT WAS OBVIOUSLY AN OMISSION A VERY EMBARRASSING OMISSION BUT YOU KNOW THE INTENTION WAS THERE AND GOD HELP US THAT SOMETIMES THINGS ARE SO LITERAL IT BITES US IN THE BOTTOM BUT IN THIS CASE WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SENATOR MARY TORRES SENATOR MARSH TAITANO YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SO I WANT TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS IN BEING SUPPORT OF BILL 4-35 NOW RAISING TAXES IS SOMETHING THAT I BELIEVE THAT SHOULD BE A LAST RESORT BUT THIS HAS TO BE BALANCED OUT WITH THE IDEA OF BEING RESPONSIBLE AND THAT'S WHAT WE AS LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY ARE BEING ASKED TO DO BEING RESPONSIBLE I AGREE WITH OTHERS THAT HAVE SPOKEN IN SUPPORT THAT THIS IS A CORRECTION IT PASSED LAST YEAR THE BILL THAT THIS IS CORRECTING PASSED LAST YEAR WITH ENOUGH TO SUPPORT IT PASSED WITH A LOT OF THOUGHT AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED BY THE FORMER GOOD SPEAKER TO PASS ON BOTH ITS INTENT BUT ALSO ITS NEED TO NOT CARRY FORWARD WITH THAT WE ARE BEING ASKED TO PUT OUR AGENCIES AND OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH AND OUR NEEDS AT RISK FOR EXAMPLE WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF *CHAMORRO* AFFAIRS WHERE THE GUAM LIBRARY SYSTEM SITS THEY ARE PRESENTLY THE BRANCHES OF THOSE PUBLIC LIBRARIES ONLY OPEN ONE DAY A WEEK AND YET OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS THEM SO VERY MUCH WE HAVE THE POTENTIAL THIS TIME AROUND TO BE REINVENTING AND REINVIGORATING THOSE INSTITUTIONS TO BE PROVIDING IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMS FOR OUR YOUTH AND WE KNOW THAT OUR YOUTH ARE AT RISK IN SO MANY WAYS RIGHT NOW AND WE CAN'T KEEP TAKING AND TAKING AND TAKING FROM OUR YOUTH AND SEEING THEIR RATES OF DRUG ABUSE AND SUICIDE AND OTHER VERY HIGH STATISTICS THAT ARE HIGHER THAN NATIONAL AVERAGE CONTINUE TO RISE WE HAVE TO BE PROACTIVE AND IN ORDER TO BE PROACTIVE WE HAVE TO BE SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS LIKE OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES RIGHT NOW WITHOUT THIS TO ASSURE US THAT WE'RE NOT RISKING WHAT THEY HAVE TO OFFER WE'RE ALREADY DEALING WITH OVER \$400,000 DOLLARS THAT THEY'RE FUNDING IS NOT BEING MET BY IT'S NOT HELPING THEM MEET THEIR NEEDS WE HAVE THE PBS GUAM THAT IS ALSO BEING ASKED TO DEAL WITH A GAP IN FUNDS IF WE DO NOT CONTINUE TO UPHOLD THAT COMMITMENT MADE LAST YEAR SO AGAIN WE ARE DEALING WITH AN ENTITY IT HAS 20 YEAR OLD EQUIPMENT IT'S HAD MANY POSITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT OPEN AND WE IN THE COMMUNITY HAVE ALL PAID A PRICE FOR THAT AGAIN GETTING TO OUR

YOUTH OUR YOUTH ARE EDUCATED WE AS A COMMUNITY ARE LIFTED UP LIFTED BY OUR LOCAL PROGRAMS AND YET WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FULFILL THOSE IN MANY WAYS BECAUSE OF OUR BUDGET FOR SHORTFALLS SO THE REALITY IS WE HAVE AGENCY AFTER AGENCY AFTER AGENCY THAT IS DEALING WITH STAFF THAT ARE 25% OR LOWER THAN SOME OF THEIR PREVIOUS LEVELS AND YET THEY'RE STILL BEING ASKED TO SERVICE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY THE ENTIRE ISLAND WE HAVE PARTIAL CLOSURES LIKE WITH THE LIBRARY WHICH IS MORE THAN PARTIAL AND IN MY ESTIMATE I MEAN IF IT'S ONLY OPEN ONE DAY A WEEK THAT'S BASICALLY ALMOST FULL CLOSURE WE HAVE A LOT TO PUT IN ORDER HOW DO WE DEAL WITH THAT NINE MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE SHORTFALL IF FARTHER DOWN THE ROAD WE TAKE THIS RISK AND WE LOOK BACK AND WE SEE THAT WITH ALL GOOD INTENTIONS WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CLOSE THAT GAP A FAR MORE PRUDENT A FAR MORE RESPONSIBLE APPROACH IS TO STICK TO THE ROAD THAT WE ENTERED UPON LAST YEAR WITH THIS COMMITMENT WHILE THE LAST LEGISLATIVE BODY BE RESPONSIBLE DEAL WITH THE ISSUES AT HAND AND TAKE CARE OF PUTTING THINGS IN ORDER GETTING OURSELVES ON THE BEST FOOT POSSIBLE AND THEN AND ONLY THEN DO I THINK IT'S RESPONSIBLE TO GO BACK AND LOOK AT SOME OF THESE ISSUES THAT MIGHT BE REEXAMINED ABOUT WHETHER THEY ARE TRULY NEEDED BUT UNTIL OUR NEEDS ARE MET I CANNOT SUPPORT PUTTING AT RISK ALL OF THESE AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE SO MUCH FOR OUR COMMUNITY YES SO *SI YU'OS MA' ASE*.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR LOUISE MUÑA ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SENATOR LOUISE MUÑA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M GETTING NIGHTMARES OF OUR LAST BUDGET SESSION AND I KNOW ONLY HALF OF THE BODY IS ACTUALLY LAUGHING BECAUSE THEY REALIZE THAT YOU KNOW THE THE THE INTENSE PRESSURE THAT WE WERE UNDER IN THE LAST BUDGET NOT TO TO EXCLUDE EVEN THE STAFF THAT WAS HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT YOU KNOW BEING CALLED AT MIDNIGHT AND JUST TO REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT WE WERE THE PRESSURE THAT WE WERE UNDER IN THAT LAST BUDGET SESSION WE WERE WE IT ALMOST FELT LIKE WE WERE HELD HOSTAGE AT THE THE TAX CUTS AND WE HAD TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT MAYBE SOME OF US JUST DIDN'T FEEL WAS RIGHT BUT WE NEEDED TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION AT THAT MOMENT SO I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE PROBABLY WANT TO MAKE GOOD ON SOME OF THOSE PROMISES THAT WE MADE NOT JUST TO THE ADMINISTRATION BUT TO THE PEOPLE ALSO AS WELL AND SO I'M TRYING TO FIND A COMPROMISE HERE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECISIONS THAT WE MADE IN THE 34TH LEGISLATURE AND TO ALSO BE AT THE SAME TIME OPTIMISTIC ABOUT WHAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS GOING TO BRING SO I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY WHERE WE CAN ACTUALLY DO THAT SO MADAM SPEAKER IF I WILL I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE PAGE TO PASS OUT AN AMENDMENT IF WE CAN HAVE THAT DONE AND.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE'LL TAKE A BRIEF RECESS.

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SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE LEGISLATURE'S BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR LOUISE ON THE AMENDMENT EVERYBODY'S GOT THEIR COPY DO YOU.

SENATOR LOUISE MUÑA: I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE SPEAKING ON IT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES.

SENATOR LOUISE MUÑA: MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THE REASON WHY I DID THIS IS BECAUSE REALLY I WANTED TO PROTECT OUR FAMILIES THE FAMILIES THAT ARE RENTING THE FAMILIES THAT CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY HOMES THESE ARE THE THIS THIS COST THIS TAX COST IS GOING TO BE PASSED ON TO THE AVERAGE PERSON RENTING HOMES AND SO THAT WAS SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I WAS TOYING WITH BECAUSE AT THE TIME WHEN WE VOTED IN THE BUDGET SESSION WE WERE WE WERE SHORT WE WERE SHORTE MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND WE HAD TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE WERE GOING TO GENERATE THAT INCOME SO I FELT I WAS I WAS A HOSTAGE AT THAT POINT IN TIME WELL NOW WE CAN TRY TO FIND A COMPROMISE WITH WITH HOW REVENUE AND TAX CLAIMS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE VERY AGGRESSIVE ON COLLECTING TAXES IN ORDER FOR US TO FIX THIS THIS IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A FORMER 34TH RIGHT WE'RE

GOING TO TRY TO FIX THIS BY ADDING ON THOSE LAST TWO WORDS OR THOSE TWO WORDS IN THAT IN THAT LAST BILL WHY DON'T WE MAKE A COMPROMISE IF WE CAN AND GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION TO DO WHAT THEY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO DO AND AT THE SAME TIME STILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT WE PASSED IN THE LAST LAST BUDGET SESSION SO THE THE THE AMENDMENT READS MADAM SPEAKER TO ADD ON LINE EIGHT AFTER THE WORD THEREON WE WILL INSERT EXCEPT THAT MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY INCLUDING APARTMENT COMPLEXES CONDOMINIUMS TOWNHOMES OR ANY OTHER PROPERTY WHERE TWO OR MORE UNITS ARE ATTACHED THE THRESHOLD SUPRA OF \$1,000,000 SHALL NOT BE REACHED UNLESS THE AVERAGE VALUE OF IMPROVEMENTS PER UNIT IS EQUAL TO OR EXCEEDS \$1,000,000 PERIOD THEN IT ADDS ON AVERAGE VALUE OF IMPROVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS PER UNIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION EQUALS THE TOTAL VALUE OF IMPROVEMENTS DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS SO REALLY WHAT THIS AMENDMENT IS DOING MADAM SPEAKER IS LIKE LIKE OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES SAID THE PEOPLE THAT CAN ACTUALLY AFFORD IT WELL THE AVERAGE FAMILIES CAN'T AFFORD A RAISE IN THEIR RENT AND AND OBVIOUSLY THIS IS WHAT'S IT'S IT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IF WE ADD ON OR MORE SO THIS WILL SPECIFICALLY TARGET THE PEOPLE WHO CAN AFFORD IT LIKE THE WAREHOUSES IN THE OFFICE SPACES AND AND I DON'T KNOW MAYBE SOME OF THE MALLS WHO ARE GENERATING SOME INCOME FROM STORES WHO ARE RETAIL STORES SO THESE ARE THIS THIS THAT'S WHAT THIS AMENDMENT IS MEANT TO DO AND YOU KNOW I'M WELCOME TO HEAR THE DISCUSSION ON IT AND SEE WHERE WE CAN GO FROM THERE.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU SENATOR MUÑA TO CLARIFY THE AMENDMENT IT WILL BE AT ON LINE 7 AFTER THE WORD THERE ON INSERT SENATOR LEE YOU HAD THE FLOOR.

SENATOR LEE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES I WANT TO THANK THE PROFFER OF THIS AMENDMENT FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND I AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I HAD IF THE AUTHOR WOULD SO YIELD IS WHAT THE IMPACT OF THIS WOULD BE I MEAN HOW MANY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ARE WE ARE WE TALKING ABOUT AND WHAT WOULD BE THE POTENTIAL IMPACT WHAT'S THE DOLLAR AMOUNT BECAUSE I WANT TO BE ABLE TO JUST TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE MIGHT NEED TO BALANCE IN TERMS OF MONEY THAT'S GOING BACK INTO OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND AND PROVIDING THAT EDUCATIONAL OPPORT THOSE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN AND SO IF THE AUTHOR WOULD YIELD I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE COST WOULD BE FOR THIS AND WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD BE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU SENATOR MUÑA DO YOU YIELD.

SENATOR LOUISE MUÑA: MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T I DON'T I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT DOLLAR FIGURES OF WHAT THE IMPACT WILL BE OR WHAT WE'LL BE SAVING OR WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ADDING ON TO THE BUDGET WHAT I DO HAVE IS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROTECT THE FAMILIES AND FOR ME I THINK THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR WE'RE HERE TO PROTECT THE FAMILIES AND THIS IS WHAT I'M DOING SO MAYBE WE CAN MAKE LIKE THE LAST CALL THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL SAID WE CAN MAKE THE THE THE EXPERTS DETERMINE THAT AT THIS TIME WE'RE TRYING TO JUST FIX WHAT WE MADE POSSIBLE IN THE LAST BUDGET SESSION BY ADDING ON THE TWO WORDS OR MORE AND SO HERE'S A COMPROMISE AND THIS WOULD THE COMPROMISE IS I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT DOLLAR FIGURES I DO KNOW THAT THERE ARE A COUPLE THAT ARE LISTED UNDER THE MULTIFAMILY LISTING I'M NOT SURE WHERE WE GET THAT AT BUT I KNOW THERE ARE A COUPLE OF LAND AND HOMES DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE LISTED A MILLION DOLLARS AND MORE I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE FULL OF FIGURE FULL FIGURE IS THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: SENATOR LEE DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION OKAY THANK YOU SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I THINK THE ARE THE AUTHOR OF THIS AMENDMENT MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS IS TO PROTECT THOSE FAMILIES YOU KNOW YOU LOOK AT WAREHOUSES YOU LOOKED AT OFFICE SPACE AND BUILDINGS AND THOSE GENERATE REVENUE YOU KNOW BUT THESE ARE HOMES OF FAMILIES FAMILIES WHO CANNOT AFFORD A REGULAR HOME WHERE THEY GO INTO APARTMENTS OR CONDOS OR TOWNHOUSES SO MADAM SPEAKER I THINK THIS IS A GREAT COMPROMISE TO THIS BILL FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT SURE ON WHETHER TO VOTE YES ON THIS BILL OR NOT BUT THIS DEFINITELY HELPS WHEN IT

COMES TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO CANNOT AFFORD THIS TAX HIKE WHICH WE BOTH KNOW THAT IS GOING TO TRICKLE DOWN TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE RENTING THESE HOME THESE APARTMENTS AND CONDOMINIUMS SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS AMENDMENT IN FULL SUPPORT OF THANK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AND THEN A SENATOR MARSH DID YOU HAVE ALSO SO SENATOR SHELTON PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER AND I WANT TO THANK THE MOVER OF THE AMENDMENT FOR COMING UP WITH THIS AND I DO VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THIS AND I UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE'S TRYING TO DO IN KEEPING THE COSTS FROM TRICKLING DOWN TO THOSE WHO ARE RENTING IN THESE TYPE OF PROPERTIES I JUST WANT TO BRING UP A POINT THAT I RECALL FROM AN OPA REPORT IN 2018 THAT SAID GUAM HAS UNREALIZED REVENUES OF ABOUT 40.2 MILLION DOLLARS IN REAL PROPERTY TAXES BECAUSE OF A GLITCH IN THE SYSTEM COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT'S NOT ALLOWING US TO PROPERLY TAX THESE MULTI-DWELLING PROPERTIES SUCH AS CONDOMINIUMS SO I THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ALSO HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WITH THIS AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SENATOR SHELTON ALSO SENATOR MARSH TAITANO YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER SO IN LOOKING AT THIS AMENDMENT AGAIN I ALONG WITH OTHER SPEAKERS SUPPORT THE IDEA OF WANTING TO HELP SAFEGUARD OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL THE FAMILY OWNERS AND THOSE THAT ARE RENTERS BUT I'M THINKING THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS YES THERE MAY BE SOME TRICKLE-DOWN EFFECT BUT I GUESS I'M LOOKING FOR WAYS TO FURTHER THINK ABOUT THIS SO I I WAS GONNA ASK A QUESTION ABOUT THE BUSINESS OWNERS I UNDERSTAND NOT WANTING TO IMPACT THE RENTERS SO I GUESS MY QUESTION WOULD BE IF THE AUTHOR SEES ANY WAY TO SEPARATE THOSE TWO CONCEPTS THAT SOME BUSINESSES ARE NOT NOW BEING TREATED DIFFERENTLY THAN OTHER BUSINESSES IF SHE HAS A PROPOSAL OR A COMMENT OR THE ABILITY TO SPEAK ON HOW THIS IS TREATING BUSINESSES DIFFERENTLY AND IF SHE SEES ANY SOLUTIONS TO THAT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MUÑA ON THE ON THE INQUIRY DO YOU WISH TO YEILD.

SENATOR LOUISE MUÑA: YEAH MY THOUGHTS ON THAT MADAM SPEAKER IS THAT YEAH I UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE PROVIDING HOMES FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN IS A BUSINESS BUT THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT ACTUALLY MAKING MONEY WHEN THEY LIVE IN THAT HOME COMPARED TO OTHER BUSINESSES THAT HAVE SAY FOR EXAMPLE MALLS WHERE THAT THEY THERE'S THEY'RE KIND OF LIKE SUBLEASING FOR OTHER BUSINESSES TO MAKE MONEY SO YOU CAN'T REALLY COMPARE THE TWO I YEAH THAT'S WHERE I SEE THE DIFFERENCE COMPARED RETAIL BUSINESSES MALLS FOR EXAMPLE THAT RENT OUT THEIR UNITS TO SMALLER BUSINESSES THAT MAKE MONEY YOU CAN'T COMPARE THAT TO AN APARTMENT COMPLEX OR A CONDO UNIT THAT'S PROVIDING HOMES FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR TAI- MARSH TAITANO DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): PERHAPS PARTIALLY BUT I'M I'M PRETTY SURE AND MAYBE I GUESS MY QUESTION WOULD BE WHERE THAT DIVIDING LINE IS PERHAPS THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FAMILY OR AN OWNER OF A DUPLEX BUT CERTAINLY THERE ARE SITUATIONS WHERE THERE ARE OWNERS OUT THERE WHO POTENTIALLY HAVE NUMEROUS UNITS AND SO SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF THERE THERE ARE POTENTIALLY SITUATIONS OUT THERE WHERE THEY OWN 100 UNITS OR MORE AND SO CERTAINLY THEY WOULD BE MAKING MONEY SO AGAIN DOES OR COULD WE GET SOME NUMBERS THAT DIFFERENTIATE OR WITH THE AUTHOR CONSIDER DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN THOSE WHO HAVE A DUPLEX OR FOUR UNITS FOUR-PLEX VERSUS THOSE WHO HAVE UNITS IN THE DOZENS OR HUNDREDS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: IT'S VICE SPEAKER NELSON.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THE JUST TO CLARIFY THIS 1 MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE IT'S IT SPEAKS ON A SPECIFIC PIECE OF PROPERTY SO IF YOU I'M THINKING IF YOU OWN A CONDOMINIUM LIKE US IF YOU OWN MAYBE TWO OR THREE CONDOS YOU HAVE THEY'RE ALL SEPARATE PROPERTY TAXES AND SO IF WE IF YOU HAVE A CONDO THAT'S \$500,000 WORTH THE VALUE OF \$500,000 IN ANOTHER CONDO THAT'S WORTH \$500,000 AND THEN ANOTHER CONDO THAT'S WORTH \$500,000 YOU DO RENOVATION TO ONE CONDOMINIUM IT'S A CONDO IT'S A SEPARATE TAX AND SO I AND I ALTHOUGH I DO UNDERSTAND THE INTENT OF THE AMENDMENT I BELIEVE IT'S A GOOD AMENDMENT BUT JUST TO PUSH MORE CLARIFICATION THEY'RE IN SEPARATE TAX CATEGORIES SO IF I DID A RENOVATION ON MY \$500,000 CONDO I WOULD NOT BE IMPACTED THANK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR NELSON ON WE'RE STILL ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN THEN SENATOR WILL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT BUT I DO ASK MY FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBER SENATOR THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT TO JOIN ME AND WE WILL GO AND ASK BECAUSE WE DO OVERSEE HOUSING GHURA AND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND WE WILL REACH OUT TO REVENUE AND TAX THE OVERSIGHT CHAIR TO OPEN UP THE BOOKS ON THE REAL PROPERTY SECTION AND FIND OUT WHAT'S OUT THERE BECAUSE IN THE COMING BUDGET 2020 IF WE NEED TO MAKE THE ADJUSTMENT SO IT DOESN'T IMPACT THE LESS FORTUNATE FAMILIES THEN WE MAKE THE ADJUSTMENT THEN WE INTRODUCE THE AMENDMENT TO WHATEVER THE LAW IS BUT TO MAKE IT TODAY AND NOT KNOW THE IMPACT I WOULD HAVE TO OBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT BUT I DO LIKE THE WAY IT'S BEEN JUST NEED TO INVESTIGATE IT MORE

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AND I APOLOGIZE SENATOR TORRES YOU WERE ON THE LIST PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR TORRES: MADAM SPEAKER WITH ALL DUE RESPECT MAY I PLEASE INQUIRE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL THAT THIS AMENDMENT CONSTITUTES A SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT THAT MAY HAVE TO GO THROUGH A PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS BECAUSE THE DISCUSSION MADAM SPEAKER SUGGESTS THAT THERE ARE SO MANY UNKNOWNNS AND IT IS REALLY A WHOLE DIFFERENT SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WERE THAT ARE NOW BEING CONTEMPLATED WITH THIS AMENDMENT THAT WERE NOT PART OF THE ORIGINAL BUDGET ACT BUDGET BILL THAT SECTION OF THE BUDGET BILL AND ALSO I WANT TO NOTE FURTHER THAT IN MY UNDERSTANDING AT THE TIME THAT THIS SECTION WAS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET ACT WE WERE CONSIDERING THAT THERE WERE JUST OVER 500 PROPERTIES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THIS TAX LEVY THIS ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY SO IT'S ALREADY A FINITE NUMBER SO MY QUESTION IS WITH ALL DUE RESPECT DOES THIS CONSTITUTE A SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT THAT WOULD REQUIRE THAT DID NOT PROCEED AND THAT IT ACTUALLY SHOULD.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU.

SENATOR TORRES: HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SENATOR TORRES WE'RE GONNA TAKE A BRIEF RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE LEGISLATURE'S BACK FROM RECESS I'M GONNA ASK SENATOR MARY TORRES IF IF YOU MAY CAN YOU PLEASE REPHRASE THE THE QUESTION.

SENATOR TORRES: MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY MY QUESTION SIMPLY STATED I I'M INQUIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL WHETHER THE AMENDMENT THAT IS PROFFERED IS GERMAINE TO THE BILL THE BILL AS I UNDERSTAND IS A BILL TO ADD TWO WORDS TO CLARIFY THE LEVY ON PROPERTIES WITH A VALUE OF 1 MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE AND WHETHER THIS AMENDMENT IS GERMANE TO THAT VERY SPECIFIC INTENT OF BILL 4-35.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES MADAM SENATOR I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT UNDER THE INTERPRETATION AND WHAT I BELIEVE IS GERMANENESS TO THE ISSUE I KNOW IT'S A PRETTY CLOSE CALL BUT I'M GOING TO SAY THE GERMANENESS IS THERE BUT I WILL GIVE THE BODY THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT IF

THEY FEEL OTHERWISE SO I THINK THERE IS REVELANCE BASED ON ON THE ISSUE AT HAND SO THERE IS GERMANENESS TO TO TO THE ISSUE RIGHT NOW YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR SENATOR TORRES YOU MAY PROCEED BUT AGAIN I WILL OFFER IF ANYBODY WISHES TO OVERRULE ME THEY CAN DO SO.

SENATOR TORRES: OKAY *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER WITH THAT THEN I'D LIKE TO RISE IN OPPOSITION TO THE AMENDMENT ON THE ON THE SIMPLE PREMISE THAT BILL 4-34 IS INTENDED TO MAKE THE BUDGET ACT WHOLE BY CORRECTING A TECHNICALITY THIS AMENDMENT HAS NO KNOWN TANGIBLE EFFECT WE HAVE NO DOLLAR VALUE OF WHAT THIS WOULD MEAN AND SO IN SO FAR AS HOW IT AFFECTS THE OUR ABILITY AS A BODY TO MAKE THE BUDGET ACT WHOLE IT I BELIEVE WILL STILL LEAVE A GAP ESPECIALLY SINCE AT THE TIME WE WERE PASSING IT THERE WERE JUST A LITTLE OVER FIVE HUNDRED PROPERTIES AFFECTED HOW MUCH OF THOSE PROPERTIES INCLUDE THIS SPECIFIC TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IS UNKNOWN AND THE CORRESPONDING EFFECT TO THE BUDGET IS UNKNOWN AND ON THAT BASIS OF THE UNKNOWNNS AND THE INABILITY TO MAKE WHOLE I OBJECT THANK YOU.

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

SENATOR TORRES: OR I DO NOT SUPPORT I'M SORRY I DO NOT SUPPORT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YEAH THANK YOU I WANT TO APOLOGIZE AGAIN I HAD SENATOR PEDO BEFORE I HAD SENATOR TORRES SO IN THE LINEUP FOR TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT I WILL GO AHEAD AND ADDRESS SENATOR PEDO, TORRES AND THEN SENATOR WILL CASTRO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER *DOS PUNTO-KU* I WANT TO BRING UP TWO POINTS HERE THEY MENTIONED 13 MILLION DOLLARS OF SURPLUS THAT IS COMING OUT RIGHT AND THEN THE WAY I UNDERSTAND THE AMENDMENT HERE IS THAT IF YOUR PROPERTY IS LESS THAN A MILLION DOLLARS YOU WOULD NOT REALLY SUFFER FOR TAXES RIGHT BUT IF YOU GO BEYOND THE 1 MILLION DOLLARS *ESTA GUI' I KININPRININDE-KU* IF YOU GO BEYOND THE 1 MILLION DOLLARS BECAUSE YOU'RE YOU EXPAND YOU IF YOU'RE BUILDING WHATEVER WITH THE COST OF THE PROPERTY THEN THE TAX WILL BE IMPOSED RIGHT *TI COMPREPRENDE* WHEN THEY MENTIONED THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER MENTIONED ABOUT THE 13 MILLION DOLLARS *MALINGEHT HA' I LU-HU GOTPE* 13 MILLION DOLLARS IN SURPLUS AND THEN ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES (SPOKEN IN CHAMORRO) *DEPATAMENON I GOVERNMENT OF GUAM* THEY'RE CRYING FOR BECAUSE WE'RE IN DEFICIT THERE'S NO FUNDS *LAO HAYI PARA-TA HONGGE* WITH REGARDS TO THE TESTIMONY THAT WERE BROUGHT UP BY BY SEVERAL OF OUR COLLEAGUES I WANT TO ASK THAT BECAUSE WE ARE NOW WE ARE NO EXPERT WE'RE NOT ECONOMISTS WE'RE NOT PROFESSIONALS WERE NOT MASTERS OF ACCOUNTING AND WE DON'T ANTICIPATE SURPLUS AND THINGS LIKE THAT JUST JUST TO READING OUT FROM THE PAPER SO I WANNA ASK IF WE CAN AT LEAST TABLE THE AMENDMENT I DISAGREE WITH THIS AMENDMENT TOTALLY BECAUSE WE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WE NEED THE EXPERT TO COME IN AND TELL US WHAT IT IS ARE WE GONNA SAVE MONEY OR WE'RE GONNA HAVE OUR PEOPLE SPENDING MORE MONEY SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE MAKE A MOTION HERE TO KIND OF JUST TABLE THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE THE WAY IT SOUNDS I DON'T LIKE THAT THE TESTIMONY THAT WAS BROUGHT UP HERE IT'S VERY CONFUSING ONE IS SAYING THAT 13 BILLION DOLLARS FOR US THE OTHERS SAYING THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE GONNA WE'RE NOT GONNA PAVE YOU EXPAND YOUR BUSINESS OR YOUR PROPERTY WHATEVER AND MAYBE BECAUSE YOU'RE GONNA BE PAYING TAXES AND IF YOU GO BEYOND \$1,000,000 *ESTA GUI' I KINIPRININDE-KU* I DON'T KNOW IF I'M WRONG BUT I CAN TRUSTFULLY SAY THAT MY INTERPRETATION OF ALL THE TESTIMONY TESTIMONY HERE IS IS CONFUSING RIGHT NOW DEFICIT AND UNDEFICIT AND ALL THAT SO I WANT TO MAKE A MOTION TO MOVE TO KIND OF JUST TABLE THIS AMENDMENT SO WE CAN GET THE EXPERT HERE SO WE CAN TALK TO THE EXPERTS LET'S JUST NOT MOVE OUT MOVE IN AND AND SAY OKAY LET'S LET'S CARRY ON WITH THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE WE'RE NOT REALLY SURE AND I'M MAKING A MOTION TO TO TABLE THIS AMENDMENT UNTIL WE GET COMPLETE TRUSTFUL ANALYSIS OF WHAT THE SITUATION MAY BE THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SENATOR PEDO I WILL TAKE THE TESTIMONY AS A PART OF THE OBJECTION AT THIS TIME AND I WILL GO AHEAD AND ADDRESS SENATOR WIL CASTRO.

SENATOR CASTRO: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ANYBODY ELSE BEFORE YOU SPEAK SIR ANYBODY ELSE ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT SENATOR CASTRO.

SENATOR CASTRO: THANK YOU MADAM. SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT AND I COULDN'T AGREE MORE WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER THAT BECAUSE THERE'S A LACK OF DETAILED INFORMATION THAT PERHAPS WE SHOULDN'T TABLE JUST THE AMENDMENT WE SHOULD PROBABLY GO TABLE THE ENTIRE MEASURE OR GO INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND BRING IN THE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS BUT NOTWITHSTANDING THAT I DO HAVE A QUESTION TO THE PRIME AUTHOR WHO MAY BE ABLE TO ANSWER THIS FOR US SINCE THE CHAIRMAN AUTHORED BILL 4-35 IF YOU WOULD.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE ASKING IT FROM THE AUTHOR OF BILL 4 AND NOT THE AMENDMENT ON HAND.

SENATOR CASTRO: YES, I MAY NOT HAVE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR CASTRO: MY QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OR CO-SPONSORS OF BILL 4-35 SINCE THEY PRODUCED THIS COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF PROPERTIES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED BY BILL 4-35 MY QUESTION IS AND MY ASSUMPTION IS THAT THEY SCRUB THIS AND THEY THOUGHT ABOUT THIS THEY ANALYZED IT PERHAPS THEY WOULD HAVE THE INFORMATION SINCE THEY HAVE THE RULES HERE ABOUT HOW MANY WHAT SMALL PERCENTAGE AGGREGATE ARE ACCURATE WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THIS BASED ON THE AMENDMENT THAT'S MY QUESTION.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WILL YOU YIELD TO SENATOR CASTRO'S INQUIRY.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES MADAM SPEAKER AS A MATTER OF FACT I WISH THAT WAS ASKED AT THE HEARING AND THEN WE COULD HAVE ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAX TO GIVE AN ANSWER THAT'S WHY I ASKED I OBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT AND THAT AFTER IF THE BILL IS PASSED WE WILL GO I WILL INVITE MY FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS SENATOR THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER AND EVERYBODY WILL ALL SIT DOWN WE'LL CALL THE EXPERTS AND WE'LL COME UP WITH WHAT DIRECTION WE NEED TO GO AND IF WE FIND AND I'M GONNA BET I'M GONNA KNOCK ON WOOD I'M GONNA BET THAT WHEN REVENUE TAX GOES OUT AND DOES THE COMPLIANCE CHECK TO MANY OF THESE HOMES I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF MANY OF THEM ARE BED-AND-BREAKFAST THAT ARE NOT REGISTERED MANY OF THEM ARE DOING RENTALS THAT ARE NOT REGISTERED AND THEN WE DON'T HAVE TO BE TALKING ABOUT THE MILLION DOLLARS BECAUSE THEY'LL GET TAXED AND THEN THEY'LL GET FINE AND THEN THIS SYSTEM WILL START FIXING ITSELF BUT I'LL PREFER WE WAIT UNTIL WE GET TO THAT POINT THANK YOU.

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

SENATOR CASTRO: I'M I'M GONNA GIVE HIM THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT BUT USUALLY IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND IF I'M ASKED IF I STAND CORRECTED AND USUALLY WE GO IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BEFORE WE PASS AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND THIS IS CLEARLY NOT AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL BUT I.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THAT'S RIGHT.

SENATOR CASTRO: I WOULD RECOMMEND AND IT'S UP TO HIM TO DEAL WITH THIS ON MOVING FORWARD THAT WE ACTUALLY TALK ABOUT IT IN GOOD DETAIL BEFORE WE PASS THE MEASURE NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND THANK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE AMENDMENT OF SENATOR MUÑA I'M GOING TO WOULD YOU WISH TO CLOSE YOU CAN PROCEED.

SENATOR MUÑA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M FIRST OF ALL I'M JUST GLAD THAT THEIR DISCUSSION IS BEING BROUGHT UP BECAUSE REALLY THIS DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE A CUTTHROAT DECISION SO THIS AMENDMENT COULD PERSUADE SOME OF THE PEOPLE TO VOTE FOR THIS BILL THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO I'M TRYING TO MAKE A COMPROMISE HERE RATHER THAN JUST SAYING LET'S JUST TAX EVERYBODY A

MILLION DOLLARS AND MORE WHICH THAT TAX IS GOING TO BE PASSED ON TO OUR INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES SAY FOR EXAMPLE AND I DON'T WANT TO JUST USE THIS EXAMPLE AS A DECIDING FACTOR FOR SOME PEOPLE BUT SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE FOR EXAMPLE IN IN-HEMLANI APARTMENTS IF THIS BILL IS PASSED MAYBE THEIR RENT IS GONNA GO UP ANOTHER \$25 DEFINITELY THEY CAN'T AFFORD THAT THEY CAN BARELY EVEN AFFORD THE MONTHLY RENT TO BEGIN WITH SO IF WE PASS BILL 4-35 WITHOUT THIS AMENDMENT THAT AMOUNT IS GOING TO BE PASSED ON TO PEOPLE SUCH AS THE PEOPLE THAT RENT AT HEMLANI APARTMENTS OR ANY APARTMENT FOR THAT MATTER BECAUSE THE APARTMENT OWNER IS GOING TO PASS THAT COST ON TO OUR INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES NOW WE CAN'T COMPARE THIS TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING MONEY OFF OF RETAIL SPACES BECAUSE THEY'RE MAKING MONEY TOO AS WELL THE FAMILIES ARE NOT MAKING MONEY THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO LIVE DAY TO DAY PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK AND THAT'S REALLY WHO I'M TRYING TO PROTECT HERE NOT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING ONE YOU KNOW MAKE THAT HAVE 1 MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE IN PROPERTY BUT THE PEOPLE THAT THEY'RE PASSING THAT COST ONTO AND THAT'S WHO I'M TRYING TO PROTECT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A CUTTHROAT DECISION WE CAN FIND THIS COMPROMISE AND I'M THINKING THAT THIS AMENDMENT IS THAT COMPROMISE LET'S PROTECT THE FAMILIES THAT CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY A HOUSE AND THEY CAN ONLY AFFORD A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF RENT IF WE PASS THIS BILL THAT PET COST IS GOING TO BE PASSED ON TO THEM AND THEN WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO BE WILL HAVE A BIGGER HOMELESS SITUATION HERE WE DON'T WANT THAT WE'RE TRYING TO PROTECT THE FAMILIES IS WHAT WE'RE DOING AND REALLY MADAM SPEAKER THERE'S NO GUARANTEE IN ANY BUDGET PROJECTIONS EVER THERE'S NEVER BEEN A GUARANTEE IF NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE PROJECT WITH BUDGET EVEN THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER SAID THERE'S A GLITCH IN THE COLLECTIONS FOR CONDO UNITS WE CAN'T EVEN GUARANTEE THAT WHAT WE PROJECTED IN THE LAST BUDGET SESSION IS EVEN GOING TO BE COLLECTED TO BEGIN WITH SO I'M JUST OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO COMPROMISE YOU KNOW AND AND MAYBE WE CAN PERSUADE SOME OF THIS BODY TO VOTE FOR THIS BILL IF NOT THEN WELL AT LEAST I TRIED AND THAT'S WHY I'M THAT'S WHY I PROFFER THIS AMENDMENT THANK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* SENATOR MUÑA ON THE AMENDMENT THERE WAS AN OBJECTION SO ALL THOSE ARE IN FAVOR OF SENATOR MUÑA'S AMENDMENT PLEASE DO SO BY RAISING YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYBODY WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION IF IF NOT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I JUST ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS THIS BILL AND I ASK THAT THIS BILL BE MOVED TO THE THIRD TO THE VOTING FILE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION TO MOVE TO THE VOTING FILE THIRD READING VOTING FILE WITHOUT ANY OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES LADIES AND GENTLEMEN WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE A 30-SECOND RECESS AND THEN WE'LL COME BACK TO FURTHER DELIVERY THE TIME ON WHEN WE WILL VOTE.

RECESS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: CLERK THIS LEGIS THIS LEGISLATURE IS BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE GONNA GO AHEAD AND TAKE A MOMENT RECESS AGAIN I DO APOLOGIZE.

RECESS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIS LEGISLATURE IS BACK FROM RECESS MAJORITY LEADER VICE SPEAKER NELSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER WE HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL ITEMS ON THE SECOND READING FILE I ERECT AND MAKE A MOTION TO RECONVENE AT 2:30 TODAY FOR VOTING.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO HEARING NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES WE WILL BE BACK HERE FOR 2:30 SHARP TO START VOTING ON THE BILLS IN AND THE LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE *..SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE.*

RECESS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AFTERNOON AGAIN LADIES AND GENTLEMEN MY COLLEAGUES HERE THIS AFTERNOON, WE ARE BACK FROM RECESS WE ARE NOW ON ITEM 18 OF THE AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE AND AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE OUR MAJORITY LEADER VICE SPEAKER NELSON TO EXCUSE.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO TO EXCUSE THOSE NOT PRESENT FOR TODAY'S MORNING.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* VICE SPEAKER ON THAT MOTION WITHOUT ANY OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES BILL NUMBER 19(COR) CLERK PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 19-35 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY JAMES C MOYLAN AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 54102B1 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 54 TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING THE AUTHORIZATION OF ANY WITHDRAWAL OR TRANSFER OF CASH OR FUNDS FROM THE TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR ANY NON-PRESCRIBED PURPOSE AND TO MAKE SUCH AN ACT A MISDEMEANOR.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (AYE) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (AYE) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR MARSH ON THE VOTE I DIDN'T HEAR THIS.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (NAY) SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR MOYLAN (AYE) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: (PASS).

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (PASS) SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (PASS) SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ (NAY) SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR RIDGELL (NAY) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (PASS) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON (PASS) SENATOR TAITAGE SENATOR TAITAGUE (NAY) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (NAY) SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE (EXCUSED) SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (PASS) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: (PASS).

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (PASS) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (PASS) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (PASS) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (PASS) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATORS SAN AGUSTIN (NAY) SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES PASS (NAY).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN BILL NUMBER 19-35(COR) RECEIVED SEVEN (AYES) AND SEVEN (NAYS) AND ONE (EXCUSED) ABSENT BILL NUMBER 19-35 IS DULY FAILED BY THE BODY BILL NUMBER 30-35 (COR) CLERK *PUT FABOT TAITAI I TITALU*.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 30-35(COR) AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE GUAM BUILDUP AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AND A TO ADD A NEW SECTION 4302C12 TO ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 4 TITLE FOR GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REQUIRING CONSIDERATION OF ONLY THOSE COMPANIES OR ENTITIES PROVIDING

HEALTH INSURANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WHOSE IN NETWORK COVERAGE INCLUDES ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS OPERATING IN GUAM.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ROLL CALL. SENATOR CASTRO.

SENATOR CASTRO: MADAM SPEAKER I THINK IT'S PRUDENT FOR ME TO REQUEST THAT I RECUSE MYSELF FROM VOTING ON THE MEASURE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON MEMBER OF MY FAMILY IS EMPLOYED WITH A LOCAL ENTITY THAT WILL BE AFFECTED EITHER WAY THE MAJORITY OF THE VOTES ARE CAST HOWEVER ALTHOUGH I DON'T MEET THE THRESHOLD AGAIN HOWEVER IF THE BODY FINDS THAT THERE'S NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND A MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING FEEL THAT I SHOULD VOTE ON THE BILL I WILL FULLY PARTICIPATE I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT KNOWN FOR THE RECORD.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: FOR MY COLLEAGUES BASED ON THE PRESENTATION GIVEN BY OUR THE GOOD SENATOR.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ME MAY WE GET A QUICK RECESS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SURE.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE'RE IN RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: COLLEAGUES WE ARE BACK FROM RECESS. SENATOR CASTRO AFTER SEEKING ADVICE I'M JUST GOING TO RULE THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION FOR YOU YOU DO NOT MEET THE THRESHOLD TO BE EXCUSED.

SENATOR CASTRO: THANK YOU WITH THAT SAID MADAM SPEAKER I WITHDRAW MY MOTION REQUESTING FOR RECUSAL THANK YOU.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (PASS) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (AYE) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (NAY) SENATOR MOYLAN.

SENATOR MOYLAN: MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO RECUSE MYSELF AS WELL DUE TO EXTREME CONFLICT WITH COMPETITION IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY I FEEL THIS NOT FAIR THAT I PLACE MY VOTE AND REQUEST TO BE RECUSED FROM THE DIS DECISION THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I'M GOING TO TAKE A JUST A BRIEF RECESS.

RECESS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE LEGISLATURE'S BACK FROM RECESS SHALL THE SENATOR FOR THE REASONS ASSIGNED BY THE MEMBER BE EXCUSED FROM VOTING ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO EXCUSE SENATOR MOYLAN IT MOTION CARRIES ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR MOYLAN (EXCUSED) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HUNGGAN.*

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (PASS) SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR RIDGELL (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR

SHELTON (PASS) SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE (EXCUSED) SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (AYE) SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON (AYE).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR MARSH TAITANO YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR MARSH (TAITANO): *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE ACTION NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR. MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (AYE)

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: BILL NUMBER 30-35(COR) RECEIVED 13 (AYES) 0 (NAYS) AND 2 EXCUSE ABSENCE BILL NUMBER 30-35(COR) IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 33-35(COR) MADAM CLERK *PUT-FABOT TAITAI I TITALU.*

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 23-35 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY TELENA CRUZ NELSON JAMES C MOYLAN AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4104B OF ARTICLE 1 CHAPTER 4 TITLE FOR GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE PREFERENCE POINTS ADDED TO APPLICANTS SCORES UPON APPLICATION FOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYMENT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (AYE) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (AYE) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (AYE) SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR MOYLAN (AYE) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HUNGGAN.*

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR RIDGELL (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE (EXCUSED) SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (AYE).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: BILL NUMBER 23-35(COR) RECEIVED 14 (AYES) AND 0 (NAYS) AND 1 (EXCUSE) 2 (ABSENCE) BILL NUMBER 23-35(COR) IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 4-35 LS MADAM CLERK *PUT-FABOT TAITAI I TITALU.*

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 4-35 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS AND HOUSING INTRODUCED BY JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN JOSE PEDO TERLAJE SABINA FLORES PEREZ CLYNTON E. RIDGELL AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 24103B OF ARTICLE 1 CHAPTER 24 TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THE ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY ON REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS VALUED AT 1 MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (NAY) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (PASS) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (AYE) SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR MOYLAN (NAY) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HUNGGAN.*

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (PASS) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR RIDGELL (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR

SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE (PASS) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (PASS) SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE (EXCUSED) SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (AYE) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (NAY) SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (NAY) SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE (PASS) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (PASS).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE: MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH YOU KNOW I DIDN'T REALLY HEAR THE BILL MENTIONED AND I'M NOT CO-SPONSORED WITH THIS BILL SO I NEED TO CHANGE MY.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE'RE STILL GOING ON GOING ON ON ROLL CALL SO YOU STILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: BILL NUMBER 4-35 LS RECEIVED 10 (AYES) 4 (NAYS) AND 1 (EXCUSED) ABSENCE BILL NUMBER 4-35 LS IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF THERESA C. ARRIOLA TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ON WELLNESS AND WELLNESS CENTER ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (AYE) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (AYE) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (AYE) SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR MOYLAN (AYE) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HUNGGAN.*

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR RIDGELL (AYE) SENATORS SAN AGUSTIN SENATORS SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE (EXCUSED) SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (AYE).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE NOMINATION FOR THERESA C. ARRIOLA TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER RECEIVED 14 (AYES) AND ONE EXCUSE THERESA C. ARRIOLA IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF EDWARD BIRN TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (AYE) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (AYE) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (AYE) SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR MOYLAN (AYE) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HUNGGAN.*

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR RIDGELL (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE (EXCUSED) SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (AYE).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: EDWARD BIRN IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF JAYNE T. FLORES TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (AYE) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (AYE) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (AYE) SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR MOYLAN (AYE) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HUNGGAN.*

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR RIDGELL (AYE) SENATORS SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE EXCUSED SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (AYE).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: JAYNE T. FLORES IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF MILANI MELANIE W BRENNAN TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (AYE) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (AYE) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (AYE) SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR MOYLAN (AYE) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HUNGGAN.*

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR RIDGELL (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TIDE AGREE SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE EXCUSED SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (AYE).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MELANIE W BRENNAN IS TRULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY THANK YOU ON THE NOMINATION OF DAVID DELL'ISOLA TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (AYE) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (AYE) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (AYE) SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR MOYLAN (AYE) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HUNGGAN.*

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR RIDGELL (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR (AYE) PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE EXCUSED SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (AYE).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: DAVID DELL'ISOLA IT'S DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF LINDA DENORCEY TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (AYE) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (AYE) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (AYE) SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR MOYLAN (AYE) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HUNGGAN.*

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR RIDGELL (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE (EXCUSED) SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (AYE).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: LINDA DINORSEY IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF DANIEL LEON GUERRERO TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (AYE) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (AYE) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (AYE) SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR MOYLAN (AYE) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HUNGGAN.*

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES I SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR RIDGELL (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE EXCUSED SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (AYE).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: DANIEL LEON GUERRERO IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF CHESA MUÑA BRECHT TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (AYE) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (AYE) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (AYE) SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR MOYLAN (AYE) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HUNGGAN.*

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR RIDGELL (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATORS SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE EXCUSED SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (AYE).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: CHELSA MUÑA BRECHT IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF MELANIE MENDIOLA TO SERVE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ROLL CALL PLEASE.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR CASTRO (AYE) SENATOR LEE SENATOR LEE (AYE) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (AYE) SENATOR MARSH TAITANO (AYE) SENATOR MOYLAN SENATOR MOYLAN (AYE) SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HUNGGAN.*

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR MUÑA SENATOR MUÑA (AYE) VICE SPEAKER NELSON VICE SPEAKER NELSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR RIDGELL (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE SENATOR PEDO TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE (EXCUSED) SENATOR TORRES SENATOR TORRES (AYE).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MELANIE MENDIOLA IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF ISA MARIE C KOKI TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ISA MARIE C. KOKI RECEIVED A MAJORITY SUPPORT AND IS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF ANTHONY P CHARGUALAF JR. TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ANTHONY P CHARGUALAF JR. RECEIVED MAJORITY SUPPORT AND HIS DULY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY LADIES AND GENTLEMEN WE ARE NOW AT BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS AND THE FLOOR IS OPEN TO ANY ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES WHO WISHES TO EXTEND BRIEF REMARKS SENATOR SHELTON LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE VOTE I CAST FOR BILL NUMBER 30-35 IN THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE BILL I EXPRESSED THAT I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL COST FOR THE BILL AND WE WE DID TRY TO EASE THOSE CONCERNS FOR FOR THE BODY BY GETTING A AN AMENDED FISCAL NOTE FROM BBMR THOUGH I FELT THAT THE FISCAL NOTE DID NOT FULFILL OUR FULFILL OUR REQUEST OR EASE OUR CONCERNS I WAS COMFORTED BY THE THE AMENDMENT MADE TO THE BILL AND THAT IS WHY I GAVE MY SUPPORT TO THE BILL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *HÁGU MAS BUEN PRUBECHU.* SENATOR SHELTON LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY ANYBODY ELSE WISHING TO MAKE EXTENSION BRIEF REMARKS WE ARE ON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BEFORE I ADDRESSED THE MAJORITY LEADER I'D LIKE TO JUST AT THIS TIME MY COLLEAGUES IF WE CAN JUST TAKE A BRIEF MOMENT AND PAUSE IN SILENCE ONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES LOST A LOVED ONE HER MOTHER AND WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON HER LOSS AND WE CONTINUE TO EXTEND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS DURING HER TIME AND HER FAMILY'S TIME OF SORROW SO AT THIS TIME ONE ONE MOMENT OF SILENCE MAJORITY LEADER VICE SPEAKER NELSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I BELIEVE WE EXHAUSTED ALL THE ITEMS ON TODAY'S AGENDA I MOVE TO ADJOURN THIS SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS SO ORDERED WE ARE ADJOURNED THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO MY COLLEAGUES *SAINA MA'ÁSE.*

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