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STATEMENT FROM SENATOR JAMES C. MOYLAN

UNFORTUNATELY, ADELUP'S AGENDA STUMPS THE AGENDA OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM

(Hagåtña, Guam). It was unfortunate that the Guam Legislature failed to address the priorities of the people during the Emergency Session this afternoon. The process of swiftly moving the agenda upon return from recess, and straight into adjournment meant that the cries of the community were merely dismissed.

My motion to get us back into session so that we can place critical measures on the agenda, failed. While the governor presented a plan to provide \$300 for individuals who make below a certain threshold, it was irresponsible for senators not to remain in session to discuss that measure along with my *Bill 350-35*, to find ways to come up with a more comprehensive measure so that the many shortfalls of the Governor's plan can be addressed.

It was further irresponsible for the legislature not to consider *Bill 351-35*, which would have helped micro businesses who were forced to close because of this pandemic. The Governor merely mentioned earlier that she was working on something for these entities, yet had nothing to present. This Legislature failed those small businesses today.

If today's agenda was finalized during the secret meeting which the Governor held with Democratic lawmakers over the weekend, then that would be a travesty to the people of the Guam, as it clearly displays that the Executive Branch dictates the agenda of the Legislative Branch, when we should be two co-equal branches of the government.

Today's Emergency Session started off with a very high note, as Senators stood together to override the Governor's veto of Bill 333-35 in the spirit of promoting transparency. After the long recess, transparency seemed to have disappeared pretty quickly, as what should have been a productive discussion on emergency matters, ended in a questionable adjournment.

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