



Pangelinan presents Guam solutions in DC

Immediately after the Record of Decision (ROD) was signed, Senator ben pangelinan went to Washington, D.C. to meet with several federal officials to discuss a wide range of topics concerning Guam.

The Department of Defense is quickly moving forward with its plans for the first stages of the military expansion, and the senator is on a mission to ensure that Guam is dealt a fair hand.

The senator met with officials from Robert Griffin of NAVFAC Acquisitions, William G. Bostic, Jr. of the Economic Programs (U.S. Census Bureau), Dee Robinson (IRS), Senator Dan Inouye (D-Hawai'i), Elizabeth Merritt (National Trust for Historic Preservation), Congresswoman Donna Christensen (D-U.S. Virgin Islands), Congresswoman Bordallo, Assistant Secretary Tony Babauta (Insular Affairs), and professional staff of various Congressional committees and subcommittees.

Senator pangelinan addressed issues regarding the military build-up and its impact and imposition on Guam's economy and natural resources, the anticipated increase in imported goods and materials to Guam, **tax credits and tax enforcement, military contracts, historic preservation on Guam, and native land rights.**

"I want to make it clear that we are facing the most dramatic change on our island in the last 60 years. We must ensure that whatever decisions are made by the federal government for this expansion to move the military forward will not—once again—leave the people of Guam behind to suffer and live with the consequences," says the senator. **"We have to remain firm in our message."**

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A Message from ben

Håfa Adai,

With the Record of Decision signed for the military expansion on Guam and has its authorities in place with parameters still undefined and undisclosed, it is evermore my duty to ensure that our people are not at the losing end of the battle to preserve our very existence on our own island. We must continue to be steadfast and empower one another to quickly exercise our right to self-determination, ensure our economic sustainability by being at the forefront of all decisions that will disrupt our cultural identity and heritage.

Many of our experts have evaluated and critiqued the ROD and its predecessors (the DEIS and the FEIS), and it is apparent to us that the ol' *cloak and dagger* theme is predicated throughout the thousands of pages our future has been summed up in. We were prompted to submit comments and questions, only to realize that their ears did not hear our voices and their eyes did not see our vision. Now that this decision has been expressly made without true approval, we shall not lay idly by.

As the *åcho' latte* is the foundation of our homes and our familial ties, we too must be the foundation for generations to come, and we must let our voices be heard so that the future is not what they see for us but what we want for ourselves and our children.

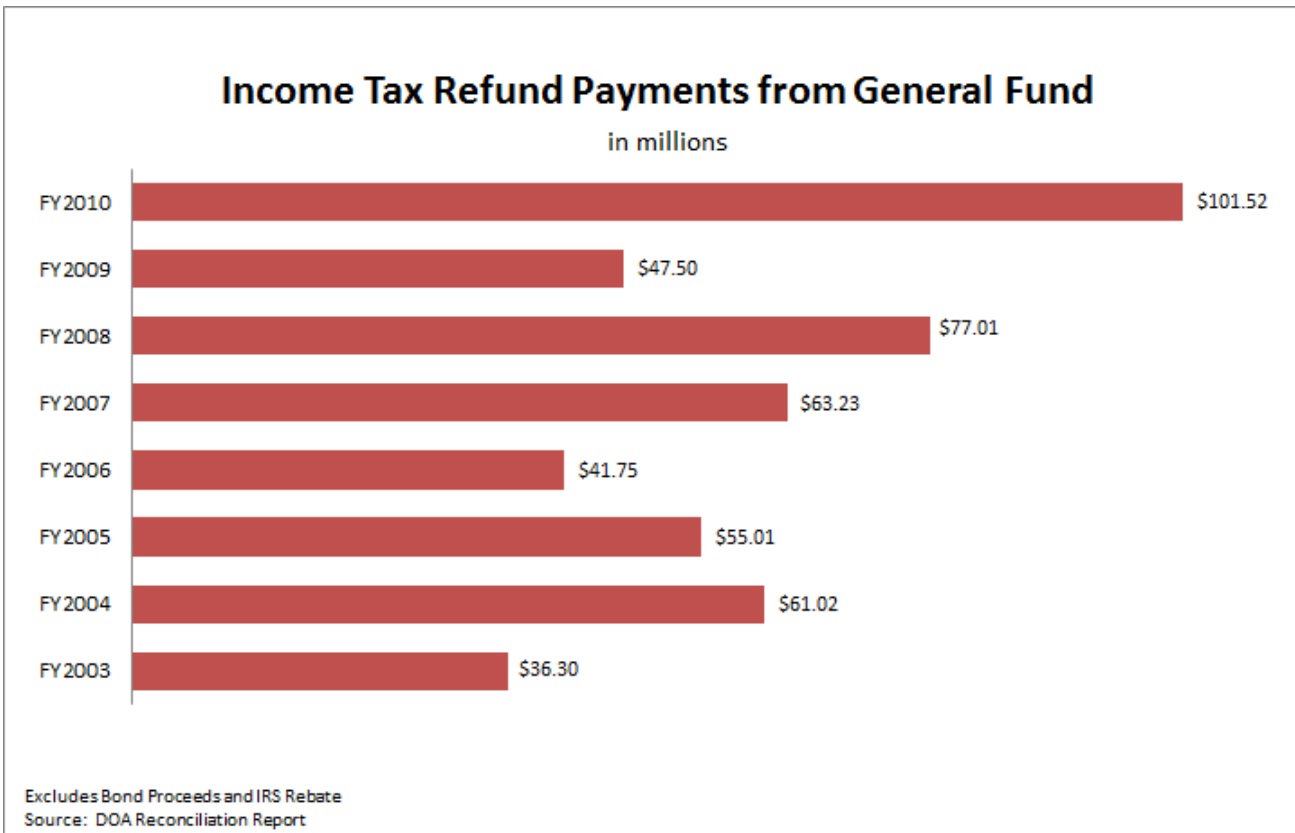
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Did you know?

Did you know that during Senator ben pangelinan's first year as Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations, he set aside over \$100 million for tax refunds in Fiscal Year 2010? The senator's mission has been successful, and \$100.52 million has been paid out to date.

He believes the people should be paid what is owed to them, and he remains committed to ensuring that *your* money be returned to *you* first. In the Budget Act for Fiscal Year 2011, he has once again authorized over \$100 million for tax refunds to be paid out.

To read the Budget Act (P.L. 30-196), please log on to: www.senbenp.com.



Too many unanswered questions

In his response comments to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (**FEIS**) sent to the Environmental Director of the Joint Guam Program Office, Senator ben pangelinan again called for answers to **the questions presented** in his response to the *Draft* Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which **remained unanswered**. In February, the senator submitted his comments, concerns, and questions to the DEIS.

“Where is the partnership we are being promised which will make this military expansion a win-win proposition? According to the FEIS, the only winner here is the military who condemns our lands and disrupts our lives? There is no partnership,” the senator said in his letter. “The DOD has chosen a unilateral approach to this expansion at the expense of the people of Guam.”

If you would like to read the letter submitted to the Joint Guam Program Office, please log on to www.senbenp.com.

Bills & Resolutions Introduced pending public hearing

Bill No. 459-30 (COR) - v.c. pangelinan

An act to amend §5192(a) of Article 8, Chapter 51 of Title 10 GCA relative to the use of proceeds of sale of bonds.



Senator Pangelinan speaks to retirees on COLA at the Mangilao Senior Citizens Center on Sept. 11, 2010.

Closing the Fiscal Gap for the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Act

After months of poring over the Executive Budget Request of Fiscal Year 2011 and the requests submitted by agencies and branches of the government, the Committee on Appropriations and Committee Chairperson, Senator ben pangelinan, was faced with the daunting task of reconciling the wants and needs of the government to produce **a responsible and sensible budget**.

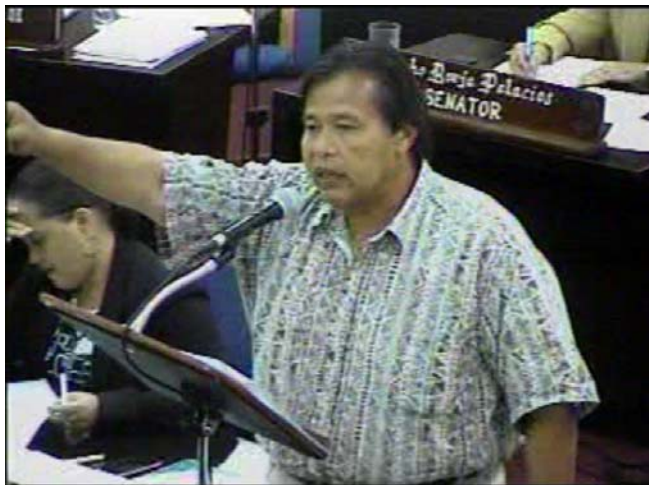
A closer analysis of projected revenues revealed an overestimation of about \$51 million from what was originally submitted in January by the Office of I Maga'låhen Guåhan. **In addition, the expenditure levels submitted in January were lower than the requests submitted by the semi-autonomous agencies during the budget hearings by another \$50 million.**

In a press release issued earlier, the senator reported, **“The General Fund cannot sustain the level of growth requested by the departments and agencies for FY 2011.”** And while revenue projections were less than what was initially announced by the Executive Branch, the Committee prioritized its focus on paying tax refunds, the government-wide classified pay adjustments, prior-year obligations, and previously unbudgeted expenditures (i.e. bank fees for credit card payments received and the DOE promissory note to GPA), while holding the expenditure levels of Fiscal Year 2010 at the recommendation of the Office of Finance and Budget.

In the Committee's Report, the Chairperson stated, **“It is the policy decision of the Committee that the FY2011 budget provide the essential resources to critical government components and provide for and address the unaccounted and off budget expenditures in previous fiscal years, which have been the primary cause of the shortages in budgets allocated to the agencies and programs authorized in the budget. It the sense of the Committee that constrained optimism is the prudent and correct policy in arriving at the revenue estimate to support government operations.”**

Substitute Bill 439-30 was passed by I Liheslaturan Guåhan and signed into law (PL 30-196). In his letter to the Speaker, **I Maga'låhen Guåhan stated, “The budget bill is sound, responsible legislation in the allocation of government resources for operations in FY 2011... it provides for a conservative and realistic revenue projection, a spending plan that mirrors current levels, and it prioritizes the government's financial and human resources towards addressing its longstanding structural imbalance and deficit situation.”**

To read PL 30-196 and the Committee Report, please log on to www.senbenp.com.



**Excerpts from the senator's testimony
(gi i fino' CHamoru)
on Resolution 420-30**

Ya ayu na man nã'i' i pudet ni' i "United Nations" para u mantieni ya u ma siguro na u ma abãnsa este na taotao siha ya siha u minaneha i tano'-ñiha, i taotao-ñiha, i guinahan-ñiha ya u siguro na u ma chule' tãtte este ya siha u dinisidi para amãnu siha mo'na guini gi i tano'. Ma cho'gue ennao i Amerikãnu guini guatto gi i "Trust Territory." Sa' ilek-ñiha na obligasion-ñiha ayu kontra guatto gi "United Nations." Man ma nã'i' siha para u siha u atministradot

kontra ayu siha na lugãt esta ki man listo i taotao para siha u mantieni i pudet para i lina'la'-ñiha yan i gubetnon-ñiha. Pues man ma chonnek mo'na ya man hãnao mo'na. Ayu na guaha i "Republic of Belau," i "Federated States of Micronesia," i "Republic of the Marshall Islands," yan i "Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas." Lao hita guini gi iya Guam? Hãfa na ti man malago'? Mam parehu hit maseha ti man "Trust Territory" hit, lao hita? Tãya' siña kumuestion na man ma nã'i' i Amerikãnu para u mantieni Guãhan ya u atministradot kontra i taotao Guãhan. Ya guaha obligasion-ñiha gi kontra ayu todus siha na kontrãta na mam fitma. Annai ma disidi na para siha, mãs mumaneha este i "United Nations" na taiguihi ha' risponsibilidãt ma mantieni annai ma chule' este i "Trust Territory." Taiguihi ha' na risponsibilidãt annai u ma mantieni Guãhan. Ya ilek-ñiha, "Para bai en ta hanaomo'na." Lao hãfa na hita ha', esta pã'go ha', na man mahohotño?

**Excerpt from the senator's testimony
(gi i fino' CHamoru) on Resolution 444-30**

Hãfa na hita ha' para ta kinatga ennao na kãtgo? Ennao gue' malago'-ñiha. Fuera di hita para ta kinatga ennao na obligasion, gi i manera ni' para ta apãsi i nisisidãt-ñiha guini na tãno', guini gi halom tano'-ta. Kontodu i tano'-ta na maisa ha' na para u ma chule' ta'lo ya para hita ta'lo para ta kinatga ennao. Dalai esta ennao na bida... esta ennao na klas-sen malabida. Mampos esta este... mampos esta i ginagao-ñiha... mampos esta minimalago'-ñiha, mampos esta chinile'-ñiha! Ya nisisita ta na' pãra, ta fan despãtio mo'na...



For the translations and the full-length video recordings of the senator's testimonies for Resolutions 420-30 and 444-30, please log on to our website at www.senbenp.com.

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