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PANGELINAN CATCHES GOVERNOR'S HIDDEN TAX INCREASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-March 26, 2009- After further review of Governor Camacho's version of Bill 1-S, Senator ben c. pangelinan (D), Barrigada, has discovered yet another hidden or silent attempt by the Governor to push his political agenda without any oversight of the Legislature and accountability to the people.

Camacho's language to raise the debt ceiling without reducing the property tax rates will result in an increase to all property taxes. Pangelinan sent a letter to the Department of Revenue & Taxation to confirm this finding and the impact to taxpayers. As of this release no response has been provided.

"It's getting to the point where we can't trust anything sent down by Adelup. We need to focus on solving the issues at hand of paying refunds, COLA and financing the dump but the administration is forcing the legislature to spend valuable time uncovering all his questionable policy. It's extremely frustrating and sad that the Governor is attempting to capitalize on the misery of the current situation to satisfy his agenda," said Pangelinan.

Pangelinan ended by saying "I only hope the Governor will be transparent and honest."

Session is scheduled for 2pm to continue discussions on the amended version of Bill 1-S at which time Pangelinan will submit an amendment to keep property taxes the same but still allow for the debt ceiling to be raised.

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