Senators Pass Port Master Plan Bill

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At 6 p.m. this evening members of the 30<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature passed Bill No. 178-30 granting final approval to the Port Authority of Guam Master Plan.

Senators spent much of this week in discussion over the measure which calls for more than \$200 Million in upgrades to the 40-year-old facility.

"I want to thank the senators for their debate, concern and positive action on this legislation," said Port General Manager Glenn A. Leon Guerrero. "We appreciate all of the discussion that was held this week and look forward to submitting our applications for the federal funding."

Port officials need the final approval in order to receive higher consideration for their applications for federal funding of the first phase of the master plan. Next week is the deadline for the Port to submit their application for \$50 Million in American Reinvestment Recovery Act Funds. The Port also will be submitting an application for \$50 Million in USDA funds.

"This master plan is the road map for the modernization of our port that will transform the facility into a world-class commercial sea port," Leon Guerrero said. "This final approval by lawmakers will now show the federal government that the Port Authority of Guam has community-wide support for our plans to upgrade and modernize our facility."

The legislation will now be transmitted by Senators to Governor Felix P. Camacho for signature.

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