

## **BILL NO. 54-30**

Senator Calvo moved to accept Bill No. 54-30(COR), a substituted by the Committee on Economic Development, Health and Human Services, and Judiciary, and further substituted on the Floor. There was no objection and the motion was carried.

## **SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 54-30:**

Further, Senator Calvo moved to place Substitute Bill No. 54-30(COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 3218.1 TO CHAPTER 3 ARTICLE 2 TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE WOMAN'S INFORMED CONSENT FOR ABORTION AND TO CITE THE ACT AS "THE WOMAN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH INFORMATION ACT OF 2009", on the Third Reading File, with discussion. On the motion, Senator Calvo was recognized and spoke in support of the intent of the bill and on the merits of the Bill. Senator Calvo thanked the Chairperson of the Committee on Economic Development, Health and Human Services, and Judiciary, as well as the author of the bill for the movement of the Women's Reproductive Health Act of 2010. He stated that these past two years this legislative body has introduced legislations dealing with, again, a very sensitive issue on abortion, of the woman's right to chose; the decision of a woman to maintain the pregnancy or not. He elaborated on information given the patients and the right to know and information provided of users of information in regards to medical procedure or medication prescribed over the counter. In this similar vein, in this difficult process in which a woman needs to make the determination whether to have an abortion or not. He made reference to Rowe and Wade of a woman's right to choice but it is important that the decision for this is communicated in full information about the procedure. Even over the counter medication and/or prescription, information regarding the medications are given. There is a need for a woman to know that after a decision is made, that this information of the basic decision that there are serious medical and psychological impacts. On page 6 of the substitute bill, there is at least 24 hours for the physician to inform the patient, and offered an amendment to insert after "24 hours" the phrase "up to 30 days". This amendment was in the original bill introduced, and in the substitute bill, the phrase "up to 30 days" was taken out.

On the discussion of the Calvo amendment, Senator Guthertz asked what she does not understand is the need for 30 days. The Speaker inquired if Senator Guthertz was directing her question to Senator Calvo, and asked Senator Calvo to yield to the Guthertz question. Senator Calvo replied that this will set certain time limits and is identical to the language on line 15 which sets it to the minimum of 24 hours and