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Discussion on the floor of the House of Representatives following motion for adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 87, H.D.1 on August 12, 1970.

Representative Silk moved for the adoption of H.J.R. No. 87, H.D.1; Representative Mangefel seconded and the Clerk read the title: "Endorsing the four principles and legal rights which the Political Status Delegation of the Congress of Micronesia maintained must be recognized as an essential and nonnegotiable component of any free association between the United States and Micronesia must be in accordance with those principles and legal rights."

Representative Paul: I would like to make a few comments on this resolution, but before I make that comment, I would like to make a special note of what my colleague from Palau, Representative Basilius, has said, that although his signature appeared on the Report, he did not concur with it.

Mr. Speaker, we have now had the Report of the Political Status Delegation before us for over three weeks. We have all had time to consider it carefully, and to decide what steps to take during this session. We must now begin to take necessary action.

Over two weeks ago, one of our colleagues, Representative Polycarp Basilius, publicly supported the four basic principles and legal rights established by the Political Status Delegation as the basis of any future political status of Micronesia that is not independence. He urged that this Congress, after careful consideration of this Report, endorse the four principles and legal rights at some appropriate time during this session. A resolution intended to do exactly this is now before us; I, therefore, urge that we follow our colleague's lead, and adopt this resolution.

Adoption of this resolution will hopefully encourage the United States Government to reconsider its present position and present offer. It will also give our representatives our full support in any future discussions with the United States. I believe this is necessary if we are to break the present stalemate in negotiations. We must let the United States Government know where we stand.

As the elected representatives of the people of Micronesia, it is our responsibility to ensure that if the people of Micronesia are offered, in addition to independence, a choice of association with the United States, that it will be the best type of association possible. We, therefore, must make known what we believe are the minimum requirements in any future association between the United States and Micronesia.

I, therefore, urge that this resolution be adopted.

Representative Setik: Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak in favor of this resolution before us.

Mr. Speaker, in the recent discussions with representatives of the