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PAGE FOUR RUHGSAA4094 UNCLAS OF ONE BILL AND TWO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS. THE BILL WOULD APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$200,000 DOLLARS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS IN PALAU DISTRICT: AND THE TWO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS RE-QUEST THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR TO AMEND SECRETARIAL ORDER 2902 SO TO ALLOW CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESS OF MICRONE. SIA WITH REGARD TO AIR AND SEA TRANSPORTATION; AND REQUEST THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO PROVIDE A MARKETING AGENT ON GUAM

OTHER ACTION IN THE SENATE INCLUDED THE INTRODUCTION

THREE SENATE BILLS AND TWO HOUSE BILLS ALSO PASSED FIRST READING OF THE SENATE DURING WEDNESDAY'S MEETING. AND THE SENATE ADOPTED A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION WHICH RE-QUESTS THAT PROVISIONS OF THE U.S. RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ACT BE EXTENDED TO THE TRUST TERRITORY. IF THE ACT WERE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE TRUST TERRITORY, MONEY IN THE FORM OF LOANS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO EXTEND ELECTRIC POWER TO OUT-LYING AREAS OF MICRONESIA.

ANOTHER ACTION BY THE SENATE, A BILL TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON BANKING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED IN THE BILL CALENDAR OF THE SENATE FOR FINAL ACTION. HOWEVER, THE SENATE REFERRED THE MEASURE TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MAKING IT THE SECOND TIME THAT THIS BILL HAS BEEN DELAYED IN PASSAGE.

PAGE THREE RUHGSAA4094 UNCLAS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERN-MENTAL OPERATIONS, WHOSE COMMITTEE STUDIED THE MEASURE, THE BILL IS ONE OF THE THREE GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL BY THE CONGRESS AT WEDNESDAY S SESSION. THE OTHER TWO WERE CON-SIDERED IN THE HOUSE.

MAKE CORRECTIONS OF PRINTING ERRORS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE WAS GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL DURING WEDNESDAY'S SESSION. THE ACTION CAME BY REQUEST OF SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH OF TRUK,

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FOR TRUST TERRITORY PRODUCTS.

IN THE HOUSE, AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, TWO BILLS WERE PASSED AND SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. THEY ARE A SENATE BILL RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF SESSIONS OF CONGRESS, PROVI-DING FOR THE NUMBERING OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAWS, AND OTHER MATTERS, AND A HOUSE BILL AMENDING THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE RELATING TO RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

THREE ADDITIONAL HOUSE BILLS WERE PASSED ON SECOND READING AND SENT TO THE SENATE. THESE BILLS RELATE TO IM-MUNIZATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE TRUST TERRITORY: PRO-VIDE FOR SHARING REVENUES FROM THE LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND WITH THE DISTRICTS: AND AUTHORIZE MONEY FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOP-MENT LOAN FUND OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS.

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MOST OF THE HOUSE SESSION WEDNESDAY, HOWEVER, WAS DE-VOTED TO DISCUSSION OF A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION WHICH SUP PORTS PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE U.S. CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD TO FLY A ROUTE BETWEEN TOKYO AND SAIFAN.

PASSAGE OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION IS RECOMMENDED BY A COMMITTEE REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE SASAUD HARUO'S RE-SOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. THE MAIN CONTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT IS THAT THE MARIANAS DISTRICT IS THE AREA OF THE TERRITORY MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE APPLI-CATION, AND THREFORE THE CONGRESS SHOULD RESPECT AND SUP-PORT THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS. DURING HEARINGS ON THE JOINT RESOLUTION, RESOLUTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM VARIOUS MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, WERE INTRO-DUCED AS TESTIMONY SUPPORTING THE PAN AM APPLICATION. THE AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES WHO WERE AT THE HEARINGS WERE FROM PAN AM AND CONTINENTAL AIR MICRONESIA, WHICH HAS ALSO AP-LIED FOR THE FOUTE. INTENSIVE LOBBYING HAS BEEN UNDERWAY IN BEHALF OF PAN AM

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WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AIRLINES HAVE MADE WITH CONGRESS. MEN AND OTHERS, BUT ALSO AMONG THE CONGRESSMEN THEMSELVES.

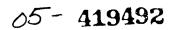
THE INTENSITY OF FEELING ABOUT THE RESOLUTION WAS EVI-DENT IN THE DEBATE WEDNESDAY. FULLY HALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED OPINIONS ON THE MEA-SURE, AND SEVERAL OTHERS WERE INVOLVED IN LEGAL MOVES ON THE FLOOR TO EITHER HAVE THE RESOLUTION DEFERRED OR ACTED UPON ONCE AND FOR ALL. ACTION ON THE COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF

ACTION ON THE COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION HAD BEEN DEFERRED ON MONDAY (JAN. 31). ANOTHER MOVE TO DEFER ACTION ON THE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS MADE WEDNESDAY, BUT IT WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL. RECESSES WERE CALLED IN THE MIDST OF DEBATE AS THE CONGRESSMEN MOVED AMONG THEIR COLLEAGUES TO PERSUADE ONE ANOTHER. EVENTUALLY, THE REPORT WAS ADOPTED, AND, AT THE END OF THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR, THE JOINT RESOLUTION ITSELF WAS FINALLY UP FOR ADOPTION.

PRIME SUPPORT FOR THE MEASURE CAME FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS DELEGATION OF CONGRESSMEN HERMAN GUERRERO, CARLOS

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USCAR FOR TTPI LNO SECSTATE PASS TO DEPT INTISEC INTERIOR/DASTA/OSN SHODA AND FELIPE ATALIG. THEIR CONTENTION WAS RESOLUTION BE PASSED TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD AND FOR THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE MARIANAS WHO HAD INDICATED SUPPORT OF PAN AM. OTHER CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDING JOHN MANGEFEL (YAP),

PAGE THREE RUHGGAA4095 UNCLAS OLTER PAUL (PONAPE), AND JOAB SIGRAH (PONAPE) URGED THAT THE CONGRESS SHOULD STAY NEUTRAL IN SUCH MATTERS, ESPE= CIALLY, IF IT SEEMED IN THE CASE BEFORE THEM THAT ONLY ONE DISTRICT WAS PRIMARILY INVOLVED. CONGRESSMAN PAUL ADDED THE OPINION THAT MICRONESIA AND MICRONESIANS ARE AL= READY INVOLVED IN ONE AIRLINE, AND TO INVITE ANOTHER AIR= LINE INTO THE TRUST TERRITORY WOULD HURT MICRONESIA'S IN= TEREST BECAUSE OF THE MANY INVESTORS IN CONTINENTAL/AIR

MICRONESIA: CONGRESSMEN CHARLES DOMNICK (MARSHALLS), EKPAP SILK (MARSHALLS), HANS WILIANDER (TRUK) AND SASAUD HARUD (TRUK) ALSO ADDED THEIR OPINIONS AS HEATED, RAPID.FIRE DEBATE CON-TINUED. AT ONE POINT, ANOTHER MOVE WAS MADE TO DEFER ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION; BUT IT WAS DEFEATED.

THE DEBATE CONTINUED FOR SEVERAL MINUTES WITH THE REPETITION OF THE ARGUMENTS ALREADY STATED PREVIOUSLY.

THEN, IN RAPID ORDER, TWO MOTIONS WERE MADE ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE. FIRST, A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT A FINAL VOTE WOULD BE TAKEN TO EITHER ADOPT OR REJECT THE RESOLUTION. BUT BEFORE THAT FINAL VOTE COULD BE TAKEN,

PAGE FOUR RUHGSAA4095 UNCLAS REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND SETIK (TRU) MOVED THAT THE HOUSE AD-JOURN FOR THE DAY. THE MOTION WAS QUICKLY SECONDED AND PASSED, AND THE HOUSE ADJOURNED UNTIL THURSDAY AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

IT IS NOT KNOWN WHEN THE FINAL ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION WILL BE TAKEN OR JUST WHAT THE EXACT STATUS OF THE MEASURE IS AT THE CLOSE OF THE 24TH DAY OF THE SESSION. THE RESOLU-



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TION IS DEVIDUSLY A CONTROVERSIAL ONE' AND MORE DEBATE ON THE MEASURE IS EXPECTED BEFORE IT IS FINALLY DEALT WITH. TWICE DURING WEDNESDAY'S DEBATE ON THE RESOLUTION, THERE WAS DIS-CUSSION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING A FINAL VOTE ON THE MEASURE BY SECRET BALLOT. MANY CONGRESSMEN FELT NO HESI-TATION ABOUT EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS ON THE MEASURE IN PUBLIC DEBATE, ALTHOUGHT SEVERAL OF THE OPINIONS DID NOT DEAL WITH THE MERITS OF SUPPORTING OR NOT SUPPORTING PAN AMERICAN, BUT MORE WITH WHETHER OR NOT THE CONGRESS SHOULD STAY NEUTRAL IN THIS MATTER. WHEN IT COMES TO A FINAL DECISION ABOUT SUPPORTING OR NOT SUPPORTING PAN AM IN ITS APPLICATION FOR THE ROUTE IN QUESTION, THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE ARE SHOWING .

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WITH THE SWIFT ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE SESSION, THERE WAS NO CALL FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS. (BORJA SPEECH)

PALAU, FEB. 2 (MNS) - AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION IN THE SENATE ON WEDNESDAY (FEB.2), MARI-ANAS SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA TOOK THE FLOOR TO CRITICIZE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OF THE TRUST TERRITORY.

SENATOR BORJA WAS CAREFUL AT THE OUTSET OF HIS REMARKS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERN-MENT AND WHAT HE CALLED THE "RETROGRESSIVE INFLUENCE" OF WASHINGTON ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES. BORJA SAID HE BELIEVED THAT HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON WAS SINCERE IN HIS DECLARATION MADE IN THE 1970 STATE OF THE TERRITORY MESSAGE IN WHICH HE SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH HE WAS NOT ELECTED AS HIGH COMMISSIONER BY THE-PEOPLED HE WOULD TRY TO CONDUCT HISADMINISTRATION AS THOUGH HE WERE ELECTED AND HOPED TO BE RE-ELECTED.

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THE SENATOR ADDED, "I HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR THIS MAN WHO BEARS DIFFICULT IF NOT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE BURDENS

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IN ADMINISTERING THE TRUST TERRITORY."

BORJA POINTED OUT THAT MUCH CRITICISM HAS BEEN DIRECTED AT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER RECENTLY, AND THAT IT COMES AS THE RESULT OF TWO THINGS.

"FIRST," SAID BORUA, "MANY OF THE PROBLEMS ARE LONG. STANDING, AND I THINK MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES ARE BECOMING A LITTLE WEARY OF SEEING THEM NOT RESOLVED.

"SECOND," HE CONTINUED, "SOME OF THE MANY ENCOURAGING PROMISES MADE BY FORMER SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR WALTER HICKEL HAVE NOT BEEN FULFILLED."

THE SENATOR SAID THAT THE "HONEYMOON" IS OVER, AND THAT THERE IS A GREAT DEAL MORE CRITICISM OF THE ADMINIS-TRATION NOW THAN THERE WAS THREE YEARS AGO. "I CANNOT SAY THAT THE CRITICISM IS UNJUSTIFIED," BORJA ADDED, "BUT I DO WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WHILE THIS CRITICISM IS OSTENSIBLY DIRECTED AT THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, THE REAL TARGET IS MORE PROPERLY THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY IN GENERAL."

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SECSTATE PASS TO DEPT INT/SEC INTERIOR/DASTA/OSN. (BORJA SPEECH CONT'D) BORJA CHARACTERIZED THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AS "CAUGHT BETWEEN THE GRINDING STONE OF MICRONESIAN ASPIRATIONS AND . THE MILLSTONE UNITED STATES INTERESTS. "THIS CONFLICT IS BEST ILLUSTRATED," BORJA SAID, "BY THE VETOES OF THE ADVICE AND CONSENT, MERIT SYS. TEM AND_PUBLIC DEFENDER BILLS_OF 1971. BORJA SAID THE VETOES

PAGE THREE RUHGSAA4096 UNCLAS RETAINING THE REMAINING VESTIGES OF ITS CONTROL HERE THAN IT IS IN HELPING TO PREPARE MICRONESIA FOR SELF GOVERNMENT."

INDICATE TO HIM THAT "THE UNITED STATES IS MORE INTERESTED IN

THE MARIANAS SENATOR NOTED THAT THE SAME THREE BILLS AND THE IMPORTANT OMBUDSMAN BILL ARE BEFORE THE CONGRESS AGAIN THIS SES. SION. HE SAID THEY HAVE BEEN MODIFIED AND STRENGTHENED "TO RE-MOVE ANY POSSIBLE GROUNDS FOR DISAPPROVAL BY THE HIGH COMMISSION-ER." HE URGED A UNITED EFFORT BY THE CONGRESS IN ACTING ON THESE BILLS TO MEET THE GROWING "FRUSTRATIONS" WHICH THE CONGRESS 1 S ENCOUNTERING.

HE SAID, WE WATCH, WITH GREAT PERPLEXITY AND NO SMALL AMOUNT OF FRUSTRATION, WASHINGTON'S RETROGRESSIVE INFLUENCE ON THE ADMIS NISTRATION'S POLICIES, AND WE SEE THE INCREASING DISPARITIES BE-TWEEN WORDS AND DEEDS, PROMISES AND ACTIONS

IMMEDIATELY AFTER BORJA'S SPEECH, SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH (TRUK) TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO ANNOUNCE THAT HEARINGS ON THE SENATE MERIT SYSTEM BILL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, AND THAT HEARINGS ON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT BILL HAVE BEEN SET FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

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