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SECSTATE PASS TO DEPT INT/SEC INTERIOR/DASTA/OSN.
(CONGRESS IN FINAL TWO WEEKS)

PALAU, FEB. 14, (MNS)---THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS MOVED INTO ITS FINAL TWO WEEKS IN PALAU. BY LAW THE SESSION CANNOT LAST LONGER THAN 50 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS, MEANING THE SESSION WILL HAVE TO CONCLUDE ON MONDAY, FEB. 28. MONDAY (FEB. 14) WAS THE 36TH DAY OF THE SESSION.

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THE CONGRESS MEMBERS RETURNED TO THEIR DESKS MONDAY AFTERNOON AFTER A WEEKEND DURING WHICH MOST OF THEM PAID A VISIT TO THE ISLAND OF PELELIU, SOUTH OF KOROR. THE PEOPLE OF PELELIU HOSTED THE MEMBERS FOR A PICNIC AND SPECIAL RECEPTION. IT WAS THE THIRD SUCH TRIP TO ONE OF THE OUTLYING AREAS OF PALAU THAT HAS BEEN HELD THIS SESSION. PREVIOUS TRIPS HAVE BEEN TO MELEKEOK AND NGARAARD MUNICIPALITIES, BOTH OF WHICH ARE LOCATED ON BABELTHUAP ISLAND. ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE CONGRESS IN HOLDING THE SESSION IN A DISTRICT OTHER THAN THE MARIANAS WAS TO GIVE MORE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO MEET THEIR CONGRESSMEN AND KNOW THEIR CONGRESS. THIS PURPOSE HAS BEEN FULFILLED BOTH BY THE TRIPS TO OTHER ISLANDS, AND BY THE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE FROM THROUGHOUT PALAU WHO HAVE COME TO KOROR TO WITNESS THE SESSIONS.

DURING MONDAY'S SESSIONS, MOST OF THE FLOOR ACTIVITY TOOK PLACE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THERE TWO BILLS WERE PASSED AND SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. ONE, SENATE BILL 135, RELATES TO PROTECTION OF RESIDENT WORKERS, WHILE THE OTHER, SENATE BILL 137, WOULD CLARIFY THE PRESENT PUBLIC LAW RELATING TO THE HIRING OF ALIEN WORKERS. BOTH WERE PASSED WITH LITTLE DEBATE, ALTHOUGH THE BILL RELATING TO ALIEN WORKERS WAS OPPOSED BY SEVEN MEMBERS IN THE

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VOTING.

TWO OTHER BILLS PASSED SECOND READING IN THE HOUSE AND WILL GO TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. BOTH ARE APPROPRIATION MEASURES FOR PROJECTS IN TRUK DISTRICT. THE HOUSE ALSO VOTED TO

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FILE TWO MEASURES ONE RELATING TO CONTROL OF DRUG ABUSE AND THE OTHER RELATING TO LICENSING OF NURSES AND MIDWIVES.

THE HOUSE ALSO TOOK ACTION TO RECALL A BILL THAT HAS BEEN TABLED DURING THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION IN TRUK LAST MAY. THAT WAS A MAJOR BILL RELATING TO WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION. IT WAS RE-ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

THREE BILLS AND THREE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED AT MONDAY'S HOUSE SESSION. ONE OF THE BILLS WOULD REGULATE THE TAKING OF SAND, ROCK AND CORAL FROM BEACHES AND REEFS, ANOTHER WOULD APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TWO SCHOOL BUSES FOR PALAU DISTRICT, AND THE THIRD IS A NATURALIZATION MEASURE.

OF THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS, THE MOST INTERESTING WAS ONE RELATING TO ENIWETOK. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MEASURE IS CONTAINED IN ITS TITLE, WHICH IS: "INFORMING THE UNITED STATES THAT IT HAS NO RIGHT TO REMAIN ON ENIWETOK; THAT THE UNITED STATES IS OBLIGATED

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TO PROVIDE FOR REHABILITATION OF ENIWETOK; AND THAT THE UNITED STATES IS REQUESTED TO DISPATCH A REPRESENTATIVE TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE REPATRIATION OF THE PEOPLE OF ENIWETOK AND REHABILITATION OF THEIR HOME ISLAND." THE RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY MARSHALLS REPRESENTATIVE ATAJI BALOS, AND AN IDENTICAL JOINT RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE MONDAY BY SENATE PRESIDENT AMATA KABUA, ALSO OF THE MARSHALLS.

THE OTHER JOINT RESOLUTIONS OFFERED IN THE HOUSE MONDAY REQUEST BANKS DOING BUSINESS IN THE IT TO INVEST MICRONESIAN DEPOSITS IN MICRONESIA, AND NOMINATE ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, HASHIDA KEBEKOL, FOR CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION.

IN THE SENATE MONDAY, ONLY ONE BILL RELATING TO CONSERVATION, AND IT WAS FILED WITHOUT DEBATE. THE SENATE ALSO PASSED SIX BILLS ON FIRST READING, AND ADOPTED A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFERRING AN HONORARY MICRONESIAN CITIZENSHIP ON REV. HUGH F. COSTIGAN, S.J., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR OF SERVICE IN MICRONESIA. FATHER COSTIGAN IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE PONAPE AGRICULTURE AND TRADE SCHOOL (PATS) IN PONAPE.

ONE NEW BILL WAS OFFERED IN THE SENATE MONDAY. IT WILL

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CREATE A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATORS LATER THIS YEAR IN HAWAII. IN ADDITION TO THE ENIWETOK RESOLUTION ALREADY MENTIONED, ONE OTHER JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED MONDAY WOULD EXTEND APPRECIATION TO "POPO THE CLOWN" FOR HIS ENTERTAINMENT OF THE CHILDREN OF MI-CRONESIA DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

BOTH HOUSES ADJOURNED UNTIL THREE P.M. TUESDAY FEB. 15.

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COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS

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(STATUS TALKS SET)

PALAU, FEB. 14, (MNS)---THE FOURTH ROUND OF TALKS ON THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA WILL BE HELD IN PALAU DISTRICT BEGINNING SUNDAY, APRIL 2. SENATOR LAZARUS SALII OF PALAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, CONFIRMED THE DATE MONDAY (FEB. 14) IN KOROR, AND SAID HE HAS RECEIVED WORD

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FROM AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO COME TO PALAU ON THAT DATE TO RESUME THE TALKS.

SENATOR SALII SAID HE DOES NOT YET KNOW THE EXACT COMPOSITION OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, BUT HE ASSUMES IT WILL BE ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS THE GROUP THAT REPRESENTED THE UNITED STATES IN THE THIRD ROUND OF TALKS IN HAWAII LAST OCTOBER. GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS REPORTED MONDAY THAT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR FOR TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS STANLEY S. CARPENTER, WHO IS PRESENTLY TOURING THE TRUST TERRITORY, WILL ATTEND THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS. IT IS NOT KNOWN, HOWEVER, WHETHER HE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL ADDITION TO THE U.S. DELEGATION OR SIMPLY AN OBSERVER.

THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION WILL AGAIN CONSIST OF THE TWELVE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, JOINT COMMITTEE, TWO FROM EACH DISTRICT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. SENATOR SALII SAID HE EXPECTS THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS TO LAST ABOUT TEN WORKING DAYS.

THE APRIL TALKS COULD WELL DEVELOPE INTO THE DEFINITIVE ROUND OF TALKS ON MICRONESIA'S FUTURE ON BOTH SIDES GENERALLY AGREED DURING THE OCTOBER TALKS THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD REACHING AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN MADE.

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ALTHOUGH STATUS HAS NOT YET BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH DISCUSSION DURING THE CURRENT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SESSION IN PALAU, THERE IS A GENERAL FEELING THAT THE U.S. AND THE CONGRESS DELEGATION ARE QUIET CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT, AT LEAST IN BROAD PRINCIPLE.

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