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(SENATE ADOPTS STATUS RESOLUTION)

PALAU, FEB. 20 (MNS)---THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ADOPTED ITS JOINT RESOLUTION 91 SATURDAY (FEB. 19) AND SENT THE MEASURE TO THE HOUSE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. THE RESOLUTION CONCERNS FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, AUTHORIZING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

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AND TO "SEEK A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON SUCH FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS WHICH IN ITS OPINION IS BEST SUITED TO THE NEEDS, INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA."

THE RESOLUTION IS INTENDED TO GIVE THE JOINT COMMITTEE GREATER "FLEXIBILITY" WITHIN THE GUIDELINES OF THE CONGRESS TO NEGOTIATE THE STATUS QUESTION. IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT WHICH RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF THE MEASURE, THE COMMITTEE STATED "THE DRAFT REPORT ON THE RECENTLY COMPLETED THIRD ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS HELD AT HANAN MAUI, INDICATES THAT THE UNITED STATES AND MICRONESIA ARE CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON A NUMBER OF MAJOR POINTS REGARDING THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA. YET THERE ARE SOME OTHER POINTS ON WHICH MANUEVERABILITY WILL BE NECESSARY."

THE REPORT CONTINUES, "IT IS NOT THE COMMITTEE'S INTENTION, AND HAS NEVER BEEN THE COMMITTEE'S INTENTION TO COMPROMISE ANY OF THE SO-CALLED 'FOUR PRINCIPLES' AND LEGAL RIGHTS' WHICH THE CONGRESS ENDORSED BY HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 87, THIRD CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. YET WITHIN THESE FOUR PRINCIPLES AND LEGAL RIGHTS, THERE IS ROOM TO MANEUVER, AND THE COMMITTEE MUST BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO MANUEVER WITHIN THESE GUIDELINES, IN

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AN EFFORT TO INDUCE THE UNITED STATES TO COME TO AGREEMENT ON OTHER POINTS.

"IN SHORT, THE SUBJECT RESOLUTION WOULD GIVE THE JOINT COMMITTEE THE FLEXIBILITY WHICH IT REQUIRES AT THIS SENSITIVE STAGE IN THE STATUS NEGOTIATION."

IN DEBATE ON THE MEASURE TOR AMBILOS IEHSI (PONAPE)

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QUESTIONED WHETHER THE RESOLUTION WOULD TAKE THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS ENTIRELY OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE CONGRESS PUTTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN THE POSITION OF NEGOTIATING ONLY FOR ITSELF AND NOT FOR THE ENTIRE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

SENATOR LAZARUS SALII (PALAU), CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, RESPONDED THAT "THAT IS NOT THE INTENT OF THE RESOLUTION." WHAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD DO, HE SAID, IS SIMPLY PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH MORE FLEXIBILITY TO NEGOTIATE, AND TO REACH A "TENTATIVE" SOLUTION THAT WOULD STILL BE "SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL BY THE CONGRESS." THE COMMITTEE FEELS, HE ADDED, THAT SUCH FLEXIBILITY IS "ESSENTIAL."

SENATE PRESIDENT AMATA KUBUA (MARSHALLS) INQUIRED WHETHER PREVIOUS GUIDELINES GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE WOULD NO LONGER BE

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ENFORCED. SENATOR SALII REPLIED THAT THE RESOLUTION "DOESN'T DO AWAY WITH THE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN THE PAST. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, GIVE THE JOINT COMMITTEE SOME FLEXIBILITY IN MANEUVERING WITHIN THOSE PERIMETERS AND GUIDELINE WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE IN THE PAST. THE FOUR PRINCIPLES," HE ADDED, "ARE GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND THE FEELING IN THE PAST WAS WE HAD TO ABHERE STRICTLY TO THEM AND IT DID NOT GIVE THE COMMITTEE REAL AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE."

FURTHER DEBATE INDICATED THAT THERE WAS STILL SOME UNEASINESS AMONG SOME MEMBERS OVER THE TERM "FLEXIBILITY" AND WHAT IT IMPLIES. FINALLY SENATOR IEHEI MADE A MOTION TO STRIKE FROM THE RESOLUTION THE WORDS "WITHOUT FURTHER DIRECTION FROM THE CONGRESS." THESE WORDS APPEARED IN A CLAUSE DIRECTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND "TO CONDUCT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FURTHER DIRECTION FROM THE CONGRESS. IN THE EFFORT TO ARRIVE AT A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WHICH, IN ITS JUDGEMENT, IS BEST SUITED TO THE NEEDS, INTERESTS, AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA...6

THE MOTION TO DELETE THE WORDS "WITHOUT FURTHER DIRECTION FROM THE CONGRESS" WAS APPROVED AND THE JOINT RESOLUTION WAS

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THEN ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY .

THUS FAR IN THE CURRENT CONGRESS SESSION IN PALAU VERY LITTLE DEBATE HAS TAKEN PLACE ON FUTURE STATUS, WHICH MANY THOUGHT WOULD BE ONE OF THE PRIMARY TOPICS OF DISCUSSION. THE JOINT RESOLUTION ADOPTED SATURDAY GENERATED THE FIRST FLOOR DISCUSSION ON STATUS IN EITHER HOUSE IN MANY DAYS. (CONGRESS SATURDAY SESSIONS)

PALAU, FEB. 20 (MNS---BOTH THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MET IN SESSION SATURDAY MORNING (FEB. 19) IN PALAU, IN THE FIRST WEEKEND SESSIONS IN SEVERAL WEEKS. HOWEVER, THEY THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL TUESDAY AFTERNOON (FEB. 22), AFTER DECIDING NOT TO MEET ON MONDAY, WHICH IS A HOLIDAY. THUS WHEN THE MEMBERS RECONVENE THEY WILL HAVE JUST SEVEN DAYS REMAINING BEFORE THE END OF THE SESSION.

IN FLOOR ACTION SATURDAY, THE SENATE PASSED AND SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER A HOUSE BILL RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS. IT IS THE 29TH BILL TO RECEIVE FINAL APPROVAL BY BOTH HOUSES DURING THIS SESSION.

THE BILL IS ONE WHICH WOULD CLARIFY THE JURISDICTION OF THE VARIOUS COURTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY IN SUCH DOMESTIC

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MATTERS AS ADOPTIONS, ANNULMENTS AND DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS.
THE BILL PASSED WITHOUT DEBATE OR OPPOSITION. ALTHOUGH THERE
WERE THREE ABSTENTIONS.

THE SENATORS ALSO APPROVED ON SECOND READING TWO SENATE
BILLS AND SENT THEM TO THE HOUSE. ONE IS A NATURALIZATION
MEASURE. THE OTHER IS SENATE BILL 190, RELATING TO ADVICE AND

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CONSENT. THIS IS A MODIFIED VERSION OF THE BILL WHICH HIGH
COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON DISAPPROVED FOLLOWING THE TRUK
SPECIAL SESSION LAST MAY. SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH (TRUK),
WHOSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS CON-
SIDERED THE MEASURE, POINTED OUT IN HIS REPORT THAT COMPROMISE
WITH THE ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN REACHED IN TWO IMPORTANT AREAS.

FIRST OF ALL, HE SAID, THE PRESENT BILL "NO LONGER
REQUIRES ADVICE AND CONSENT ON DIVISION CHIEFS." THE SECOND
AREA OF COMPROMISE IS DELETION OF A PORTION OF THE MEASURE WHICH
WOULD HAVE REQUIRED RE-CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS EVERY TWO
YEARS. IN ITS PLACE, THE PRESENT BILL "PROVIDES FOR ADVICE AND
CONSENT UPON THE APPOINTMENT OF MICRONESIAN CITIZENS OR EX-
PATRIATES WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE TRUST TERRITORY FOR AT
LEAST TWO YEARS, AND ADVICE AND CONSENT PRIOR TO THE FIRST
CONTRACT RENEWAL OF OTHER APPOINTEES. SENATOR AMARAICH
SAID THAT WITH THESE CHANGES, THE ADMINISTRATION "HAS INFORMED
US THAT THEY ARE NOW PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE BILL FULLY."

SENATOR AMARAICH DID NOTE ONE CONCERN OF HIS COMMITTEE IN
HIS REPORT. HE SAID THE COMMITTEE IS "CONCERNED AT REPORTS
WE HAVE RECEIVED STATING THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN

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~~INSTRUCTED BY CERTAIN HIGH OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON TO VETO~~
ANY MEASURE DEALING WITH THE SUBJECT OF ADVICE AND CONSENT.
WE HAVE VOICED OUR OBJECTIONS MANY TIMES IN THE PAST REGARDING
GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY FROM WASHINGTON," THE REPORT
STATED, CONTINUING "WE HAVE MADE OUR POSITION CLEAR TO THE
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS (STANLEY
S. CARPENTER), AND CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THIS POSITION, THE SIMPLE
PROVISIONS OF THE BILL ITSELF, AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S

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ACTIVE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT, WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW THIS IMPORTANT MEASURE TO BECOME LAW." THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION TO THE BILL.

SENATE MEMBERS ALSO ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO FUTURE STATUS, AND SENT IT TO THE HOUSE (SEE PREVIOUS STORY). THERE WERE NO NEW BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AT SATURDAY'S SENATE SESSION.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THREE HOUSE BILLS AND A SENATE BILL AMENDED BY THE HOUSE WERE PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND WILL GO TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. TWO WERE APPROPRIATION MEASURES, FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS IN PALAU DISTRICT AND FOR THE MICRO-OLYMPICS. ONE IS AN

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AMENDMENT TO THE WEAPONS CONTROL LAW, AND THE FOURTH RELATES TO THE DEFINITION OF RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT WORKERS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE.

BOTH THE WEAPONS CONTROL AND MICRO-OLYMPICS MEASURES WERE CONTROVERSIAL AND RECEIVED SOME DEBATE BEFORE PASSAGE. REPRESENTATIVE OLTER PAUL (PONAPE) ARGUED AGAINST THE WEAPONS AMENDMENT BECAUSE HE SAID IT WOULD GIVE BACK TO THE PEOPLE SOME OF THE GUNS THAT THE ORIGINAL LAW HAD TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM. SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, FEELING THAT IT WEAKENS THE LAW, WHICH IS AN EXCEPTIONALLY TOUGH WEAPONS CONTROL LAW. IN THE ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE BILL, THERE WERE TEN MEMBERS IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT AND TEN AGAINST. HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY (PONAPE) CAST HIS VOTE IN FAVOR TO BREAK THE TIE AND SEND THE BILL TO THE SENATE.

SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES DEFENDED THE MICRO-OLYMPICS APPROPRIATION IN THE FACE OF SOME OPPOSITION TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY CALLED FOR. REPRESENTATIVE SASAUQ HARUD (TRUK) ARGUED THAT AN INCREASE TO \$117,750 IN FUNDING FOR THE ATHLETIC EVENT WAS UNNECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE OTHER PRESSING NEEDS OF MICRONESIA. REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK (MARSHALLS)

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EXPLAINED THAT THE EXTRA MONEY WILL BE NEEDED FOR TRAVEL, SINCE THE NEXT OLYMPICS IN PALAU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FROM THE MILITARY THAT THE SAIPAN EVENT DID. REPRESENTATIVES JOHN MANSEFFL (YAP), RAYMOND SETIK (TRUK)

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AND FELIPE ATALIG (MARIANAS) ALL ADDED THEIR COMMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE MEASURE, AND IT FINALLY PASSED WITH ONLY FOUR DESSENTING VOTES.

THE HOUSE ALSO ADOPTED A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BERNARD HELGENBERGER OF PONAPE TO THE MICRONESIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION.

TWO NEW MEASURES WERE INTRODUCED, BOTH RELATING TO TERMINATION BY THE CONGRESS OF THE APPOINTMENT OF HARROP A. FREEMAN OF NEW YORK AS A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. A JOINT RESOLUTION OFFERED BY SPEAKER HENRY AT THE "REQUEST OF THE CONGRESS" WOULD REPEAL SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 32 OF THE THIRD CONGRESS, WHICH APPOINTED FREEMAN TO "REPRESENT, DEFEND AND ENFORCE THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA." THE RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE SPEAKER POINTS OUT THAT FREEMAN, WHOSE POSITION WAS THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY DURING THE TRUK SPECIAL

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SESSION, HAS INDICATED HE WISHES TO RESIGN.

THE BILL THAT ACCOMPANIES THE RESOLUTION WOULD APPROPRIATE \$5,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CONGRESS TO PAY FREEMAN FOR HIS SERVICES AND ANY EXPENSES HE INCURRED WHILE REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. THIS IS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN FREEMAN AT ONE TIME INDICATED HE FELT WAS DUE HIM, BUT THE BILL

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MAKES IT CLEAR THE SUM "SHALL BE PAYMENT IN FULL..." AND "NO FURTHER PAYMENT SHALL BE DUE OR OWING."

THE TWO MEASURES, IF PASSED, WOULD EFFECTIVELY REMOVE FREEMAN FROM ANY OFFICIAL ROLE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. FREEMAN IS AN OUTSPOKEN CORNELL UNIVERSITY LAW PROFESSOR AND ATTORNEY WHO ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS MADE APPEARANCES BEFORE AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE U.S. CONGRESS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, MOST NOTABLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE WAR CLAIMS ISSUE.

(WILIANDER CRITICEZES MNS)

PALAU, FEB. 20 (MNS)---REPRESENTATIVE HANS WILIANDER (TRUK) HAS TAKEN ISSUE WITH AN INTERPRETATION OF A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION MADE LAST WEEK BY MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE. HE MADE HIS VIEWS KNOWN IN A PREPARED STATEMENT WHICH WAS INSERTED INTO THE JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE ON THURSDAY (FEB. 17). HE DID NOT DELIVER THE SPEECH ON THE FLOOR, AND THUS IT DID NOT BECOME A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD UNTIL SATURDAY WHEN THE THURSDAY JOURNAL WAS ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE MEMBERS.

IN THE STATEMENT WILIANDER CALLED ATTENTION TO AN MNS STORY, DATED FEB. 15, REGARDING SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 91,

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WHICH WOULD GIVE THE CONGRESS JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN ITS STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. MNS HAD REPORTED THAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD "ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO APPROACH THE NEGOTIATING TABLE IN APRIL WITH THE ABILITY TO COMPROMISE, IF NECESSARY, ON SUCH AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. AS THE QUESTION OF TERMINATION OF ANY

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STATUS COMPACT."

THE TRUK CONGRESSMAN SAID THAT DESPITE SEVERAL READINGS OF BOTH THE RESOLUTION AND ITS ACCOMPANYING LETTER HE COULD NOT "IN ANY WAY COME UP WITH THE INTERPRETATION THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE HAS MADE OF THE INTENT AND SPIRIT OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION." HE WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT MNS WAS "DELIBERATELY OMITTING FACTS OR MIS-INTERPRETING THEM AND HE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS SOMEHOW AN ACT OF THE ADMINISTRATION SINCE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE IS AN ADMINISTRATION-SPONSORED NEWS SERVICE.

"THE CONSEQUENCE OF SUCH REPORTAGE, IF NOT CORRECTED," HE SAID, "IS A CONFUSED, UNCERTAIN AND MISLED MICRONESIAN CITIZENRY WHICH WILL NEVER MAKE A FREE AND WISE DECISION ON THE STATUS QUESTION AT THE PLEBISCITE."

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REPRESENTATIVE WILIANDER SAID THE JOINT RESOLUTION WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT THE GUIDELINES WHICH THE CONGRESS HAS LAID DOWN FOR THE STATUS COMMITTEE, INCLUDING THE FOUR BASIC PRINCIPLES AND LEGAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. HE CALLED UPON MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE TO EITHER RETRACT ITS INTERPRETATION OF THE RESOLUTION, OR TO CLARIFY IT.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: MNS FEELS THERE IS NO NEED TO RETRACT ITS STATEMENT AS SUGGESTED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILIANDER. WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME DISAGREEMENT AS TO THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE WORD "COMPROMISE," MNS FULLY AGREES WITH THE CONGRESSMAN THAT SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 91 WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE FOUR PRINCIPLES AND LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH FORM THE BASIS OF THE NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE CONGRESS TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS. NEVERTHELESS, WE FEEL THAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO COMPROMISE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE PRINCIPLES, SINCE THEY ARE BROAD, GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND THE TALKS HAVE NOW REACHED A STAGE WHERE DISCUSSION OF THE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF ANY STATUS AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE. WE THEREFORE STAND BY OUR ORIGINAL INTERPRETATION OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 91.)

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(WEEKLY SUMMARY--SIXTH WEEK)

PALAU, FEB. 20 (MNS).--DURING THE SIXTH WEEK OF ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION IN PALAU, THE FOURTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA PASSED AND SENT TO HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON MORE BILLS THAN DURING ANY PREVIOUS WEEK OF THE SESSION. A TOTAL OF TWELVE BILLS COMPLETED THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, BRINGING TO 29 THE NUMBER OF BILLS THAT HAVE RECEIVED THE APPROVAL OF THE CONGRESS THIS SESSION.

THAT TOTAL WOULD HAVE BEEN 30, EXCEPT THAT DURING THE PAST WEEK ONE HOUSE, THE SENATE, ALSO TOOK ACTION TO RECALL A BILL THAT HAD PASSED BOTH HOUSES. THAT BILL WAS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF BEING ENGROSSED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE HICOM, SO IT WAS TECHNICALLY RECALLED FROM THE HOUSE BY THE SENATE, AN ACTION WHICH HAD THE EFFECT OF NULLIFYING THE SENATE'S ACTION IN PASSING IT. THE BILL, DEALING WITH FUNDING FOR THE DISTRICT FINANCE AND TAX OFFICES, WAS REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE BY THE SENATE AND WILL PROBABLY DIE THERE, SINCE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE CONGRESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUNDING OF THESE OFFICES.

THE BILLS PASSED LAST WEEK INCLUDED A MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

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OF RESIDENT WORKERS AND THE HIRING OF ALIEN WORKERS; A MEASURE
THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR DISTRICT REVIEW OF NON-RESIDENT WORKER
CONTRACTS; BILLS RELATING TO JUDGEMENTS AFFECTING LAND, REC-
IPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT, AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS; A MEASURE
ESTABLISHING A JOINT COMMITTEE ON RONGELAP AND UTERIK; BILLS

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THAT WOULD ESTABLISH FISHERIES ZONES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY AND
PROHIBIT FISHING WITH EXPLOSIVES AND POISONS; A SUPPLEMENTAL
FUNDING BILL FOR THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM, AND A NATURAL-
IZATION MEASURE.

DURING THE WEEK ACTION WAS ALSO TAKEN BY THE SENATE ON A
JOINT RESOLUTION THAT WOULD GIVE THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE
STATUS GREATER "FLEXIBILITY" IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
UNITED STATES. THE MEASURE, THE FIRST DEALING WITH STATUS TO
COME TO A VOTE DURING THIS SESSION, MUST STILL BE CONSIDERED
BY THE HOUSE.

SPEECHES GIVEN BY MEMBERS DURING THE WEEK INCLUDED ONE
BY REPRESENTATIVE HANS WILIANDER (TRUK) CALLING FOR MORE
EMPHASIS BY THE GOVERNMENT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY
IN THE AREA OF AGRICULTURE. AND A STATEMENT WAS INSERTED IN THE
SENATE JOURNAL BY SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH (TRUK) CRITICIZING
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HIS VETO OF A BILL THAT WOULD HAVE
EXTENDED THE JURISDICTION OF THE HIGH COURT IN SUITS AGAINST
THE GOVERNMENT.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS CONTINUED TO BE HELD FREQUENTLY DURING
THE WEEK AND THROUGH THE WEEKEND, AND AS THE SESSION MOVES INTO

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ITS FINAL WEEK MORE AND MORE LEGISLATION IS EXPECTED TO REACH THE
FLOOR FOR ACTION. AS IN MOST SESSIONS, THE LAST TWO OR THREE
DAYS ARE LIKELY TO SEE LONG SESSIONS OF BOTH HOUSES AS THE
MEMBERS STRUGGLE TO COMPLETE WORK ON THE MAJOR BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS BEFORE THE STATUTORY ADJOURNMENT TIME OF MIDNIGHT,
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