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(STATUS RESOLUTION DEFERRED)
PALAU, FEB. 25 (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEFERRED ACTION FRIDAY (FEB. 25) ON SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 91, THE RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD GIVE THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON MICRONESIA'S FUTURE.

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THE RESOLUTION HAS ALREADY BEEN PASSED BY THE SENATE. IT IS BEING WATCHED CLOSELY BY MANY OBSERVERS AS A KEY TO WHETHER THE NEXT ROUND OF STATUS TALKS, SCHEDULED FOR PALAU BEGINNING APRIL 2, WILL BE FRUITFUL. A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK (MARSHALLS), CONSIDERED THE RESOLUTION AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED ITS PASSAGE. THE COMMITTEE NOTED, AS DID ITS COUNTERPART COMMITTEE IN THE SENATE, THAT THE RESOLUTION IS ESSENTIAL AT THIS STAGE IN THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.

ACTION ON THE MEASURE WAS DEFERRED, HOWEVER, AFTER REPRESENTATIVE POLYCARP BASILIUS (PALAU) STATED THAT IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEASURE THE CONGRESSMEN SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE TIME TO STUDY IT. REPRESENTATIVE OLTER PAUL (PONAPE) AGREED, AND A MOTION TO DEFER ACTION WAS APPROVED. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE RESOLUTION WILL AGAIN BE ON THE CALENDAR FOR SATURDAY'S HOUSE SESSION.

IN OTHER ACTION FRIDAY, THE HOUSE SENT THREE BILLS ON TO HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON FOR HIS REVIEW AND ACTION. ONE OF THE MEASURES WAS A NATURALIZATION BILL THAT WOULD MAKE CECILIA TATUWO YANGILMAU ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A CITIZEN OF THE TRUST TERRITORY.

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ANOTHER OF THE BILLS RELATES TO EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, AND WOULD CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF TRUST TERRITORY LAW TO CRIMES COMMITTED OUTSIDE THE TT BY ITS CITIZENS. THE THIRD BILL WOULD AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL GOVERN-

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MENTS IN MICRONESIA TO LEVY STIFFER PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO DISOBEY MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES THAN ARE PRESENTLY ALLOWED.

FOUR OTHER BILLS WERE PASSED ON SECOND READING BY THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND WILL BE SENT TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER ACTION. THESE BILLS INCLUDED A MEASURE RELATING TO FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS; A MEASURE RELATING TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN EMPLOYMENT; A BILL THAT WOULD RESTRICT THE TAKING OF SAND, ROCK AND CORAL FROM PUBLIC BEACHES AND REEFS; AND A BILL ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE RELATED TO THE ILLEGAL EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

SEVERAL OTHER BILLS PASSED FIRST READING IN THE HOUSE FRIDAY, AND ANOTHER LARGE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE REPORTS WAS ADOPTED. ONE BILL WHICH FAILED TO GET ACTION, HOWEVER, FOR THE SECOND DAY IN A ROW, WAS A MEASURE THAT WOULD REPEAL THE IT CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. THE BILL

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WAS INTRODUCED SEVERAL DAYS AGO BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MANGFEL (YAP), AND WAS ASSIGNED TO SIX DIFFERENT COMMITTEES, A MOVE WHICH MANY THOUGHT WOULD EFFECTIVELY KILL THE MEASURE. NOT SO, HOWEVER. IT HAS EMERGED ONTO THE FLOOR WITH THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE COMMITTEES, AND NOW THE MEMBERS ARE FACED WITH THE SOMEWHAT UNPLEASANT DECISION OF EITHER VOTING AGAINST THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OR VOTING FOR AN OBVIOUSLY IMPRACTICAL BILL. IN THE WORDS OF ONE OBSERVER OF FRIDAY'S SESSION, ACTION ON THE BILL "MAY BE DEFERRED INDEFINITELY THIS SESSION."

ON THE RESOLUTION CALENDAR, THE HOUSE ADOPTED A MEASURE CONFERRING AN HONORARY MICRONESIAN CITIZENSHIP UPON FATHER HUGH COSTIGAE N OF THE PONAPE AGRICULTURE AND TRADE SCHOOL (PATS) AND CONGRATUATING HIM ON HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE IN MICRONESIA.

THE SENATE FRIDAY PASSED AND SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER A BILL APPROPRIATING SOME \$800,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS. IT WAS THE ONLY BILL TO GO TO THE HICOM FROM THE SENATE, AS THE MEMBERS SPEND MOST OF THE SESSION DEALING WITH A LONG LIST OF RESOLUTIONS.

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BEFORE MOVING TO THE RESOLUTIONS, HOWEVER, THEY DID PASS FOUR OTHER BILLS ON SECOND READING. THREE ARE SENATE BILLS, ONE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR RECREATION AND YOUTH SERVICE FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICTS, ANOTHER SETTING UP A \$600,000 HOUSING LOAN FUND, AND A THIRD SETTING ASIDE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS IN PALAU DISTRICT. THE FOURTH WAS A HOUSE BILL AMENDED BY THE SENATE, WHICH APPROPRIATES \$250,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. ALL FOUR MEASURES NOW GO TO THE HOUSE FOR FURTHER ACTION.

ON THE RESOLUTION CALENDAR, SEVEN HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE SENATORS, THUS COMPLETING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OF THESE WAS A MEASURE ASKING THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO TAKE STEPS TO INSURE THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IS INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER AND JUSTICES OF THE HIGH COURT IN THE FUTURE. THE SENATORS VOTED BY ROLL CALL ON THIS MEASURE, ALTHOUGH RESOLUTIONS ARE NORMALLY ADOPTED ON A VOICE VOTE. THE MEASURE PASSED WITHOUT A SINGLE NEGATIVE VOTE.

OTHER HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED FRIDAY WERE: A MEASURE ASKING THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY BE INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONS OF

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THE U.S. WATER QUALITY ACT OF 1970; ANOTHER RELATING TO
THE TRUST TERRITORY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC COM-
MISSION OF ASIA AND THE FAR EAST; A MEASURE REQUESTING THE
HICOM AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PREPARE PROPOSED LEGISLATION
TO REGULATE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES IN MICRONESIA; A RESOLUTION
REQUESTING THE HICOM TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FOR THE TT UNDER THE

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AIRPORT AND AIRWAYS DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1970; A RESOLUTION
WITHDRAWING THE APPOINTMENT OF HARROP A. FREEMAN AS A LEGAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA; AND A MEASURE
ASKING THAT OWNERSHIP IN THE PALAU BOATYARD BE TRANSFERRED TO
THE PEOPLE OF PALAU.

ALSO ADOPTED WAS A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION ASKING FOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE IN
MICRONESIA? AND A SENATE RESOLUTION COMMENDING ANTONIO C.
TENORIO OF SAIPAN FOR HIS WORK IN THE WAKE OF TYPHOON JEAN
ON SAIPAN IN PROVIDING HOUSING FOR THE PEOPLE.

THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DEBATE IN THE SENATE OVER A JOINT
RESOLUTION THAT WOULD NOMINATE A LIST OF SEVEN MICRONESIANS FOR
CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE MICRONESIA CLAIMS COMMISS-
SION. TWO MICRONESIANS WILL BE ON THE COMMISSION, WHICH IS
EXPECTED TO BE NAMED LATER THIS YEAR. THE CONGRESS OF
MICRONESIA HAS BEEN ASKED TO SUBMIT A LIST OF SUGGESTED
NOMINEES FOR THE POSITIONS.

NORMALLY THIS WOULD BE RELATIVELY NON-CONTROVERSIAL
MATTER, BUT WHEN THE RESOLUTION CAME TO THE SENATE FLOOR
FRIDAY SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN (MARIANAS) MOVED TO AMEND

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THE MEASURE BY REMOVING THE NAME OF FRANCISCO PALACIOS OF
THE MARIANAS FROM THE LIST. SENATOR PANGELINAN SAID PALACIOS,
A FORMER SENATOR, WAS NOT CONSIDERED BY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT
LEADERSHIP FOR THE POSITION AND HAD NOT BEEN RECOMMENDED.

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THE MAN WHO WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE MARIANAS POLITICAL LEADERS FOR CONSIDERATION, VICENTE N. SANTOS, WAS ALSO ON THE LIST. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION AND SEVERAL PARLIAMENTARY MOVES ON THE RESOLUTION, IT WAS FINALLY VOTED TO SEND THE MEASURE BACK TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS FOR FURTHER STUDY.

NO NEW MEASURES WERE INTRODUCED AT FRIDAY'S SENATE SESSION, AND ONLY ONE MEASURE WAS OFFERED IN THE HOUSE (SEE FOLLOWING STORY). BOTH HOUSES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WILL MEET SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND ARE EXPECTED TO MEET AGAIN ON SUNDAY IN THEIR EFFORT TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK BY MIDNIGHT MONDAY, THE END OF THE 50TH AND FINAL DAY OF THE SESSION.
(DOMNICK OFFERS RESOLUTION)

PALAU, FEB. 25, (MNS+---REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES DOMNICK OF THE MARSHALL DISTRICT DROPPED SOMETHING OF A BOMBSHELL IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FRIDAY (FEB. 25) WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION THAT WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT

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OF AUTHORIZING EACH DISTRICT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY TO NEGOTIATE ITS OWN FUTURE STATUS SEPARATELY WITH THE UNITED STATES.

SUCH A RESOLUTION HAD NOT BEEN EXPECTED THIS SESSION, WITH ONLY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ADVOCATING A SEPARATE FUTURE STATUS FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA UP TO THIS POINT. BEFORE THE SESSION THERE HAD BEEN SOME SPECULATION THAT THE MARIANAS WOULD OFFER SOME SORT OF RESOLUTION BY WAY OF GAINING THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONGRESS FOR SEPARATE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, BUT THEY HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED THAT NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR SUCH A MOVE.

THUS THE DOMNICK RESOLUTION CAME AS A SURPRISE. IT FOLLOWS IN THE WAKE OF TWO DAYS OF DEBATE OVER A BILL THAT WOULD HAVE DIVIDED THE INCOME FROM THE TAXES IN PUBLIC LAW 40-3 WITH THE DISTRICTS. THE MARSHALLS DELEGATION, AND PARTICULARLY CONGRESSMAN DOMNICK, HAD ARGUED STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THIS MEASURE, BUT IT WAS DEFEATED THURSDAY BY A SECRET BALLOT. THERE MAY BE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THAT ACTION AND THE RESOLUTION THAT DOMNICK OFFERED FRIDAY.

THE RESOLUTION POINTS OUT THE DISUNITY OF MICRONESIA, THE VAST DISTANCES BETWEEN DISTRICTS, THE CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE DIFFERENCES, THE VARIETY OF RESOURCES, AND THE FACT THAT THE

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DISTRICTS ALSO VARY "AS TO THE AMBITIONS, INITIATIVE AND RATE OF PROGRESS DESIRED BY THEIR VARIOUS PEOPLE..."

THE MEASURE THAN DECLARES THAT "EACH OF THSES CLEARLY-DEFINED DISTRICTS DOES HAVE THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHAT FORM OF FUTURE POLITICAL SATUS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR ITS CITIZENS IN THE FUTURE," AND THAT THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CONGRESS THAT "THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A POLICY WHEREIN EACH ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY HAS THE RIGHT TO ENTER INTO AND CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN IT AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING ITS OWN PARTICULAR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS."

BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED SO LATE IN THE SESSION, THE RESOLUTION IS CONSIDERED NOT LIKELY TO BE ADOPTED. ITS SIGNIFICANCE LIES, THEREFORE, IN WHAT IT MAY REVEAL ABOUT THE THINKING OF AT LEAST SOME MEMBERS OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DELEGATION REGARDING MICRONESIAN FUTURE STATUS AND MICRONESIAN UNITY.

(BALOS SPEECH)

PALAU, FEB. 25 (MNS) --- "SOME DAY, WE WILL BE A NATION AND NOT A TRUST TERRITORY...WE NEED TO KINDLE AND MAINTAIN AT ALL

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COSTS--IN SPIRIT AND DEED--THE IDEA OF UNITY AND NATION-NESS."
WITH THESE WORDS, REPRESENTATIVE ATAJI BALOS OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS SPOKE OF HIS HOPES AND DESIRES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE FRIDAY (FEB. 25) AT THE CLOSE OF A SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE SPEECH WAS A STRONG PLEA FOR MICRONESIAN UNITY, CONTRASTING

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SHARPLY WITH THE LANGUAGE IN A RESOLUTION INTRODUCED FRIDAY BY ONE OF BALOS' COLLEAGUES FROM THE MARSHALLS, REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES DOMNICK (SEE PREVIOUS STORY). AT THE SAME TIME THE SPEECH WAS ALSO A STRONG CRITICISM OF THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY.

BALOS OUTLINED WHAT HE FEELS SHOULD BE DONE TO PREPARE MICRONESIA TO TAKE HER PLACE AMONG THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS. HE EMPHASIZED TRAINING, BOTH TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL, AND SAID THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS MUST CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS ON ACHIEVING ECONOMIC SELF-RELIANCE AND CONTROL.

"SELF GOVERNMENT, INDEPENDENCE--AND EVEN FREE ASSOCIATION-- ARE ALL MEANINGLESS WORDS AND IDEAS," HE SAID, "UNLESS WE POSSESS THE MEANS WITH WHICH TO SUSTAIN OURSELVES IN THE MODERN, MONETARY WORLD OF TODAY." HE ADDED A WORD OF CAUTION, HOWEVER, THAT MICRONESIA SHOULD NOT BE TOO ANXIOUS TO "ENTER BLINDLY AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY" INTO THE MATERIALISTIC SYSTEM. HE SAID THE ECONOMY SHOULD BE GEARED TO THE REALITIES OF MICRONESIA, CITING THE CREATION OF A BANK OF MICRONESIA AS A STEP TOWARD THIS END.

THE MARSHALLESE CONGRESSMAN STRESSED DEVELOPMENT OF MICRO-

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NESIA'S MARINE RESOURCES AND BETTER USE OF HER LAND AS ESSENTIAL STEPS TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VIABLE ECONOMY. AND HE SAID MICRONESIA MUST BEGIN LOOKING MORE TO THE OTHER ISLAND NATIONS OF THE PACIFIC FOR THE "WEALTH OF EFFORT AND KNOWLEDGE THEY

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HAVE AVAILABLE TO US..."

BALOS ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF RETAINING MICRONESIA'S CULTURAL IDENTITY. "WE SHOULD NOT BE MISGUIDED INTO EXCHANGING OUR IDENTITIES AS MICRONESIANS FOR DOLLARS FROM AMERICA," HE SAID.

IN ORDER TO SOLVE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS PRESENTLY FACING MICRONESIA, BALOS CONTINUED, "WE MUST REALIZE THAT THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY PROBLEMS INHERENT TO MICRONESIA, BUT RATHER ARE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY IN MICRONESIA.

"ONE OF THE BASIC PROBLEMS WHICH HOBBOLES OUR DEVELOPMENT," HE ADDED, "IS THE INFLUENCE OF U.S. MILITARY INTERESTS IN THE POLICIES OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY." BALOS SAID THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS ARE "STRONGLY AGAINST" THE PRESENCE OF THE U.S. MILITARY IN THEIR ISLANDS, CITING THE MORAL OBJECTION OF THE PEACEFUL MARSHALLESE TO SUPPORTING THE

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PRESENCE OF FACILITIES THAT DEVELOP MORE EFFICIENT MEANS OF DESTROYING LIFE. HE ALSO SAID THE MARSHALLESE ARE TIRED OF ENCOUNTERING BARBED WIRE FENCES AND SIGNS WHICH TELL THEM THEY CANNOT USE THEIR OWN LAND BECAUSE OF ANOTHER NATION'S INTERESTS.

BALOS CHARGED THAT THE STRATEGIC INTEREST OF THE U.S. "NOT ONLY INFLUENCE MILITARY DECISIONS, BUT PERMEATE THE VERY MARROW OF THE THE ADMINISTRATION OF OUR ISLANDS.

"DESPITE THE GREAT INFUX OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND SKILLED EXPERTS AND GREAT SUMS OF AMERICAN MONEY," HE SAID, "THERE REMAINS A GREAT WEAKNESS IN THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. THIS WEAKNESS HAS A SINGLE BASE: U.S. INTERESTS... AMERICA'S INTERESTS COME FIRST, OR WHERE MICRONESIAN INTERESTS COME FIRST, IT IS ONLY TO THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY'S BENEFIT."

BALOS ALSO CHARGED THAT THERE IS AN "UNREALISTICALLY NEGATIVE" ATTITUDE THAT AFFECTS THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION. "IT IS AN ATTITUDE" HE SAID, "WHERE ONE KEEPS HEARING WHY A THING CANNOT BE DONE, RATHER THAN HOW IT CAN BE DONE. I AM NOT ANTI-AMERICAN AND I AM NOT AGAINST FOREIGNERS WORKING IN OUR COUNTRY," HE CONTINUED, "BUT I AM AGAINST ANYONE WHO COMES OUT

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HERE SAYING HE'S WORKING IN MY INTEREST...AND THEN WHO TURNS AROUND AND MAKES DECISIONS THAT IMPEDE, HINDER AND HOBBLE OUR HOPES, DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS." BALOS SAID IT IS TIME THAT MICRONESIANS WERE ALLOWED TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS, "FOR IT IS ONLY BY MAKING OUR OWN DECISIONS THAT WE CAN BUILD THE CONFIDENCE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE REAL SELF-RELIANCE AND SELF-GOVERNMENT."

BALOS CONCLUDED BY SUMMARIZING HIS ARGUMENT THAT "IT IS ONLY BY MAKING OUR OWN DECISIONS, BY CONTROLLING OUR OWN LANDS, BY RIDDING OUR COUNTRY OF MILITARY PRESENCE, BY SHORING UP AND MAINTAINING OUR IDENTITY, BY COOPERATING TOGETHER, BY DEVELOPING OUR HUMAN RESOURCES AND BY WORKING WITHOUT HESITATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT THAT OUR STAY HERE IN PALAU AND OUR WORK HERE IN PALAU WILL BE JUSTIFIED TO OUR FELLOW MICRONESIANS..." (NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: BECAUSE THE CONGRESS IS EXPECTED TO MEET ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, WE ANTICIPATE HAVING MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE DISPATCHES FOR BOTH DAYS. THERE WILL BE NO WEEKLY SUMMARY THIS WEEKEND, BUT OUR FINAL DISPATCHES ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY WILL SUMMARIZE THE WORK OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.)

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