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(STATUS RESOLUTION ADOPTED)

PALAU, FEB. 26 (MNSI) - THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION WHICH WILL GIVE ITS JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS GREATER "FLEXIBILITY" IN FUTURE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. FINAL ACTION ON THE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION CAME SATURDAY (FEB. 26) WHEN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ADOPTED IT BY A

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VOICE VOTE.

THERE WAS ONLY A BRIEF DEBATE ON THE MEASURE. REPRESENTATIVE SASAUO HARUO (TRUK) INDICATED HE DOUBTED THE WISDOM OF GIVING ADDITIONAL POWER TO THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE AND EXPRESSED HIS FEELING THAT THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO CONSULT THE CONGRESS AS THE TALKS PROGRESS.

REPRESENTATIVE OLTER PAUL (PONAPE), A MEMBER OF THE STATUS COMMITTEESSN POINTED OUT THAT ANY AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE COMMITTEE WILL STILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY BOTH THE CONGRESS AND THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. HE SAID IT IS "MOST IMPORTANT" THAT THE ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY PROVIDED IN THE RESOLUTION BE GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE.

REPRESENTATIVE HANS WILIANDER (TRUK), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDEPENDENCE COALITION, ASKED POINTEDLY WHETHER IT WAS THE INTENTION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS TO "COMPROMISE ON ANY OF THE FOUR BASIC PRINCIPLES. COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK (MARSHAPLS) RESPONDED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS "NO INTENTION" OF COMPROMISING ON THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA, WHEREUPON WILIANDER INDICATED THAT HE WAS READY TO GIVE HIS SUPPORT TO THE RESOLUTION.

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WHEN THE VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN, THERE WAS A SCATTERING OF "NO" VOTES, BUT THE AYES WERE CLEARLY IN THE MAJORITY. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHO HAD VOTED AGAINST THE MEASURE. WITH

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ITS ADOPTION BY THE CONGRESS, HOWEVER, THE JOINT COMMITTEE NOW HAS THE GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND ROOM TO MANEUVER WITHIN PREVIOUS GUIDELINES OF THE CONGRESS THAT IT HAD DEEMED "ESSENTIAL" TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONTINUATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE FOURTH ROUND IN THE STATUS TALKS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS JOINT COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, APRIL 2, IN PALAU. THE TALKS ARE EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT TEN DAYS.

(RESPONSE TO MARSHALLS MOVE)

PALAU, FEB. 26 (MNS)---SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SPOKE OUT ON THE FLOOR SATURDAY (FEB. 26) IN RESPONSE TO THE INTRODUCTION FRIDAY OF A RESOLUTION BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES DOMNICK (MARSHALLS) AND

SIGNED BY FOUR OTHER CONGRESSMEN INCLUDING THE REST OF THE MARSHALLS DELEGATION. THE JOINT RESOLUTION WOULD, IF PASSED, GIVE THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONGRESS TO SEPARATE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR EACH DISTRICT.

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REPRESENTATIVE OLYER PAUL (PONAPE) WAS THE FIRST TO SPEAK. HE URGED HIS COLLEAGUES TO KEEP THE LARGER ISSUES IN MIND, AND TO PUT ASIDE PAROCHIAL INTERESTS. "WE MAY HAVE DIFFERENCES, WE MAY HAVE VARIOUS VIEWPOINTS, BUT WE ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE SAME OVER-ALL PURPOSE," HE SAID.

"NO PEOPLE IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD HAVE EVER ACHIEVED OR MAINTAINED THEIR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY WITHOUT UNITY OF PURPOSE, UNITY OF INTENT, AND UNITY OF ACTION," THE PONAPE CONGRESSMAN CONTINUED. HE MADE A STRONG PLEA FOR THE SIX DISTRICTS NOT TO BECOME DIVIDED AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN THEIR HISTORY.

"WE ARE WALKING ON THE ROAD OF DESTINY TOWARD A CROSSROADS, SO LET US MARCH TOGETHER TOWARD THAT COMMON DESTINY," HE URGED.

"LET US CELEBRATE OUR COMMON HOPES. LET US HAVE OUR DEFFERENCES, BUT LET US HAVE UNITY. LET THERE BE VARIETY, BUT LET THERE BE UNITY."

AFTER REPRESENTATIVE PAUL HAD SPOKEN, REPRESENTATIVE DOMNICK RESPONDED BY OUTLINING IN MORE DETAIL HIS REASONS FOR OFFERING THE CONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION. HE SAID THE THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT HAS BEEN WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THE REST OF MICRONESIA IN THE PAST, IN WORKING FOR COMMON GOALS. BUT, HE SAID, "MORE

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AND MORE I CAN SEE THAT EACH DISTRICT HAS ITS OWN VERSION  
OF WHAT KIND OF FUTURE STATUS THEY WOULD LIKE TO ACQUIRE.  
SOME DISTRICTS ARE PLAINLY FOR INDEPENDENCE, OTHERS FOR FREE  
ASSOCIATION, STILL OTHERS, FOR A COMMONWEALTH TYPE OF STATUS."  
DOMNICK SAID AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED THESE DIVERGENCIES  
ARE ONLY NATURAL. HE SAID HE DID NOT INTRODUCE HIS RESOLUTION  
TO DISRUPT THE CURRENT STATUS TALKS, OR TO CREATE DISSENSION.  
"I INTRODUCE THIS RESOLUTION," HE SAID, "TO BRING OUT INTO THE  
OPEN WHAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN PRIVATELY THINKING AND TALKING ABOUT.  
THE 'NATION OF MICRONESIA,' LIKE THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE  
PACIFIC ISLANDS, IS AN ILLUSION, AN ILLUSION THAT HAS BEEN  
FOSTERED BY THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY...

"I CANNOT PRETEND ANY LONGER," HE CONCLUDED, "THAT THE ONLY  
FUTURE FOR MICRONESIA CAN BE FOUND IN A NATION OF MICRONESIA  
COMPOSED OF SIX DIFFERENT PEOPLES, NINE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES,  
AND SEVERAL DIFFERENT ASPIRATIONS.

"SO, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT JUST AS THE TRUST TERRITORY AS A  
POLITICAL ENTITY HAS THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE A FUTURE  
STATUS, SO EACH OF THE PEOPLES OF MICRONESIA HAVE THE SEVEREIGN  
RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE WHATEVER STATUS THEY DESIRE."

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ALSO OFFERING HIS VIEWS ON THE RESOLUTION WAS REPRESENTATIVE FELIPE ATALIG (MARIANAS), WHO SPIKE BRIEFLY IN FAVOR OF THE MEASURE AND IN SUPPORT OF DOMNICK. THE DISTRICTS OBVIOUSLY HAVE DIFFERENT POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS, HE SAID, AND THEREFOR URGED HIS COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THE DOMNICK RESOLUTION.

REPRESENTATIVE SASAUO HARUO (TRUK) ALSO SPOKE DURING THE

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DISCUSSION ALTHOUGH HIS COMMENTS WERE DIRECTD LESS AT THE DOMNICK RESOLUTION THAN AT THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, WHICH HAS RECEIVED SO LITTLE DUSCUSSION THIS SESSION. CONGRESSMAN HARUO STATED FORTHRIGHTLY HIS BELIEF THAT MICRONESIA MUST NOW FOLLOW A COURSE OF COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE.

REFERRING TO THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, HARUO NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE FEELS THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT REALLY AGREED COMPLETELY WITH ANY OF THE FOUR BASIC PRINCIPLES THAT THE CONGRESS HAD DECIDED TWO YEARS AGO WERE "NON-NEGOCIABLE" RIGHTS. HARUO SAID, "IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAS DONE ITS WORK WELL AND THE REPORT HAS CLARIFIED, IN MY MIND AT LEAST, A NUMBER OF CONCERNS THAT WERE VAGUE. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAS HELD STEADFASTLY TO THE MANDATE WE PLACED IN THEIR TRUST, AND IT IS ALSO CLEAR TO ME THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT WISH TO BEND FAR ENOUGH TO MEET OUR DEMANDS, OR SHOULD I SAY RECONIZE OUR RIGHTS."

IN VIEW OF THIS, REPRESENTATIVE HARUO CONTINUED, "WE NOW HAVE NO OTHER COURSE TO CHOOSE OTHER THAN THAT OF DIGNIFIED AND COMPLETE AND SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENCE."

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THE TRUK CONGRESSMAN COUPLED HIS ARGUMENT FOR INDEPENDENCE WITH AN APPEAL TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS DELEGATION TO RECONSIDER THEIR INTENTIONS OF REACHING A SEPARATE STATUS." HE CITED GUAM AND ASKED WHETHER THE MARIANAS REALLY WANTS TO

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BECOME LIKE GUAM, WITH ITS MILITARY-BASED ECONOMY AND "SWARMS OF TOURISTS."

HARUO SAID HE BELIEVES THE MARIANAS CAN REMAIN A PART OF MICRONESIA, AND HE SAID HE BELIEVES THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA "SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ALLOW EACH DISTRICT TO DEVELOP ITS OWN SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND POLICIES AND YET STILL REMAIN WITHIN A UNIFIED SYSTEM, WITH A SINGLE PURPOSE, FOR THE COMMON GOOD."

HARUO'S STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF INDEPENDENCE AND THE OTHER REMARKS WERE THE FIRST RALLY EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF STATUS THIS SESSION. IT CAME WITH ONLY 5 DAYS REMAINING IN THE SESSION, AND WITH LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE DOMNICK RESOLUTION WILL BE ADOPTED. IT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE FOR CONSIDERATION.

(CONGRESS-FORTY-EIGHTH DAY)

PALAU, FEB. 26 (MNS)---JUST TWO DAYS REMAIN IN THE SECOND

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REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. SINCE THE TENTH OF JANUARY THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN MEETING IN KOROR, THE DISTRICT CENTER OF PALAU DISTRICT, IN THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION EVER HELD AWAY FROM SAIPAN. NOW, WITH A DEADLINE OF MIDNITE, MONDAY, FEB. 28, FACING THEM, THE LAWMAKERS ARE BEGINNING TO HOLD LONG, INVOLVED SESSIONS AS THEY TRY TO TURN OUT AS MUCH OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LEGISLATION AS POSSIBLE.

BOTH HOUSES MET SATURDAY (FEB. 26), AND BOTH WILL MEET AGAIN SUNDAY AFTERNOON. COMMITTEE HEARINGS ARE ALSO STILL CONTINUING, AND IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT AT LEAST SOME IMPORTANT BILLS WILL NOT RECEIVE FINAL ACTION. BUT PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT A GREAT DEAL OF WORK CAN BE TURNED OUT IN THE FINAL HOURS.

DURING THE SATURDAY SESSION, THE SENATE PASSED FIVE BILLS ON SECOND AND FINAL READING, AND SENT THEM TO THE HOUSE FOR ITS CONSIDERATION. ONE OF THEM WAS A MEASURE THAT HAS TWICE BEEN DISAPPROVED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, IT WOULD MAKE CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS IN THE KAGMAN AND MARPI AREAS OF SAIPAN AVAILABLE FOR AGRICULTURAL AND VILLAGE HOMESTEADING. SENATE VICE PRESIDENT OLYMPIO BORJA (MARIANAS) SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE MEASURE, POINTING OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS "DONE ITS UTMOST" TO MODIFY THE

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BILL TO MEET THE TECHNICAL OBJECTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION. BORJA SAID HE COULD SEE NO REASON WHY THE BILL SHOULD NOT BE SIGNED INTO LAW THIS TIME, IF IT IS PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

ANOTHER SENATE BILL GIVEN FINAL PASSAGE WAS A MEASURE ENTITLED THE REAL PROPERTY SECURITY INSTRUMENTS ACT. TWO HOUSE BILLS, AMENDED BY THE SENATE, ALSO PASS SECOND READING. ONE OF THEM WOULD ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD, WHILE THE OTHER RELATES TO THE POWERS FOR DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHIEF OF THE LABOR DIVISION.

THE SENATORS GOT INTO SOME DEBATE OVER ACCEPTING THE HOUSE DRAFT OF A BILL RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN DISTRICT LEGISLATURES. THE BILL WOULD AMEND THE TT CODE TO MAKE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES INELIGIBLE TO SERVE IN DISTRICT LEGISLATURES UNLESS THEY RESIGN THEIR GOVERNMENT POSITIONS. ON THE INITIAL VOTE SEVEN SENATORS FAVORED ACCEPTING THE HOUSE VERSION OF THE BILL, AND FIVE WERE OPPOSED. HOWEVER, THERE HAD BEEN SEVERAL ABSTINCTIONS, WHICH COUNT AS "YES" VOTES. A SHORT RECESS WAS QUICKLY CALLED, AND AFTER A FEW MINUTES OF DISCUSSION AMONG THEMSELVES, THE SENATE RECONVENED AND THE BILL WAS CALLED BACK TO THE FLOOR FOR ANOTHER VOTE. THIS TIME THE

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VOTE WAS 12 AGAINST. SEVEN VOTES HAD CHANGED IN THE SPACE OF THAT SHORT RECESS. THUS THE BILL NOW GOES TO A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SENATE AND HOUSE VERSIONS.

AT THE END OF THE BILL CALENDAR, A MOTION WAS MADE TO CONSIDER A SENATE BILL WHICH NORMALLY WOULD NOT HAVE COME UP UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY. IT IS A COMPLICATED PIECE OF LEGISLATION

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THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A TT HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING AUTHORITIES IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS. SENATOR AMBILOS IEHSI (PONAPE), WHOSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT WAS RECOMMENDING PASSAGE OF THE BILL, SPOKE AT LENGTH EXPLAINING THE MEASURE'S COMPLEXITIES. HE ALSO POINTED OUT SOME OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE BILL, SUCH AS TYING THE TRUST TERRITORY VERY CLOSE TO HOUSING PROGRAMS AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR POSSIBLY LONG PERIODS OF TIME. HE SAID IT IS UP TO THE CONGRESS TO DECIDE WHETHER THE BENEFITS OF A HOUSING PROGRAM IN MICRONESIA ARE WORTH THE POSSIBLE DRAWBACK OF CLOSE FINANCIAL TIES TO U.S. INSTITUTIONS. SENATOR IEHSI ALSO SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE BILL, IF PASSED, WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION, NOTHING THAT HIS COMMITTEE HAD MADE MORE THAN 250 AMENDMENTS TO IT, INCLUDING SEVERAL MAJOR ONES.

IN THE ROLL CALL VOTE THAT FOLLOLED THE DISCUSSION, THE BILL PASSED SECOND READING OF THE SENATE BY A VOTE OF 8 TO 4. ONLY ONE JOINT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED SATURDAY. IT IS A MEASURE THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE MICRONESIANS TO GAIN TECHNICAL

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TRAINING THROUGH THE HOBBY OF AMATEUR RADIO, AND URGES THE GOVERNMENT TO SPONSOR AND ENCORAGE INTEREST IN THIS HOBBY.

THE SENATE ALSO HAS TWO NEW BILLS TO CONSIDER. ONE BILL WAS INTRODUCED FOLLOLING THE FRIDAY SESSION, BUT MNS DID NOT INCLUDE THE MEASURE IN ITS FRIDAY REPORT. THAT BILL CALLS FOR

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A CONFERENCE OF THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS OF MICRONESIA AND APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR IT. THE OTHER BILL, OFFERED SATURDAY, IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE WEAPONS CONTROL LAW.

MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE HAD REPORTED LAST WEEK THAT IT APPEARED THAT THURSDAY, FEB. 24, WOULD BE THE CUTOFF DATE FOR INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION. THAT REPORT WAS IN ERROR, AND NO CUTOFF DATE WAS EVER SET. HOWEVER, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE DID INDICATE THAT ANY LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE AFTER THURSDAY WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE CONSIDERED IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BE ACTED UPON BEFORE THE END OF THE SESSION. THUS A FEW BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS CONTINUE TO COME IN, BUT VERY FEW.

IN THE HOUSE SATURDAY, MUCH OF THE TIME WAS TAKEN UP WITH SPEECHES AND DISCUSSION ON STATUS (SEE PREVIOUS STORIES).

HOWEVER, HOUSE MEMBERS ALSO FOUND A LONG BILL CALENDAR WAITING

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FOR THEM AT THE AFTERNOON SESSION. THEY PASSED FOUR OF THOSE BILLS AND SENT THEM TO HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON FOR HIS ACTION. ONE OF THE MEASURES APPROPRIATES \$825,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE HOUSE VOTED TO ACCEPT A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE DRAFT OF THE BILL, AS THE SENATE HAD DONE FRIDAY, AND THUS THE BILL WILL NOW BE ENGROSSED AND FORWARDED TO THE HICOM ON SAIPAN.

THE OTHER MEASURES COMPLETING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS SATURDAY IN THE HOUSE WERE A BILL REGULATING THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT; AND AMENDMENT TO THE WEAPONS CONTROL LAW; AND A BILL MAKING LEO R. NARAJA ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A NATURALIZED CITIZEN OF MICRONESIA.

NINE OTHER BILLS WERE ALSO PASSED ON FINAL READING IN THE HOUSE, AND GO TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. THE HOUSE MEMBERS ALSO COMPLETED ACTION ON FOUR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING THE STATUS RESOLUTION (SEE PREVIOUS STORY).

OTHER RESOLUTIONS WERE A MEASURE AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF INTERIM ADVICE AND CONSENT

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PROVIDED THE ADVICE AND CONSENT BILL BECOMES LAW; A MEASURE  
REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON A PROPOSED SHIPYARD FOR  
PELELIU; AND A MEASURE AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE  
AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, OR THEIR DESIGNEES, TO ATTEND THE  
PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATORS THIS MAY IN HONOLULU AS OBSERVERS.  
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