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(MARIANAS SPECIAL SESSION CONVENES)

SAIPAN, MAY 12, (MNS)---THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE THIRD MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE OFFICIALLY CONVENED FRIDAY MORNING (MAY 12) WITH PRESIDENT VICENTE N. SANTOS PRESIDING ON SAIPAN.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE HEARD BRIEF REMARKS FROM MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA DURING

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THE OPENING DAY OF THE SESSION. DISTAD ADA SAID THAT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MARIANAS LEGISLATURE IS AN HISTORIC OCCASION IN THAT THE LEGISLATURE WILL BE DELIBERATING ON AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION WHICH WILL DETERMINE THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION TO THE POLITICAL STATUS QUESTION FOR THE MARIANAS. HE SAID THAT SUCH AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION WILL NOT ONLY AFFECT THE PRESENT GENERATION, BUT GENERATIONS TO COME.

LATE FRIDAY MORNING AN ACT WAS INTRODUCED WHICH WOULD CREATE THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, SETTING FORTH ITS POWERS AND DUTIES. THE ACT WAS REFERRED TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE MARIANAS LEGISLATURE, CHAIRED BY FELIPE SALAS, FOR STUDY.

ACCORDING TO THE ACT, MEMBERSHIP ON THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION WOULD CONSIST OF TWO PERSONS FROM THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE; THE MARIANAS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA; TWO PERSONS FROM ROTA, TINIAN, AND SAIPAN TO BE SELECTED BY LOCAL COUNCILS; A REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM THE MARIANAS POPULAR AND TERRITORIAL PARTIES; A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION; AND A REPRESENTATIVE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FROM A LIST OF NAMES TO BE SUBMITTED BY

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DULY ORGANIZED BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS, FIRMS, AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT.

THE ACT FURTHER STATES THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL SELECT

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FROM ITS OWN MEMBERS A CHAIRMAN AND SUCH OTHER OFFICERS AS IT MAY REQUIRE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SHALL PRESIDE AT ITS FIRST MEETING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A CHAIRMAN CAN BE SELECTED. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE CALLED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE APPOINTMENT OF ALL MEMBERS.

UNDER THE ACT, THE COMMISSION WOULD MAKE STUDIES CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT. THE COMMISSION MAY CONTACT AND DISCUSS THE STATUS ISSUE WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S. AND IN THE U.N., AND SOLICIT UNDERSTANDING SUPPORT OF THE POSITION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS.

THE ACT WOULD ALSO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARIANAS, PROVIDED THAT ANY AGREEMENT REACHED ON SUCH ISSUE SHALL NOT BE BINDING ON THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT UNTIL RATIFIED THROUGH A

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PLEBISCITE OR REFERENDUM.

THE ACT WOULD APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$25,000 DOLLARS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION. A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BILL IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK ON TUESDAY, MAY 16, AT THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE BUILDING IN SUSUPE AT 1:30 P.M. ALL SECTORS OF THE MARIANAS COMMUNITY WILL BE INVITED TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS.

THE LEGISLATURE ALSO SAW THE INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF LATE FRANCISCO BORJA KAIPAT OF PAGAN ISLAND. EARLIER IN THE MORNING SESSION, PRESIDENT SANTOS, BEFORE CALLING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS, CALLED UPON HIS LAWMAKERS TO STAND UP AND OFFER A PRAYER IN REVERENCE TO KAIPAT WHO WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE BEFORE HIS UNTIMELY DEATH.

(DISTAD CONFERENCE IN PALAU)

SAIPAN, MAY 12 (MNSI)---THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF TRUST TERRITORY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS BEGINS NEXT WEEK IN PALAU. THE CONFERENCE OPENS MONDAY (MAY 15) AND RUNS THROUGH THE FOLLOWING FRIDAY. PALAU DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS REMENGEAU WILL BE THE HOST AND CHAIRMAN.

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THE SIX DISTADS MEET TWICE EACH YEAR, ONCE ON SAIPAN AND ONCE IN SOME OTHER DISTRICT. AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING THE AGENDA INCLUDES A DISCUSSION OF RECENTLY PASSED CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LEGISLATION; A LOOK AT THE FISCAL YEAR 1974 BUDGET; DISCUSSION OF CURRENT PUBLIC WORKS AND GRANT-IN-AID PROJECTS; EXAMINATION OF PROBLEMS AND PROGRESS IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, PERSONNEL, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH SERVICES AND DISASTER CONTROL; A DISCUSSION OF DECENTRALIZATION; AND A LOOK AT THE UTILIZATION AND POTENTIAL OF THE CIVIC ACTION TEAMS.

HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER LEO A. FALCAM PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, ALONG WITH OFFICIALS REPRESENTING MOST DEPARTMENTS OF THE TT GOVERNMENT. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE CAPTAIN A. J. KODIS AND LT. CMDR. MICHAEL PORTER FROM THE COMNAV MARIANAS OFFICE ON GUAM, WHO WILL CONDUCT THE DISCUSSION ON CIVIC ACTION TEAMS.

IN ADDITION TO DISTAD REMENGESAU, OTHER DISTADS EXPECTED TO ATTEND WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFFS ARE: OSCAR DEBRUM OF THE MARSHALLS; J. BOYD MACKENZIE OF PONAPE; JUAN SABLAN OF TRUK; FRANCISCO C. ADA OF THE MARIANAS; AND LEONARD AGUIGUI OF YAP.

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(HENRY AND TUN LEADR GRANT)

SAIPAN, MAY 12 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS STRIK YOMA, ON BEHALF OF HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, ANNOUNCED FRIDAY (MAY 12) THAT SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND SENATOR PETRUS TUN OF YAP HAVE BEEN AWARDED STATE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP GRANTS.

ACCORDING TO YOMA, BOTH SPEAKER HENRY AND SENATOR TUN WILL

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BE LEAVING FOR THE MAINLAND ON MAY 17 AND THEIR ITINERARIES WILL BE WORKED OUT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

SPEAKER HENRY AND SENATOR TUN ALSO PLAN TO OBSERVE DEBATES ON THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AT THE U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK, LATER THIS MONTH.

(TAX REFUNDS TO BE ISSUED)

SAIPAN, MAY 12, (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE WILL BE ISSUING TAX REFUNDS CHECKS TOTALING ABOUT \$300,000 DOLLARS TO ALL MICRONESIAN INCOME TAX PAYERS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY NEXT WEEK.

THE TAX REFUNDS WILL BE FOR ALL THOSE EMPLOYEES WHOSE TAX WAS WITHELD FROM THEIR WAGES BY THEIR EMPLOYERS. REFUND CHECKS FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO FILED QUARTERLY INDIVIDUAL RETURNS BECAUSE THERE WAS NO TAX WITHELD FROM THEIR WAGES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

THESE REFUNDS REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF TAX ON EACH EMPLOYEE'S WAGES UP TO \$500 DOLLARS FOR THE TAX YEAR 1971. SINCE THE TAX RATE IS 3 PERCENT, ANYONE EARNING \$500 DOLLARS OR MORE SINCE JULY 1, 1971, WILL RECEIVE A REFUND OF \$15 DOLLARS. THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO EARNED LESS THAN \$500 DOLLARS SINCE JULY 1 1971

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THEY IN TURN, WILL GIVE THE CHECKS TO THEIR EMPLOYEES. ANY EMPLOYEE WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE A CHECK OR FEELS THAT THE CHECK IS NOT THE CORRECT AMOUNT SHOULD FIRST CONTACT HIS EMPLOYER. IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS DESIRED, THAT DISTRICT TAX OFFICE SHOULD BE CONTACTED. THE DISTRICT TAX OFFICES WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST ANY TAXPAYER IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

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THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO FILED QUARTERLY INDIVIDUAL RETURNS BECAUSE

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