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(SPECIAL SESSION REQUEST)

SAIPAN, JUNE 6, (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LEADERSHIP HAS FORMALLY ASKED HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON TO CALL A SPECIAL SESSION THIS SUMMER. THE REQUEST WAS EXPECTED, SINCE SUCH A SESSION WAS TENTATIVELY AGREED UPON DURING A LEADERSHIP MEETING LATE IN APRIL IN MAJURO, AND IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS IN HONOLULU INVOLVING SENATE PRESIDENT AMATA KABUA, HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY, AND THE HICOM.

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THE REQUEST ASKS THAT THE SESSION BE CALLED FOR PONAPE DISTRICT, BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 14, AND RUNNING FOR NOT MORE THAN 20 CALENDAR DAYS. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE SESSION, IF IT IS CALLED, WOULD BE TO CONSIDER MICRONESIA'S FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND LEGISLATION RELATED TO THAT SUBJECT. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ANOTHER ROUND OF STATUS TALKS, IN WASHINGTON IN JULY, WOULD PROVIDE THE CONGRESS WITH SOME SPECIFIC MATTERS TO CONSIDER ON THE SUBJECT OF STATUS. SENATOR LAZARUS SALII OF PALAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, SAID LAST MONTH THAT HE HOPES A DRAFT COMPACT OF ASSOCIATION WILL BE READY FOR PRESENTATION TO THE CONGRESS BY THE TIME OF THE SPECIAL SESSION.

THE CONGRESS REQUEST ALSO ASKS FOR THE INCLUSION IN THE "CALL" OF SEVERAL OTHER AREAS OF LEGISLATION, INCLUDING TAXATION MATTERS, LOW-COST HOUSING, DISASTER RELIEF, REAPPORTIONMENT AND LEGISLATION RELATING TO BROADCASTING. WHETHER ALL, OR ANY, OF THESE AREAS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SPECIAL SESSION CALL IS UP TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

UNDER TERMS OF SECRETARIAL ORDER 2918, ONLY THE HICOM CAN CALL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION, AND HE CAN SPECIFY BOTH THE TIME AND LOCATION OF THAT SESSION, AND THE MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED. DURING A SPECIAL

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SESSION ONLY THOSE MATTERS ACTUALLY MENTIONED IN THE OFFICIAL CALL CAN BE PART OF THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR, PLUS MATTERS WHICH MAY BE ADDED IN ANY SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HICOM WHILE THE CONGRESS IS IN SESSION.

HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON IS PRESENTLY IN WASHINGTON,

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D.C. HE IS EXPECTED TO ACT ON THE SPECIAL SESSION REQUEST SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN TO THE TRUST TERRITORY. IF THE SESSION IS CALLED, IT WOULD BE THE FIRST EVER HELD IN PONAPE DISTRICT.

(COMMITTEE TO VISIT JAPAN)

SAIPAN, JUNE 6 (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE RONGELAP AND UTIRIK WILL VISIT JAPAN THIS MONTH. WORD OF THE VISIT WAS RECEIVED FROM MARIANAS SENATOR GLYMPIO T. BORJA, THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

SENATOR BORJA SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WILL BE PRIMARILY TO VISIT HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, TO OBSERVE THE PEOPLE THERE WHO WERE AFFECTED BY THE ATOMIC EXPLOSIONS THAT ENDED WORLD WAR TWO AND TO VISIT THE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THEM. HE SAID THE COMMITTEE WILL BE INTERESTED IN SEEING THE TYPE OF TREATMENT THESE PEOPLE ARE RECEIVING, THE NATURE OF THE MEDICAL PROBLEMS

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THEY HAVE HAD, AND WHETHER ANY VALID COMPARISONS CAN BE MADE BETWEEN THEIR SITUATION AND TREATMENT AND THE SITUATION AND TREATMENT OF THE RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ISLANDERS.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WAS FORMED BY ACTION OF THE CONGRESS DURING ITS LAST SESSION TO INVESTIGATE THE RONGELAP/UTIRIK SITUATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON IT TO THE CONGRESS. THE PEOPLE OF THOSE TWO ATOLLS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS WERE AFFECTED BY RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT FROM U.S. ATOMIC TESTING IN THE EARLY FIFTIES. IN ADDITION TO SENATOR BORJA, THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REPRESENTATIVE HAS WILLIANDER OF TRUK AND REPRESENTATIVE TIMOTHY OLKERIIL OF PALAU.

DR. MASAO KUMANGAI OF THE TT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY THE COMMITTEE ON THE TRIP, WHICH WILL BEGIN JUNE 17 AND LAST FROM A WEEK TO TEN DAYS.  
(OFFICIAL TO VISIT)

SAIPAN, JUNE 6, (MNS)---THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THOMAS F. DUNN, TERRITORIAL OFFICER FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WILL VISIT SAIPAN THIS WEEK.

DUNN IS ON AN ORIENTATION TOUR OF AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM AND THE TRUST TERRITORY. HE WILL ARRIVE ON SAIPAN THURSDAY MORNING

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(JUNE 8) FROM GUAM, AND WILL DEPART SATURDAY MORNING. WHILE ON SAIPAN HE WILL CONFER WITH VARIOUS HEADQUARTERS OFFICIALS. HIS ITINERARY DOES NOT CALL FOR HIM TO VISIT ANY OTHER DISTRICTS. (ELECTION PROCEDURES)

SAIPAN, JUNE 6 (MNS)---IN ANTICIPATION OF THE NEXT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA GENERAL ELECTION, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7 OF THIS YEAR, THE TRUST TERRITORY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS HAS BEGUN TO DISTRIBUTE REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ELECTION.

THE REGULATIONS INCLUDE INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION, ABSENTEE VOTING, AND THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION. COPIES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO ALL DISTRICTS FOR WIDE DISSEMINATION AND PUBLICITY PRIOR TO THE ELECTION, IN ORDER THAT ALL VOTERS IN MICRONESIA WILL BE AWARE OF BOTH THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE AND THE PROCEDURE THEY MUST FOLLOW IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO EXERCISE THAT RIGHT.

ALL CITIZENS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE WHO ARE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; WHO HAVE FULFILLED THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION, AND WHO ARE PROPERLY REGISTERED; AND WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY UNDER A JUDGEMENT OF MENTAL INCOMPETENCY OR INSANITY, OR UNDER PAROLE, PROBATION, OR SENTENCE FOR ANY FELONY. THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IS SET BY LAW AT 30 DAYS

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BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION, MEANING THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR  
THIS YEAR'S CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ELECTION WILL BE OCTOBER 8.  
IN ORDER TO BE REGISTERED, A PERSON MUST MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS,  
MUST HAVE RESIDED IN THE TERRITORY FOR NINE MONTHS, AND IN THE  
ELECTION DISTRICT FOR THREE MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF REGISTRATION  
REGISTRATION.  
TEMPORARY ABSENCES FOR SCHOOL, BUSINESS OR THE LIKE DURING THAT  
PERIOD ARE PERMITTED. ALL VOTERS MUST REGISTER WITHIN THE TERRITORY,  
EXCEPT FULL-TIME STUDENTS. THE LAW STATES THAT REGISTRATION OF

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VOTERS OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN THAT  
DISTRICT. HOWEVER, VOTERS WHO HAVE REGISTERED IN THE PAST ARE NOT  
REQUIRED TO REGISTER AGAIN EXCEPT IN CASE OF CHANGE OF NAME OR  
RESIDENCE OR AN INTERVENING DISQUALIFICATION.

PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTION REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR ABSENTEE  
VOTING, AND VOTERS INTERESTED IN THIS PROCEDURE SHOULD CONTACT  
THEIR DISTRICT ELECTION COMMISSIONER OR DISTAD FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION. THE OFFICE EACH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR CAN ALSO  
PROVIDE OTHER ELECTION AND VOTING INFORMATION.

WHEN THE VOTERS GO TO THE POLLS ON NOVEMBER 7, THEY WILL BE  
SELECTING ALL 21 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND  
HALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP, OR SIX, SENATORS. THE SENATORS WHOSE  
TERMS OF OFFICE THIS YEAR ARE SENATOR OLYMPIO BORJA OF THE  
MARIANAS; SENATOR ISAAC LANWI OF THE MARSHALLS; SENATOR LAZARUS  
SALII OF PALAU; SENATOR BAILEY OLTER OF PONAPE; SENATOR TOSIK  
NAKAYAMW OF TRUK; AND SENATOR RAFEL MOONFEL OF YAP. IT IS NOT  
KNOWN JUST HOW MANY OF THE INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF BOTH THE HOUSE AND  
SENATE WILL RUN FOR RE-ELECTION, BUT ON THE BASIS OF PAST  
EXPERIENCE IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE MAJORITY OF THEM WILL SEEK  
ANOTHER TERM.

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IN ADDITION, MANY LOCAL ELECTIVE OFFICES WILL BE FILLED IN  
ELECTIONS THIS YEAR, SOME ON NOVEMBER 7 AND OTHERS ON OTHER  
ELECTION DAYS SET BY LOCAL LAW AND CUSTOM.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEW DIRECTORS: IN THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE DISPATCH FOR MAY 31, THE STORY SLUGGED TRANSPAC RESPONDS, WE REPORTED BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM TRANSPAC THAT ONLY ONE VOYAGE OF A NAURU SHIP HAS BEEN MADE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY. WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS INCORRECT, AND THAT AT LEAST THREE AND POSSIBLY FOUR VOYAGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO AND FROM MAJURO BY THE NAURU VESSEL. IF YOU HAVE MADE USE OF THIS STORY IN A PUBLICATION, YOU MIGHT WISH TO CORRECT THIS INFORMATION.)

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