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PASS TO DEPARTMENT IN ERIOR FOR OSN AND DASTA STATE FOR IO/UNP COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA WHITE HOUSE FOR HOLDRIDGE (NSC) CANBERRA FOR POL SUBJECT: SALII'S SUMMARY AND KABUA'S VALEDICTORY

IN FINAL SENATE SESSION SEPT 2 SALII (PALAU) GAVE VENT TO FEELING OF FRUSTRATION AT CONGRESS' FAILURE TO PASS MAJOR LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL TRANSITION, AND COMMISSION ON NATIONAL UNITY (SE 231, 232, 233). HE CHARGED THAT CRITICAL DECISIONS HAD BEEN MADE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND CASTIGATED CONGRESS FOR SPENDING MONEY ON LESS IMPORTANT PROJECTS AND FAILING TO FULFILL RESPONSIBILITY TO PEOPLE.

SALII POINTED OUT THAT BEST THINKERS HAD SAID MICRONESIA'S BIG-GEST PROBLEM IN FUTURE IS NATIONAL UNITY, AND ASKED: "WHEN THE COM-MON OPPONENT, THE UNITED STATES, CEASES TO PLAY A ROLE, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR UNITY? WHAT WILL HOLD US TOGETHER?" COMMISSION ON NATIONAL UNITY WOULD HAVE HELPED IDENTIFY OUR PROBLEMS, HE DECLARED. OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL TRANSITION WAS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO ORDERLY TRANSFER AND SHOULD BE STARTED NOW, SALII SAID. OR, HE ASKED, "ARE WE GOING TO JUMP INTO OUR POLITICAL FUTURE TOTALLY UNPREPARED? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT, FOR WE CAN'T HAVE A GOVERNMENT WITHOUT A CONSTITUTION AND WE CAN'T HAVE A CONSTITUTION WITHOUT A CONVENTION."

SALII CONCLUDED: "I'LL THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS AS THE JOINT COMMITTEE WORKS ITS TEDIOUS WAY THROUGH THE MAZE OF YET ANOTHER ROUND OF NECOTIATION...AND I WILL THINK ABOUT THEM DURING COMING YEARS, WHEN WE ARE STILL A TRUST TERRITORY DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF SOME OF US TO THE CONTRARY, BECAUSE OTHER OF US LOOKED THE WRONG WAY AT THIS SESSION." COPY OF SPEECH WILL BE SENT AS AVAILABLE.

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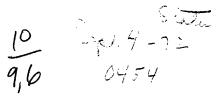
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SENATE PRESIDENT AMATA KABUA (MARSHALLS) IN DIGNIFIED VALEDICTORY CLOSING SPECIAL SESSICN, NOTED THAT GOAL OF POLITICAL STATUS DETERMINA-TICN IS ELUSIVE AND ITS QUEST FRUSTRATING. HE URGED CONSIDERATION OF PRACTICALITIES AND REALITIES OF MICRONESIA IN MODERN WORLD AND POINTED TO NEED FOR PATIENCE IN AWAITING COMPLETED COMPACT BEFORE JUDGING IT. HE CALLED ON CONGRESSMEN TO DENY OUTSIDE PRESSURES THAT WOULD DIVIDE MICRONESIA AND POINTED OUT THAT THEY MUST NOW BEGIN CHALLENGING TASK OF EXPLAINING STATUS ISSUE TO PEOPLE, FIND THEIR DESIRES, AND THEN SEE IF CON RESS IS CHARTING COURSE PROPERLY. HE SAID IN ESSENCE: "WE MUST BE PREPARED TO SEEK TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT AND EMERGE AS AN ISLAND NATION AWARE OF THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY. OUR PROBLESS SHOULD MAKE US SEEK INNOVATIVE THINK-ING. WE SHOULD CONSIDER SEEKING THE EXPERTISE, NOT CNLY OF THE ADMIN-ISTERING POWER BUT ALSO OF OUR PACIFIC NEIGHBORS AND OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES." TRENT



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FOR THE RECORD, FOLLOWING IS FATE OF VARIOUS BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED THIS SERIES:

- SB 231 (CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION) REMAINED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE
- SB 232 (OFFICE OF TRANSITION) REMAINED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE
- SB 233 (COMMISSION ON NATIONAL UNITY) FILED SB 247 (LAW OF THE SEA) PASSED, MINUS SPECIAL APPROPRIATION
- > SB 258 (POLITICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE) DEFERRED
 - SB 261 (RONGELAP AND UTIRIK -COMMITTEE) PASSED MINÚS ADDI-TIONAL APPROPRIATION
 - HB 277 (PROPOSAL FOR HOLDOVER COMMITTEE) NOT REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE
 - SJR 104 (TRAINING PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS) DEFERRED
 - SJR 117 (NEGOTIATION FOR INDEPENDENCE) ADOPTED
 - HJR 105 (PROTESTING FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING) ADOPTED
 - (NOTE: INFO SENT STATE IN 156314 FORWARDED TO COMMITTEE)
 - HJR 120 (COMPENSATION FOR US ARMY USE OF ROI NAUMUR ISLAND) XXXXX ADOPTED

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