

THIRTY-FIRST DAY

Wednesday, February 7, 1973

The Senate of the Fifth Congress of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1973, was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

The Honorable Tosiwo Nakayama, President, presided.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll. All Senators were present.

READING AND ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

On motion by Floor Leader Iehsi, seconded by Vice-President Salii, the Journal of the Twenty-ninth Day was adopted. The Journal of the Thirtieth Day was distributed.

MESSAGES FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

None

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Pangelinan moved for adoption of S.C.R. No. 22, on S.B. No. 28, "A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TAKING THE OFFICIAL POPULATION CENSUS OF 1973 OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Vice-President Salii seconded, and the motion carried. S.C.R. No. 22 was adopted by the Senate.

The Chair recognized Senator Amaraich, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

Chairman Amaraich: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, Standing Committee Report No. 25 on Senate Bill No. 1 is rather lengthy. I would like to propose that action on the report be deferred until tomorrow so the members have a chance to study it.

Floor Leader Iehsi moved that action on S.C.R. No. 25 be deferred. Vice-President Salii seconded, and the motion carried. Action on S.C.R. No. 25 was deferred.

Chairman Amaraich moved for adoption of S.C.R. No. 30, on S.J.R. No. 20, "A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE OF ESPERANSA SAN NICOLAS; REQUESTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INITIATE EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS FOR CERTAIN PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE CASE; URGING THE TERRITORY OF GUAM AND, THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE VIOLATIONS OF LAWS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS; AND DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE CASE PERSONA NON GRATA IN THE TRUST TERRITORY."

Vice-President Salii seconded, and the motion carried. S.C.R. No. 30 was adopted by the Senate.

Chairman Amaraich moved for adoption of S.C.R. No. 32, on S.R. No. 1, "A SENATE RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS TO INVESTIGATE THE ORGANIZATION, POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TO REPORT THEREON TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA."

Vice-President Salii seconded, and the motion carried. S.C.R. No. 32 was adopted by the Senate.

Chairman Amaraich moved for adoption of S.C.R. No. 33, on S.J.R. No. 14, "A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO ESTABLISH AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO IMPLEMENT A GOVERNMENTAL POLICY DIRECTED TOWARD THE ELIMINATION OF GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE HOUSING INDUSTRY AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATE HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION FIRMS."

Vice-President Salii seconded, and the motion carried. S.C.R. No. 33 was adopted by the Senate.

The Chair recognized Senator Olter, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chairman Olter moved for adoption of the following Standing Committee Reports:

S.C.R. No. 26, on S.B. No. 14, "A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALLOW REFUND OF IMPORT TAXES PAID ON GOODS IMPORTED INTO THE TRUST TERRITORY AND THEREAFTER EXPORTED FROM, OR SOLD OR USED OUTSIDE THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

S.C.R. No. 28, on S.B. No. 74, "A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$330,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR TRUST TERRITORY SCHOLARSHIPS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

S.C.R. No. 29, on S.B. No. 81, "A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SET OFF AMOUNTS DUE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AGAINST AMOUNTS DUE FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Vice-President Salii seconded, and the motion carried. S.C.R. No. 26, S.C.R. No. 28, and S.C.R. No. 29 were adopted by the Senate.

The Chair recognized Senator Kabua, Chairman of the Committee on Resources and Development.

Chairman Kabua moved for adoption of S.C.R. No. 27, on S.B. No. 32, "A BILL FOR AN ACT ESTABLISHING WAREHOUSES FOR STORAGE OF IMPORTED GOODS ON WHICH APPLICABLE IMPORT TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID."

Vice-President Salii seconded, and the motion carried. S.C.R. No. 27 was adopted by the Senate.

Chairman Kabua: Mr. Chairman, I wish to report on House Joint Resolution No. 2, "A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE EXEMPLARY MANNER IN WHICH MOBIL OIL MICRONESIA, INC., HAS CONDUCTED ITS BUSINESS IN MICRONESIA AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THIS CONGRESS THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SHOULD RENEW AND EXTEND THE PRESENT CONTRACT WITH MOBIL OIL MICRONESIA, INC., WHEREBY THE GOVERNMENT OBTAINS ALL OF ITS PETROLEUM PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS FROM THIS COMPANY."

The intent of this resolution is stated in its title. Your Committee endorses House Standing Committee Report No. 3, by the House Committee on Resources and Development on this resolution.

Your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of House Joint Resolution No. 2, and recommends its adoption.

I move for adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 31.

Vice-President Salii seconded, and the motion carried. S.C.R. No. 31 was adopted by the Senate.

SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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BILL CALENDAR

On motion by Floor Leader Iehsi, seconded by Vice-President Salii, the following bills passed First Reading of the Senate and were assigned to the committees noted:

S.B. No. 124, "TO ADD CHAPTER 3, COMPRISING SECTIONS 51 TO 359, INCLUSIVE, TO TITLE 49 OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE TO ESTABLISH A WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

S.B. No. 125, "TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$50,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO CONSTRUCT AND PREPARE FACILITIES NEAR THE DOCK AREA AT TAKATIK ISLAND, PONAPE DISTRICT, FOR USE BY THE PONAPE FISHING COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION AND THE DISTRICT PERSONNEL OF THE DIVISION OF MARINE RESOURCES." Committee on Ways and Means.

S.B. No. 126, "EXTENDING THE TIME FOR THE FILING OF EMPLOYERS' QUARTERLY REPORTS REQUIRED BY TITLE 73 OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE." Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

S.B. No. 127, "TO PROTECT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FROM POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, TO REPEAL EXISTING LAW RELATING THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." Committee on Health.

S.B. No. 128, "TO AMEND 73 T.T.C. SECTIONS 151, 152 AND 153 TO REDUCE THE EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." Committee on Education and Social Affairs.

S.B. No. 129, "AMENDING SECTION 4 PUBLIC LAW NO. 4C-65 CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY." Committee on Ways and Means.

S.B. No. 130, "AMENDING PUBLIC LAW 4C-2, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR A \$3,000 DEDUCTION FROM WAGES AND SALARIES." Committee on Ways and Means.

S.B. No. 131, "TO PROVIDE DISABILITY BENEFIT UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM; TO EXTEND SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE TO TEMPORARY WORKERS AND PERSONS WITH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS; TO INCREASE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS; TO AMEND 73 T.T.C. SECTION 3, SECTION 101, SECTION 104, SECTION 105, SECTION 107, SECTION 109; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." Committee on Education and Social Affairs.

Floor Leader Iehsi moved that action on S.B. No. 1, S.D.1, "TO EXTEND JURISDICTION OF THE HIGH COURT AND SUITS AGAINST THE TRUST TERRITORY, TO AMEND SECTION 251 (1) OF TITLE 6 AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 251 (3) AND 252 OF TITLE 6 OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE.", be deferred.

Vice-President Salii seconded, and the motion carried. Action on S.B. No. 1, S.D.1, was deferred.

Floor Leader Iehsi moved that S.B. No. 14, S.D.1, "TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (3) TO 77 T.T.C. SECTION 53, TO ALLOW REFUND OF IMPORT TAXES PAID ON GOODS IMPORTED INTO THE TRUST TERRITORY AND THEREAFTER EXPORTED FROM, OR SOLD OR USED OUTSIDE THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", pass Second and Final Reading of the Senate. Vice-President Salii seconded.

The Clerk called the roll with the following result:

Senator Mangefel	Aye
Senator Amaraich	Aye (Abstained twice)
Senator Iehsi	Aye (Abstained twice)
Senator Salii	Aye
Senator Olter	Aye
Senator Kabua	Aye
Senator Kendall	Aye (Abstained twice)
Senator Pangelinan	Aye
Senator Borja	Aye
Senator Tmetuchi	Aye
Senator Tun	Aye
Senator Nakayama	Aye

S.B. No. 14, S.D.1, passed Second and Final Reading of the Senate.

Floor Leader Iehsi moved that S.B. No. 32, S.D.1, "ESTABLISHING WAREHOUSES FOR STORAGE OF IMPORTED GOODS ON WHICH APPLICABLE IMPORT TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID.", pass Second and Final Reading of the Senate. Vice-President Salii seconded.

The Clerk called the roll with the following result:

Senator Mangefel	No	(Abstained once)
Senator Amaraich	Aye	
Senator Iehsi	Aye	
Senator Salii	Aye	
Senator Olter	Aye	
Senator Kabua	Aye	
Senator Kendall	Aye	
Senator Pangelinan	Aye	
Senator Borja	Aye	
Senator Tmetuchl	Aye	
Senator Tun	Aye	
Senator Nakayama	Aye	

S.B. No. 32, S.D.1, passed Second and Final Reading of the Senate.

Floor Leader Iehsi moved that S.B. No. 74, S.D.1, "TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$360,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR TRUST TERRITORY SCHOLARSHIPS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", pass Second and Final Reading of the Senate. Vice-President Salii seconded.

Floor Leader Iehsi moved for the previous question; Senator Mangefel seconded, and the motion carried.

The Clerk called the roll with the following result:

Senator Mangefel	Aye	
Senator Amaraich	Aye	(Abstained once)
Senator Iehsi	Aye	
Senator Salii	Aye	
Senator Olter	Aye	
Senator Kabua	Aye	(Abstained twice)
Senator Kendall	Aye	
Senator Pangelinan	Aye	
Senator Borja	Aye	
Senator Tmetuchl	Aye	
Senator Tun	Aye	
Senator Nakayama	Aye	

S.B. No. 74, S.D.1, passed Second and Final Reading of the Senate.

Floor Leader Iehsi moved that S.B. No. 81, S.D.1, "TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SET OFF AMOUNTS DUE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AGAINST AMOUNTS DUE FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", pass Second and Final Reading of the Senate. Vice-President Salii seconded.

The Chair recognized Senator Amaraich.

Senator Amaraich: Point of information, Mr. President. Under the bill, does an individual have the same authority as the Government has on the set-off?

Chairman Olter: Mr. President, according to the testimony, arguments for and against, no.

President Nakayama: Does that answer your question, Senator?

Senator Amaraich: Yes, Mr. President. I move that action on the bill be deferred this morning.

Senator Mangefel seconded, and the motion carried. Action on S.B. No. 81, S.D.1, was deferred until February 8, 1973.

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Floor Leader Iehsi moved for adoption of S.J.R. No. 14, "URGING AND REQUESTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO ESTABLISH AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO IMPLEMENT A GOVERNMENTAL POLICY DIRECTED TOWARD THE ELIMINATION OF GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE HOUSING INDUSTRY AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATE HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION FIRMS." Vice-President Salii seconded.

The motion carried, and S.J.R. No. 14 was adopted by the Senate.

Floor Leader Iehsi moved for adoption of S.J.R. No. 20, "DIRECTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE OF ESPERANSA SAN NICOLAS; REQUESTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INITIATE EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS FOR CERTAIN PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE CASE; URGING THE TERRITORY OF GUAM AND, THE U. S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE VIOLATIONS OF LAWS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS; AND DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE CASE PERSONA NON GRATA IN THE TRUST TERRITORY." Vice-President Salii seconded.

Senator Amaraich moved for the previous question; Senator Borja seconded, and the motion carried.

The motion to adopt carried, and S.J.R. No. 20 was adopted by the Senate.

Floor Leader Iehsi moved for adoption of H.J.R. No. 2, "COMMENDING THE EXEMPLARY MANNER IN WHICH MOBIL OIL MICRONESIA, INC., HAS CONDUCTED ITS BUSINESS IN MICRONESIA AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THIS CONGRESS THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SHOULD RENEW AND EXTEND THE PRESENT CONTRACT WITH MOBIL OIL MICRONESIA, INC., WHEREBY THE GOVERNMENT OBTAINS ALL OF ITS PETROLEUM PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS FROM THIS COMPANY." Vice-President Salii seconded.

The Chair recognized Senator Borja.

Senator Borja: Mr. President, I would like to go on record that, although I strongly endorse the intent of the resolution that Mobil Oil Company has been doing an outstanding performance in Micronesia, there is one question that we ought to look into and that is the extension of the resolution. Let me clarify myself. I endorse the resolution because if I were to be given an opportunity to select which is the company to give the best performance in Micronesia, I would say Mobil Oil, but, Mr. President, because of the future negotiations about our political status which are being conducted in Micronesia, there is an important question there as to whether or not the franchise agreement will be acceptable if and when Micronesia changes its government. For this reason, I would like to be on the record that if some day Micronesia obtains their political status, whatever agreement or franchise given to Mobil Oil would be subject to further negotiations by the new Government. In my understanding of international treaties or laws, normally they assume or reaffirm the contracts of the government, but in this case we do not know whether the new government will accept it. I am all for it with the exception that I think this important point should be on the record so some day when a new government is obtained, we can look back and say, "Well, we endorsed it, but it should be reviewed and further approved by the Government." This is all I have to say, Mr. President.

Senator Pangelinan: Point of inquiry, Mr. President. If the contract is renewed, for how long is the period of time the contract will be renewed?

Chairman Kabua: Normally, it would be five years, I understand.

Senator Amaraich: Point of information, Mr. President. Senator Borja made reference to a franchise. It is my understanding there is no franchise as far as Mobil Oil Micronesia is concerned, except there is an agreement for providing the requirements of the Government. Am I correct?

Senator Mangefel: Thank you, Mr. President. I agree with the intent of this House Joint Resolution in that we should praise Mobil Oil Micronesia and we should extend its contract. However, the last clause of the title is not concerned with this. ". . . whereby the government

obtains all of its petroleum product requirements from this company." I think this is going a little too far, forcing the government to buy from the company. I think the government should at least have a choice in the matter of where they buy their petroleum.

Senator Salii: I have a question, Mr. President. If we give the government a choice to buy from another company, where will the government get the petroleum from? Where is the other company that might give the government some choice?

Senator Mangefel: It is true, as the honorable Senator from Palau says, there is no other company in Micronesia, but a thing of this nature is going too far, as far as I'm concerned.

Senator Pangelinan: Mr. President, I share the sentiments of the others in the fact that Mobil has done an excellent job in its endeavor to provide the services of gasoline and oil and related products to the government, as well as the private sector. I do have some reservations regarding our action in using the Congress as a voice to express its interest in supporting businesses in the Trust Territory. I wonder if we are not opening ourselves for future lobbying by the business community. We have had experiences in which the business community put pressure on the government and legislation coming out of the Congress was more or less the desires of the business sector. I have nothing against Mobil; as a matter of fact, I appreciate their investment they have put in Micronesia, as well as their training program, but I wonder if this is setting a precedent for similar action in the future in which other businesses will attempt to have the Congress be used as the area of consent in which the Administration will have no choice. This is a personal concern on my part and I hope that we are not opening the door for Congress to be pressured or subject to lobbying by the business community.

Senator Salii: Mr. President, I am in support of this resolution and I will vote for it. I find Mobil Oil is perhaps one of the outstanding examples of foreign corporations in Micronesia and it has not, at least in my opinion, given too many headaches to Congress, but there is one area of concern which was brought to my attention yesterday and I would request that Mobil Oil give serious consideration to solving this problem. That is, that the people of Rota apparently have been asking that the bulk plant be established on that island and for some reason this has not been possible, or Mobil Oil has not given it serious thought. The request has come from the Municipality of Rota and I might request that Mobil Oil look into this matter and, if possible, provide a bulk plant on the island of Rota.

Senator Borja: Mr. President, I am very happy to hear the information from my colleague, Senator Salii from Palau, because recently also I was approached by the Rota delegation about the fact that the bulk plant is still not working. I understand that Mobil constructed the early stage but after the typhoon it was damaged and I don't know the situation -- whether or not the construction has commenced -- but at least they have asked me to see what we can do to expedite it because it will mean saving a lot of money for the people of Rota to buy gas if that plant would be in operation. I share the sentiments of Senator Salii and I hope Mobil will do something in the very near future so that the people of Rota can enjoy such facilities. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senator Mangefel moved for the previous question.

The Chair recognized Senator Tmetuchl.

Senator Tmetuchl: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to find out if an answer was given to Senator Amaraich's question regarding a franchise.

President Nakayama: Yes, Senator. The answer was yes. Mobil has a contract with the Trust Territory Government to provide the government what it needs.

Senator Tmetuchl: But, that isn't a franchise.

President Nakayama: I don't think so; I think it is a contract.

Senator Borja: May I call the attention of the Senate to page 2 of the House Committee Report, Mr. President? It says, "In view of the past achievements and future plans for development of Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc., your Committee feels that its franchise contract should be extended." I don't know whether it is an agreement or franchise, but, according to the report, it shows a

"franchise contract."

President Nakayama: Does that answer your question, Senator?

Senator Tmetuchl: Yes, Mr. President.

Floor Leader Iehsi: Mr. President, I gather Senators from the other districts fully support the intent of this resolution; however, I wonder whether the \$50 a share is the right amount. Just two weeks ago I was listening to a radio broadcast in Ponape and they broadcasted the share owners -- the names of the people who own shares in the company. It was clear to me that only those rich people in the community hold shares in that company, and I wonder whether a \$50 share is too much for a common Micronesian to be able to buy a share in the company.

Senator Olter: Mr. President, there are two points I would like to address myself to. First is the Rota situation. All of us would like to see bulk plants on every island or atoll which consists of more than 2,000 plus, which I think is reasonable. First, it is not Mobil's fault not to set up a bulk plant in Rota. We are rushing it to set up the bulk plant; we should have the harbor first because there is no tanker that can get in there. Even the M-boat at times finds it very difficult maneuvering to get in and out. To get a tanker in there is just disastrous. Second, you say only rich people own shares in Mobil Oil. As of now I understand, if my understanding is correct, the sale of stock closed quite some time in the past and, at the request of Congress, Mobil opened up again the sale of stock and those who wanted to have a second chance to buy stock had that chance. As to whether \$50 or \$1 is too high, the President of Mobil told a committee of this Congress that Mobil has so much money it doesn't know what to do with it, so, it was only a courtesy of Mobil that they allowed Micronesians to buy stock in it. Whether there was a contract between the Trust Territory Government and the Mobil Oil Company or a franchise is questionable, because that is an exclusive right to the company, but we understand it is a contract. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senator Mangefel: Mr. President, I would like to include Ulithi as a possible site for a bulk plant.

Senator Olter moved for the previous question; Senator Kabua seconded, and the motion carried.

The motion to adopt carried, and H.J.R. No. 2 was adopted by the Senate.

Floor Leader Iehsi moved for adoption of S.R. No. 1, "DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS TO INVESTIGATE THE ORGANIZATION, POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TO REPORT THEREON TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA." Vice-President Saliu seconded.

The voice vote was inconclusive, and a show of hands was called for. S.R. No. 1 was adopted by the Senate.

S.J.R. No. 23, "REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO WAIVE THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION INTO THE UNITED STATES OF SWINE AND UNTREATED PORK PRODUCTS FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY AND REQUESTING THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY BE CERTIFIED AS FREE OF HOG CHOLERA.", was reassigned to the Committee on Health.

S.J.R. No. 36, "EXPRESSING THE SORROW AND SYMPATHY OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF LEKOJ ANJAIN FOR HIS UNTIMELY AND UNWARRANTED AND IRREPLACEABLE LOSS.", was assigned to the Committee on Health.

The Chair recognized Senator Borja.

Senator Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. Before we go into item 12, I would like to ask if we could adopt Senate Joint Resolution No. 36 this morning. It is only an expression of our sympathy to the family and friends of LekoJ Anjain. I wonder if we can take this up this morning?

President Nakayama: There is a request to place on the calendar a resolution relative to expressing condolences to the family of LekoJ Anjain. Is there support?

The Chair recognized Senator Kendall.

Senator Kendall: Mr. President, this resolution poses no controversy and I don't see any reason why we should delay action on it. On the other hand, I think action by the Senate at this time would indicate our genuine concern for the victim of fallout on Rongelap.

President Nakayama: I believe this resolution was referred to the Committee on Health. I had wanted the committee to come out with their report on what actually happened for the record and for those of us who have no recent knowledge of the case. It is a serious case and I would like some information put into the record.

Senator Borja: In that case, Mr. President, I withdraw my request.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator Tmetuchl, by request, introduced S.B. No. 132, "TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$102,000 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR COMPLETION OF CERTAIN WATER SYSTEMS IN THE PALAU DISTRICT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Senator Pangelinan, plus one, introduced S.B. No. 133, "APPROPRIATING \$5,000 FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON LAND LEASE POLICY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Senator Borja, plus one, introduced S.B. No. 134, "EXTENDING THE TIME FOR THE FILING OF TAX RETURNS UNDER PUBLIC LAW 4C-2, AS AMENDED."

Senator Borja, plus one, introduced S.B. No. 135, "AMENDING SECTION 208 OF TITLE 67 OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE TO REDUCE THE TIME IN WHICH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE DEEDS OF CONVEYANCE FOR HOMESTEAD LAND."

Senator Kendall introduced S.B. No. 136, "TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 401 THROUGH 411, SUBCHAPTER VI, TO TITLE 2 OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE TO CREATE A SYSTEM OF AUDIT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY; TO CREATE THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA; TO PRESCRIBE ITS POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Senator Salii introduced S.B. No. 137, "TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$40,000 OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO PURCHASE FOUR SCHOOL BUSES FOR KOROR MUNICIPALITY, PALAU DISTRICT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Pangelinan, plus one, introduced S.J.R. No. 37, "URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FAVORABLY CONSIDER H. R. 2008, A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 101 (b) OF THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS ACT OF 1971 TO ENLARGE THE CLASS OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE BENEFITS UNDER THE CLAIMS PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY THAT ACT."

Senator Salii introduced S.J.R. No. 38, "EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WITH REGARD TO CERTAIN ISSUES RELATING TO THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA, AND DIRECTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS ACCORDINGLY."

Senator Tmetuchl, by request, introduced S.J.R. No. 39, "RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO AMEND THE PRESENT REQUIREMENT THAT TRUST TERRITORY CITIZENS MUST OBTAIN A VISA FOR EACH ENTRY INTO JAPAN, AND TO GRANT TRUST TERRITORY CITIZENS MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AFFORDED TO CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

- No. 30 From Education Director, U.S. International University, Maunaolu Campus, regarding programs designed to meet the needs of Micronesian students.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Chair recognized Senator Amaraich.

Senator Amaraich: Mr. President, I have some miscellaneous business that is very important. Mr. President, I think every day we are so busy and sometimes we overlook the good things given by our staff and people who work for the Congress. For the last few days I have been noticing changes in the Senate Chamber. Every morning we have fresh beautiful flowers on our desks and I think the pages are responsible for this and I would like to ask the Senate to recognize this. The flowers are very beautiful. They bloom and die, but they are always very beautiful anyway. I expect the pages are responsible for it. I don't always remember names; I just call them by Page 1, and Page 2, and Page 3, but I think we should recognize what makes the morning and afternoon different.

Senator Pangelinan: Mr. President, in the same line, one of the ways of expressing your appreciation is by putting a little tip under the flower vase. But, I want to address myself to another matter. There are a lot of matters that could be handled easily by the Senate through placing a telephone call or by correspondence, rather than by utilizing the resolution procedure. A few days ago, I requested some input from our leadership whether it is possible to request the Administration to change the working hours from 7:30 in the morning until 4:30 in the afternoon to 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. So far I have been talking to some people and there is, to my knowledge, no response whatsoever. I wonder if I can make a request to the Administration to find out if it is possible and, if not, what is involved. Thank you.

President Nakayama: Thank you, Senator. We will relay that request to the Administration.

The Chair recognized Senator Mangefel.

Senator Mangefel: Thank you, Mr. President. For several days now I have been wondering what happened to our clock on the wall. Did somebody walk off with it?

President Nakayama: I think the clock is undergoing repair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Amaraich announced that the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations would hold a public hearing at 1:30 p.m., February 7, 1973, in the Senate Chamber.

Chairman Kabua announced that the Committee on Resources and Development would hold a public hearing at 1:30 p.m., February 7, 1973, in the Community Development Office Conference Room.

Chairman Olter announced a public hearing by the Committee on Ways and Means scheduled for 1:30 p.m., February 7, 1973, in Conference Room No. 2.

Chairman Pangelinan announced that the Committee on Health would meet in executive session immediately after the morning's session.

Floor Leader Iehsi noted that the public hearings scheduled by Resources and Development and Judiciary and Governmental Operations would cause a conflict for Senator Sali and himself. He requested that the time of the hearings be changed so that they could attend both hearings.

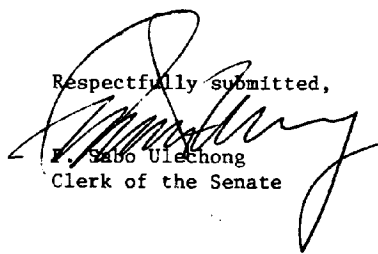
President Nakayama stated this would be resolved after the session.

Floor Leader Iehsi announced that he had received a communication from the House stating that a trip to Rota for the members of Congress was being planned, but that it had not been finalized. Senator Pangelinan stated there were arrangements to be completed with Air Micronesia and that after this had been completed, the Senate would be informed of the status of the trip.

Floor Leader Iehsi moved that the Senate recess and reconvene at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 8, 1973. Vice-President Sali seconded, and the motion carried. The Senate recessed until 10:00 a.m., February 8, 1973.

The Senate recessed at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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Clerk of the Senate