

Marianas Legislature Adjourns On Saipan

SAIPAN — A total of 28 bills and 40 resolutions were passed by the fourth Mariana Islands district legislature during its first 30-day regular session. The legislature adjourned Tuesday.

Most of the bills that passed and were sent to the district administrator for his action are appropriation measures.

Among the most significant appropriation bills are: A bill to fund the Marianas Political Status Commission with \$95,000; a measure to subsidize the Saipan Municipal Scholarship Fund with \$25,000; a bill appropriating the same amount for the construction of a 12-grade classroom for Rota High School; \$12,000 allocated to purchase hospital equipment and supplies; \$15,000 for the standing committee's expenses; The Marianas Tourist Commission receives \$8,000; non-public schools were given \$5,000 to purchase books and a bill was passed to establish an emergency revolving loan fund for Marianas students attending the University of Guam.

Among the resolutions passed by the legislature were: A resolution opposing the unilateral declaration of a homesteading moratorium on Tinian; another requesting the Marianas District Director of Education to study the feasibility of establishing a junior college in the Marianas; one requesting the Department of Defense to transfer all surplus military equipment not needed by U.S. agencies to the Trust Territory and a resolution requesting the district administrator to set-up a budget request for an office of prosecutor and public defender for Rota.

Just before the legislature adjourned, eight members were selected to attend the Pacific Conference of Legislators in American Samoa, slated to begin Sept. 19.

Those who will be attending the conference are: Legislature President Vicente N. Santos, who is a member of the executive committee; Vice-Speaker Juan L.G. Cabrera, Daniel T. Muna, the organization's treasurer and Julian Calvo, Marcelino Mangiona, Felixberto Ogo, Felipe Salas, Juan Diaz and Manuel Muna.