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LEGISLATION APPROVING AND IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT ON
THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS

- a. This legislation will be necessary in the event agreement is reached between the United States and Marianas negotiators on the future relationship between the Marianas Islands and the United States. The United States presently administers the Marianas Islands, under a UN Trusteeship, as part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The Agreement presently being negotiated would provide for the Marianas a commonwealth status similar to that enjoyed by Puerto Rico. After agreement is reached by the negotiators, the agreement will be presented to the people of the Marianas for their approval in a plebiscite. If approved, the agreement would then be presented to the Congress for its approval and implementation.
- b. It is possible, though not probable that an agreement will be reached this session and submitted to the Congress.
- c. None.
- d. It is likely that implementation of the agreement being negotiated will require the expenditure, for economic assistance to the Marianas of ten to twenty million dollars per year for each of the first five years following implementation.
- e. Action officer: L/EA - O.Thomas Johnson Ext 22287

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