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(HICOM SIGNS FIRST BILL)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 9 (MNS) ~~H~~-TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON FRIDAY (AUGUST 9) SIGNED CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATE BILL 357 INTO LAW.

THE MEASURE, WHICH APPROPRIATE \$27,500 FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CONGRESS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, IS THE FIRST BILL FROM THE CURRENT SPECIAL SESSION TO BECOME LAW. IT IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-98.

THE CONGRESS, MEETING ON THE FINAL DAY OF ITS EXTENDED SESSION, IS EXPECTED TO MEET LATE INTO THE EVENING TO COMPLETE ACTION ON PENDING LEGISLATION.

SOME OBSERVERS PREDICT THAT THE LAW MAKERS WILL STOP THE CLOCK TO ALLOW THEMSELVES SUFFICIENT TIME TO ACT UPON THE BILLS BEFORE THEM.

THE SPECIAL SESSION, WHICH CONVENED ON JULY 23, WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO END ON AUGUST 6. HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON, AT THE REQUEST OF THE CONGRESS, EXTENDED THE SESSION UNTIL FRIDAY.

THE ORIGINAL CALL FOR THE SESSION INCLUDED ACTION ON VARIOUS APPROPRIATION MEASURES AS WELL AS AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION LAW AND CHANGES IN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT SALARY PLAN.

HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON AMENDED THE CALL TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATORS TO CONSIDER THE "TRUST TERRITORY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT". THE MEASURE WAS INTRODUCED FOLLOWING A TT HIGH COURT RULING WHICH INVALIDATED ALL TRUST TERRITORY STATUTES PROHIBITING THE USE OF MARIJUANA IN THE TT.

(HICOM'S ANNOUNCEMENT)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 9 (MNS) --- HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON ISSUED THIS STATEMENT FRIDAY (AUGUST 9) FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S RESIGNATION:

THE TRUST TERRITORY MADE CONSIDERABLE FORWARD PROGRESS DURING THE 5 AND HALF YEARS OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S ADMINISTRATION -- WITH MORE FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED THAN IN ALL PREVIOUS YEARS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COMBINED. WE ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF THIS INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARIES OF THE INTERIOR HICKEL AND MORTON.

THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS HAVE BEEN VERY TROUBLED TIMES FOR THE UNITED STATES, AND PRESIDENT NIXON HAS NOW TAKEN THE ACTION WHICH HE FELT WAS BEST TO END THE TURMOIL WHICH WAS SO BADLY DIVIDING OUR NATION.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT IS NOW UP TO ALL AMERICANS -- REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS, BOTH IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT -- TO PLEDGE OUR WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT FORD AS HE TAKES OVER THE WORLD'S MOST DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING POSITION.

I FERVENTLY HOPE THAT WE CAN ALL PUT THE EVENTS OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST BEHIND US, AS PRESIDENT NIXON HAS SAID HE WILL DO "WITHOUT BITTERNESS," AND GIVE OUR FULL NATIONAL SUPPORT TO THE NEW PRESIDENT AS HE CONTINUES PRESIDENT NIXON'S OUTSTANDING PROGRESS TOWARD WORLD PEACE AND ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE OUR DOMESTIC PROBLEMS.

I AM SURE THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA JOIN ME IN WISHING PRESIDENT FORD EVERY SUCCESS AS HE TAKES ON WHAT PRESIDENT

LYNDON JOHNSON CALLED THE "AWESOME RESPONSIBILITIES" OF SERVING AS AMERICA'S 35TH CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

(U.S. SENATE PASSES TT BUDGET)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 9 (HNS)---THE U.S. SENATE HAS PASSED, 68 TO 18, THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S APPROPRIATION BILL WHICH INCLUDES \$61.7 MILLION FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY.

ACCORDING TO THE GANNET NEWS SERVICE, THIS FIGURE IS \$1.8 MILLION LESS THAN THE RECENTLY PASSED HOUSE BILL.

THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, GANNET REPORTED, SAID IN ITS REPORT THAT FUNDS TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSSES IN AID BECAUSE OF THE SHIFT TO REVENUE SHARING HAD BEEN UNNECESSARY.

"THE COMMITTEE WILL EXPECT A FULL ACCOUNTING OF CATEGORICAL GRANT LEVELS AT ITS NEXT HEARINGS AND DIRECTS THE (INTERIOR) DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE COMPENSATION IN FUTURE BUDGET ESTIMATES," THE COMMITTEE REPORT STATED.

INCLUDED IN THE INTERIOR BUDGET REQUEST WAS ASSISTANCE FOR GUAM'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, AS WELL AS A BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR AMERICAN SAMOA.

THE ORIGINAL INTERIOR REQUEST FOR GUAM WAS \$1 MILLION. THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, HOWEVER, RECOMMENDED A \$500,000 REDUCTION. "INFORMATION DEVELOPED AT THE COMMITTEE'S HEARINGS REVEALED A SIZEABLE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE" IN GUAM'S DEVELOPMENT FUND, THE COMMITTEE FOUND.

THE BILL NOW GOES TO A HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE TO SETTLE THE FUNDING DIFFERENCES.

THE SENATE REJECTED, THE GANNET REPORT STATED, AN AMENDMENT TO MAKE A 5 PERCENT CUT ACROSS THE BOARD ON THE ENTIRE APPROPRIATION BILL. THE VOTE WAS 54 TO 37.

(CETA GRANTS APPLICATION FILED)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 9 (HNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY HAS APPLIED FOR GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT (CETA) OF 1973.

THE TOTAL GRANT APPLICATION IS FOR \$480,071 IN CETA FUNDS. ACCORDING TO PEDRO HARRIS, TRAINING DIVISION CHIEF, ALL APPLICATIONS FOR CETA GRANTS MUST BE PUBLICIZED BEFORE THE FUNDING CAN BE AWARDED.

THE TRUST TERRITORY APPLICATION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES.

\$301,300 FOR CLASSROOM TRAINING, ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND WORK EXPERIENCE IS BEING ASKED FOR UNDER A CETA TITLE 1 GRANT. OF THAT TOTAL, \$33,984 WOULD BE USED FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING OF 170 WORKERS, AND \$65,347 FOR 61 TRAINEES IN WORK EXPERIENCE.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BY COST CATEGORIES IS AS FOLLOWS: \$43,939 FOR ADMINISTRATION; \$88,000 FOR ALLOWANCES; \$53,580 FOR WAGES; \$104,000 FOR TRAINING; \$22,000 FOR SERVICES; AND, \$781 FOR FRINGE BENEFITS.

PRIORITY FOR TITLE 1 AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 30. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT EXCLUDE OTHER ELIGIBLE PERSONS FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM.

107 UNEMPLOYED TRUST TERRITORY CITIZENS WOULD BE GIVEN TEMPORARY SUBSIDIZED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT UNDER A \$147,300 TITLE 2 GRANT.

TEN PERCENT OF THE TITLE 2 FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THE PARTICIPANTS.

\$31,471 IN A SPECIAL CETA GRANT WOULD BE USED TO SUPPORT THE STATE MANPOWER SERVICES COUNCIL, PROVIDE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND TO ASSESS CURRENT SERVICES PROVIDED TO EX-OFFENDERS AND RURAL AREAS.

PERSONS WHO WISH TO EXAMINE THE FULL GRANT APPLICATION MAY DO SO AT THE TRAINING DIVISION ON SAIPAN, AND AT EACH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE.

THOSE WHO WISH TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE APPLICATION MUST DO SO BEFORE SEPTEMBER 5, 1974. COMMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, 96950.

THEY MAY ALSO WRITE TO MR. WILLIAM J. HALTIGAN, ACTING ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER, 450 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE, BOX 36084, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 94102.

(SPC ANNOUNCES TWO APPOINTMENTS)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 9 (MNS)---TWO MEN FAMILIAR WITH MICRONESIA HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO JOIN THE STAFF OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION.

FRANCIS B. MAHONEY, FORMER TT CHIEF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF PALAU AND THE MARIANAS, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS AN SPC SOCIAL WELFARE TRAINING OFFICER.

1973, HE CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF ALCOHOL ABUSE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. ACCORDING TO AN SPC NEWS RELEASE, MAHONEY WILL ADVISE THE COMMISSION ON SUCH PROBLEMS AS JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, ADULT CRIME, AND THE SOCIAL EFFECTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY TOURISM. HE WILL ALSO ASSIST IN THE TRAINING OF SOCIAL WELFARE PERSONNEL.

DR. AUTHUR L. DAHL, WHO CONDUCTED STUDIES OF MICRONESIAN REEFS, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AN SPC REGIONAL ECOLOGICAL ADVISOR. FORMERLY WITH THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, DR. DAHL HAS ALSO CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE SURVEYS OF CORAL REEFS IN AMERICAN SAMOA.

DR. DAHL WILL ADVISE COMMISSION MEMBER COUNTRIES ON PARTICULAR PROBLEMS OF CONSERVATION AFFECTING INDIVIDUAL AREAS. HE WILL ALSO MAKE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE WITHIN THE REGION.

(FOOD WORKSHOP IN TRUK)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 9 (MNS)---A SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOP IN FOOD PRODUCTION AND HOME ECONOMICS WILL BE HELD IN TRUK DISTRICT, AUGUST 12 THROUGH 24. TRAINEES FROM MICRONESIA, THE COOK ISLANDS, WESTERN SAMOA, AMERICAN SAMOA AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA WILL ATTEND THE WORKSHOP.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE WORKSHOP INCLUDE: FOOD HABITS IN THE TERRITORIES, FOOD STORAGE, THE IMPORTANCE OF NUTRITION AND HEALTH, THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER CHILD FEEDING, PIG AND CHICKEN RAISING, AND TUBER AND FRUIT CROPS PRODUCTION. PRACTICAL WORK WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE PREPARATION AND PRESERVATION OF FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND MEATS.

MS. HERESANI VULACA OF FIJI, MISS MURIEL BOURNE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND MRS. HATTIE BAKER AND JAMES T. HIYANE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL SERVE AS CONSULTANTS.

CO-SPONSORS OF THE WORKSHOP ARE THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION AND THE TRUST TERRITORY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE DIVISIONS.

(RUSSIAN SHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 9 (MNS)---THE UPCOMING VISIT OF THE SOVIET CRUISE SHIP S.S. FEDOR SHALAYAPIN, WHICH WILL BE CARRYING SOME 700 JAPANESE TOURISTS, HAS BEEN

RESCHEDULED.

THE SHALAYAPIN WAS TO LEAVE YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, ON AUGUST 12 AND ARRIVE AT GUAM ON THE 15. HOWEVER, THE SHIP WAS DENIED PERMISSION TO DOCK IN GUAM.

ACCORDING TO TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF OF IMMIGRATION GUIRINO I. MENDIOLA, THE SHIP HAS BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO DOCK IN SAIPAN INSTEAD OF GUAM. NO REASON WAS GIVEN FOR GUAM'S DENIAL.

THE NEW SCHEDULE MEANS THAT THE CRUISE SHIP WILL BE MAKING TWO STOPS AT SAIPAN. THE PRESENT TOUR ITINERARY CALLS FOR THE SHIP TO REACH RABAU, NEW GUINEA, ON AUGUST 19, LEAVE THE NEXT DAY FOR TRUK WHERE THE TOUR WILL STAY FROM THE 22ND UNTIL THE 23RD.

FROM TRUK, THE SHIP WILL REACH SAIPAN AGAIN ON THE 25TH FOR A ONE DAY STOPOVER. THE TOUR WILL END IN YOKOHAMA ON THE 29TH.

THE CRUISE, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE LEISURE DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF JAPAN, IS BEING USED TO INTRODUCE JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN TO POTENTIAL PACIFIC RESORT AREAS.

IN ADDITION, INFORMATION COMPILED FROM THE THREE WEEK TOUR WILL BE USED TO HELP DETERMINE THE NEEDS OF SEA-GOING JAPANESE TOURISTS, A REPORT IN A JAPANESE NEWSPAPER SAID.

THE FEDOR SHALAYAPIN, ALMOST 560 FEET LONG, WILL BE STAFFED BY A CREW OF 380.

(FISHERIES MEETING IN TONGA)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 9 (MNS)---REPRESENTATIVES FROM ELEVEN PACIFIC COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES ATTENDED THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION'S SEVENTH TECHNICAL MEETING ON FISHERIES HELD IN TONGA JULY 15 THROUGH JULY 19.

OBSERVERS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND THE UN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION WERE ALSO PRESENT. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE TU' IPELEHAKE, PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES OF TONGA OFFICIALLY WELCOMED THE VISITORS.

DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD BY THE PARTICIPANTS ON SEVERAL ITEMS THAT ARE OF VITAL CONCERN TO FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION, INCLUDING :AQUACULTURE, TURTLE FARMING, TRAINING OF COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN, AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF VILLAGE-LEVEL FISHERIES ACTIVITIES.

RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE TO GIVE TOP PRIORITY TO A SKIPJACK TAGGING PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BE OF PARTICULAR BENEFIT TO THOSE TERRITORIES, INCLUDING MICRONESIA, WHICH ARE BEGINNING TO ESTABLISH SUCH FISHERIES AND TO ASK TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATIONS TO CONSIDER PROVIDING FUEL FOR FISHERIES FREE OF TAX AND DUTY.