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(CONGRESS-TWELFTH DAY)
SAIPAN, JAN. 25 (MNS) ---THREE SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVE HIGHLIGHTED FLOOR ACTIVITY ON THE TWELFTH DAY

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OF THE CURRENT REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ON SAIPAN FRIDAY (JAN. 25). (SEE FOLLOWING STORY). AS THE LAWMAKERS MOVED THROUGH THE END OF THE SESSION'S SECOND WEEK, THE FOCUS OF ACTIVITY SHIFTED INCREASINGLY TO THE COMMITTEES, WITH NUMEROUS PUBLIC HEARING ON TAP WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS, MANY OF THEM TO CONSIDER MAJOR PIECES OF LEGISLATION.

FOR EXAMPLE, MICRONESIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WILL BE THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATION NEXT WEEK WHEN THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON

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RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT HOLDS A HEARING INTO BILLS THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A JOINT ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (SB 46), AND THAT WOULD CREATE A MICRONESIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (SB 111). THAT HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE MONDAY, JANUARY 28 AT ONE IN THE AFTERNOON.

IN THE HOUSE, THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HAS SCHEDULED A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 2, AT 1:30 TO EXAMINE PROVISIONS OF A BILL THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A PRICE CONTROL SYSTEM IN MICRONESIA (HB 124). THE SAME COMMITTEE INTENDS TO LOOK INTO THE CURRENT PROBLEMS OF TRANSPACIFIC LINES AT A HEARING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER.

OTHER COMMITTEES IN BOTH HOUSES ARE HOLDING HEARINGS ON OTHER BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS, AND IT IS IN THESE MEETING THAT THE REAL "GIVE-AND-TAKE" OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS OCCURS. BY THE TIME BILLS REACH THE FLOOR FOR FINAL ACTION IN EITHER HOUSE, THE MAJOR DIFFERENCES OVER THE MEASURE HAVE GENERALLY BEEN WORKED OUT. THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY PUBLIC HEARING, AND TO OFFER TESTIMONY IF DESIRED ON ANY MEASURE PENDING BEFORE THAT PARTICULAR COMMITTEE.

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FINAL FLOOR ACTION CONTINUED TO BE LIGHT IN BOTH HOUSES FRIDAY, BUT ONE BILL DID PASS SECOND READING IN THE HOUSE, WHILE A MEASURE WAS FILED IN THE SENATE.

THE HOUSE APPROVED AND SENT TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION A MEASURE THAT WOULD MAKE JABOR ISLAND, IN THE

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JALUIT ATOLL OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, AN OFFICIAL TRUST TERRITORY PORT

OF ENTRY (HB 52). ACTION ON ANOTHER BILL UP FOR SECOND READING, RELATING TO ABANDONED WATERCRAFT, WAS DEFERRED (HB 197).

SENATORS VOTED TO FILE A BILL EXTENDING THE TIME FOR FILING OF EMPLOYERS' QUARTERLY TAX AND INCOME REPORTS (SB 126), SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH (TRUK) COMMENTING THAT SUCH ACTION IS NOT NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. ACTION ON ANOTHER BILL UP FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING IN THE SENATE, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS (SB 66) WAS ALSO DEFERRED.

THERE WERE NO MEASURE ON THE RESOLUTION CALENDER FOR ADOPTION IN THE SENATE, BUT IN THE HOUSE TWO RECEIVED UNANIMOUS APPROVAL AND WILL GO TO THE SENATE FOR CONSIDERATION. ONE REQUESTS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SPONSOR THE TRUST TERRITORY FOR

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (HJR 77). THE OTHER CONVEYS THE CONDOLENCES OF THE CONGRESS TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE JUDGE PABLO RINGANG OF PALAU, WHO DIED RECENTLY (HJR 76).

THREE BILLS, TWO RESOLUTIONS AND TWO JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED AT FRIDAY'S HOUSE SESSION. THE BILLS INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORK IN CERTAIN PORTIONS OF TRUK DISTRICT (HB 238); ANOTHER

APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 DOLLARS TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION (HB 236); AND A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MUNICIPAL ALIEN WORKER REVIEW BOARDS IN ALL CHARTERED MUNICIPALITIES (HB 237). THESE BOARDS WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO RESTRICT ANY ALIEN WORKER FROM RESIDING IN AND WORKING IN AN MUNICIPALITY FOR LONGER THAN TWO YEARS.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS OFFERED INCLUDE ONE REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS FOR VETERAN'S LOANS TO RESIDENTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY (HJR 86), AND ONE DECLARING THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S. SHOULD BE ACCORDED EQUAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES AS THE PEOPLE OF KWAJALEIN ATOLL IN THE

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MARSHALL ISLANDS, OFFERED BY CONGRESSMAN ATAJI BALOS IN
CONJUNCTION WITH REMARKS DELIVERED ON THE FLOOR (HJR 85, SEE
FOLLOWING STORY).

THE NEW BILL WERE INTRODUCED DURING THE FRIDAY SESSION
OF THE SENATE.

THEY ARE: A BILL CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT IN THE TT, SETTING UP WHAT WOULD BE KNOWN AS THE
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 AND PROVIDING FOR A LOAN
FUND (SB 225); A MEASURE DESIGNED TO FOSTER AMITY IN MICRONESIA,
PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES SUCH AS AN
EXCHANGE OF STUDENT AMONG THE SIX DISTRICTS (SB 226); A BILL
CONCERNING FORGIVENESS AS A DEFENSE TO A CRIMINAL ACT (SB 227);
A MEASURE RELATING TO THE OWNERSHIP OR INTEREST IN REAL
PROPERTY AND PROVIDING FOR DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN SECTION OF THE
TT CODE RELATING TO MUNICIPAL CONTROL OVER LICENSING OF RETAIL
AND SERVICE BUSINESSES (SB 229); AN APPROPRIATION OF \$30,000
DOLLARS FOR THE COMPLETION OF ROTA SCHOOL (SB 230); ANOTHER
APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 DOLLARS TO SUPPLEMENT
TT HOUSING LOAN FUNDS (SB 231); AN APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000
DOLLARS FOR PHASE ONE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PORT FACILITY IN
THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT (SB 232); AND TWO NATURALIZATION BILLS

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(SB 233 AND 234).

THE TWO HOUSES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ARE IN
RECESS UNTIL TEN MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 28, WHICH WILL BE
THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE CURRENT, 50-DAY SESSIONS.
(ALL USERS, PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
SAIPAN JAN 25, 1974---(CONGRESS RELEASE)---IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES FRIDAY (JAN 25) THREE STATEMENTS WERE DELIVERED BY
MEMBERS, TWO ON THE FLOOR AND ONE WAS INSERTED INTO THE JOURNAL OF
THE HOUSE. THEY RANGED IN SUBJECT MATTER FROM DESIGNATING A FUTURE
PERMANENT CAPITAL OF MPCRONESIA TO THE LAND MORATORIUM ON TINIAN,
TO HUMOROUS BUT SERIOUS REMARKS ABOUT THE USE OF KWAJALEIN MISSILE
RANGE IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT.

IN THE STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY VICE-SPEAKER ENDY BOIS FOR

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INCLUSION IN THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE HOUSE HE CALLED ON THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA NOT TO WAIT UNTIL "THE ELEVENTH HOUR" BUT TO GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF DETERMINING THE FUTURE LOCATION OF THE PERMANENT CAPITAL OF MICRONESIA.

REMINDING THE HOUSE OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN A REPORT PREPARED TWO YEARS AGO BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING, THE TRUK CONGRESSMAN SUGGESTED THAT ON THE BASIS

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