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SAIPAN, JAN. 29 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---AS THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MOVED TO CLUSE ITS 16TH DAY OF DELIBERATIONS, CONGRESSMAN FELIPE Q. ATALIG OF THE MARIANAS INTRODUCED A PRICE CONTROL BILL AND DELIVERED SHORT REMARKS CONCERNING THAT LEGISLATION.

THE BILL IS ENTITLED THE "TRUST TERRITORY PRICE CONTROL.

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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, AND NOTING UNPRECEDENTED INCREASES IN FUEL AND SHIPPING COSTS, SETIK URGED ACROSS-  
THE-BOARD, SELF-IMPOSED REDUCTIONS IN CERTAIN AREAS SO THAT PROGRAMS MOST URGENTLY NEEDED FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978 COULD STILL BE CARRIED OUT.

"IN THE END, IT IS THE BOLD AND IMAGINATIVE LEADERSHIP THAT WILL BE THE DECIDING FACTOR IN THE MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA," HE SAID. "IN THIS CHALLENGE, I AM SURE WE WILL MOST CERTAINLY RISE TO THE OCCASION."

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BUILDING A STRONG ECONOMY.

SETIK TOLD THE HOUSE, IN PRESENTING THE REPORT, THAT THE EMPHASIS IN THE BUDGET REQUEST WHICH WERE SUBMITTED AND APPROVED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR 1974, ATTEMPTED NOT TO EXCEED 1973 OPERATING COST LEVELS, SO THAT INCREASES IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SECTOR OF THE BUDGET, INCLUDING ROADS, SHIPPING FACILITIES, AIRPORTS, WATER, SEWER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND OTHER PROJECTS COULD BE CARRIED OUT.

"OUR COMMITTEE PLACED EMPHASIS ON FOUR PRIMARY GOALS FOR MICRONESIA," HE SAID: 1) TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES; 2) DEVELOP A VIABLE MONEY ECONOMY WHICH REQUIRES LAND REGISTRATION AND TITLE DETERMINATION AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS; 3) INCREASE THE ABILITY OF MICRONESIANS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD; AND 4) ENABLE MORE MICRONESIANS TO PROGRESSIVELY

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ASSUME A GREATER ROLE IN GOVERNMENT BY MOVING INTO HIGH RANKING POSITIONS.

HOWEVER, THE TRUK CONGRESSMAN SAID DIFFICULTIES WERE ENCOUNTERED AS BUDGET CUTS WERE ANNOUNCED WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT \$12.9 MILLION IN CARRY-OVER FUNDS STILL REMAINED FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. AS SETIK EXPLAINED IT, "MOST DISTRICTS WERE EXCEPTIONALLY SLOW IN COMPLETING LAND CERTIFICATES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS."

THE CONSEQUENCE OF THIS, ACCORDING TO SETIK, WAS NOT THE \$60 MILLION AUTHORIZED ANNUALLY FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY, BUT ONLY \$47.7 MILLION FOR THE WHOLE FISCAL YEAR 1974.

SETIK STATED IT WAS THEN NECESSARY TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON TO SEEK A SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS, SINCE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD FELT THAT PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SHOULD BE SPENT BEFORE NEW FUNDS BE MADE AVAILABLE.

THE SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST WAS FINALLY APPROVED, HE SAID, THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE, BRINGING FUNDS TOTTALLING \$57.8 MILLION.

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