

(ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERING BILL)

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SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 13 (MNS)---THE OFFICE OF TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS FORMALLY RECEIVED THE FIRST TWO BILLS TO BE PASSED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DURING ITS CURRENT SESSION. THE BILLS ARE A MEASURE RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE CAPTAINS (SB 171), AND A BILL DESIGNED TO PUT TO A STOP TO THE PRACTICE OF NON-CITIZENS USING A MICRONESIAN SPOUSE OR ADOPTED CHILD AS A "FRONT" IN ORDER TO AVOID COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT ACT (HB 3).

THE FIRST BILL WAS FORMALLY TRANSMITTED TO THE HICOM FROM THE CONGRESS LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 8, WHILE THE SECOND WAS RECEIVED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12. UNDER THE TERMS OF SECRETARIAL ORDER 2913, THE HICOM HAS TEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF RECEIPT TO CONSIDER THESE BILLS. THUS ACTION ON SB 171 MUST BE COMPLETED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, AND ACTION ON HB 3 BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

BOTH BILLS ARE PRESENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OTHER CONCERNED OFFICIALS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER CAN EITHER SIGN THE BILLS, DISAPPROVE OF THEM AND RETURN THEM TO THE CONGRESS, OR TAKE NO ACTION, THEREBY PERMITTING THEM TO BECOME LAW WITHOUT HIS SIGNATURE.

(DR. ISHODA DIES)

GUAM, FEBRUARY 13 (MNS)---THE MEDICAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE EBEEY FIELD HOSPITAL IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, DR. TREGAR ISHODA, DIED AT THE GUAM NAVAL HOSPITAL TUESDAY (FEB. 12). DR. ISHODA WAS FLOWN TO GUAM MONDAY AFTER BECOMING ILL SUDDENLY. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY ANNOUNCED.

THE 48-YEAR OLD MEDICAL OFFICER WAS A GRADUATE OF THE GUAM SCHOOL FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS UNDER THE U.S. NAVY, WHICH HE ATTENDED FROM 1946 THROUGH 1950. AFTER HIS TRAINING IN GUAM, HE WORKED AT TRUK HOSPITAL FOR TWO YEARS BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO MAJURO HOSPITAL. HE HAD WORKED ON EBEEY, IN THE KWAJALEIN ATOLL, FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, DURING WHICH HE SAW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MEDICAL FACILITY TO SERVE THAT ISLAND'S MORE THAN 5,000 INHABITANTS.

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES DR. MASAO KUMANGAI PAID TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF DR. ISHODA WEDNESDAY ON SAIPAN, AND EXPRESSED HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. DR. ISHODA'S FATHER WAS A WELL-KNOWN DOCTOR IN THE MARSHALLS DURING THE JAPANESE TIME, AND HIS BROTHER, THE LATE DR. ARMER ISHODA, WAS ALSO A WELL-KNOWN MEDICAL OFFICER IN MAJURO. MAJURO'S HOSPITAL IS NAMED AFTER DR. ARMER ISHODA.

DR. TREGAR ISHODA IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN, AS WELL AS BY TWO BROTHERS AND THREE SISTERS.

(BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY)

SAIPAN, FEB. 13 (MNS)---ONE NEW BUSINESS PERMIT WAS APPROVED, THREE WERE DISAPPROVED, AND ONE NEW APPLICATION WAS RECEIVED, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY SUMMARY OF FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS APPROVED THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL SHOPPERS, LIMITED, TO OPERATE HOTEL SHOPPING ARCADES IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT, UPON FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD. CARLOS BLANCO IS THE LOCAL MANAGER OF THE FIRM.

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THE HICOM HAS SENT LETTERS TO THREE FIRMS NOTIFYING THEM THAT THEIR APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN DISAPPROVED. ONE IS SWINERTON AND WALBERG, A CONSTRUCTION FIRM WHICH WANTED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, WHICH WAS TURNED DOWN ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MARSHALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD BECAUSE THERE WAS NO PROVISION FOR MICRONESIAN OWNERSHIP OR PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRM.

THE APPLICATION OF HOLMES MANAGEMENT COMPANY TO OPERATE A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS WAS ALSO DISAPPROVED, BECAUSE THE LOCAL BOARD HAS DECIDED TO APPROVE A SIMILAR APPLICATION FROM ANOTHER COMPANY, PACIFIC COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION. HOLMES MANAGEMENT HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A CABLE TV PERMIT FOR THE MARIANAS. LEE HOLMES OF GUAM IS THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER OF THE COMPANY.

THE THIRD APPLICATION DISAPPROVED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS THAT OF A COMPANY DOING BUSINESS AS GROWTH INTERNATIONAL REALTY, WHICH WANTED TO OPERATE IN THE MARIANAS. THIS COMPANY SELLS WHAT IS TERMED "UNDIVIDED INTEREST" IN REAL ESTATE IN AUSTRALIA. THE APPLICATION WAS TURNED DOWN BECAUSE THE INVESTMENT IS "HIGHLY SPECULATIVE" IN NATURE, AND BECAUSE THERE WAS SOME QUESTION ABOUT THE METHOD OF OPERATION OF THE COMPANY. SALESMEN FROM THE COMPANY HAVE BEEN RETAINED ON SAIPAN BY A MICRONESIAN-OWNED BUSINESS, HOWEVER, AND THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO SELL THE AUSTRALIAN PROPERTY ANYWAY. POTENTIAL INVESTORS SHOULD BE CAREFUL ABOUT INVESTING IN ANY PROPERTY THAT THEY HAVE NOT THEMSELVES VISITED AND INSPECTED.

THE ONLY NEW FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT APPLICATION RECEIVED DURING THE PAST WEEK WAS FROM HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, WHICH WANTS TO ENGAGE IN THE SELLING OF NON-LIFE INSURANCE IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT. THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE MARIANAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION.

(ENVIRONMENTAL FILM TO BE SHOWN)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 13 (MWS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FILM "CLOUD OVER THE CORAL REEF," WHICH WAS PARTIALLY FILMED IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, WILL BE SHOWN ON SAIPAN TELEVISION STATION WSZE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EVENING NEWS.

THE FILM DICTS THE THREAT TO LIVING CORAL REEFS CAUSED BY SOIL EROSION RESULTING FROM POOR CONSTRUCTION AND LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND IMPROPER FARMING TECHNIQUES. THIS FILM, MADE IN HAWAII AND IN THE MARSHALLS, GRAPHICALLY DOCUMENTS THE NEEDLES DESTRUCTION TO LIVING REEFS AND THE FISH AND SHELLFISH ON WHICH THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA HEAVILY DEPEND FOR FOOD AND INCOME, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

THE SPECIAL TELEVISION FILM SHOWING WILL BE INTRODUCED BY A MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD, AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED ABOUT THE FILM. INFORMATION ON OBTAINING THE FILM FOR SHOWING IN OTHER AREAS MAY BE HAD BY WRITING TO THE CHAIRMAN, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD, HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, SAIPAN, 96950.