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(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: IN TRANSMITTING THE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE DISPATCH OF NEWS FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, ONE PAGE OF COPY WAS INADVERTENTLY LEFT OUT. THIS DISPATCH INCLUDES ONLY THAT MISSING PAGE, AND SHOULD BE INSERTED IN THE EARLIER TRANSMISSION BETWEEN THE PAGE ENDING WITH THE WORDS "ROTATE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ON A REGULAR BASIS." AND THE ONE BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS "YEAR-ROUND, WITH STAGGERED VACATION PERIODS." MNS REGRETS THIS OMISSION AND THE INCONVENIENCE IT MAY HAVE CAUSED.)

DURING THE OFF-THE RECORD MEETING, THE SENATORS TALKED OVER THEIR DIFFERENCES ON THE MEASURE, FINALLY DECIDING TO REFER IT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, CHAIRED BY SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH (TRUK), FOR FURTHER WORK.

THREE BILLS WERE PASSED ON SECOND READING, AND SENT TO THE HOUSE FOR CONSIDERATION. THEY ARE : A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRO-RATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES ON A QUARTERLY BASIS (SB 241); A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERMS OF HIGH-LEVEL ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTEES UPON APPOINTMENT OF A HIGH COMMISSIONER OTHER THAN THE ONE WHO APPOINTED THEM (SB 278); AND A BILL TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INITIATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING PROBLEMS (SB 242).

ON THE RESOLUTION CALENDAR, SENATORS ADOPTED TWO MEASURES. ONE WOULD REQUEST THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CONDUCT A MANPOWER NEEDS SURVEY AND USE IT AS THE BASIS FOR REEVALUATING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND CONDUCT PERIODIC RE-SURVEYS (SJR 50); WHILE THE OTHER WOULD DIRECT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO TRANSMIT ITS VIEWS TO THE CONGRESS REGARDING FOUR EDUCATION-RELATED ISSUES (SJR 89). THE ISSUES ARE WHETHER IT IS DESIRABLE TO OPERATE SCHOOLS.

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