

Trochus Bill Is Sent To HiCom

SAIPAN (MNS) — The house of representatives Monday passed and sent to the High Commissioner a measure to restrict the harvesting of trochus to citizens of the Trust Territory. The measure is the eighth bill to pass the congress to date.

The original intent of the bill was to amend the law to permit smaller shells to be taken. But the committee disagreed with the size change and altered the bill to limit the taking of trochus to citizens of Micronesia rather than permitting any permanent resident to harvest trochus as the law currently provides.

Three more bills were passed and sent to the senate. Two are naturalization measures. The other is to permit foreign fishing vessels to purchase supplies and provisions from private businessmen and the district fishing authority and to impose a 10 per cent tax on all such sales. The tax funds are to be used for operating expenses of the district fishing authorities and loans for fishing cooperative associations and their members.

The house also deferred action on another naturalization measure that came up for first reading.

Four house joint resolutions and two bills were introduced. The bills are:

-To establish a policy on government vehicles, including prohibiting use of such vehicles for pleasure or other unofficial purposes.

-A bill to amend the TT Code and law to permit the government to grant use of public land on Pagan and in the Kagman and Marpi areas of Saipan for such public purposes as erection of schools, stores, churches and hotels.

The house joint resolutions are:

-To authorize the chairmen of the house Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Relations and of the senate Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations to conduct an immediate investigation of the operations of the Division of Procurement and Supply.

-Requesting the Interior Secretary to stay the effect of his order requiring reapportionment of the house of representatives of the

U.S. Congress to enact legislation appropriating \$70 million for capital improvements and operations programs of the Trust Territory for fiscal 1975.

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and Olympio Borja of the Marianas to a conference committee with the house on the bill that would establish a coconut processing authority.

The bill has passed both houses, but members of the house of representatives do not agree with changes made in it by the senate.

Two new pieces of legislation were introduced in the senate. A new bill would appropriate \$3,000 to send Balerio Pedro of Angaur, Palau to the United Nations this summer to press for Angaur's claims against several foreign countries for exploitation of the island since 1914.

A new joint resolution welcomes the representative from Papua-New Guinea, Ralph Karepa, on his visit to Micronesia later this week.

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congress until a new system of government has been proposed. debated, approved and implemented.

-Urging the HiCom and administering authority to expedite applications for homesteads on Tinian.

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"NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TWELFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1974 at 10:00 A.M.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & WELFARE

Bill No. 669 - An Act relative to providing staff assistance for the Board of Cosmetology and for other purposes.

Bill No. 690 - An Act relative to the practice of Cosmetology.

Bill No. 700 - An Act relative to providing for licensing for health care facilities.

Those testifying are advised to submit copies of their prepared written statements for submission to committee members.

The public is invited to attend and participate."

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM

TERRITORY OF GUAM

DINERS CLUB OF GUAM, INC., A CORPORATION, Marshal, Territory of Guam, I have levied upon all the right, title

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