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MARSHALLS DISTRICT, (HB 271); ANOTHER ASKING FOR \$10,000 AS A
SUBSIDY FOR THE TRUK HOUSING AUTHORITY, (SB 272); A BILL TO
 earmark \$120,000 TO CONSTRUCT COPRA WAREHOUSES IN EACH DISTRICT,
(HB 273); A BILL TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TT CODE AND
PL 5-21 RELATING TO THE POWERS OF THE DISTRICT FISHING
AUTHORITIES AND EXTENDING PROVISIONS OF THE SAME LAWS TO

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INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES OTHER THAN COOPERATIVES ASSOCIATIONS ENGAGED IN FISHING BUSINESS, (HB 274); A MEASURE AUTHORIZING THE MARSHALLS DISTAD TO GRANT CONCESSION CONTRACTS FOR BUSINESSES AT THE MAJURO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT... TO REQUIRE BIDS FOR CONCESSIONS, AND TO SPECIFY OTHER SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, (HB 275); A BILL TO AMEND THE TT CODE RELATIVE TO THE RETURN OF IMPORT TAX REVENUES TO THE DISTRICTS, (HB 276); A BILL TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TT CODE TO EXEMPT NON-PUBLIC

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SCHOOLS FROM THE GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL EXCISE TAX, (HB 277); A MEASURE TO APPROPRIATE \$6,500 TO PURCHASE RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR THE YOUTH OF THE MARIANAS, (HB 278); A BILL TO REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF A HOMESTEAD SURVEY WITHIN THE KAGMAN AND MARPI HOMESTEAD TRACTS ON SAIPAN WITHIN ONE YEAR, (HB 279); AND A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$100,000 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND RENOVATION OF THE FACILITIES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA IN PONAPE (HB 280).

AMONG THE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED IN ADDITION TO CONGRESSMAN HEINE'S RESOLUTION, ARE: A RESOLUTION URGING THE INTERIOR SECRETARY TO AMEND SECRETARIAL ORDER 2902 TO REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE CONGRESS PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO ANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR EITHER OFFICIAL OR COMMERCIAL AIR OR SEA TRANSPORTATION, (HJR 97); ANOTHER REQUESTING THE HICOM TO ARRANGE TO HAVE ONE CIVIC ACTION TEAM ASSIGNED TO KUSAIE ISLAND TO WORK ON WATER PROJECTS AND OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE VARIOUS VILLAGES, (HJR 98); A MEASURE REQUESTING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO EXTEND THE FEDERAL FOOD STAMP PROGRAM TO THE TT, (HJR 99); ANOTHER AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TO UTILIZE THE ATTORNEYS OF THE CONGRESS AND/OR ENGAGE PRIVATE COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE

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HOUSE OF THE CONGRESS OR CONGRESSMEN IN SUING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTING FURTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS FOR TINIAN ISLAND, (HJR 100); A RESOLUTION URGING THE HICOM TO OFFER OR CAUSE TO BE PUT ON SALE ALL GOVERNMENT OWNED HOUSES

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AND LIVING UNITS ON THE BASIS OF PUBLIC BID, AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS TO LEASE BACK FOR THE USE OF THE GOVERNMENT SUCH HOUSES AND LIVING UNITS, THEREBY AVOIDING THE STIGMA OF BEING ONE OF THE LARGEST LANDLORDS IN MICRONESIA (HJR 101); AND A MEASURE REQUESTING A CHANGE IN THE PROCEDURE WHEREBY THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION PRESENTS TO THE CONGRESS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET PLAN EACH YEAR (HJR 102).

BOTH HOUSES ADJOURNED UNTIL 10:00 WEDNESDAY MORNING.

(TRUK FISHING PLANT TO GET FULL)

SAIPAN, FEB. 5 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY FUEL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JUAN SABLAN TO GRANT A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO CURRENT FUEL ALLOCATIONS FOR A FISHING AND FISH PROCESSING OPERATION ON THE ISLAND OF TOL. INDICATIONS ARE THE REQUEST WILL BE APPROVED. MOBIL OIL MANAGER RON

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CHEVAKO MET MONDAY ON SAIPAN WITH THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JAMES WHEELER, AND THEY AGREED THAT THE REQUEST WAS A VALID ONE THAT COULD BE HONORED.

DISTAD SABLAN POINTED OUT THAT THE PROCESSING PLANT, KNOWN AS THE KATSUBUSHI PLANT ON TOL, WAS NOT IN OPERATION FOR MOST OF LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF AN INSUFFICIENT CATCH OF TUNA. THUS IT HAD NO BASE ON WHICH TO MAKE AN ALLOCATION OF FUEL. "DURING THESE PAST FEW MONTHS, HOWEVER," WROTE THE DISTAD, "THEIR FISHING BOAT, AS WELL AS OTHERS, HAS BEEN CATCHING A SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY OF TUNA FISH, FAR EXCEEDING THE CATCH RECORD OF PREVIOUS YEARS. BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM JAPAN AND KOREA TUNA EXPERTS, THE TREND WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DURING THESE NEXT THREE TO FOUR YEARS, THUS INSURING A CONTINUING SUPPLY OF FISH FOR THE LOCAL MARKETS AND THE KATSUBUSHI PROCESSING PLANT.

DISTAD SABLAN POINTED OUT THAT THE PLANT COST THE TOL COMMUNITY NEARLY THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BUILD, AND "IS THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN THE TERRITORY WHICH TURNS A LOCAL RAW RESOURCE INTO A FINISHED PRODUCT FOR EXPORT. THE HIGH DEMAND FOR THE PRODUCT IN JAPAN, KOREA AND HAWAII GUARANTEES MARKET

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OUTLETS INDEFINITELY," HE ADDED.

IN ORDER TO RESUME THIS VITAL OPERATION, THE DISTAD ASKED FOR AN ALLOCATION OF 1,000 GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL A MONTH IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE PLANT TO OPERATE AT 80 TO 90 PER CENT CAPACITY.

THE FULL COMMITTEE IS TO MEET SOON TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST, BUT THEY ARE EXPECTED TO GO ALONG WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF WHEELER AND CHEVAKO THAT THE REQUEST BE GRANTED, AND THE FUEL MADE AVAILABLE TO THE KATSUBUSHI PLANT.
(NEW GUINEA OFFICIAL TO VISIT TT)

SAIPAN, FEB. 5 (MNS)---FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICER OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, RALPH KAREPA, IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT TWO DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY LATER THIS MONTH, ACCORDING TO WORD RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON THIS WEEK.

KAREPA, WHO IS PRESENTLY TOURING THE U.S. MAINLAND AS PART OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT LEADER GRANT, IS PLANNING TO VISIT PONAPE FEBRUARY 27, MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE PONAPE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

FOLLOWING THE PONAPE VISIT, KAREPA WILL MAKE A SIMILIAR ORIENTATION TOUR OF SAIPAN FEBRUARY 28, MEETING HIGH COMMISSIONER

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EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND LOCAL DIGNITARIES BEFORE LEAVING FOR GUAM MARCH THIRD FOR A ONE-DAY VISIT WITH GUAM'S LEADERS. HE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART GAM FOR PORT MORESBY MARCH 4TH.

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