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SAIPAN, FEB. 8 (MNS)---THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAS MORE ACTIVE DURING ITS FRIDAY SESSION THAN THE SENATE, AS THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA COMPLETED FOUR FULL WEEKS OF ITS CURRENT SESSION ON SAIPAN. THREE BILLS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION WERE PASSED IN THE HOUSE, AND SENT ON TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. THE SENATE, ON THE OTHER HAND, DID NOT TAKE FINAL ACTION ON ANY LEGISLATION FRIDAY.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE WERE: AN APPROPRIATION BILL OF \$250,800 TO DEFRAY OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE REVENUE DIVISION FOR FY 1975 (HB 240); A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$22,000 FOR THE CURRENT

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FISCAL YEAR FOR THE SAME DIVISION, WHICH ACTS FOR THE CONGRESS IN COLLECTING TAX REVENUE (HB 244); AND AN APPROPRIATION OF \$42,000 FOR THE OPERATING AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY PERSONNEL BOARD (HB 215). ALL THREE OF THESE APPROPRIATION MEASURES WERE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE JOINT RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE 21 CONGRESSMEN ASKS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SUBMIT TO THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION HIS RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WAYS OF EXPANDING MICRONESIA'S ECONOMIC BASE (HJR 96).

BRIEF REMARKS WERE DELIVERED ON THE FLOOR FRIDAY BY TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE, CONGRESSMEN FELIPE G. ATALIG OF THE MARIANAS, AND PALAU CONGRESSMAN TIMOTHY OLKERIIL. ATALIG SPOKE ABOUT THE SO-CALLED ECONOMIC MORATORIUM ON TINIAN, URGING HIS COLLEAGUES TO PASS A RESOLUTION HE INTRODUCED THIS WEEK AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TO UTILIZE ATTORNEYS ON THE STAFF OF THE CONGRESS, OR ENGAGE PRIVATE COUNSEL, TO SUE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR IMPOSING THIS MORATORIUM.

CONGRESSMAN OLKERIIL ASKED THE CONGRESS TO ACT SWIFTLY ON SEVERAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE, MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY THOSE DEALING WITH THE SHIPPING CRISIS,

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT, RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS, AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. (SEE FOLLOWING STORY FOR FURTHER COVERAGE OF BOTH SPEECHES.)

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FOUR BILLS AND TWO JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED DURING FRIDAY'S SESSION. THE BILLS ARE: A MEASURE TO AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE TO ELIMINATE A TAX DEDUCTION FOR ANYONE EARNING MORE THAN \$9,000 A YEAR (HB 292); A BILL TO AMEND A PORTION OF AN APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR THE MARSHAL ISLANDS PASSED IN 1972 TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE NITIJELA PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS (HB 293); AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000 TO RENOVATE AND IMPROVE THE EXISTING DISPENSARY ON LUKWONWOR ISLAND, MILI ATOLL, IN THE MARSHALLS (HJ 294); AND AN ADMINISTRATION-PROPOSED BILL TO RECTIFY CERTAIN PROBLEMS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED IN COMPENSATION LEVEL FOR SO-CALLED "LOCAL HIRE" EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES, AND FOR MICRONESIANS RECRUITED TO WORK OUTSIDE THE TRUST TERRITORY, SUCH AS IN GUAM OR HAWAII (HB 295).

THE TWO JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED WOULD URGE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO STUDY THE CONCEPT OF A THREE-DAY WORK WEEK AS A MEANS OF EASING THE FUEL CRISIS IN MICRONESIA (HJR 111); AND, IN A HUMOROUS VEIN, DECLARE THAT HENCEFORTH CHRISTMAS DAY SHALL

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BE OBSERVED IN MICRONESIA ON APRIL FIRST, SINCE IT SEEMS TO TAKE THAT LONG FOR CHRISTMAS GOODS COMING BY SEA TO ARRIVE (HJR 110) (SEE FOLLOWING STORY).

THERE WAS NO FINAL FLOOR ACTION IN THE SENATE FRIDAY. FIVE BILLS AND TWO RESOLUTIONS, ONE OF THEM A JOINT MEASURE AND THE OTHER A SINGLE HOUSE MEASURE, WERE INTRODUCED. THE BILLS INCLUDE: AN ADMINISTRATION BILL IDENTICAL TO THE HOUSE BILL MENTIONED A MOMENT AGO, AMENDING THE SALARY PLAN LAW (SB 289); AN APPROPRIATION OF \$45,000 FOR THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSION. A BILL THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PASSED BY THE HOUSE (SB 290); THE TAX DEDUCTION BILL OFFERED IN THE HOUSE (SB 291); A BILL THAT WOULD PROVIDE A REQUIREMENT THAT UNDATED "LETTERS OF RESIGNATION" FROM THE TOP OFFICIALS OF THE TT GOVERNMENT BE KEPT ON FILE, TO BE PICKED UP IF WARRANTED AT ANY TIME (SB 287); AND A BILL PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL CONTROL OVER MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES, AND AMENDING THE LAW RELATING TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (SB 288).

THE JOINT RESOLUTION WOULD URGE THE IMMEDIATE REINSTATEMENT OF ROGER ST. PIERRE AS CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER (SJR 92). IT WAS SIGNED BY ALL EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE SENATE WHO WERE PRESENT IN THE CHAMBER FRIDAY. THE SINGLE SENATE RESOLUTION WOULD AUTHORIZE

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THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE CURRENT FUEL CRISIS IN MICRONESIA AND PREPARE A REPORT NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 1974 (SR 10).

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FRIDAY SESSION, SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN (MARIANAS) BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF HIS COLLEAGUES THE FACT THAT AN IMPORTANT POSITION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, THAT OF CHIEF OF THE LABOR DIVISION, HAS BEEN VACANT FOR SOME TIME NOW. "THIS POSITION MUST BE FILLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," THE SENATOR SAID, ADDING "HOPEFULLY BY A QUALIFIED MICRONESIAN." PANGELINAN SAID HE UNDERSTANDS A NUMBER OF QUALIFIED MICRONESIANS HAVE APPLIED FOR THE JOB, BUT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS LOOKING FOR AN EXPATRIATE.

THE MARIANAS SENATOR ALSO COMMENTED ON THE STRANGE SITUATION OF THERE BEING TWO DEPUTY DIRECTORS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ONE OF WHOM IS PERMANENTLY STATIONED IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. "WHY DO WE NEED A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA," PANGELINAN ASKED.

SENATOR PETRUS TUN (YAP), CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTERS.

BOTH HOUSES ARE IN RECESS UNTIL TEN MONDAY MORNING, WITH

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MANY MEMBERS PLANNING TO TRAVEL SATURDAY TO RAJA FOR A DAY-LONG VISIT AT THE INVITATION OF RAJA MUNICIPAL LEADERS.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: IN THE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 CONGRESS DISPATCH FROM MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE, THIRD PARAGRAPH OF THE LEAD STORY, THERE IS AN INCORRECT STATEMENT. PLEASE INSERT THE INFORMATION THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS TEN DAYS TO REVIEW ALL BILLS OR RECEIVES ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 22. ANY BILLS TRANSMITTED TO THEM AFTER THAT DATE WILL HAVE THIRTY DAYS BEFORE ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THEM. PLEASE MAKE THIS CORRECTION IF ANY FURTHER USE IS TO BE MADE OF THAT STORY. MNS REGRETS THE ERROR.)

(ALL USERS, PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)

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SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 8 (CONGRESS RELEASE--URGING U.S. CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA NOT TO SET A PRECEDENT FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE MORATORIUMS, MARIANAS REPRESENTATIVE FELIPE Q. ATALIG ASKED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FRIDAY TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO SUB THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO END ITS MORATORIUM ON THE ISLAND OF TINIAN.

IF ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS, THE RESOLUTION WOULD AUTHORIZE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO RETAIN LEGAL COUNSEL IN BEHALF OF

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