

13 More Bills Reach HiCom

SAIPAN (MNS) — Thirteen more bills from the last session of the Congress of Micronesia officially were transmitted to the office of High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston late Tuesday.

They bring to 21 the number of bills transmitted so far of the 46 passed during the session.

Final action has been taken on two. The rest are pending.

Bills transmitted Tuesday included one Senate and 12 house measures.

The Senate measure is the controversial Admiralty and Maritime Act vetoed by the HiCom last year. The congress overrode the veto this year and the High Commissioner has another 20 days to reconsider it. If he decides he still cannot approve

it, it will be sent to the Secretary of Interior for final action. Sen. Amata Kabua of the Marshalls was the author of the original bill.

The House bills are:

-A bill relating to the jurisdiction of the Marshall Islands District.

-A bill on TT government authority to engage in coconut processing.

-A bill amending a law on weapons control.

-A bill appropriating funds for the TT personnel board.

-A measure appropriating money for operational expenses of district fishing authorities.

A bill allocating money for operational expenses

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of the TT Social Security system.

-A bill amending the TT Code permitting only TT citizens to harvest trochus shells.

-A measure appropriating money for operational expenses of the headquarters revenue division.

-A similar appropriation to supplement expenses of the revenue division for the current fiscal year.

-A measure amending the TT Code to exempt private schools from the TT from fuel tax.

-A bill to repeal a law relating to Nitijela matching Congress of Micronesia Funds.

-A measure providing that public lands in Pagan, Kagman and Marpi areas of Saipan may be used for constructing public facilities such as schools and hotels.