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MARIANAS COM DELEGATION

Generally

1. - Very low profile in COM respecting Marianas separation; but high profile for Micronesian-wide matters;
2. Support given to JCFS sponsored legislation: i.e., establishing JCFS with expanded membership, constitutional convention, Micronesian "unity", excess amendments to public land transfer act, LOS Conference and 200 mile territorial waters position, contempt of Congress act, more autonomy to Micronesia from USG control (i.e., election of High Commissioner, Micronesian judges), support dissolution of TRANSPAC, reopen war claims, membership in ADB, UNDP, South Pacific Forum;
3. Very critical of TTPI & USG re: development programs, return of public lands, Tinian moratorium.

Particularly

- Atalig
- January 25 - Representative Atalig characterized Secretary Morton's policy statement as "generally very positive", but the Secretary failed to say anything about the Tinian moratorium. Referred to Yap returnees. Discounted danger of land speculation.
  - February 5 - Representative Atalig introduced HJR No. 100 to obtain lawyers to help the House of Representatives sue the USG re Tinian moratorium
  - February 8 - Representative Atalig - re - HJR 100 - statement adamantly opposed U.S. moratorium

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- Tenorio - Generally criticized U.S. development approach; otherwise silent.
- Pangelinan - January 29 - Senator Pangelinan pointed out re foreign investment policy that "real challenge of leadership .... is not to HICOM but to the Congress of Micronesia..." New policy is a challenge to Micronesia.
- February 5 - Senator Pangelinan introduced SB #259 "Providing for the establishment of the Joint Committee on Future Status, and for Other Purposes".
- February 5 - Senator Pangelinan, plus two, introduced SB #267 "Appropriating \$100,000 for Expenses of the Marianas Political Status Commission".
- February 13 - Senator Pangelinan inserted his remarks at the University of Guam Seminar on "The Future Political Status of Micronesia, Guam and any Interrelationship of the two".
- Supportive of JCFS legislation.
- Borja - February 19 - Senator Borja changed his vote on SB #226. "I am all for the unity of Micronesia, and on that bill I vote yes".
- Borja accompanied USII Survey Team to Farallon de Medinilla on 22 February and made helpful statement afterwards
- Very critical of U.S. public land transfer legislation and U.S. development efforts.

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