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MDL ACTIONS

During its recent session, the M.D.L. focused most of its attention to Tinian and the status talks. Of those resolutions and bills passed by the M.D.L. relating to these topics, only three (3) directly concerned the MPSC: related to political education, reports to the MDL, and an authorization of \$50,000 to fund the MPSC. Other bills related to development of Tinian: repairing the dock, building an incinerator, providing "block making machine, provide water and power at "Tinian airport", and requesting an expeditious issuance of homestead permits to applicants on Tinian. It would appear that the MDL is attempting to placate the Tinianese and to make up for past neglect, and that the MDL has realized that Tinian will be the primary source of local income to the Commonwealth.

Carlos Shota, a former COM member, was recently appointed to fill a MDL vacancy. He is part Japanese and had increased his contacts with Japanese businessmen since his COM election defeat. He at one time was a strong supporter of the USG, mostly as a counter to the COM. Today, however, he is ^{frustrated} ~~dissolutioned~~ with the USG (perhaps a psychological projection of his own self-disappointment and frustration). He is an articulate spokesman and may prove to be either an able supporter or opponent of the Commonwealth talks, depending on how his attitudes shape-up in the near future.

OMSN has no other information relative to individual actions in the M.D.L.

Attached is a brief summary of resolutions and bills relating to political status issues.

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RE DOTA 248613 REQUESTING LIST OF TITLES OF LEGISLATION
AND RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO POLITICAL STATUS ISSUES PASSED
BY RECENT MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE. FOLLOWING
IS LISTING: (ALPHA) BILL; ACT NO.

41-1974 AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF DOLS 50,000 TO CARRY
OUT PURPOSE OF SECTION 108, CHAPTER I OF MARIANA ISLANDS
DISTRICT CODE RELATING TO MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS
COMMISSION (BRAVO) RESOLUTIONS: RESOLUTION

NO. 1-1974, REQUESTING UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REIMBURSE
MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FOR FUNDS EXPENDED FOR
COLLECTION, INVESTIGATION AND PRESENTATION OF WAR CLAIMS
FOR MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT: RESOLUTION NO.

9-1974, REQUESTING MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION TO
MEET WITH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FOLLOWING
EACH ROUND OF NEGOTIATION WITH UNITED STATES DELEGATION;
RESOLUTION NO. 13-1974, REQUESTING HICOM AND DISTAD TO

EXPEDITE ISSUANCE OF HOMESTEAD PERMITS TO APPLICANTS ON
ISLAND OF TINIAN: RESOLUTION NO. 15-1974, REQUESTING DISTAD
AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE WATER AND POWER AT
WESLEYAN AIRPORT: RESOLUTION NO. 23-1974.

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REQUESTING SECRETARY OF UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
TO EXPEDITE PAYMENT OF WAR DAMAGE CLAIMS TO PEOPLE OF
MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT: RESOLUTION NO. 29-1974,
REQUESTING WSZE TV TO PROJECT SOMETHING AMERICAN WHILE PLAYING

NATIONAL ANTHEM: RESOLUTION NO. 48-1974, DESIGNATING
APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE EXPEDITURES
ON BLOCK MAKING MACHINE AND PA SYSTEM ON TINIAN ISLAND:
RESOLUTION NO. 59-1974, REQUESTING AMERICAN TELEPHONE
AND TELEGRAPH

COMPANY OF NEW YORK TO STUDY FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING
TRANSPACIFIC SUBMARINE CABLE TO SAIPAN: RESOLUTION
NO. 65-1974, REQUESTING DISTAD AND DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC HEALTH TO DONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ESTABLISHING
INLAND INCINERATOR

FOR TINIAN ISLAND: RESOLUTION NO. 68-1974, REQUESTING
DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INSTALL CAMELS AND
TO REPAID DOCK ON TINIAN: RESOLUTION NO. 69-1974,
ENDORING PUBLIC LAW 5-25, PASSED BY CONGRESS OF
MICRONESIA, RELATIVE

TO AUTHORIZING FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS TO CALL AT TRUST
TERRITORY PORTS: RESOLUTION NO. 81-1974, REQUESTING
DISTAD AND DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INSTALL
LIGHTS AT M-BOAT RAMP AT DOCK AREA OF TINIAN:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-1974, OPPOSING SENATE BILL NO. 311,
PROVIDING FOR REAPPORTIONMENT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA: RESOLUTION NO. 94-1974,
REQUESTING DISTAD TO INVESTIGATE THOSE CASES

WHERE PRIVATE PRE-WAR PROPERTIES WERE NEVER RETURNED TO
LAND OWNERS: RESOLUTION NO. 105-1974, REQUESTING HICOM
TO CONDUCT RECOUNT OF POPULATION CENSUS FOR MARIANA ISLANDS
DISTRICT: RESOLUTION NO. 129-1974,

REQUESTING HICOM TO OPEN PORT OF SAIPAN TO ALL VESSELS
DESIRING TO DELIVER CARGO TO SAIPAN: RESOLUTION
NO. 127-1974, REQUESTING MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS
COMMISSION TO MAKE AVAILABLE ITS STUDY OF VARIOUS

POLITICAL ALTERNATIVES TO CHAIRMAN OF EDUCATION FOR
SELF-GOVERNMENT (ESG) OF MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT:
RESOLUTION NO. 131-1974, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING HICOM
AND DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION TO

PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY AND TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION
BEFORE OPENING PORT OF SAIPAN TO ANY FOREIGN VESSELS.
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