

(CONGRESS CONCLUDES SESSION)

SAIPAN, MARCH 5 (MNS) ENDING WITH THE USUAL MARATHON MEETING, THE FIFTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CONCLUDED ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION ON SAIPAN EARLY TUESDAY MORNING (MARCH 5) FIFTY DAYS, AND A FEW HOURS, AFTER IT BEGAN. 11/1974

ONCE AGAIN IT WAS NECESSARY TO "STOP THE CLOCK" AS THE 33 LAWMAKERS WORKED BEYOND THE MIDNIGHT HOUR WHEN THE SESSION WAS SUPPOSED TO END. DESPITE SOME EARLY INDICATIONS THAT THE SESSION MIGHT WIND UP CLOSE TO THE PROPER TIME, THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE SOON FOUND THEMSELVES INVOLVED IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEES AND DEBATES THAT PUSHED THE FINAL TIME OF ADJOURNMENT INTO THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING.

THE SENATE FINALLY CONCLUDED ITS BUSINESS SHORTLY AFTER FIVE A.M., WHILE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ADJOURNED "SINE DIE" JUST BEFORE SIX A.M., THE RISING SUN GREETING THE CONGRESSMEN AS THEY LEFT THE CHAMBER.

TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON WAS ON HAND TO WITNESS THE FINAL HOURS, AND TO RECEIVE THE DELEGATIONS FROM HOUSE AND SENATE THAT CEREMONIALLY INFORMED HIM THE CONGRESS HAD CONCLUDED ITS BUSINESS AND WAS READY TO ADJOURN.

INVITED TO DELIVER BRIEF REMARKS IN THE HOUSE, THE HICOM CALLED PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TWO OF THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SESSION, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR MICRONESIA (SB 38), AND THE CREATION OF THE SEVENTH ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT OF KUSAIE (SB 298) (SEE FOLLOWING STORIES).

THESE TWO BILLS WERE PROBABLY AMONG THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TO BE PASSED AND SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON THE FINAL DAY, BUT THERE WERE 23 OTHER BILLS WHICH RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL MONDAY, MORE THAN ALL THE BILLS THAT HAD BEEN APPROVED DURING THE FIRST 49 DAYS OF THE SESSION. A TOTAL OF 46 BILLS PASSED DURING THE SESSION, ACCORDING TO AN UNOFFICIAL TABULATION BY MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE.

MAJOR APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDED \$659,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS (HB 254); 31,722,243 FOR THE OPERATING AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1974, THE LARGEST CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET EVER (HB 282); AND \$300,000 TO FUND A GOVERNMENT COCONUT PROCESSING AUTHORITY (HB 49). MOST OF THE BILLS TO FUND VARIOUS PROJECTS IN THE SIX DISTRICTS WERE NOT BUILT WITH DURING THE SESSION, SINCE THE LEADERSHIP DECIDED TO PUT THESE BILLS OVER TO A SPECIAL SESSION WHICH THEY HOPE WILL BE CALLED FOR THIS SUMMER. THIS DECISION ACCOUNTS IN PART FOR THE RELATIVELY LOW TOTAL OF BILLS PASSED DURING THE SESSION.

ONE MAJOR BILL WHICH FAILED TO WIN APPROVAL IN THE CLOSING HOURS WAS THE MEASURE TO FACILITATE THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS TO THE DISTRICTS (SB 296). PASSED BY THE SENATE, THE BILL CAME TO THE HOUSE IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE SESSION, WHEN IT WAS PASSED ON FIRST READING. EACH TIME THE MEASURE CAME UP FOR SECOND READING, HOWEVER, IT GENERATED DEBATE AND SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS UNTIL FINALLY, IN ONE OF THEIR LAST OFFICIAL ACTIONS BEFORE ADJOURNMENT, HOUSE MEMBERS VOTED TO DEFER ACTION ON THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS QUESTION UNTIL A SPECIAL SESSION THIS SUMMER, IF ONE IS CALLED.

RESOLUTIONS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ALSO FORMED A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE LAST-MINUTE WORK OF THE CONGRESS, AND A NUMBER OF THEM WERE OF GREAT INTEREST. THE LAWMAKERS ADOPTED A MEASURE "DEMANDING" THAT THE UNITED STATES TERMINATE THE MORATORIUM ON HOMESTEADING ON JILBAN (HJR 88), FOR EXAMPLE, AND ANOTHER URGING THAT THE U.S. GRANT A GREATER DEGREE OF "POLITICAL AUTONOMY" TO THE TRUST TERRITORY, INCLUDING PERMISSION TO ELECT THEIR HIGH COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY HICOM (SJR 115). THEY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. TO SPONSOR MICRONESIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASIAN

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DEVELOPMENT BANK (HJR 77), WHICH WAS A SORT OF COMPANION MEASURE TO ANOTHER OF THE IMPORTANT BILLS PASSED ON THE FINAL DAY, WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH A MICRONESIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (HR 246).

RESOLUTIONS ASKING THAT DEPUTIES BE APPOINTED TO THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF PONAPE DISTRICT (HJR 120) AND TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (SR 13) WERE ADOPTED, AND THE LAWMAKERS TOOK ACTION TO APPROVE THE NOMINATIONS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS TO TOP POSITIONS BY APPROVING JOINT RESOLUTIONS CONSENTING TO THE NAMING OF EUSEBIO RECHUCHER AS DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT (SJR 86), AND OF JOSEPH W. BEADLES, JR., AS DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (SJR 100). (SEE FOLLOWING STORY).

BY THE SOUNDING OF THE FINAL GAVEL, MOST OBSERVERS AND MEMBERS SEEMED FAIRLY WELL SATISFIED WITH THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE SESSION. ALTHOUGH ON THE 49TH DAY THERE HAD BEEN STRONG INDICATIONS THAT MANY IMPORTANT BILLS MIGHT BE OVERLOOKED IN A POLITICAL DISPUTE OVER THE QUESTION OF REVENUE SHARING, ON THE FINAL DAY THE LAWMAKERS CHOSE NOT TO BRING THAT QUESTION UP AGAIN, AND MOVED INSTEAD TO THE OTHER ITEMS ON THEIR AGENDA, TURNING OUT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF LEGISLATION IN THE FINAL HOURS.

UNLESS A SPECIAL SESSION IS CALLED, THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WILL BE THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS, CONVENING IN JANUARY, 1975 FOLLOWING THE 1974 GENERAL ELECTION. A SPECIAL SESSION THIS SUMMER IS QUITE LIKELY, HOWEVER. IT WILL BE UP TO THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP TO REQUEST SUCH A SESSION AND DESIGNATE THEIR CHOICE FOR A LOCATION AND AGENDA TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, WHO MUST ISSUE THE OFFICIAL "CALL" FOR ANY SPECIAL SESSION.

(CONGRESS ENABLES CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION)

SAIPAN, MARCH 5 (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS PASSED THE LEGISLATION THAT WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR THE HOLDING OF A TERRITORY-WIDE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. THE BILL WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR PIECES OF LEGISLATION TO COME OUT OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTH CONGRESS, WHICH ENDED EARLY TUESDAY (MARCH 5) ON SAIPAN.

THE BILL WAS SOUGHT BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, WHOSE CHAIRMAN, SENATOR LAZARUS SALII (PALAU) ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED THE MEASURE LAST YEAR, AND WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION, WHICH HAD URGED FAVORABLE ACTION ON IT. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ALSO LENT ITS SUPPORT BY APPROPRIATING THROUGH THE U.S. CONGRESS THE SUM OF \$450,000 TO FUND THE CONVENTION. THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ADDED \$100,000 OF ITS OWN MONEY TO THE BILL.

AS FINALLY PASSED BY THE CONGRESS, WHICH CHANGED THE ORIGINAL MEASURE SEVERAL TIMES, THE BILL CALLS FOR A CONVENTION TO BE HELD ON SAIPAN, IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, AT A TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY A PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE OF SEVEN MEMBERS WHICH WAS ALSO ESTABLISHED BY THE BILL. A TOTAL OF SIXTY DELEGATES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CONVENTION, ALL OF THEM TRUST TERRITORY CITIZENS. EACH OF THE SIX DISTRICT DELEGATIONS TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WILL SELECT ONE DELEGATE FROM AMONG THEIR MEMBERSHIPS. FORTY-TWO DELEGATES WILL BE CHOSEN IN AN ELECTION TO BE HELD JUNE 4, 1974, WITH THE APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES AS FOLLOWS: MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT, FOUR; MARSHALL ISLANDS, NINE; PALAU, FIVE; PONAPE, NINE; TRUK, TWELVE; AND YAP, THREE.

THE REMAINING TWELVE ARE TO BE SELECTED BY THE RECOGNIZED PARAMOUNT AND TRADITIONAL CHIEFS IN EACH ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT, WHO WILL MEET AND SELECT FROM AMONG THEIR MEMBERS TWO NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION. IN ANY DISTRICT WHICH DOES NOT HAVE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS, THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SELECT ONE DELEGATE, AND THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE THE OTHER.

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ANYONE CAN RUN FOR ELECTION AS A DELEGATE TO THE CONVENTION, PROVIDED HE IS OTHERWISE QUALIFIED AS A VOTER IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. A PROVISION WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA INELIGIBLE TO RUN IN THE ELECTION WAS DELETED, MAKING THEM VIABLE CANDIDATES FOR THE CONVENTION ALONG WITH ANYONE ELSE.

THE PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE WILL BE SELECTED FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF EACH DISTRICT'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATION AFTER ALL THE SELECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. EACH DELEGATION WILL SELECT ONE MEMBER, AND THE SEVENTH MEMBER, WHO WILL ALSO BE THE CHAIRMAN, WILL BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONVENTION. THE CONVENTION ITSELF, HOWEVER, SHALL ADOPT ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE WITHIN CERTAIN GUIDELINES SPECIFIED IN THE BILL.

ORIGINALLY THE BILL SPECIFIED PALAU AS THE SITE OF THE CONVENTION, BUT THIS WAS AMENDED TO SAIPAN FOR "REASONS OF ECONOMY AND CONVENIENCE IN TERMS OF STAFF SUPPORT AND THE PROXIMITY OF TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS." ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE BILL. THE CONVENTION IS TO LAST NO LONGER THAN 90 CALENDAR DAYS, BUT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MAY EXTEND THIS PERIOD ON REQUEST.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CONVENTION WILL BE TO DRAFT A CONSTITUTION AND ESTABLISH THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA, MAKING ITS WORK HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT IN TERMS OF THE OVERALL FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA.

(CONGRESS CONFIRMS RECHUCHER, BEADLES)

SAIPAN, MARCH 5 (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA GAVE ITS ADVICE AND CONSENT TUESDAY (MARCH 5) TO THE NOMINATION OF EUSEBIO RECHUCHER AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND JOSEPH W. BEADLES, JR., AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS.

ACTION ON TWO JOINT RESOLUTIONS CONFIRMING THE NOMINATIONS CAME DURING THE EARLY HOURS TUESDAY MORNING AS THE CONGRESS WOUND UP ITS 50-DAY REGULAR SESSION ON SAIPAN. PUBLIC HEARINGS INTO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE TWO MEN HAD BEEN HELD EARLIER IN THE SESSION.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, CHAIRED BY SENATOR ANDON ANARAICH (TRUK), HELD THOSE HEARINGS, AND IN ITS REPORT TO THE SENATE RECOMMENDED CONFIRMATION OF THE BEADLES NOMINATION, BUT REJECTION OF THE NOMINATION OF RECHUCHER. THE VOTE IN THE COMMITTEE ON THE RECHUCHER NOMINATION WAS SPLIT, HOWEVER, WITH THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FAVORING CONFIRMATION, AND THREE, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN ANARAICH, FAVORING REJECTION.

THE TRUK SENATOR, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS WHICH CONSIDERS NOMINEES BETWEEN SESSIONS, POINTED OUT THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAD HELD EXTENSIVE HEARINGS INTO THE RECHUCHER NOMINATION THE FIRST TIME HIS NAME HAD BEEN SUBMITTED IN JULY, 1973. SENATOR ANARAICH SAID HE, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHO SUPPORTED HIS POSITION, FOUND "NO REASONS TO DISAGREE WITH THE COMPELLING CONSIDERATIONS" WHICH PROMPTED REJECTION OF THE RECHUCHER NOMINATION LAST YEAR.

WHEN THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION CAME UP ON THE FLOOR, A REQUEST WAS MADE THAT THE SENATORS VOTE BY SECRET BALLOT. THE RESULT--SEVEN IN FAVOR OF CONFIRMING RECHUCHER, AND FOUR AGAINST. A SIMILAR MOTION WAS MADE ON THE BEADLES RESOLUTION. WHEN IT WAS VOTED THERE WAS ONE ADDITIONAL SENATOR IN THE CHAMBER, AND THE RESULT WAS--SEVEN IN FAVOR, AND FIVE AGAINST. THERE HAD BEEN NO FLOOR DEBATE TO INDICATE THE REASONS FOR THE NEGATIVE VOTES.

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WHEN THE RESOLUTIONS CAME UP IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THERE WAS LESS TROUBLE WITH THEM. THE BEADLES NOMINATION WAS APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. THE RECHUCHER NOMINATION ALSO CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, AFTER ATTEMPTS BY SOME MEMBERS TO HAVE THE HOUSE ALSO VOTE BY SECRET BALLOT FAILED.

RECHUCHER WILL, WHEN OFFICIALLY APPOINTED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, SUCCEED WYMAN X. ZACHARY AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT INCLUDES SUCH FUNCTIONS AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MARINE RESOURCES, LANDS AND SURVEYS AND AGRICULTURE.

BEADLES HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF HIS DEPARTMENT FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE LAW TO SUBMIT HIS NAME FOR THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE CONGRESS UNTIL THIS YEAR, SINCE HE IS A NON-TT CITIZEN WHO HAD NOT WORKED IN THE TERRITORY PRIOR TO HIS ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT.

THE TWO NOMINATIONS WERE THE ONLY ONES SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS DURING THE JUST-COMPLETED SESSION.

(KUSAIE TO BE DISTRICT)

SAIPAN, MARCH 5 (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN THE CLOSING HOURS OF ITS 56-DAY SESSION PASSED AND SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER A BILL TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE KUSAIE DISTRICT, AS THE SEVENTH DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, (SB 298). ALSO, DURING THE SAME NIGHT, THE CONGRESS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INTERIOR SECRETARY THROUGH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO ESTABLISH KUSAIE ORDER 2913 TO THAT EFFECT, (MHR 39).

THE SUBJECT IS NOT A NEW ONE. FOR MANY YEARS, THE PEOPLE OF KUSAIE ISLAND, THROUGH THEIR ELECTED LEADERS, HAVE PRESSED FOR THE CREATION OF A SEPARATE DISTRICT, AT THE MUNICIPAL, DISTRICT AND TERRITORIAL LEVELS. THE PONAPE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ENDORSED THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE, AND SO DID THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA EASTERN DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS WHICH TOURED KUSAIE LAST YEAR.

KUSAIE ISLAND IS THE FOURTH LARGEST ISLAND IN MICRONESIA, WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 4,000, MAKING IT ONE OF THE FIFTEEN MOST HEAVILY POPULATED ISLANDS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. ACCORDING TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WHICH STUDIED THE BILL, "THE PEOPLE OF KUSAIE ARE NOT PONAPEANS; THEY ARE ADMINISTERED AS PART OF PONAPE DISTRICT BY VIRTUE OF A HISTORICAL ACCIDENT. THEIR LANGUAGE IS UNIQUE, BEING RELATED MORE CLOSELY TO MARSHALLESE THAN TO PONAPE, BUT IDENTICAL TO NEITHER.

"WE BELIEVE THAT KUSAIE'S ECONOMIC POTENTIAL, HER POPULATION HER UNIQUE CULTURE, AND HER INABILITY TO OBTAIN WHAT SHE BELIEVES IS AN ADEQUATE LEVEL OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FROM THE DISTRICT CENTER ALL MILITATE IN FAVOR OF APPROVING HER DESIRES. WE NOW RECOMMEND THAT HOSE DESIRES SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED," THE COMMITTEE REPORTED.

WHEN KUSAIE BECOMES A SEPARATE DISTRICT, THE PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TWO SENATORS. THEY WILL HAVE THEIR OWN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, AND DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.

THE HOUSE TOOK THE FINAL ACTION ON THE MEASURE, THAN OFFERED CONGRATULATIONS FOLLOWING THE VOTE TO REPRESENTATIVE JOAB SIGRAH, WHO IS FROM KUSAIE, ADDING THAT SIGRAH MAY BE A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR ONE OF THE SENATE SEATS; HE GAVE A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF KUSAIE AND TOLD HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR THE BILL.

KUSAIE LEADER DR. HIROSI ISMAEL, A FORMER SENATOR WHO HAS WORKED HARD IN SEEING THAT THE MEASURE PASS THE CONGRESS, WAS IN THE GALLERY WHEN THE HISTORIC ACTION CAME. THE HOUSE RECESSED BRIEFLY AND CONGRATULATED BOTH REP. SIGRAH AND DR. ISMAEL. SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS GAVE CONGRATULATORY REMARKS, AMONG THEM,

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CONGRESSMAN FELIPE ATALIG WHO OFFERED A PEN, SAYING THAT THE PEN WAS USED BY THE MARIANAS DELEGATION IN SIGNING THE PETITION TO CONGRESS TO PASS THE BILL.

THE BILL PASSED BY THE CONGRESS GIVES THE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 1977 AS THE DATE WHEN KUSAIE SHOULD OFFICIALLY BECOME A SEPARATE DISTRICT. THIS WILL ALLOW FOR A PERIOD OF TRANSITION AND ADJUSTMENT TO FULL DISTRICT STATUS. THE ISLAND, NOW A SUB-DISTRICT CENTER, IS EXPECTED ALSO TO HAVE IMPROVED DOCK FACILITIES AND AN AIRPORT BY THAT TIME.

(BILL LISTED)

SAIPAN, MARCH 5 (MNS)---HERE IS A COMPLETE LIST, AS COMPILED BY REPORTERS FOR THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE, OF THE BILLS WHICH PASSED FINAL READING OF BOTH HOUSES AND ARE ON THEIR WAY TO HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON AS A RESULT OF ACTION ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, MARCH 4. THE LIST IS UNOFFICIAL, AND WHILE WE BELIEVE IT TO BE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE, THE FINAL AUTHORITY IS THE CONGRESS ITSELF AND THE OFFICIAL JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE FOR THE 50TH DAY, WHICH WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL LATER IN THE WEEK.

--A BILL CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR MICRONESIA; PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS; APPROPRIATING MONEY THEREFORE; AND ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION OR ELECTION OF DELEGATES (SB 33).

--A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT OF KUSAIE OVER A SLIGHTLY MORE THAN TWO-YEAR PERIOD, WITH THE ISLAND TO OFFICIALLY BECOME A DISTRICT JANUARY 1, 1977 (SB 298).

--A BILL ESTABLISHING THE TRUST TERRITORY PLANNING OFFICE IN THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER (SB 240).

--A BILL APPROPRIATING \$639,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS, A STUDENT LOAN FUND, PARTIAL TRUST TERRITORY SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FOR THE PURCHASE AND OPERATION OF A BUS FOR MICRONESIAN STUDENTS ON GUAM (HB 254).

--A BILL TO REQUIRE THAT PERSONS OCCUPYING GOVERNMENT LEASED OR OWNED HOUSING SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR ALL ELECTRICITY CONSUMED (HB 221).

--A BILL TO ESTABLISH A MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND APPROPRIATE \$140,000 AS ITS INITIAL FUNDING (HB 2469).

--A BILL TO SPECIFY CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE IMPORTATION OF NONRESIDENT WORKERS (HB 204).

--A BILL TO ESTABLISH A MICRONESIAN SPORTS COUNCIL, AND APPROPRIATE \$80,000 FOR IT (SB 299).

--A BILL APPROPRIATING \$1,722,243 FOR THE OPERATING AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1974 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 1975 (HB 282).

--A BILL GRANTING CERTAIN IMMUNITIES TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THEIR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES (HB 219).

--A BILL APPROPRIATING \$30,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING AND EXPANDING CERTAIN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (HB 211).

--A BILL RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS IN LAND MATTERS IN WHICH A MINOR HAS AN INTEREST (SB 212).

--A BILL TO ADD ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS OF EMPLOYEES TO THOSE COVERED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY MERIT SYSTEM, AND CLARIFY PROVISIONS RELATING TO OVERTIME COMPENSATION AND HOLIDAY PAY (SB 152).

--A BILL RELATING TO ABANDONED WATERCRAFT (HB 197).

--A BILL MAKING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC LAW 5-52, WHICH PROVIDES BENEFITS FOR THE RADIATION FALLOUT VICTIMS OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK (SB 340).

--A BILL RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (SB 185).

--A \$22,000 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE REVENUE DIVISION

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FOR FISCAL YEAR 1974 (HB 244).

--A BILL APPROPRIATING JUST OVER \$80,000 FOR THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITIES (HB 226).

4C-/ --A BILL TO REDESIGNATE AND RENUMBER SECTIONS OF PUBLIC LAW TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS MARSHALL ISLANDS FUNDING BILL THAT THE NITIJELA PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS (HB 293).

--A BILL TO PERMIT THE GOVERNMENT TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS ON THE ISLAND OF PAGAN IN THE MARIANAS, AND IN THE KAGMAN AND MARPI AREAS OF SAIPAN, FOR SUCH USES AS SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND HOTELS (HB 249).

--A BILL TO EXTEND THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SALARY PLAN, TO PROVIDE FOR CONGRESS ADVICE AND CONSENT OVER CERTAIN CHIEFS OF DIVISIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR PERIODIC ROTATION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (SB 276).

--A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOREIGN SERVICE PREMIUM FOR MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES LOCATED OUTSIDE THE TRUST TERRITORY (SB 289).

--A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IN CERTAIN CASES INVOLVING CONTEMPT OF THE CONGRESS (SB 222).

--A BILL TO ESTABLISH A \$15,000 CAPITAL LOAN FUND FOR ANIMAL AND PLANT AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS (HB 140).

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: WITH THIS SPEARATE DISPATCH WE CONCLUDE OUR SPECIAL COVERAGE OF THE 1974 CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA REGULAR SESSION. WE WILL INCLUDE A LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE FINAL DAY WITH THE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 REGULAR NNS DISPATCH. WE ALSO ANTICIPATE SEVERAL CONGRESS NEWS RELEASES OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, DEALING WITH SPEECHES DELIVERED OR ENTERED INTO THE JOURNAL ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE SESSION. WE WILL TRANSMIT THOSE AS WE RECEIVE THEM.)

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