

Nominations Confirmed By COM

Saipan (MNS) - The congress of Micronesia approved Tuesday 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 as the congress wound up its 50-day regular session.

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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 was 7-4. A similar motion was made on the Beadles resolution. When it was voted there was one additional senator in the chamber. The result was 7-5. There had been no floor debate.

In the house 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 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 law to submit his name for concurrence by congress until this year, since he is a non-PT citizen who had not worked in the territory before his original appointment.

The two nominations were the only ones submitted to the congress during the session.