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Monday, January 13, 1975

OPENING DAY

The Senate of the Sixth Congress of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1975, was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

The Honorable Tosiwo Nakayama, Temporary President, presided.

At the request of the Temporary President, the Reverend Mack Williams, Community Church, Saipan, gave the invocation.

Senator Iehsi moved that the Rules of Procedure of the Fifth Congress be adopted as temporary Rules of Procedure for the First Regular Session, Sixth Congress.

Senator Sali seconded, and the motion carried. The Rules of Procedure of the Fifth Congress were adopted as temporary Rules of Procedure for the Senate, Sixth Congress.

The Temporary President appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following: Senator Borja, Chairman, Senator Kendall, and Senator Mangefel, and requested that they report back to the Senate as promptly as possible.

The Chair declared the Senate in recess at 10:15 a.m.

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The Senate reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

The Chair recognized Senator Borja, Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

Chairman Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. Pursuant to Section 5 of Rule I of the Senate Rules of Procedure, your Committee on Credentials begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee was presented with the attached Certificates of Election for Senators-elect Pedro A. Tenorio, Petrus Tun, Roman Tmetuchl, Ambilos Iehsi, Amata Kabua and Nick Bossy. The only challenge of which your Committee is aware is with reference to the Senatorial election in Truk District. The challenge with regard to that election is of such a nature that, if the allegations contained therein are proven, the outcome of the election might well have been changed.

In order that the Senate might be organized, therefore, your Committee recommends that the Senate accept the credentials of Senators-elect Pedro A. Tenorio, Petrus Tun, Roman Tmetuchl, Ambilos Iehsi and Amata Kabua. We propose to defer our report concerning the Senatorial election in Truk pending further investigation, and will transmit a supplementary report to you concerning that matter as soon as possible.

Your Committee therefore recommends the adoption of this report. Mr. President, I move for the adoption of this report.

Senator Mangefel seconded. A voice vote was inconclusive and a show of hands was called for. The motion carried by a show of hands. Special Committee Report No. 6-1 was adopted by the Senate.

The Temporary President called on Chief Justice Harold E. Burnett to administer the Oath of Office to the members recommended to be seated.

The Chief Justice administered the following Oath of Office to Senators-elect Tmetuchl, Tun, Tenorio and Iehsi:

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"Do you solemnly swear that you have been duly elected and properly hold office as a member of the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia, that you do freely, willingly and without reservation accept the responsibilities and obligations of this high office, that you will discharge these obligations and responsibilities in a manner that will bring honor to this high body and to the people of Micronesia, that you will never use your office for personal pecuniary gain or aggrandizement, and that you will loyally defend the laws of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and promote the well-being of all the people of Micronesia, so help you God?"

The Senators-elect responded "I do", and Senators Tmetuchl, Tun, Tenorio and Iehsi were seated. Senator-elect Kabua was not present.

Senator Iehsi moved that the Temporary Rules of the Senate, as amended, be adopted as the permanent Rules of the Senate of the Sixth Congress.

Senator Salii seconded and the motion carried. The Temporary Rules, as amended, were adopted as Permanent Rules of the Senate, Sixth Congress of Micronesia.

The Chair opened the floor for the election of permanent officers.

Senator Iehsi moved for a short recess, subject to the call of the Chair. Senator Borja seconded and the motion carried. The Senate recessed, subject to the call of the Chair, at 11:20 a.m.

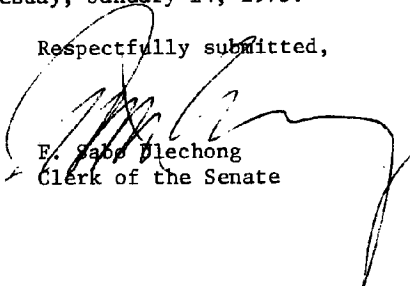
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The Senate reconvened at 11:22 a.m.

Senator Iehsi moved that the Senate recess until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 1975, and requested that the members stay in the Chamber for caucusing purposes after recess. Senator Salii seconded and the motion carried.

The Senate recessed at 11:24 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

  
E. Sapp Plechong  
Clerk of the Senate