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 3. Blauz Appointed Chief

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SAIPAN, JAN. 13 (MNS)---THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CONVENED MONDAY (JAN. 13), BEGINNING A 50-DAY SESSION WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO END MARCH 3.

THE HOUSES WERE CALLED TO ORDER BY SENATOR TOSIWO NAKAYAMA IN THE SENATE AND BY REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND SETIK IN THE HOUSE, WHO ACTED AS A TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN UNTIL THE ELECTION OF A SPEAKER, BEFORE PACKED GALLERIES OF WITNESSES. THE SENATE'S SESSION WAS BRIEF.

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IN THE HOUSE, THE SESSION WAS LARGELY CEREMONIAL, WITH THE SWEARING IN OF ALL BUT THREE MEMBERS BY THE TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD BURNETT, THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, AND THE ADOPTION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT.

CREDENTIALS CHALLENGES TOOK UP MOST OF THE DSY'S WORK IN THE HOUSE. AT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, WHICH CONSISTED OF CONGRESSMEN LUKE TMAN, CHAIRMAN, JOSE P. MAFNAS (MARIANAS) AND JOAB SIGRAH (PONAPE), THREE MEMBERS WERE NOT SEATED.

THEY ARE EDGAR EDWARDS FROM PONAPE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 14, CHIRO ALBERT AND LAMBERT AAFIN FROM REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS 17 AND 18 RESPECTIVELY, IN TRUK DISTRICT.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTMENT OF A "SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS" TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE CREDENTIALS OF THE THREE MEMBER-ELECT AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HOUSE WITHIN THREE DAYS.

THE PETITIONS CONTESTING THE RESULTS OF CONGRESSWOMAN CARMEN M. BIGLER FROM THE MARSHALLS AND CONGRESSMEN KUNIWO NAKAMURA, ISIDORO RUDIMCH, AND POLYCARP BASILIUS, ALL FROM PALAU, WERE ALSO RECEIVED AND EXAMINED.

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IN THE CASE OF THE PETITION FILED CONTESTING THE SEAT OF CONGRESSWOMAN CARMEN M. BIGLER, THE COMMITTEE HEARD TESTIMONY AND REVIEWED DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED.

IN THE CASE OF THE PETITION RECEIVED CONTESTING THE ELECTION IN PALAU DISTRICT, "NO PERSON WAS AVAILABLE OR

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REQUESTED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION."

"IN EACH OF THESE FOUR REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS, YOUR COMMITTEE FOUND THAT VIOLATIONS OF ELECTION LAW AND REGULATIONS WERE REPORTED; HOWEVER, THESE COMPLAINTS WERE NOT SUBSTANTIATED AND PETITIONERS FAILED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE ELECTION IRREGULARITIES WERE OF SUFFICIENT CHARACTER SUCH THAT DIFFERENT RESULTS WOULD OCCUR FROM NEW ELECTIONS," THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT POINTED OUT.

IT FURTHER STATED THAT "MINOR IRREGULARITIES OF DEFICIENCIES ARE NOT CAUSE TO OVERTURN THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE EXPRESSED AT THE POLLS."

THE PETITIONS CHALLENGING EHT ELECTION RESULTS OF CONGRESSMEN-ELECT LAMBERT AAFIN AND CHIRO ALBERT HAVE BEEN FILED BECAUSE THE "COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES PRESENTED REQUIRES

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FURTHER DELIBERATION AND CONSIDERATION BY A SPECIAL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

"SIMILARLY, THE FAILURE TO RECOMMEND SEATING THE MEMBER-ELECT FROM THE 14TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT IN PONAPE DISTRICT (EDGAR EDWARDS) IS A RESULT OF YOUR COMMITTEE'S DESIRE TO FURTHER RESEARCH LEGAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE MATTER," THE REPORT CONCLUDED.

IN OTHER HOUSE ACTIVITIES, INCUMBENT SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY (PONAPE) WAS RE-ELECTED SPEAKER, CONGRESSMAN EKPAP SILK (MARSHALLS) WAS ELECTED VICE-SPEAKER AND CONGRESSMAN LUKE M. TMAN (YAP) WAS ELECTED FLOOR LEADER.

THE ELECTION OF VARIOUS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WAS ALSO CONDUCTED. THEY ARE: CONGRESSMAN RAYMOND SETIK (TRUK), APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE; SASAUO HARUO (TRUK), RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; JOAB SIGRAH, (PONAPE), EDUCATION COMMITTEE; POLYCARP BASILIUS (PALAU), JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE; RESIO MOSES, (PONAPE), WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE; AND KUNIWO NAKAMURA (PALAU), COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL MATTERS.

SPEAKER HENRY THEN APPOINTED CONGRESSMEN LUKE M. TMAN,

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CHAIRMAN, ISIDORO RUDIMCH AND CONGRESSWOMAN CARMEN M. BIGLEN
TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT THE HOUSE IS DULY ORGANIZED AND
READY FOR TRANSACT BUSINESS.

THREE OTHER MEMBERS WERE APPOINTED TO INFORM HIGH
COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNKTON THAT THE HOUSE IS DULY ORGANIZED
AND READY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS. THEY ARE VICE-SPEAKER EKPAP
LILK, CHAIRMAN, CONGRESSMEN HERMAN R. GUERRERO (MARIANAS) AND
JOAB SIGRAH, BOTH COMMITTEES WILL REPORT TO THE HOUSE TUESDAY
MORNING (JAN. 14).

IN THE SENATE THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE DEFERRED ACCEPTANCE
OF THE NEWLY ELECTED TRUK SENATOR, NICK BOSSY, PENDING FURTHER
INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGED TRUK ELECTION IRREGULARITIES AND
VIOLATIONS BY FORMER SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH.

IN A LETTER TO THE SENATE AND SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO
NAKAYAMA, AMARAICH LISTED 18 COUNTS OF ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES,
INCLUDING ALLEGED REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS, ALLEGED ELECTION LAW
VIOLATIONS BY ELECTION COMMISSIONER JUAN A. SABLAN, AND ALLEGED
VOTING PROCEDURE IRREGULARITY DURING THE ABSENTEE VOTING TIME
AND ON ELECTION DAY.

THE SENATE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, HOWEVER, DID SEAT THE

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THE OTHER NEWLY ELECTED SENATORS: PEDRO A. TENORIO OF THE
MARIANAS, AMATA KABUA OF THE MARSHALLS, PETRUS TUN OF YAP,
ROMAN TMETUHL OF PALAU AND AMBILOS IEHSI OF PONAPE, THESE
SENATORS WERE SWORN IN BY TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD
W. BURNETT.

THE SENATE ADJOURNED AFTER THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR
CAUCUSING PURPOSES. WHEN THE SENATE RECONVENES TUESDAY
(JAN. 14), THE ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE
PLACE.

BOTH HOUSES WILL MEET AT 10100 A.M. TUESDAY (JAN. 14).
(WILLIAMS REVIEW STATUS TALKS PROGRESS)

SAIPAN, JAN. 13 (MNS---AMBASSADOR F. HAYON WILLIAMS IN A
LETTER JANUARY 10 TO THE CO-CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE JOINT
COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS (JCFS) REVIEWED THE PROGRESS MADE
IN 1974 AND FORWARDED COPIES OF THE LATEST VERSION OF THE DRAFT

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COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WHICH WAS AGREED IN HONOLULU IN OCTOBER 1974. THIS REVISED DRAFT TOOK INTO ACCOUNT ALL OF THE JCFS RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH CAME OUT OF THEIR REVIEW OF THE DRAFT COMPACT DURING THE AUGUST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

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