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SAIPAN, JAN. 15 (MNS)---IN A CONGRESS CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE HEARING WEDNESDAY (JAN. 15) EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE TT JUAN A. SABLAN, FORMER DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF TRUK, DENIED ELECTION IRREGULARITIES ALLEGED BY FORMER SEN. ANDREW AMARATH OF TRUK.

SABLAN ALSO STATED, "I DON'T BELIEVE I VIOLATED THE LAW (WHEN HE WAS ELECTION COMMISSIONER IN TRUK) AND IF I DID, IT WASN'T DONE DELIBERATELY."

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SABLAN STATED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT A REPORT FROM STAFF ATTORNEY FRED RAMP, WHO CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION IN TRUK JAN. 4-10 ON THE ALLEGED ELECTION IRREGULARITIES IN THE 1974 ELECTION IN TRUK, WAS "RELATIVELY OBJECTIVE" BUT IN THE SHORT TIME RAMP WAS IN TRUK, STATED SABLAN, THE REPORT "COULDN'T" BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE REPRESENTATION OF THE FACTS REGARDING THE TOTAL TRUK ELECTION."

RAMP'S REPORT TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEES CONTAINED 18 CATEGORIES OF ALLEGED ELECTION IRREGULARITIES. THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES INCLUDED PERSONS BEING TURNED AWAY FROM THE POLLS, MULTIPLE VOTING, UNDERAGE PERSONS VOTING, ABSENTEE VOTERS NOT INFORMED ADEQUATELY WHEN TO VOTE, SECRECY OF VOTING NOT MAINTAINED, AND MORE ABSENTEE VOTES THAN CHECKED AS HAVING VOTED.

DISTRICT-WIDE, RAMP'S REPORT SHOWS THAT 1,063 PERSONS WHO APPLIED FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS DID NOT VOTE.

THE SENATE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE IS DELIBERATING ON THE QUESTION WHETHER TO SEAT SENATOR-ELECT NICK BOSSY OF AOT, AND WHETHER OR NOT TO VOID THE TRUK ELECTION.

THE COMMITTEE HEARINGS CONTINUED WEDNESDAY EVENING AND ARE

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SCHEDULED AGAIN FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOON (JAN. 15-16).

IN THE HOUSE THE CONTESTED SEATS IN TRUK ARE THOSE OF LAMBERT AAFIN AND CHIRO ALBERT.

IN OTHER SENATE ACTIVITY ON WEDNESDAY MORNING (JAN. 15) TEN BILLS WERE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE: A MEASURE RELATING TO

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THE DISPOSITION OF FINES COLLECTED WHEN FOREIGN VESSELS ARE CAUGHT ILLEGALLY WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF EACH DISTRICT, (SB 6-12); APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE HOMESTEAD TRACT AT SUGAR KING, SAIPAN, (SB 6-13); APPROPRIATING \$10,000 FOR IMPROVING THE FACILITIES OF SAIPAN FARMERS' MARKET, (SB 6-14); A BILL GRANTING CERTAIN EMERGENCY POWERS TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS FOR CONTROLLING PRICES ON STAPLE ITEMS, (SB 6-15); APPROPRIATING \$15,000 FOR PURCHASING SUPPLIES FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE MARIANAS, (SB 6-16); A MEASURE TO INCREASE THE PARDON AND PAROLE JURISDICTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, (SB 6-17); ALLOWING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS TO LOWER MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED LIMITS IN HAZARDOUS AREAS, (SB 6-18); REGARDING EMPLOYEE WAGES OF TT UNDER THE PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM, (SB 6-19); A BILL PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE, (SB 6-20); AND A BILL PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FROM EBVEE FOR SICK PERSONS

Mr. Carmel

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AND AN ESCORT TO THE HOSPITAL ON MAJURO, (SB 6-21).

TWO RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED: RECOMMENDING THOMAS W. CROSSAN, JR., BE APPOINTED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICER OF THE TT, (SJR 6-1); AND CONFIRMING THE NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MICRONESIAN COCONUT PROCESSING AUTHORITY, (SJR 6-2).

THE HOUSE SESSION WAS VERY BRIEF. A JOINT RESOLUTION TO HAVE THE TWO HOUSES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MEET IN A JOINT SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON PRESENT HIS STATE OF THE TERRITORY MESSAGE, (HJR 6-1) WAS ADOPTED.

IN OTHER FLOOR ACTIONS, TWO BILLS AND ONE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION WERE INTRODUCED. THE BILLS ARE: A MEASURE TO APPROPRIATE \$45,900 TO DEFRAY THE OPERATION AND CONTINGENT EXPENSE OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY PERSONNEL BOARD, (HB 6-7); AND A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$88,000 TO PURCHASE FOUR SCHOOL BUSES FOR MAJURO, MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT, (HB 6-8).

THE JOINT RESOLUTION OFFERED WAS: DIRECTING THE TT HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CEASE ENTERING INTO FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS WHICH PROVIDE FOR GOODS AND SERVICES TO THE TT GOVERNMENT OR

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THE CITIZENS OF MICRONESIA AND TO CANCEL OR NOT RENEW EXISTING FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME, (HJK 0-3).

THE TWO HOUSES WILL CONVENE AT 10:00 A.M. THURSDAY (JAN. 16).

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE FOLLOWING IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS ON ALL NEW MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA PREPARED BY THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE). (OSCAR C. RASA)

SAIPAN, JANUARY 15 (MNS)---THE SECOND YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IS OSCAR CRUZ RASA OF SAIPAN.

RASA, 27, DEFEATED TWO-TERM CONGRESSMAN HERMAN O. GUERRERO BY A MARGIN OF 188 VOTES IN THE LAST CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA GENERAL ELECTION. HE ALSO RAN A CLOSE RACE AGAINST SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA AND PEDRO A. TENORIO (NOW A SENATOR) IN A THREE-WAY RACE IN 1972.

LAST YEAR RASA CHOSE TO RUN IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE TERRITORIAL PARTY TICKET MAKING WAY FOR PEDRO A. TENORIO TO CHALLENGE INCUMBENT SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN IN THE SENATE. HE DOES NOT REGRET HIS DECISION.

EARLY IN THE CAMPAIGN IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, POLITICAL

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OBSERVERS SEEMED TO FEEL THAT THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE THREE (PRECINCT C) RACE WOULD BE THE CLOSEST. SOME POLITICAL OBSERVERS FELT AT THAT TIME THAT RASA HAS LESS CHANCE OF WINNING, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF HIS YOUTH AND RADICAL VIEWS.

THE FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN GOT MOST OF HIS SUPPORT FROM THE CAROLINIAN COMMUNITY AT SAN JOSE VILLAGE AND TANAPAG, INCLUDING MOST OF THE VOTES IN GARAPAN VILLAGE.

HE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM WITH A B.A. DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY IN 1970, RECEIVED HIS M.A. DEGREE IN EDUCATION IN 1971, AND DID SOME GRADUATE WORK FOR A YEAR AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON D.C. WORKING TOWARD HIS PH. D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE.

HIS WORK EXPERIENCE INCLUDES TEACHING AT THE MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL FOR A YEAR, EDITOR OF I GASETA AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE FREE PRESS, TWO OF SAIPAN'S WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS.

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ASKED WHY HE WANTED TO BECOME A CONGRESSMAN, RASA  
REPLIED: "BASICALLY, THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS DESERVE  
DEDICATED AND HIGHLY COMPETENT FULL-TIME PUBLIC SERVANTS TO  
WORK FOR THEIR NEEDS."

THE 27-YEAR OLD FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN POINTED OUT THE

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