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SAIPAN, JANUARY 17 (MNS)---SENATOR-ELECT NICK BOSSY OF TRUK TESTIFIED IN FRONT OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (COM) SENATE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FRIDAY AFTERNOON (JAN. 17).

"I BELIEVE THAT I WOULD HAVE WON THE ELECTION IN TRUK EVEN IF ALL THE PROVISIONS (OF TITLE 42 OF THE TT CODE) HAD BEEN FOLLOWED," HE STATED.

BOSSY NOTED IN HIS TESTIMONY AND IN A LETTER TO THE SENATE THAT "WITH PERHAPS THE EXCEPTION OF ABSENTEE VOTERS,

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TRUKSE VOTERS HAVE NEVER FORMALLY REGISTERED (BY FILING AN AFFADAVIT WITH THE REGISTRAR)."

HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE ELECTION SYSTEM IN THE 1974 ELECTION WAS THE SAME AS IN THE 1972 AND PREVIOUS ELECTIONS. "IF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FELT THOSE ELECTIONS WERE PROPER THEN THE 1974 ELECTION WAS PROPER," HE ASSERTED.

BOSSY STATED IN HIS TESTIMONY AND HIS LETTER, "I WAS AND STILL AM CONVINCED THAT THE ELECTION WAS CONDUCTED WITH A COMMENDABLE DEGREE OF HONESTY AND FAIR PLAY BY ALL THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN IT. I FURTHER BELIEVE THAT MY HARD WORK ALONG WITH MY SUPPORTERS DURING MY CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTION ALMOST SOLELY CONTRIBUTED TO MY RECEIVING THE HIGHER NUMBER OF VOTES THAT MR. AMARAICH."

SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BURJA (MARIANAS), CHAIRMAN, STATED THAT HE HOPES THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT TO THE FULL SENATE BY MONDAY (JAN. 20).

IN OTHER SENATE ACTIVITY FRIDAY, PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA (TRUK) ADDRESSED THE SENATORS AND A FULL GALLERY ON INITIATIVES HE SAID THE SENATE MUST TAKE IN THE AREAS OF FUTURE STATUS, GOVERNMENT, MICRONESIAN UNITY, AND MICRONESIAN

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ECONOMY AND SOCIETY. (SEE FOLLOWING STORY)

SIX BILLS WERE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE FRIDAY. THEY ARE: A MEASURE APPROPRIATING \$70,000 FOR THE EXPANSION OF DR. TORRES HOSPITAL ON SAIPAN, (SB 6-29); APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FOR ADDITIONAL SURVEYORS FOR THE TT, (SB 6-30); A

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BILL TO INCREASE THE AUTHORITY OF THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND BOARDS, (SB 6-31); A BILL ESTABLISHING A MORTGAGE LAW AND PROVIDING FOR THE PROCEEDING OF THE FORECLOSURE, (SB 6-32); AMENDING A SECTION OF THE TT CODE REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS FOR MINORS AND INCOMPETENT BY LAND COMMISSIONS AND LAND REGISTRATION TEAMS, (SB 6-33); AND A MEASURE TO GRANT THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS WHO ARE DELEGATES TO THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION THE RIGHT TO VOTE, (SB 6-34).

M ONE JOINT RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED. THIS WAS EXPRESSING PRIDE AND FAITH IN THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S ADMINISTRATION, AND REQUESTING THE U.S. PRESIDENT TO CONSULT WITH THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA BEFORE MAKING CHANGES IN THE TT EXECUTIVE BRANCH, (SJR 6-3).

THE SENATE WILL CONVENE AT 10:00 A.M. SATURDAY (JAN. 16).

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IN THE HOUSE, VICE-SPEAKER EKPAP SILK (MARSHALLS) SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE UNITED STATES ACTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE RETURN OF MICRONESIAN PUBLIC LANDS IN HIS REMARKS BEFORE THE HOUSE FRIDAY MORNING. (SEE FOLLOWING STORY)

THE ONLY OTHER ACTIVITY IN THE HOUSE WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF FOUR BILLS AND ONE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION. THEY ARE: A BILL TO ADD A SECTION IN THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, (HB 6-15); A MEASURE TO APPROPRIATE \$15,000 TO CONSTRUCT A DISPENSARY ON EBON, EBON ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT, (HB 6-16); A NATURALIZATION MEASURE, (HB 6-17); AND A BILL TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION LAW (CONCON) GRANTING THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS WHO ARE DELEGATES TO THE MICRONESIAN CONCON THE RIGHT TO VOTE, (6-18).

THE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION WAS TO INVITE THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES, TO RELOCATE ITS REGIONAL OFFICE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY (HJR 6-4).

THE HOUSE MEMBERS ALSO CONGRATULATED PONAPE REPRESENTATIVE

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JOAB SIGRAM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 34TH BIRTHDAY.

THE HOUSE WILL MEET MONDAY MORNING AT 10:00.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(NAKAYAMA ADDRESS)

SAIPAN, JAN. 17 (COM RELEASE)---ADDRESSING THE SENATE OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA THAT CONVENED ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK, SENATE PRESIDENT TOSINO NAKAYAMA SAID INITIATIVES MUST NOW BE TAKEN ON THE ISSUES OF FUTURE STATUS, UNITY, MICRONESIA'S ECONOMY AND SOCIETY.

"ALL OF THESE PROBLEM AREAS ARE RELATED AND THEY ALL COME TO ONE QUESTION!" NAKAYAMA SAID, "WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA?"

EXPLAINING THAT THE CONGRESS MUST PROVIDE DIRECTION AND TAKE THE FIRST STEPS TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS, NAKAYAMA TOLD THE SENATE IN A PREPARED STATEMENT FRIDAY MORNING THAT WORK MUST BEGIN "IMMEDIATELY".

CONCERNING FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, THE TRUK SENATOR SAID SEVERAL KEY ISSUES REMAIN TO BE SOLVED, INCLUDING FUTURE FUNDING LEVELS, U.S. LAND REQUIREMENTS, TRANSITION AND PLEBISCITE. NAKAYAMA SUGGESTED THAT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN

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DETERMINED IF ALL SIX DISTRICTS SHOULD DECIDE THEIR FUTURE IN A SINGLE PLEBISCITE OR "THROUGH DIFFERENT PLEBISCITES, IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF MICRONESIA, AT DIFFERENT TIMES...AS THE UNITED STATES PLANS TO DO..."

NAKAYAMA ADDED THAT BEFORE THESE ISSUES COULD BE SOLVED, THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR ISSUED A DEPARTMENTAL ORDER TO RETURN CERTAIN MICRONESIAN PUBLIC LANDS TO THE DISTRICTS.

"THIS STEP WAS TAKEN AFTER THE CONGRESS HAD PASSED LEGISLATION APPROVED BY A DISTRICTS," DECLARED NAKAYAMA, DESPITE "VERY STRONG OBJECTIONS BY THIS CONGRESS, AND TRADITIONAL AND DISTRICT LEADERS OF MICRONESIA."

INDICATING THAT IT APPEARS THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW HALTED, AND THEIR FUTURE UNCERTAIN, THE SENATE PRESIDENT SAID THE CONGRESS MUST CONSIDER THESE ACTIONS BY THE UNITED STATES AND DETERMINE WHAT NEW COURSE MUST NOW BE TAKEN FOR

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THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

RELATED TO THE STATUS QUESTION, NAKAYAMA NOTED
CONSIDERATION MUST ALSO BE GIVEN TO WHAT COURSE WILL BE TAKEN
"IF ONE OF OUR DISTRICTS SHOULD BE SEPARATELY ADMINISTERED
BEFORE THE END OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AND WHAT THE CONGRESS WILL DO

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