

(CONGRESS REPORT)

SAIPAN, JAN. 29 (FNS) --- SENATOR NICK BOSSY OF TRUK TOOK HIS OATH OF OFFICE WEDNESDAY (JAN. 29) AND WAS THE LAST MEMBER OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO BE SEATED. File

THE TRUK SENATOR CALLED FOR UNITY IN MICRONESIA, WHICH HE STATED MUST COME FIRST IN ORDER TO COPE WITH PROBLEMS ON "ISSUES ON THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS, WAR CLAIMS, FUTURE STATUS..."

SEN. BOSSY TOLD THE STORY OF A MAN WHO "AFTER BEING ASSURED OF MARRIAGE BY A GIRL, CAME UP TO THE GIRL'S FATHER AND ASKED TO MARRY HIS DAUGHTER. THE FATHER TOLD THE YOUNG MAN THAT HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE GIRL, BECAUSE "I, MYSELF, AM HAVING DIFFICULTY SUPPORTING HER." BUT THE YOUNG MAN WAS UNDAUNTED AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY "POOL TOGETHER OUR RESOURCES AND DO IT."

"LET US THEN, ... FROM EVERY CORNER OF MICRONESIA," EXCLAIMED SEN. BOSSY, "POOL OUR RESOURCES AND STRENGTH AND MOVE AHEAD - TOGETHER!"

DURING THE BRIEF SESSION, SEN. OLYMPIO T. BORJA (MARIANAS) COMMENTED ON THE MISSION OF THE SAIL BOAT "FRI," WHICH IS SAILING WITH "15,000 PEACE MESSAGES FROM AROUND THE PACIFIC TO THE SIX NUCLEAR POWERS OF THE WORLD."

SEN. BORJA NOTED THAT THE CREWMEMBERS OF THE "FRI" WERE TO PLANT A TREE ON SAIPAN AS A SYMBOL OF PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD. HE SAID HE SHARED THE SENTIMENTS OF THE CREW OF THE SHIP, AND DID NOT WANT TO SEE ANOTHER NUCLEAR TEST IN THE AREA.

IN OTHER FLOOR ACTIVITY THREE BILLS WERE INTRODUCED: THEY ARE: TO AMEND SECTIONS OF THE IT CODE RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES (SB 6-75); A MEASURE TO CREATE A MICRONESIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, (SB 6-76); AND A BILL APPROPRIATING \$139,500 FOR MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATION AT THE UN LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, (SB 6-77).

A BRIEF SESSION MARKED THE HOUSE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WEDNESDAY (JAN. 29). MOST OF THE WORK IS IN THE HANDS OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES AS THE SESSION ENTERED ITS 17TH DAY OF A SCHEDULED 50 DAYS.

ONE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED: THE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MICRONESIAN COCONUT PROCESSING AUTHORITY, (HJR 6-17).

TWENTY-SEVEN NEW BILLS WERE OFFERED, SEVENTEEN OF THEM APPROPRIATION BILLS OF: \$40,000 TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MICRONESIAN YOUTH LEADERS, (HB 6-87); \$5,000 TO CONSTRUCT A COMMUNITY CHURCH ON AGRIHAN ISLAND IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT, (HB 6-89); \$200,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE AUDITORIUM FOR TANAPAG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON SAIPAN, (HB 6-90); \$14,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ON SAIPAN IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS, (HB 6-91); \$300,000 TO SURVEY, DESIGN CONSTRUCT AND IMPROVE ROADS, BRIDGES AND CAUSEWAYS IN THE FAICHUK AREA, TRUK DISTRICT, (HB 6-93); \$3,000 TO DEFRAY THE TRANSPORTATION AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF BALERIO U. PEDRO OF ANGAUR MUNICIPALITY, PALAU DISTRICT, TO ATTEND THE 1975 SESSION OF THE UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IN NEW YORK CITY, (HB 6-94); \$47,000 FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS IN PALAU DISTRICT, (HB 6-95); \$120,000 TO ESTABLISH FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MICRONESIAN STUDENTS, (HB 6-99); \$49,000 TO PAY THE SALARIES AND PERSONNEL BENEFITS OF 28 HEALTH AIDES EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AT TRUK DISTRICT HOSPITAL, (HB 6-100); \$30,000 TO ESTABLISH A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE ON EBETEY ISLAND, KWAJALEIN ATOLL, MARSHALLS DISTRICT, (HB 6-101); \$15,000 FOR ROTA MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO ENABLE WORTHY STUDENTS TO OBTAIN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL

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TRAINING, (HB 6-105); \$250,000 TO PURCHASE DISTILLATION UNITS AND FOR THE FUNDING OF A RE-ENGINEERING STUDY OF THE EXISTING WATER SYSTEM OF EBEEY ISLAND, MARSHALLS DISTRICT, (HB 6-106); \$7,000 TO PURCHASE FOUR REFRIGERATION UNITS TO PROVIDE STORAGE AND AUTOPSY FACILITIES IN MAJURO AND EBEEY ATOLLS, (HB 6-107); \$120,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE AND CHANNEL AT MAJURO ATOLL IN THE MARSHALLS, (HB 6-109); \$139,500 FOR MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATION AT THE UN LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, (HB 6-110); \$50,000 AS MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 1966 (PL 89-665, 80 STAT. 915), (HB 6-111); AND A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$35,266 TO DEFRAY THE OPERATIONS EXPENSES OF THE PALAU DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITY, (HB 6-112).

THE OTHER MEASURES INCLUDE A BILL TO ADD A NEW SECTION IN THE TT CODE RELATING TO THE BOARD OF MARINE INSPECTORS AND THE BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO REVIEW TARIFF RATES ON SHIPPING AND OTHER MARITIME MATTERS IN THE TT, (HB 6-113); A BILL TO AMEND THE TT INCOME TAX LAW TO REQUIRE THOSE TAXES NOT PAID TO THE TREASURIES OF THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS PART OF THE CONGRESS GENERAL FUND TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, (HB 6-103); TO REPEAL CERTAIN SECTIONS IN THE TT CODE RELATING TO NATIONALITY, CITIZENSHIP AND NATURALIZATION, (HB 6-104); AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY TRANSFERS AND LOANS OF EXCESS MONEYS IN THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CONGRESS, (HB 6-103); A MEASURE RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CAPTAINS, (HB 6-102); A BILL TO PROVIDE DISABILITY BENEFITS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS; TO EXTEND SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE TO TEMPORARY WORKERS AND PERSONS WITH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND TO INCREASE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, (HB 6-98); TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENTAL POLICY FOR MICRONESIA; TO PRESCRIBE THE PROCEDURE IN THE FORMULATION OF SUCH A POLICY; AND APPROPRIATE \$125,000 FOR ITS PURPOSE, (HB 6-97); CREATING A MICRONESIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, (HB 6-96); AND A BILL TO REQUIRE THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER TO PUBLICLY POST, NOT LATER THAN THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO ANY GENERAL ELECTION, IN EACH ELECTION PRECINCT A PRINTED COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTER OF VOTERS FOR THAT PRECINCT, (HB 6-92).

ONE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED, REQUESTING THE TT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A POLICY WHEREBY STUDENTS WHO ARE ATTENDING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE AND WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE FROM THE TT GOVERNMENT AND WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR ACADEMIC ABILITY ARE GIVEN PREFERENCE OVER NEW APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP AID, (HJR 6-21).

A PUBLIC HEARING TO LOOK INTO THE CREDENTIALS OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN HAGLELGAM (YAP) WILL BE HELD THURSDAY MORNING (JAN. 30) BY THE SPECIAL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY MARSHALLS CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DOMNICK.

THE HOUSE STANDS IN RECESS UNTIL THURSDAY AT 3:00 P.M., THE SENATE UNTIL 4:00P.M.