

(SENATE HOLDS SHORT MEETING)

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SAIPAN, FEB. 20 (MNS)---IN A BRIEF LATE AFTERNOON MEETING THURSDAY (FEB. 20) THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ADOPTED ONE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND GREETING GUAM'S GOVERNOR RICARDO BORDALLO AND LT. GOVERNOR RUDOLFO SABLAN ON THEIR INAUGURATION TO THEIR HIGH OFFICES, (SR 6-4).

THE SENATORS ALSO ADOPTED SIXTEEN STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, BUT DEFERRED ACTION ON THEIR CORRESPONDING BILLS UNTIL FRIDAY (FEB. 21), WHEN THEY WILL MEET AT 10:00 A.M.

TWO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ALSO FOUND THEIR WAY ONTO THE SENATE FLOOR DURING THE MEETING. THEY WOULD: REQUEST THE U.S. CONGRESS TO AMEND CERTAIN PUBLIC LAWS TO EXTEND PROGRAMS OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO FISHERIES TO THE TT, (SJR 6-34); AND REQUEST THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR ASSEMBLING SMALL TRUCKS IN THE TT AND EXPRESS THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA THAT, IF THE PROJECT PROVES FEASIBLE, THE CONGRESS WILL GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE ENACTMENT OF PROTECTIVE TARIFFS TO HELP ASSURE THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE INDUSTRY.

(CALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(MICRONESIAN DELEGATES TO ATTEND MEETING)

SAIPAN, FEB. 20 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---A MICRONESIAN DELEGATION LEFT SAIPAN THIS WEEK TO ATTEND THE 31ST SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP) IN NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 26 TO MARCH 7.

THE DELEGATION IS HEADED BY TRUST TERRITORY'S SPECIAL CONSULTANT DWIGHT HEINE AS ITS OFFICIAL DELEGATE AND ACCOMPANIED BY SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL OF THE MARSHALLS, MANUEL SABLAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA STAFF-ATTORNEY DANA SMITH, ALL OF WHOM WILL SERVE AS ADVISORS TO CHIEF DELEGATE HEINE.

THIS WILL BE THE SECOND TIME THAT MICRONESIA WILL ATTEND AN ESCAP MEETING AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER. LAST YEAR, MICRONESIA WAS REPRESENTED BY SENATOR KABUA AS ITS OFFICIAL DELEGATE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA, FORMERLY KNOWN AS CEYLON.

THE PROVISIONAL AND TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 31ST SESSION OF ESCAP INCLUDES, AMONG OTHERS, THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS; CONSIDERATION OF ACTIVITIES IN THE AREAS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT; FOOD AND AGRICULTURE; TRADE, INDUSTRY, HOUSING AND TECHNOLOGY, AND TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS; NATURAL RESOURCES; AND POPULATION AND STATISTICS, ETC.

MICRONESIA'S APPLICATION FOR AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER IN ESCAP WAS SUBMITTED DURING THE 1973 ESCAP MEETING IN JAPAN ATTENDED BY SPEAKER BETHVEL HENRY AND CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL KALEB UDUL. THE APPLICATION WAS APPROVED BY THE ESCAP'S GOVERNING BODY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS (ECOSOC).

ESCAP IS A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS TECHNICAL RESOURCES AND ASSISTANCE IN ALL FIELDS INCLUDING MINING, TIMBER RESOURCES, SHIPPING, PRODUCTION AND MARKETING PRODUCE, DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES INCLUDING MINERALS AND FISH. IT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASIA DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) AND ANY DEVELOPED OR UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY DESIRING TO BE A MEMBER OF ADB MUST FIRST BECOME A MEMBER OF ESCAP TO GET ASSISTANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS FROM IT.

DURING THE FIFTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ASKING THE UNITED STATES TO SPONSOR MICRONESIA IN THE ASIA DEVELOPMENT BANK.

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(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(SPECIAL COMMITTEE FORMED)

SAIPAN, FEB. 20 (VFFG-77RELEASE)---A SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO MEET WITH UNIVERSITY OF GUAM OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY SCHOOL OF NURSING'S LOSS OF ACCREDITATION EARLIER THIS YEAR.

CONGRESSMAN HERMAN R. GUERRERO OF THE MARIANAS HAS BEEN DESIGNATED CHAIRMAN OF THIS SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO LEARN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IF THE CURRENT SENIORS OF THE TT SCHOOL OF NURSING COULD BE ACCORDED THEIR A.A. DEGREES UPON GRADUATION THIS YEAR DESPITE THE ACCREDITATION LOSS.

ACCORDING TO CONGRESSMAN GUERRERO, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ALSO PLANS TO MEET WITH THE STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM NURSING DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF AND HOW ACCREDITATION OF THE TT SCHOOL OF NURSING CAN BE RESTORED.

THE COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF CONGRESSMAN GUERRERO AND SENATOR NICK BOSSY OF TRUK AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY CONGRESS ATTORNEY TOM BECKMAN. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL LEAVE SAIPAN EARLY FRIDAY MORNING (FEB. 21) FOR GUAM.