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 (HOUSE SENDS TWO MORE TO SENATE)

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SAIPAN, FEB. 24 (MNS)---WITH SEVEN MORE DAYS REMAINING IN THE SESSION, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED MONDAY (FEB. 24) AND SENT TO THE SENATE TWO MEASURES, ONE OF THEM WITH SEVEN MEMBERS VOTING AGAINST.

PASSED AND SENT TO THE SENATE ARE: A BILL TO RAISE THE MEMBERS' OFFICIAL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FROM \$2,500 TO \$3,500. PRIOR TO THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL, YAP FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN JOHN HAGLELGAM TOOK THE FLOOR AND SPOKE AGAINST THE BILL

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SAYING THAT PASSAGE OF THE BILL WILL NOT BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA BUT ONLY THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND CALLED FOR THE DEFEAT OF THE BILL (SEE FOLLOWING STORY FOR FURTHER COVERAGE OF HIS SPEECH).

PONAPE CONGRESSMAN RESIO MOSES ALSO SPOKE AGAINST THE BILL SAYING THAT THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL IS AN "IRRESPONSIBLE ACT" OF THE CONGRESS AND SUGGESTED THAT THE BILL BE DELAYED. ANOTHER FRESHMAN CONGRESS FROM TRUK, REP. LAMBERT AAFIN PLEDGED TO SUPPORT THE INTENT OF THE BILL PROVIDED THAT THE CONGRESS AGREED TO REDUCE THEIR SALARIES BY \$1,000.

REP. POLYCARP BASILIUS WANTED TO INCREASE IT TO \$5,000 AND AT THE SAME TIME INCREASE THE SALARY. HIS COMMENTS WERE SUPPORTED BY MARSHALLS CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DOMNICK WHO STATED THAT THE INCREASE IS NOT ENOUGH AND CALLED THE CONGRESS MEMBERS' SALARY "UNFAIR."

IN A ROLL CALL VOTE, CONGRESSMEN LAMBERT AAFIN, HERMAN GUERRERO, JOHN HAGLELGAM, RESIO MOSES, OSCAR RASA, ATAJI BALOS AND CONGRESSWOMAN CARMEN BIGLER VOTED AGAINST. THE MEASURE WILL NOW GO TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER ACTIONS.

THE OTHER BILL THAT PROLONGED THE HOUSE SESSION WAS A BILL

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WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR ROOM AND BOARD AT THE DISTRICT CENTER FOR STUDENTS ON SCHOLARSHIP WHILE ON TRAVEL STATUS TO AND FROM INSTITUTIONS ACCEPTING THEM.

CONGRESSMAN POLYCARP BASILIUS POINTED OUT THAT HE WOULD RATHER SEE STUDENTS RECEIVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

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TO ATTEND SCHOOL THAN TO DEDUCT SOME MONEY FROM SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS WHICH WOULD DEPRIVED OTHER DESERVING STUDENTS FROM RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS.

RASA STATED THAT THE INTENT OF THE MEASURE IS TO HELP THE OUTER ISLANDERS WHO ARE IN TRANSIT AT THE DISTRICT CENTERS ON THEIR WAY TO COLLEGES.

OTHER MEMBERS WANTED TO KNOW WHERE THE MONEY TO HELP DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STUDENTS' ROOM AND BOARD WOULD COME FROM. IN A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE BILL, REPRESENTATIVE RESIO MOSES CAST THE LONE DISSENTING VOTE.

THE HOUSE ALSO DEFERRED ACTION ON A MEASURE APPROPRIATING \$60,000 FOR PROGRAMS RELATING TO UNITY IN MICRONESIA, (HB 6-133) AFTER A LENGTHY DISCUSSION. REP. POLYCARP BASILIUS SUGGESTED THAT THE CONGRESS SHOULD ESTABLISH GOALS, GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES AS TO HOW THE MONEY SHOULD BE USED BY THE DISTRICTS.

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SAYING THAT EACH DISTRICT GETS SHARES OF \$10,000 EACH, BASILIUS SUGGESTED THAT THE MONEY SHOULD BE USED AS THE DISTRICTS SEES IT FIT AND NOT TO RESTRICT IT ONLY TO UNITY RELATED ACTIVITIES.

REP. RASA POINTED OUT THAT THE MEASURE LACKS GUIDELINES. PROGRAMS CONCERNING UNITY ARE NOW BEGINNING TO EMERGE, HE ADDED. THE MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE CONCERN WITH MICRONESIAN UNITY DOES NOT KNOW THE CHANNEL TO GET THE MONEY APPROPRIATED UNDER THE ACT. IN THE CASE OF THE MARIANAS, THE ISSUE IS CONSIDERED A "CONTROVERSIAL" ONE, RASA ASSERTED. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE CONGRESS SHOULD DEFINE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ACQUISITION OF THE MONEY.

REP. RAYMOND SETIK REMINDED THE MEMBERS THAT THERE ARE ALREADY GUIDELINES SET UNDER THE EXISTING PUBLIC LAW (PL 5-106).

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THE MONEY SHOULD BE SPEND, FLOOR LEADER LUKE M. TMAN MOVED TO DEFER ACTION ON THE MEASURE AND WAS CARRIED BY A VOICE VOTE.

THE HOUSE ALSO ADOPTED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT TO

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CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
MICRONESIAN MARITIME ACADEMY AND TO SUBMIT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS
BY JANUARY 1, 1976, (HJR 6-28).

SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY THEN APPOINTED A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK, KALISTO REFONOPEI,
RAYMOND SETIK AND EDGAR EDWARDS TO MEET WITH THE SENATE CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE TO IRON OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES ON HOUSE BILL 6-4,
WHICH THE SENATE MADE SOME AMENDMENTS, AND THE HOUSE
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE DID NOT AGREE.

BOTH HOUSES WILL MEET TUESDAY MORNING (FEB. 25) AT 10:00
A.M.

IN SENATE ACTIVITY MONDAY EVENING (FEB. 24) ONE SENATE
JOINT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED IN A UNANIMOUS VOTE CONFIRMING
JOHN IUD OF YAP AND TAWN PAUL OF TRUK TO THE TT ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION BOARD (EPB). THEY HAD BEEN MEMBERS SINCE THE
EPB WAS FORMED NOTED PALAU SEN. SALII, AND ARE BEING
RECONFIRMED FOR THEIR POSITIONS.

THE SENATORS DEFERRED ACTION ON ALL OTHER MEASURES AND
COMMITTEE REPORTS BEFORE THEM UNTIL TUESDAY (FEB. 25).

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED LAST FRIDAY (FEB. 21) WAS

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INADVERTENTLY PLACED IN THE MNS REPORT IN A MISLEADING MANNER.
THE SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED WAS TO DIRECT THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS TO INVESTIGATE
AND REPORT TO THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS THE
EXTENT TO WHICH THE TT DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL HAS BEEN
IMPLEMENTING ITS POLICY TO HAVE MICRONESIAN EMPLOYEES
UNDERSTUDY THEIR EXPATRIATE SUPERVISORS, (SR 6-3). THE MEASURE
WAS INTRODUCED BY TRUK SENATOR NICK BOSSY.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(HAGLELGAM URGES DEFEATING INCREASING CONGRESSIONAL EXPENSE)

SAIPAN, FEB. 24 (CONGRESS RELEASE) --- THE YOUNGEST MEMBER
OF THE MICRONESIAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JOHN HAGLELGAM
OF YAP MONDAY (FEB. 24) URGED HIS COLLEAGUES TO DEFEAT HOUSE
BILL 6-60 WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE OFFICE EXPENSES OF THE
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM \$2,500 TO \$3,500.

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IN BRIEF REMARKS MONDAY EVENING IN THE HOUSE, HAGLELGAM SAID THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IS PRESENTLY ON THE "VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY." HE SAID THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL WOULD FURTHER SEVERE THE CONGRESS' ALREADY FISCALLY UNSOUND POSITION. NOTING THAT SINCE CONGRESS HAS BEEN DENYING APPROPRIATION

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REQUEST FOR MANY WORTHY PROJECTS DUE TO ITS FISCAL INABILITY
TO FUND THEM, HAGLELGAM POINTED OUT THAT THE "OATH" EACH OF
THE MEMBERS TOOK WHEN THEY ENTERED CONGRESS IS "TO PROMOTE THE
WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA."

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HAGLELGAM SAID THAT DEFEATING HOUSE BILL 6-60 IS IN KEEPING WITH THE OATH WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS, ENSURES THAT NONE OF THE CONGRESS FUNDS IS APPROPRIATED TO BE EXPENDED ON "UNNECESSARY ITEMS."

THE BILL, HOUSE BILL 6-60, IS SPONSORED BY REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND SETIK OF TRUK.

(CCM 175 FALL QUARTER APPLICATIONS OPEN)

KOLONIA, FEB. 24 (MNS)---THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA, JOHN BIDDLE, ANNOUNCES THAT THE COLLEGE IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 1975 FALL QUARTER.

TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION A PERSON MUST BE 17 YEARS OR OLDER, BE IN GOOD MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH, HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT CERTIFICATE FOR DEGREE PROGRAMS, AND HAVE TAKEN CERTAIN TESTS AS MENTIONED IN THE APPLICATION FORM.

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREES OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT ARE: ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION; BUSINESS; SPECIAL EDUCATION; AN IN-SERVICE DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION; AN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE IN GENERAL STUDIES.

ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING MORE INFORMATION OR AN APPLICATION FORM FOR THE 1975 FALL QUARTER SHOULD SEE THEIR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR, DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR, OR WRITE TO THE REGISTRAR, COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA, PONAPE CAROLINE ISLANDS 96941.

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 1, 1975. (NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: SEVERAL MEASURES WERE INTRODUCED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE HOUSE SESSION BUT WERE NOT

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MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE. MNS WILL INCLUDE THOSE MEASURES ON TUESDAY'S (FEB. 25) DISPATCH).

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