

HOUSE SENDS TWO MORE TO SENATE) (1975)  
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  
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 CONGRESSMAN FROM TRUK, REP. LAMBERT AAFIN  
PLLEDGED 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  
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  
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.  
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 95-106).

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SINCE MOST OF THE MEMBERS BROUGHT UP QUESTIONS AS TO HOW THE MONEY SHOULD BE SPEND, FLOOR LEADER LUKE M. THAM 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 CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MICRONESIAN MARITIME ACADEMY AND TO SUBMIT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS BY JANUARY 1, 1976. (HJR 6-23).

SPEAKER BETHVEL 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 LUO 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 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.

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 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."

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 '75 FALL QUARTER APPLICATIONS OPEN)

KOLONIA, FEB. 24 (MNS)---THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE 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  
MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE. MNS WILL  
INCLUDE THOSE MEASURES ON TUESDAY'S (FEB. 25) DISPATCH).