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SAIPAN, FEB. 26, (MNS)---THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED FIVE BILLS ON SECOND READING IN ITS MORNING SESSION WEDNESDAY (FEB. 26). THE LARGEST APPROPRIATION MEASURE PASSED SO FAR HAS BEEN A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$500,500 FOR THE OPERATING AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (HB 6-177).

THE OTHERS THAT PASSED SECOND AND FINAL READING ARE: A BILL TO DEFINE THE ROLE OF THE DIVISION OF MARINE RESOURCES IN RELATION TO THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITIES AND DESIGNATE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) AS THE LIAISON BETWEEN THE FISHING AUTHORITIES AND THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, (HB 6-161); A BILL TO CLARIFY EXISTING LAW AND TO PROVIDE CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO SHALL BE CITIZENS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY UPON THEIR BIRTH, (HB 6-38), WITH SETIK AND SIGRAH VOTING AGAINST AND TMAN VOTING "CONFLICT OF INTEREST." TMAN EXPLAINED THAT SOME OF HIS COUSINS, NEPHEWS AND NIECES WILL BE AFFECTED IF THE BILL IS SIGNED INTO LAW.

ALSO, A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 3 OF THE FISHERY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1973, (PL 5-21), TO FURTHER RESTRICT THE DEFINITION OF A FISHING COOPERATIVE SO THAT TO QUALIFY, A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF A COOPERATIVES'S BUSINESS MUST BE DONE WITH ITS MEMBERSHIP AND SO THAT A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF ITS GROSS SALES MUST BE DERIVED FROM MARINE RESOURCES, (HB 6-129), PASSED SECOND READING. THE OTHER MEASURE PASSED IT TO CREATE AN OFFICE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH WOULD COORDINATE THE FOREIGN ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, (HB 6-119). ALL PASSED SECOND READING UNANIMOUSLY. THE HOUSE DEFERRED ACTION ON HB 6-130 WHICH WOULD APPROPRIATE \$90,000 FOR THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF EACH DISTRICT'S FISHING AUTHORITIES WHEN REP. OSCAR RASA POINTED OUT THE ABSENCE OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT IN THE BILL.

THREE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED. THEY ARE: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE HIGH COURT SHOULD IMPOSE MAXIMUM PENALTIES ON FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS VIOLATING THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE TT, (SJR 6-10); REQUESTING THE HICOM, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR TO REMOVE THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITIES FROM THE DOCK AREA ON MOEN ISLAND TO SOME MORE SUITABLE SITE, (HJR 6-66); AND A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO INSTALL AN EXPERIMENTAL WINDPOWERED GENERATOR AND BATTERY-STORAGE SYSTEM ON SATAWAL ISLAND, YAP DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF THE PEOPLE OF THAT AREA, (HJR 6-53).

IN SENATE ACTIVITY WEDNESDAY (FEB. 26) TWO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED, ONLY ONE BILL, THAT CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM IN MICRONESIA, WAS ON THE CALENDAR FOR SECOND READING. ACTION WAS DEFERRED, HOWEVER, SINCE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WERE NOT READY.

THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE HONOLULU YMCA FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPEMENT OF YOUTH RECREATION IN MICRONESIA, (HJR 6-23); AND COMMEND THE ALOHA COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA FOR THEIR SERVICES TO THE YOUTH OF MICRONESIA, (HJR 6-24).

SENATORS CONTINUED TO INTRODUCE MEASURES IN THE MORNING SESSION, WITH FIVE DAYS LEFT IN THE SESSION. THE FOUR BILLS INTRODUCED WOULD: PROVIDE \$110,000 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF UNIFORM SIGNS FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, (SB 6-181); EXPEND \$1,108,229 FOR WATER AND POWER SYSTEM PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS, (SB 6-182); PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARIANA ISLANDS AIRPORT AUTHORITY (SB 6-183); AND A MEASURE TO APPROPRIATE \$30,000 FOR TRAINING MICRONESIAN POLICE OFFICERS, (SB 6-184).

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED TO AUTHORIZE THE HICOM TO ACCEPT A GRANT OFFER FOR THE PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PALAU DISTRICT AIRPORT FROM THE FAA, (SJR 6-40).

ELEVEN BILLS WERE INTRODUCED WEDNESDAY MORNING, SIX OF THEM APPROPRIATION MEASURES, OF: \$56,000 TO PURCHASE TWO SCHOOL BUSES FOR KUSAIE ISLAND, (HB 6-283); \$25,000 TO UPDATE THE VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS IN ALL DISTRICTS, (HB 6-281); \$1,078,229 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS, (HB 6-285); \$50,000 AS DROUGHT RELIEF FOR KAPINGAMARINGI ISLAND, PONAPE, (HB 6-287); \$30,000 FOR CONSTRUCTING A JAILHOUSE ON THE ISLAND OF ROTA, (HB 6-289); AND \$110,000 TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL UNIFORM SIGNS FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, (HB 6-291).

THE OTHERS ARE: TO AMEND SECTION TEN OF THE CONCON LAW (PL 5-60) RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF DELEGATES, (HB 6-282); A BILL TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CONCON LAW RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EACH DISTRICT'S DELEGATE CHAIRMAN, (HB 6-284); TO DECLARE ULITHI AIRSTRIP AND ANCHORAGE AS OFFICIAL PORTS OF ENTRY, (HB 6-286); TO REPEAL SUBSECTION THREE OF SECTION 504 OF TITLE 63 OF THE TT CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACT A NEW SUBSECTION, (HB 6-288); AND A MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS AIRPORT AUTHORITY, (HB 6-290).

SIX HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED TO: REQUEST THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE TERRITORIAL PLANNER TO MAKE A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON PROCESSING AND CANNING TUNA AND SKIPJACK IN THE TT AND REPORT THEIR FINDINGS TO THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF CONGRESS, (HJR 6-83); EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE TERRITORIAL PANEL FOR THE SELECTION OF THE OFFICIAL MICRONESIAN ATTIRE AND ALLOW THE CONGRESS PRESIDING OFFICERS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, (HB 6-84); REQUEST THE HICOM AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO ESTABLISH THE PORT OF MOEN, TRUK, AS A TT TRANSSHIPMENT PORT, (HJR 6-85); REQUEST THE HICOM AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING TO MAKE BUDGETARY ALLOWANCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WOLEAI ATOLL, YAP, AS A SUBDISTRICT AND TO MAKE BUDGETARY PROVISIONS FOR A SUBDISTRICT HOSPITAL AND OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, (HJR 6-86); REQUEST THE HICOM AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARATE BUDGETS FOR THE OUTER ISLANDS OF YAP FOR EDUCATION, FIELD TRIP SERVICE, OPERATIONS OF DISPENSARIES AND PUBLIC WORKS, (HB 6-87); AND A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HICOM TO ACCEPT A GRANT OFFER FOR THE PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PALAU DISTRICT AIRPORT FROM THE FAA, (HJR 6-88).

ONE HOUSE RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED TO DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL TO DIVIDE THE RANK OF PATROLMAN INTO THREE CLASSES, TO REFLECT SUCH FACT ON THE UNIFORM AND TO RECLASSIFY THE RANK OF PATROLMAN THIRD CLASS TO A HIGHER PAY LEVEL.

BOTH HOUSES RESUME THEIR DELIBERATIONS AT 10:00 A.M. THURSDAY (FEB 27).

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(HARUO WANTS RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS)

SAIPAN, FEB. 26 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---REPRESENTATIVE SASAUO HARUO OF TRUK SAID WEDNESDAY (FEB 26) THAT MICRONESIA MUST DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD, BECAUSE, IN HIS OPINION, THE UNITED STATES HAS FAILED TO KEEP ITS PROMISE UNDER THE TRUSTEESHIP TO DEVELOP MICRONESIA'S ECONOMY.

IN A STATEMENT IN THE MICRONESIAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, HARUO SAID THE CONGRESS HAS NOW WITNESSED THE CONCLUSION OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS OF ONE DISTRICT AND SEEN THAT "WASHINGTON'S PURSE STRINGS ARE TIED DIRECTLY TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY." HE SAID INSTEAD OF BEING VICTIMIZED BY THE

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UNITED STATES AND ITS MILITARY, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MUST INSTRUCT ITS JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS TO SEEK RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, WHO, HARUO SAID, WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO MICRONESIA'S SITUATION.

HARUO, WHO SERVES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, INFORMED THE CONGRESS THAT SEVERAL NATIONS HAVE ALREADY OFFERED FINANCIAL AID TO MICRONESIA, ADDING: "THIS COURSE MUST NOW BE PURSUED."

"WE HAVE LEARNED THAT POLITICAL FREEDOM IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT ECONOMIC FREEDOM," HE SAID, "AND AFTER 31 YEARS OF AMERICAN RULE, WE MUST ADMIT TO OURSELVES THAT WE HAVE NEITHER OF THESE FREEDOMS.

"THEREFORE, WE MUST TAKE OUR CASE TO THE OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. OUR SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON IT," HE DECLARED.

THE CONGRESSMAN FROM TRUK DISTRICT SAID WHILE MICRONESIANS ARE THANKFUL FOR WHAT THE UNITED STATES HAS DONE FOR MICRONESIA IN THE PAST, HE SAID MANY ISLAND LEADERS TODAY "CANNOT HELP BUT RESENT THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES...HAS APPARENTLY FORGOTTEN ITS PROMISES OF GUARANTEEING MICRONESIA ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY."

HARUO SAID THAT AN ECONOMIC SURVEY COMPLETED BY THE FIRST GROUP OF AMERICAN ECONOMISTS THAT VISITED MICRONESIA IN 1945 MADE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS IN VIEW OF AMERICA'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP, ADDING THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN CARRIED OUT AFTER 30 YEARS OF TRUSTEESHIP.

"OUR PROBLEM AND SOLUTION IS SIMPLE," HE SAID, "IF THE UNITED STATES HAS DECIDED NOT TO KEEP ITS PROMISES TO PROMOTE OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THEN WE MUST DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS THAT ARE EAGER AND WILLING TO DO WHAT THE UNITED STATES HAS CHOSEN NOT TO DO."

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(BORJA CALLS FOR SALARY INCREASE)

SAIPAN, FEB 26 (CONGRESS RELEASE---THE SUBJECT OF PUTTING MORE BUYING POWER INTO THE HANDS OF THE AVERAGE MICRONESIAN WAGE EARNER WAS THE TOPIC OF A SPEECH BY SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA WEDNESDAY MORNING (FEB 26) BEFORE THE MICRONESIAN SENATE.

IN HIS SPEECH, SENATOR BORJA URGED HIS COLLEAGUES TO TAKE POSITIVE STEPS IN APPROVING A PROPOSED SALARY AND PAY SCALE DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE "TAKE HOME" PAY OF THOSE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO ARE IN THE LOWER LEVELS IN THE PRESENT PAY SYSTEM.

BORJA TOLD THE SENATE "THAT UNLESS THIS SESSION OF THE CONGRESS TAKE UP THE SALARY ISSUE AND RESOLVE IT MANY OF OUR PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE NO FURTHER INDUCEMENT TO REMAIN IN PUBLIC SERVICE NOR WILL OTHER PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS BE ATTRACTED TO THE SERVICE."

SAYING THAT INFLATION IS A WORLD-WIDE PROBLEM AND WHICH ALSO AFFECTS MICRONESIA'S ECONOMY WHICH CONGRESS CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT NOR CHECK THE "TREND" TO EASE THE SITUATION, HE SAID, INFLATION HAS "ADVERSELY" AFFECT THE POCKETS OF EVERY MICRONESIAN CONSUMER. HE SAID IT BECOMES "DOUBLY DIFFICULT FOR CONGRESS TO CONTROL IT SINCE MICRONESIA IS NOW GOING THROUGH THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD FROM A SUBSISTENCE ECONOMY TO A MONETARY ECONOMY."

THE MARIANAS SENATOR POINTED OUT THAT WHILE CONGRESS CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT INFLATION, IT CAN AT LEAST APPROVE A SALARY AND PAY SCHEDULE WHICH WOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH THE TYPE OF WORK MICRONESIANS PERFORM AND THE LEVEL OF PAY THEY DESERVE.

BORJA TOOK NOTE OF THE PROPOSED SALARY AND PAY SCALE WHICH **13700** HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS FOR REVIEW BY A SPECIAL JOINT TASK FORCE WHICH OFFERS \$.80 AN HOUR. HE SAID HE AGREES WITH THE PROPOSED HOURLY WAGE ON GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD "IMPROVE" THE PRESENT PAY AND SALARY SCALE BUT FEELS THAT THE FIGURE OF \$1.25 PER HOUR IS THE MOST REALISTIC FIGURE.

CITING HIS REASONS FOR SUPPORTING AN HOURLY WAGE OF \$1.25 AN HOUR, HE SAID THAT ANYONE THESE DAYS WITH A SALARY OF \$.80 AN HOUR "MUST WORK 20 HOURS OR FOUR NORMAL DAYS IN ORDER TO BUY ONE 50-POUND BAG OF RICE,...FOUR HOURS TO GET A BAG OF SUGAR,...TWO HOURS JUST TO BUY A CAN OF CORNED BEEF OR LOCAL PORK OR BEEF, MORE THAN AN HOUR TO PURCHASE ONLY ONE POUND OF LOCAL BEEF OR OCEAN FISH, OR ALMOST AN HOUR TO BUY CANNED FISH."

HE CONTINUED THAT FOR AN AVERAGE FAMILY OF FOUR OR FIVE PEOPLE, THE BREADWINNER WHO WORKS 40 HOURS PER WEEK, CANNOT EARN ENOUGH MONEY TO ADQUATELY FEED, LET ALONE HOUSE, CLOTH, AND IN GENERAL CARE FOR HIS FAMILY.

SENATOR BORJA SAID THAT IF CONGRESS IS TO "ESTABLISH" THE RECOMMENDED \$.80 AN HOUR MINIMUM WAGE, THEN IT WILL BE PLACING THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA ON A FINANCIAL "STARVATION DIET" WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THAT EVERYONE WORK ON TWO FULL TIME JOBS TO PROVIDE HIS FAMILY THE BASIC NECESSITIES NEEDED FOR GOOD HEALTH "...THE VERY FOUNDATION OF OUR SOCIETY."

BORJA CONCLUDED BY STRONGLY URGING HIS COLLEAGUES NOT TO DEFER ACTION ON THIS ISSUE, BUT TAKE ACTION TO CREATE A NEW SALARY SCHEDULE AND GUARANTEE A MINIMUM WAGE OF \$1.25 AN HOUR.

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(SPECIAL COMMITTEE RETURNS)

SAIPAN, FEB. 26 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---A SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL MATTERS COMMITTEES RETURNED TO SAIPAN FROM GUAM LAST SATURDAY (FEB. 26) FOLLOWING MEETINGS WITH UNIVERSITY OF GUAM (UOG) OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE TT SCHOOLS OF NURSING (TTNS) LOSS OF ACCREDITATION EARLIER THIS YEAR.

MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN HERMAN R. GUERRERO, CHAIRMAN OF THAT SPECIAL COMMITTEE SAID THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY, DR. ANTONIO YAMASHITA MENTIONED THAT THE UOG/TTNS AFFILIATION IS STILL OPEN, BUT THAT THE GRADUATING NURSES OF TTNS THIS SPRING WILL NOT BE GIVEN THEIR A.S. DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITY UNTIL THE TTNS MEETS UOG-NURSING SCHOOL STANDARDS. HE SAID YAMASHITA HAS AGREED TO HELP UP-GRAD THE TT NURSING SCHOOL'S STANDARDS.

CONGRESSMAN GUERRERO SAID UOG PRESIDENT YAMASHITA, HOWEVER, OFFERED TWO ALTERNATIVES TO THE GRADUATING SENIORS AT THE TT NURSING SCHOOL. ONE ALTERNATIVE, ACCORDING TO GUERRERO, IS TO GIVE THE SENIORS A TEST AND THOSE THAT PASS IT WILL RECEIVE THEIR A.S. DEGREES; AND THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE IS TO SEND THEM TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM UNDER A "CRASH PROGRAM" TO ENABLE THEM TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS AND TAKE THEIR EXAMINATIONS IN MAY. THOSE WHO PASS IT WILL GRADUATE ALONG WITH UOG GRADUATING NURSES, GUERRERO SAID.

THE COMMITTEE FEELS THAT BOTH THE TT ADMINISTRATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM WERE AT FAULT FOR NOT SEEING TO IT THAT THE CURRICULUM OFFERED AT THE TTNS REMAINS WITHIN ACCREDITATION STANDARDS SET BY THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM, ACCORDING TO GUERRERO.

GUERRERO SAID: "IT IS A VERY UNFORTUNATE STATE OF AFFAIR THAT THE STUDENTS OF THE TT NURSING SCHOOL WERE GIVEN HIGH EXPECTATIONS IN THE VERY BEGINNING AND THE PROMISE OF AN A.S. DEGREE UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE ONLY TO FIND OUT ALMOST ON GRADUATION TIME THAT THEY DO NOT DESERVE THE DEGREE THEY HAVE WORKED SO HARD FOR DUE TO MAL-ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHOOL.

UNFORTUNATELY, IT APPEARS THAT THE STUDENTS ARE BEING PUNISHED DUE TO THE FAULT OF THE ADMINISTRATORS, WHICH IS 'GROSSLY' UNFAIR."

THE COMMITTEE ALSO MET WITH THE GUAM LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF TO SEEK POSSIBLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD THE STUDENTS CHOOSE TO GO TO THE UNIVERSITY TO TAKE UP THE CRASH PROGRAM. BOTH ARE WILLING TO ASSIST THE STUDENTS FINANCIALLY IF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT COULD COME UP WITH MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM, GUERRERO SAID.

ASIDE FROM CONGRESSMAN GUERRERO, THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE WAS REPRESENTATIVE LAMBER AAFIN OF TRUK. THE COMMITTEE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A CONGRESS ATTORNEY, TOM BECKMAN.

(BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY IN SHARK SKIN)

SAIPAN, FEB. 26 (MNS)---THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY OCEAN LEATHER CORPORATION, A FIRM WHICH TANS SHARK SKIN FOR LEATHER. OCEAN LEATHER WOULD LIKE TO BE PROVIDED WITH BOTH SHARK HIDES AND FINS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS AVAILABLE A MANUAL WHICH DETAILS PROPER HIDE AND FIN PREPARATION. EVERY PART OF THE SHARK IS OF ECONOMIC VALUE BUT NOT ALL PARTS CAN BE PURCHASED BY OCEAN LEATHER; THEY ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN THE HIDE AND FINS. HOWEVER, THE FINS CAN BE USED FOR SOUP, THE TEETH FOR TOURIST CURIOS, THE MEAT EATEN AND THE OFFAL USED TO PRODUCE FISH MEAL.

"IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME IT IS NOT YET KNOWN IF THE PRICES OFFERED BY OCEAN LEATHER ARE HIGH ENOUGH TO MEET OVERHEAD COSTS, TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES, ETC. WITH ENOUGH FUNDS REMAINING FOR A REASONABLE PROFIT," A SPOKESMAN SAID.

INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT THE MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION AT HEADQUARTERS FOR THE MANUAL AND SHOULD DISCUSS THE ECONOMICS OF A POTENTIAL OPERATION (COSTS VERSUS PROFIT) WITH THE DISTRICT BUSINESS ADVISOR.

(TRIAL ASSISTANTS MEETING)

SAIPAN, FEB. 26 (MNS)---ACTING TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER LEO MCSHANE ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE MICRONESIAN TRIAL ASSISTANTS FOR THE SIX DISTRICTS WILL BE HELD ON SAIPAN FROM MARCH 3-7.

JUSTICES OF THE HIGH COURT HAVE BEEN INVITED TO MEET WITH THE GROUP TO AID IN TRAINING PROGRAMS AND VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S STAFF HAVE ALSO BEEN REQUESTED TO ATTEND VARIOUS SESSIONS.

(MICRONESIA CLOTHING MANUFACTURING OPPORTUNITY)

SAIPAN, FEB. 26 (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IS IN THE PROCESS OF CONSIDERING DESIGNS FOR FORMAL ISLAND ATTIRE. ONCE THE FINAL DESIGN HAS BEEN SELECTED THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE A MARKET FOR A VARIABLE GARMENT INDUSTRY IN MICRONESIA, NOT ONLY FOR MANUFACTURING THE FORMAL WEAR FOR MEN AND WOMEN, BUT ALSO FOR THE PRODUCTION OF COTTON SHIRTS AND DRESSES, SWIM WEAR, HATS, ETC.

THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS POTENTIAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY WITH ANY ADULT MICRONESIAN CITIZEN WHO MIGHT POSSIBLY QUALIFY FOR AN EDLF LOAN FOR THIS ENDEAVOR. ANY APPLICANT FOR AN EDLF LOAN FOR SUCH A BUSINESS MUST DOCUMENT THE LOAN REQUEST WITH A COMPLETE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL INCOME AND EXPENSES, MARKET SURVEY, ETC.

INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION AT HEADQUARTERS TO DISCUSS THE ECONOMICS OF THIS POTENTIAL BUSINESS.

(MENTAL HEALTH WARD RECEIVES MONEY)

SAIPAN, FEB. 26 (MNS)---THE MENTAL HEALTH WARD AT DR. TORRES HOSPITAL ON SAIPAN RECEIVED ON WEDNESDAY (FEB. 26) A CHECK FOR \$235 FROM THE IT WELCOMING COMMITTEE TO BE USED IN ANY MENTAL HEALTH RELATED ACTIVITY.

IN A BRIEF PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, TREASURER OF THE COMMITTEE, FILOMENA MIYAMOTO PRESENTED THE CHECK TO DR. KAIPAT, WHO IS THE MARIANAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES. IN ACCEPTING THE CHECK, DR. KAIPAT SAID THE ON BEHALF OF DR. CHONG, MARIANAS DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND DR. COOPER, MENTAL HEALTH

SPECIALIST, "I THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR GENEROSITY IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE WELL BEING OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS."

THE \$235 WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH BAKE SALES BY THE 20 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO MRS. MIYAMOTO, THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO GET A HOME READY FOR NEW COMERS, WITH SUCH ACTIVITIES AS SHOPPING. THE MEMBERS ALSO CONDUCT OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS RAISING FUNDS FOR IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE, SAYS MRS. MIYAMOTO, MAY CONTACT THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE'S PRESIDENT, RUTH SHICK.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS THE NEXT TWO STORIES ARE OF INTERVIEWS WITH NEW MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.)  
(NICK BOSSY)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 26 (MNS)---OVER TWO WEEKS OF HEARINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSION WENT ON BEFORE THE SENATE VOTED TO SEAT ITS LAST MEMBER, NICK BOSSY OF TRUK. BUT NOW, OVER SIX WEEKS INTO THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, SENATOR BOSSY SAYS THAT HIS SERVICE IN THE SENATE HAS NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY HIS CHALLENGED ELECTION AND THE SUBSEQUENT FUROR THAT SURROUNDED THE CHALLENGE.

THE TRUK SENATOR RAN FOR CONGRESS IN 1974 ON AN ANTI-INDEPENDENCE TICKET. HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A GROUP WHICH HAS MET TO REVIEW THE DRAFT COMPACT AND DISCUSS THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS ISSUE. SEN. BOSSY HAS STATED THAT THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY OF TRUK, HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY INFORMED ABOUT THIS, AS WELL AS OTHER ISSUES, TAKEN UP BY THE CONGRESS. ALTHOUGH HE SAID THAT HE "DIDN'T PROMISE ANYBODY ANYTHING" DURING HIS CAMPAIGN, THE SENATOR ALSO ASSERTED THAT HE TOLD THE TRUKESSE PEOPLE THAT HE WOULD GO OUT TO THEM AND REPORT ON THE ISSUES BEFORE THE CONGRESS.

AND THAT IS ONE OF SEN. BOSSY'S MAIN GOALS IN THE CONGRESS. HE WANTS "TO SEE THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE POLITICALLY EDUCATED AND WELL INFORMED" ABOUT THE AFFAIRS OF MICRONESIA.

ANOTHER HIGH PRIORITY HE SEES IS THE UNITY OF MICRONESIA. "I WANT TO TRY TO UNIFY TRUK, AND THEN MICRONESIA." HE COMMENTED.

THE TRUK SENATOR CONTINUED THAT HE "HOPES TO SEE A NEW PAY SCALE WITH INCREMENTS FOR ALL OUR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ESPECIALLY IN TRUK." HE WILL WORK TOWARD HIS GOALS AS A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, AND HEALTH COMMITTEES.

SEN. BOSSY LEFT XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL IN 1951, "BEFORE IT HAD A TT-WIDE ENROLLMENT." HE ALSO ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ON A TWO-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP, AFTER HE HAD WORKED AT THE TRUK HOSPITAL AS A LAB ASSISTANT.

WHEN THE TRUK SENATOR RETURNED FROM HAWAII, HE WORKED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION IN TRUK HANDLING A VARIETY OF RESPONSIBILITIES. DURING THAT TIME HE SERVED ON THE MOEN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND WAS A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FORMER TRUK CONGRESS, NOW THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, FROM 1959-1962.

IN 1967 SEN. BOSSY TRAVELED TO SAIPAN AS A MANAGEMENT INTERN FOR PERSONNEL. THEN IN 1968 HE BECAME MARIANAS DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL AND RETURNED TO TRUK IN 1970 AS THAT DISTRICT'S PERSONNEL DIRECTOR. 13703

(KUNIWO NAKAMURA)

SAIPAN, FEB. 26 (MNS)---"I AM VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF THE COMMON PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIETY WHICH HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED BY OUR PAST POLITICAL LEADERS. THAT IS WHY I DECIDED TO RUN FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WITH THE HOPE THAT I MAY

BE ABLE TO SOLVE SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS," SAID THE FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN KUNIWO NAKAMURA FROM PALAU.

CONGRESSMAN NAKAMURA, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH MATTERS, EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN, IN AN INTERVIEW, OVER SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT HE PLANS TO WORK ON WHILE IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. SUCH PROBLEMS INCLUDE THE HIGH COST OF LIVING, QUALITY OF EDUCATION, AND BETTER HEALTH CARE IN MICRONESIA.

ASKED HOW HE IS GOING TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS, HE REPLIED BY OFFERING THE FOLLOWING SOLUTIONS" HE IS AS SOLE SUPPORTER OF THE WAGE INCREASE WHICH HE BELIEVES, WOULD HELP A LOT OF FAMILIES, SINCE THE PRICES OF GOODS HAVE BEEN RAISED.

IN THE AREA OF HEALTH SERVICES, HE PLANS TO BRING IN MORE QUALIFIED DOCTORS AND NURSES AND ALSO IMPROVE HOSPITAL FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF MICRONESIANS.

IN HIS PLAN WITH RESPECT TO UPGRADING THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA ALSO MUST UTILIZE QUALIFIED TEACHERS AND IMPROVE THE DEUCATIONAL FACILITIES. "IF WE ARE GOING TO BE A SELF GOVERNING STATE, AS IS OUR ULTIMATE GOAL, WE MUST FIRST OF ALL DEVELOP OUR HUMAN RESOURCES. IN DOING SO, OUR EDUCATION MUST BE UPGRADED," HE ADDED.

CONGRESSMAN NAKAMURA HAS WIDE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTORS. HE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII IN 1967 WITH A BACHELORS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS. HE WORKED AT THE HEADQUARTERS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO YAP AS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR THAT DISTRICT. BEFORE HE WAS ELECTED TO THE SIXTH CONGRESS, HE WAS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF BELAU TRANSFER AND TERMINAL COMPANY IN PALAU.

CONGRESSMAN NAKAMURA IS THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL MONORU NAKAMURA; CHIEF, CIVIC AFFAIRS DIVISION, DAIZIRO NAKAMURA, AND SUPERVISOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IN PALAU TOSIWO NAKAMURA. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.