

CONSTITUTION OF MICRONESIA, FOLLOWING ITS ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE WHEN THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT ENDS, TOGETHER WITH LAWS ENACTED UNDER ITS AUTHORITY, TO BE THE SUPREME LAW OF MICRONESIA. THE EFFECT OF THE BILL WOULD BE TO PRECLUDE THE FORTHCOMING CONCON FROM ADOPTING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY. THIS BILL, WHICH WAS PASSED LAST YEAR BY THE SENATE BUT NOT CONSIDERED BY THE HOUSE, WILL ALSO GO TO THE HOUSE FOR ACTION.

AFTER SEN. SALII COMMENTED TO THE SENATE THAT THE CONGRESS SHOULD HAVE "THE POWER TO MOVE AND MOVE WITH SPEED" IN CASES WHERE A CALLED WITNESS SHOULD FAIL TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE CONGRESS, THE SENATE PASSED A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROSECUTION OF SUCH WITNESSES. SEN. SALII SAID "THIS BILL RESTORES POWER THAT PROPERLY BELONGS TO THE CONGRESS." THE BILL WOULD ALSO ALLOW THE CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, RATHER THAN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO PROSECUTE CONTEMPT CASES.

OTHER BILLS THAT PASSED SECOND READING IN THE SENATE WERE TO ESTABLISH A TT AERONAUTICS COMMISSION AND PRESCRIBE ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, (SB 6-55), WITH MANGEFEL, TENORIO, TMETUCL AND BOSSY VOTING AGAINST; A MEASURE DECLARING CERTAIN MATTERS PUBLIC RECORDS, (SB 6-142); EXEMPTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FROM THE TT PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM, (SB 6-172); A BILL RELATING TO FEES FOR RENEWAL OF ID CARDS, (SB 6-173); AND A MEASURE ALLOWING JURY TRIALS IN EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS AND GIVING THE DISTRICT SELECTIVITY IN HOLDING JURY TRIALS, (SB 6-143), WITH IEHSI VOTING NO.

THE SENATE DEFERRED ACTION ON THREE BILLS RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF A SCHOOL BUS FOR MICRONESIAN STUDENTS ON GUAM, (SB 6-147); ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENTAL TRANSITION, (SB 6-152); AND TO CREATE A MICRONESIAN BAR, (SB 6-170).

THE SENATORS ADOPTED A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INTENTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE FOR A NUCLEAR FREE PACIFIC AND URGING THE HICOM TO DECLARE APRIL 1-6 A "NUCLEAR FREE PACIFIC WEEK" IN THE TT (SJR 6-31). ACTION ON TWO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WAS DEFERRED.

IN SHORT REMARKS, MARSHALLS SENATOR AMATA KABUA COMMENTED ON THE "HUMAN IMPOSSIBILITY" OF READING AND DIGESTING THE CONTENTS OF THE MANY BILLS WHICH WERE PRESENTED TO THE SENATORS THE LAST DAY OF THE 5TH CONGRESS SESSION IN 1974. HE URGED THE SENATORS "NOT TO VIOLATE THE SECRETARIAL ORDER" BY MEETING THROUGH THE LAST NIGHT OF THE PRESENT SESSION. "I URGE THE LEADERSHIP TO GIVE US GUIDANCE," HE CONCLUDED, "TO AVOID THE REOCCURRENCE" OF LAST YEAR'S ALL NIGHT SESSION AND TO PROVIDE PRIORITIES FOR MEASURES STILL TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE SENATE.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$616,000 FOR THE CONTINGENT AND OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE HOUSE (HB 6-178) PASSED SECOND READING. THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HEADED BY REP. RAYMOND SETIK (TRUK) RECOMMENDED \$596,000, BUT REP. SASAUO HARUO MADE AN AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT FROM \$25,000 TO \$45,000. HARUO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. THE MEASURE WILL NOW GO TO THE SENATE. REP. RESIO MOSES CAST THE ONLY NEGATIVE VOTE.

THE OTHER BILL THAT WILL BE SENT TO THE SENATE IS A MEASURE TO EMPOWER THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS TO RAISE REVENUES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS BY ESTABLISHING A SURTAX ON THE WAGES, SALARIES AND GROSS REVENUES TAXES SET FORTH IN THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE, (HB 6-84);

ALSO, A BILL TO EXPAND THE COVERAGE OF THE TT SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO ALL PERSONS WORKING FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY, (HB 6-138), PASSED SECOND READING UNANIMOUSLY. AT PRESENT THE SYSTEM ONLY EXTENDS TO CITIZENS OF THE TT.

TWO BILLS WERE FILED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL MATTERS COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY REP. JOAB SIGRAH. THEY ARE A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$69,700 FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976, (HB 6-42); AND A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$30,000 FOR THE MARSHALL ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY, (HB 6-115). ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT A BILL INCORPORATES THE REQUESTS OF THESE TWO BILLS, (HB 6-159), THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED ITS FILING.

MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN OSCAR C. RASA SPOKE STRONGLY AGAINST THE PASSAGE OF A BILL TO DECLARE THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE MICRONESIAN CONCON IN THE MARSHALLS VOID AND AUTHORIZE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION, (SB 6-90). NOR, STATED RASA, SHOULD THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CALL ANOTHER ELECTION IN THE MARSHALLS. ACCORDING TO RASA, THE FACT THAT MANY PEOPLE DID NOT VOTE FOR VARIOUS REASONS IS NOT THE FAULT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE BILL PASSED FIRST READING.

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING FAITH IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON WAS ADOPTED IN THE HOUSE DURING THE MORNING SESSION, (SJR 6-3). THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE RESOLUTION IS TO EXPRESS "PRIDE AND FAITH" IN THE HICOM'S ADMINISTRATION, BUT REP. CHARLES DOWNICK MADE AMENDMENTS WHICH DELETED THE "PRIDE" IN THE RESOLUTION.

IN A LONG DEBATE ON THE RESOLUTION, REP. MOSES ATTEMPTED TO MOVE TO DEFER ACTION BUT THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED. REP. RASA ALSO SPOKE AGAINST THE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION SAYING THAT THE "SITUATION SHOULD BE ANALYZED CAREFULLY." AT ONE POINT, RASA SAID HE "QUESTIONS THE CONSISTENCY AND INTERGRITY" OF THE CONGRESS. HE SAID THAT THE CONGRESS OBJECTED TO THE HICOM'S VIOLATION OF HIS STATED POLICY IN THE PROCESS OF HIRING TOM CROSSAN, JR., AS PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICER FOR THE TT AND NOW THE CONGRESS IS "PUTTING PRIDE AND FAITH" IN THE HICOM'S ADMINISTRATION. HIS COLLEAGUE IN THE MARIANAS REP. HERMAN R. GUERRERO THEN SPOKE AND SAID THAT HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON IS THE ONLY HIGH COMMISSIONER WHO HAS DONE A LOT TO IMPROVE MICRONESIA, ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE LAST TWO YEARS, BUT QUESTIONED WHAT THE U.S. PRESIDENT AND THE U.S. CONGRESS MIGHT THINK IF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION WHEN A LOT OF MEMBERS OFTEN CRITIZE THE ADMINISTRATION FOR LACK OF PROGRESS.

REP. EDGAR EDWARDS STATED THAT MANY INDIVIDUAL CONGRESS MEMBERS ARE DISSATISFIED WITH SOME OF THE THINGS THE HICOM HAS DONE AND THAT THE CONGRESS SHOULD NOT "JUDGE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON INDIVIDUAL ISSUES." PALAU REP. ISIDORO RUDINCH REMINDED THE MEMBERS THAT NO MATTER WHAT THE RESOLUTION IMPLIES, THE MATTER IS STILL UP TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHETHER TO CHANGE HIM OR NOT. THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON A VOICE VOTE.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE ADOPTED INCLUDES: REQUESTING THE HICOM TO SEEK THE COOPERATION OF THE SIX DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS IN APPLYING FOR FUNDS EARMARKED FOR OLDER CITIZENS AND TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMUNITY HALLS, (HJR 6-18); AND AUTHORIZING THE HICOM TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE A GRANT OFFER FOR AN AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAM (ADAP) PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO STALL CRASH/FIRE RESCUE BUILDING FOR THE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, (HJR 6-20).

THE TWO BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE MORNING SESSION WERE: TO APPROPRIATE \$21,283.10 FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH HEARINGS IN THE SERVICE TO SAIPAN CASE, (SB 6-187); AND A NATURALIZATION MEASURE, (SB 6-188).

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THE THREE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED WOULD AUTHORIZE THE TERRITORIAL PLANNER TO INITIATE THE NECESSARY PHYSICAL PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY TO MOVE AND RELOCATE THE CAPITAL OF MICRONESIA TO THE PALIKIR AREA IN PONAPE AND REPORT HIS FINDINGS

IN THE NEXT REGULAR CONGRESS SESSION, (SJR 6-41); AND REQUEST THE HICOM TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO DISPLAY AND SELL MICRONESIAN HANDICRAFTS AT THE DEPT. OF INTERIOR BUILDING IN WASHINGTON, (SJR 6-42); AND TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO AMEND SECRETARIAL ORDER 2902 REGARDING AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE, CHARTER, MAINTENANCE OR OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT AND SURFACE VESSELS AND FOR SERVICE ASSOCIATED THEREWITH, (SJR 6-43).

A SENATE RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE HICOM TO EXTEND THE INVITATION TO THE DAIWA SHIPPING LINE OF JAPAN TO MAKE REGULAR PORT CALLS AT TRUK AND PONAPE, (SR 6-5), WAS ALSO INTRODUCED.

(SCHOOL OF NURSING TRANSFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)

SAIPAN, FEB. 27 (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON THURSDAY SIGNED AN ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE (75-2) OFFICIALLY TRANSFERRING THE IT SCHOOL OF NURSING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THE SCHOOL OF NURSING WILL NOW BE KNOWN OFFICIALLY AS THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA SCHOOL OF NURSING.

AS A RESULT OF THIS DIRECTIVE ALL STAFF, STUDENTS AND FACILITIES WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA SYSTEM. THIS CHANGE WAS NECESSITATED BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM BY THE SCHOOL OF NURSING. THE STUDENT NURSES WILL NOW BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THEIR A. S. DEGREES AS SCHEDULED ON MARCH 9 AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA.

DR. MASAO KUMANGAI, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, SAID THAT CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM OF THE SCHOOL'S AND IT ADMINISTRATION WAS EXTREMELY "UNFAIR". KUMANGAI SAID THAT THE SCHOOL IS BETTER ADMINISTERED THAN EVER BEFORE AND THAT THIS PRESENT CLASS SHOULD PROVE TO BE ONE OF THE MOST QUALIFIED EVER TO GRADUATE. HE SAID THAT THE ACCREDITATION PROBLEM CAME ABOUT IN LARGE PART BECAUSE THERE WERE NO COURSES IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING, A SUBJECT NEVER OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL OF NURSING IN THE PAST.

DR. KUMANGAI SAID THAT THERE WERE NO FUNDS AVAILABLE TO REMEDY THE DEFICIENCY. HE SAID THAT THE STUDENT NURSES THEMSELVES ARE PLEASED WITH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ARRANGEMENT AND HAVE VOTED FOR IT UNANIMOUSLY.

IN SIGNING THE DIRECTIVE, HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON STATED THAT THE IT ADMINISTRATION IS DOING EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER TO INSURE THAT THE STUDENT NURSES RECEIVE EVERYTHING DUE THEM. HE REGRETTED THAT THE NURSES DILEMMA WAS THE SUBJECT OF "POLITICAL RHETORIC" AND EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT HIS SOLUTION WOULD BE A FAIR ONE TO ALL CONCERNED.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SAID THERE STILL REMAINS THE BASIC PROBLEM OF INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIES. HE NOTED THAT SEVERAL LOCAL HIRE REGISTERED NURSES RESIGNED AS A RESULT OF A RECENT PAY CUT MANDATED BY THE CONGRESS.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE WAS AGREED TO BY MARIE LOUISE BALOGA, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE IT SCHOOL OF NURSING AND DOUGLAS L. SHULT, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA. ACCEPTING THE DOCUMENT WERE DR. KUMANGAI AND DAVID RAMARUII, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

(HICOM SUBMITTED CETA FUNDING REQUEST)

SAIPAN, FEB. 27 (MNS)---THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, AS PRIME SPONSOR FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, HAS SUBMITTED A MODIFICATION FOR FULL FUNDING OF \$328,804 UNDER TITLE VI OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT, AS AMENDED. THE PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, NUMBER OF JOBS, AND FUNDS TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THIS PROGRAM WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: MARIANAS, PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT, 15, CLASSROOM TRAINING, 35, \$41,429; MARSHALLS, PUBLIC SERVICE

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EMPLOYMENT, 23, \$41,429; PALAU, PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT, 15, \$44,391; PONAPE, PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT, 35, \$59,842; TRUK, PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT, 25, \$59,184; YAP, PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT, 12, \$26,633; HEADQUARTERS, CLASSROOM TRAINING, 25, \$16,440; ADMINISTRATION, \$39,456; FOR A TOTAL OF \$328,804.

AT THE FIRST MONTH, IT IS PROPOSED THAT 72 UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WILL BE HIRED TO WORK ON PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS.

THE GRANT MODIFICATION IS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION AT THE HEADQUARTERS TRAINING DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND EACH DISTRICT PERSONNEL OFFICE ON REGULAR WORKING DAYS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:30 AND 16:30. INTERESTED PARTIES MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION TO EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, HIGH COMMISSIONER, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, 96950 OR WILLIAM J. HALTIGAN, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF MANPOWER, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, 450 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 94102.

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