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SAIPAN, MAR. 2 (MNS)---THE DAY BEFORE THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IS DUE TO END, TWO BILLS WERE PASSED TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, AND THE SENATE ADOPTED A JOINT RESOLUTION TO REJECT TITLE IV (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) OF THE DRAFT COMPACT ON FREE ASSOCIATION. THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS (JCFS) CHAIRMAN LAZARUS SALII SATURDAY (MAR. 1) SUBMITTED AS A "PROGRESS REPORT" THE DRAFT COMPACT AND A DRAFT LETTER OF

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GOVERNMENT TRANSITION TO THE SENATE.

ON SUNDAY (MAR. 2) DURING THEIR MEETING THE SENATE DISSOLVE INTO A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND THEN INTO A CLOSED CAUCUS TO DISCUSS THE RESOLUTION TO REJECT TITLE IV OF THE DRAFT COMPACT ON FREE ASSOCIATION CONCLUDED BY THE JCFS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND DIRECTING THE JCFS TO RENEGOTIATE A NEW PROVISION GOVERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MICRONESIA, (S.I.R 6-45).

DURING DEBATE ON THE THE RESOLUTION SEN. SALII EXPLAINED THE POSSIBILITIES IF THE RESOLUTION WERE TO BE PASSED. "THE REJECTION OF ONE TITLE WOULD AFFECT THE WHOLE DRAFT COMPACT," HE STATED. "THE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE REOPENED IF THE CONGRESS REJECTS A TITLE AND IF THE AMERICANS ARE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE ON THAT ISSUE," HE WENT ON.

SEN. SALII COMMENTED THAT IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE U.S. WOULD THINK THE PRESENT TITLE IV FIGURES ARE THE BEST OFFER THEY CAN MAKE. HE SAID IT IS ALSO CONCEIVABLE THAT THE AMERICANS WOULD WANT TO RENEGOTIATE OTHER TITLES IF THE JCFS WANTED TO RENEGOTIATE TITLE IV.

BUT SEN. SALII ALSO DECLARED THAT "GIVEN THE FIGURES IN

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TITLE IV MICRONESIA WILL BECOME MORE DEPENDENT ON THE U.S. FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. AND IT IS THE AGREED GOAL THAT THE FUTURE MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMY SHOULD CONTINUE TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

TRUK SEN. NICK BOSSY AGREED WITH THE PALAU SENATOR THAT

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THE PRESENT FIGURES FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT "ARE NOT REASONABLE" AND WOULD PROMOTE MORE DEPENDENCY ON THE U.S. BY MICRONESIA.

SEN. SALII INTRODUCED A BILL ON THIS SUBJECT TO CREATE A POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION OF MICRONESIA AND TO APPROPRIATE \$100,000 FOR ITS WORK, (SB 6-199), BUT THE PRESENT CONGRESS SESSION IS NOW TOO FAR ALONG FOR ANY BILL TO BE PLACED ON FIRST READING AND TO BE PASSED INTO LAW. MARSHALLS SEN. KABUA QUESTIONED SEN. SALII ON THE PROPOSED COMMISSION. THE BILL CALLS FOR A COMMISSION COMPOSED OF SIX CONGRESS MEMBERS TO BE CHOSEN BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS, ONE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH CHOSEN BY A MAJORITY OF THE HEADS, AND ONE MEMBER CHOSEN BY EACH DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.

SEN. SALII STATED THAT REJECTION OF ANY PART OF THE DRAFT COMPACT BY CONGRESS WOULD BE BINDING ON THE COMMISSION.

AT THE REQUEST OF SENS. KABUA AND PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA,

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THE SENATE CONTINUED THEIR DISCUSSION IN CLOSED CAUCUS BEFORE THE JOINT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

THE TWO BILLS TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE HICOM THAT WERE PASSED DURING THE AFTERNOON BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE WERE TO AMEND SECTIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 5-37 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ANGAUR HOUSING AUTHORITY, (SB 6-97); AND A BILL TO AMEND THE TT CODE TO ALLOW STUDENTS ON TT SCHOLARSHIPS TO RECEIVE PER DIEM WHILE IN DISTRICT CENTERS WHILE TRAVELLING TO THEIR SCHOOLS, (HB 6-46); MANGEFEL VOTED NO ON THE LATTER BILL.

OTHER BILLS PASSED ON FINAL READING TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE HOUSE WERE: A BILL ESTABLISHING A TT SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM, (SB 6-164); APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FOR THE STUDENT LOAN FUND, (SB 6-145); TWO NATURALIZATION BILLS, (SB 6-188, 6-189); A MEASURE RELATING TO PUBLIC LAW 5-60, THE CONCON LAW, WITH REGARD TO PAYMENT TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO ARE DELEGATES TO THE CONCON, (SB 6-186), MANGEFEL VOTED AGAINST; AND FINALLY A HOUSE BILL PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENTAL POLICY FOR MICRONESIA, (HB 6-97). A SENATE DRAFT WILL BE SENT TO THE HOUSE FOR THAT BILL.

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SEVEN OTHER JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED DURING THE AFTERNOON SESSION. THEY WERE: TO REQUEST THE HICOM AND THE TRUK DISTAD TO RENDER AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE OUTER ISLANDS OF TRUK, (HJR 6-12); EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO JOSEPH R. SMITH FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE TT, (HJR 6-82); AUTHORIZING THE HICOM TO ACCEPT A GRANT OFFER FOR AN AIRPORT SYSTEMS PLAN FOR THE TT, (HJR 6-56); REQUESTING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SPONSOR THE TT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, (HJR 6-67); REQUESTING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO EXTEND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO FISHERIES IN MICRONESIA, (HJR 6-68); REQUESTING 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, (HJR 6-86); AND FINALLY A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED SUNDAY (MAR. 2) TO REQUEST THE U.S. CONGRESS TO AMEND THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970 TO EXCLUDE MICRONESIA FROM ITS PROVISIONS, (SJR 6-46).

THE SENATORS DEFEATED A JOINT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUESTED THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO AMEND SECRETARIAL ORDER 2918 TO PROVIDE FOR A UNICAMERAL CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA,

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(SJR 6-44). IN DISCUSSION BEFORE THE VOTE, YEN MANGFEL ARGUED THAT "IT IS THE FUNCTION OF THE CONCON TO COME UP WITH A FORM OF GOVERNMENT" FOR MICRONESIA. TO CHANGE THE STRUCTURE OF THE CONGRESS NOW, HE ASSERTED, WOULD RESULT IN CONFUSION IF THE CONCON DECIDED THAT ANOTHER FORM SHOULD GO INTO THE CONSTITUTION.

SEN. BOSSY POINTED OUT THAT THE "ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY INSISTED THAT THE CONGRESS BE ONE HOUSE" AT THE TIME OF THE CREATION OF THE BODY, BUT THE CONGRESS MEMBERS ARGUED AGAINST A ONE HOUSE IDEA. SEN. BOSSY ALSO ARGUED AGAINST THE PROVISION IN THE RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE LOWERED THE CONGRESS SALARIES TO \$3,000. "I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE REASON FOR THIS RESOLUTION," HE STATED.

ALSO DEFEATED WAS A JOINT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ASSEMBLING SMALL TRUCKS IN MICRONESIA,

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(HJR 6-72). SEVERAL SENATORS HAVE ARGUED CONTINUOUSLY AGAINST THE PROLIFERATION OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES, AND THE DEARTH OF RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR ACTION.

IN THE LATE AFTERNOON SESSION SUNDAY (MARCH 2), THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN (15) #BILLS ON

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