

(CONGRESS ENDS MARATHON SESSION)

SAIPAN, MAR. 4 (MNS)---ENDING WITH THE USUAL MARATHON MEETING, THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CONCLUDED ITS FIRST REGULAR SESSION EARLY TUESDAY MORNING (MAR. 4), FIFTY DAYS AND A FEW HOURS AFTER IT BEGAN.

ONCE AGAIN IT WAS NECESSARY TO "STOP THE CLOCK" AS THE 337 LAWMAKERS WORKED BEYOND THE MIDNIGHT HOUR WHEN THE SESSION WAS SUPPOSED TO END. DESPITE SOME EARLY INDICATIONS THAT THE SESSION MIGHT WEND UP CLOSE TO THE PROPER TIME, THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE SOON FOUND THEMSELVES INVOLVED IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEES AND DEBATES THAT PUSHED THE FINAL TIME OF ADJOURNMENT INTO THE LATE HOURS OF THE MORNING.

THE SENATE FINALLY CONCLUDED ITS BUSINESS SHORTLY AFTER SIX A.M., WHILE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ADJOURNED "SINE DIE" AT ABOUT 6:50 A.M., THE RISING SUN GREETING THE CONGRESSMEN AS THEY LEFT THE CHAMBER.

ACTING TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN WAS CEREMONIALLY INFORMED BY DELEGATIONS FROM THE SENATE AND HOUSE THAT THE CONGRESS HAD CONCLUDED ITS BUSINESS AND WAS READY TO ADJOURN. ACTING HICOM COLEMAN THANKED THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR COOPERATION THROUGHOUT THE 30-DAY SESSION AND COMMENDED THE LAWMAKERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

THERE WERE 49 BILLS WHICH RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL MONDAY (MAR. 3), MORE THAN ALL THE BILLS THAT HAD BEEN APPROVED DURING THE FIRST 49 DAYS OF THE SESSION. ABOUT 65 BILLS PASSED DURING THE SESSION, ACCORDING TO AN UNOFFICIAL TABULATION BY MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE.

MAJOR APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDED \$671,223 FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S OFFICE (HB 6-154) AND \$400,000 AS A GRANT TO THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A COPRA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (HB 6-223).

THE HOUSE FILED A BILL TO ESTABLISH A MORTGAGE LAW AND PROVIDE FOR PROCEEDINGS OF FORECLOSURE, (SB 6-82). THE MEASURE WAS ON THE CALENDAR FOR FINAL READING.

THE FOLLOWING BILLS HAVE BEEN PASSED AND WILL BE SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HIS ACTIONS. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS 30 DAYS FROM THE DAY ON WHICH HE RECEIVES THE BILL TO EITHER APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THEM. THE BILLS ARE:

--A BILL TO EXEMPT MEMBERS OF ANY BOARD, COMMISSION, AGENCY, AUTHORITY, OR OTHER BODY CREATED BY A DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FROM THE PROVISION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM ACT UNLESS SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED BY DISTRICT LAW (SB 6-73);

--APPROPRIATING \$139,500 FOR MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE (SB 6-77);

--TO ALLOW DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS TO LOWER VEHICLE SPEED LIMITS IN PARTICULARLY HAZARDOUS AREAS, (SB 6-18);

--TO ALLOW A JURY TRIAL IN Eminent Domain PROCEEDINGS AND TO ALLOW EACH DISTRICT TO ADOPT JURY TRIAL PROCEEDINGS SELECTIVELY, (SB 6-143);

--A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF IT'S PORT OF ENTRY REGULATIONS, (SB 6-124);

--TO DECLARE CERTAIN GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS PUBLIC RECORDS, AND TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR INSPECTIONS AND COPYING, (SB 6-142);

--A BILL PROVIDING FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF LABOR AND AUTHORIZING AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM, (SB 6-28);

--TO REQUIRE THAT ALL CONTRACTS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERTS OR CONSULTANTS BE SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL, (SB 6-120);

--A BILL TO RAISE INTEREST RATES WHICH THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES MAY LAWFULLY CHARGE PERSONS IN LOANING MONEY FOR HOUSING, (SB 6-46);

--APPROPRIATING \$150,000 FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN PONAPE DISTRICT, (HB 6-296);

--APPROPRIATING \$225,000 FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT, (SB 6-182);

--EARMARKING \$80,000 TO RE-ENGINE THE US KASELENLIA, (SB 6-175);

--TO PROVIDE \$110,000 FOR YAP DISTRICT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, (SB 6-98);

--GRANTING TRADITIONAL CHIEFS WHO ARE DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION THE RIGHT TO VOTE, (SB 6-34);

--TO APPROPRIATE \$180,000 FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN TRUK DISTRICT, (HB 6-274);

--TO APPROPRIATE \$300,000 FOR STUDENT LOAN FUND AND ANOTHER \$100,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, (SB 6-145);

--APPROPRIATING \$92,000 FOR PUBLIC PURCHASES AND PROJECTS IN KUSAE ISLAND, PONAPE DISTRICT, (HB 6-149);

--A MEASURE MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW 5-78 (RELATING TO TT PLANNING OFFICE), (HB 6-128);

--A BILL CREATING A MICRONESIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, (SB 6-76);

--TO PROVIDE A NEW SALARY SCHEDULE AS WELL AS NEW POLICIES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES COVERED BY TITLE 61, (SB 6-135);

--APPROPRIATING \$90,000 TO CONSTRUCT A SEAWALL ON KUITU ISLAND, AND PALABEUETS ISLAND, TRUK DISTRICT, (HB 6-132);

--A MEASURE TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 5-85 RELATING TO THE BANK OF MICRONESIA TO PERMIT THE BOARD TO SELECT ITS CHAIRMAN AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE CONGRESS FROM TWO TO THREE, (HB 6-240);

--A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENTAL POLICY FOR MICRONESIA, PRESCRIBE THE PROCEDURE IN THE FORMULATION OF SUCH POLICY AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, (HB 6-87);

--AND A BILL TO CREATE REVOLVING FUNDS IN EACH DISTRICT, AUTHORIZE THE COLLECTION OF LANDING FEES ON AIRCRAFT AND EARMARK LANDING FEES FOR MAINTENANCE OF AIRPORTS, (HB 6-263).

--TO AMEND SECTIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 5-99 TO APPROPRIATE \$95,000 TO DEFRAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES, IN EFFECT EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITIES FOR ANOTHER YEAR, (HB 6-249);

--A MEASURE TO CHANGE SECTIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 40-71 TO CONVERT A \$6,000 APPROPRIATION FOR A DISPENSARY TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DOCK ON PATTI, TRUK DISTRICT, (HB 6-256);

--AND A BILL TO CREATE A JOINT COMMITTEE ON MICRONESIAN CLAIMS AND APPROPRIATE \$50,000 THEREFOR, TO DEAL WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON THE WAR CLAIMS ACT, (HB 6-144);

--A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$90,000 FOR SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION ON KUITU, MOOH, AND PALABEUETS, TRUK DISTRICT, (HB 6-132);

--A MEASURE TO APPROPRIATE \$111,500 FOR PALAU DISTRICT PUBLIC PROJECTS, (HB 6-229);

--A BILL THAT PASSED SUNDAY (MAR. 2), BUT WAS RECALLED TO ADD AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD INCLUDE COOPERATING TEACHERS AND SUPERVISORS OF COOPERATING TEACHERS IN A BILL TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, (HB 6-200).

--TO AMEND THE TT CODE WITH RESPECT TO SUBMISSION TO THE CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, (SB 6-120);

--A BILL TO PROTECT THE ENDANGERED SPECIES OF THE TT (HB 6-243);

--TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS AIRPORT AUTHORITY, (HB 6-290);

--APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FOR SURVEYING AND PLANNING AND \$250,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN THE FALCONUK AREA OF TRUK LAGOON, (HB 6-93);

--TO AMEND SECTIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 5-21 RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FISHING COOPERATIVES, (HB 6-129);

--TO PROVIDE \$112,500 FOR THE CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES, (HB 6-159);

--AMENDING SECTIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 5-21 RELATING TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION AND THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITIES, (HB 6-161);

--A BILL TO ENABLE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES TO ESTABLISH SURTAKES ON WAGES, SALARIES AND GROSS REVENUES AND TO PROVIDE THAT OF THE 3 PERCENT TAX, TWO PERCENT SHALL GO TO THE CONGRESS AND ONE PERCENT TO THE DISTRICTS, (HB 6-340);

--TO APPROPRIATE \$400,000 AS A GRANT TO THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MIDA) FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF COPRA PRODUCTION, (HB 6-223);

--AN APPROPRIATION BILL OF \$180,000 FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN POGAPE DISTRICT, (HB 6-296);

--TO PROVIDE \$253,764 FOR THE CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE MICRONESIAN CONCON AND FOR THE DISTRICT DELEGATIONS, (HB 6-197);

--AN APPROPRIATION MEASURE OF \$671,225 FOR THE BUDGET OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OFFICE OF CONGRESS, (HB 6-154);

--AND A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$90,000 FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITIES, (HB 6-140);

--TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 5-60, THE CONCON LAW, TO EMPOWER THE PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND TO PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES, (SB 6-63);

--A BILL CREATING A MICRONESIAN DELEGATION TO THE UN LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, WITH THREE OF ITS MEMBERS CONGRESS MEMBERS, WHICH WILL ALLOW THE NOMING OF FORMER SEN. ANSON AMARAIGH OF TRUK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION, (SB 6-76);

--CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA AND APPROPRIATING \$30,000 THEREFOR, (SB 6-69);

--TO APPROPRIATE \$110,000 FOR PURCHASES AND PROJECTS IN YAP, (SB 6-98);

--PROVIDING FOR A NEW BASE SALARY PLAN FOR 1975, (SB 6-133).

A BILL TO AMEND THE IT CODE TO ALLOW FOR TAX DEDUCTIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS (HB 6-155) WAS FIRST PASSED, WITH SENS. IENSI AND TNETUOKL VOTING NO, AND THEN RECALLED, ONLY TO BE FILED.

TEN JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE SENATORS INCLUDING:

--AUTHORIZING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION WITH A VIEW TOWARD OBTAINING TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, (SJR 6-15);

--REQUESTING THE NICON AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING, (P&BP) TO SEEK FUNDS FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA, (SJR 6-13);

--REQUESTING THE COMMANDER OF THE NAVAL FORCES IN THE MARIANAS TONESTONE EMERGENCY AIR EVACUATION OPERATION, (HJR 6-43);

--REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO ALLOW FOR APPOINTMENT DISCRETION ABOVE CERTAIN PAY LEVELS BY THE IT GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESS WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, (HJR 6-90);

--REQUESTING THE NICON AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON P&BP TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO CONSTRUCT A HOSPITAL IN THE KORTLOCKS, TRUK (HJR 6-75);

--EXTENDING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE. ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARLES GNEGLER, (MUR 6-78);

--CONGRATULATING LYLE L. RICHMOND, JR., UPON HIS APPOINTMENT AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF AMERICAN SAMOA, (MUR 6-80).

(KANSOU, OKAMURA AND DANIS TO ASSUME POSTS)

SAIPAN, MAR, 4 (MNS)---THREE MAJOR APPOINTMENTS MADE BY TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON FOR TOP LEVEL POSITIONS IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WILL NOW ASSUME THEIR POST.

JOHNSTON SUBMITTED THE NAMES OF DR. NGAS KANSOU TO BE THE TT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES; ELIAS OKAMURA TO BE THE TT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND HITARO DANIS TO BE THE TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR.

REGARDING DR. NGAS KANSOU'S APPOINTMENT, THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH MATTERS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING HIS NOMINATION.

DR. KANSOU'S IMMEDIATE POSITION WAS THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES IN TRUK. HE RECEIVED HIS EARLY EDUCATION IN TRUK DISTRICT AND UNDERWENT HIS MEDICAL TRAINING AT THE U.S. PRE-MEDICAL SCHOOL IN GUAM AND THEN AT THE FIJI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS M.O. DEGREE. AFTER RECEIVING THIS DEGREE, HE SERVED AN INTERNSHIP IN MICRONESIA AND AN ADDITIONAL INTERNSHIP AT THE HILO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN HAWAII.

IN 1970, DR. KANSOU RETURNED TO HAWAII TO ENROLL IN THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WHERE HE EARNED THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN 1971. EXCEPT FOR VARIOUS ABSENCES FOR MEDICAL INTERNSHIPS AND FURTHER TRAINING, HE HAS BEEN THE TRUK DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES SINCE 1964. HIS APPOINTMENT WAS CONFIRMED BY THE CONGRESS THROUGH A JOINT RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY IN BOTH HOUSES.

OKAMURA'S APPOINTMENT BECOMES EFFECTIVE BY THE CONGRESS FAILING TO ACT ON HIS NOMINATION. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SAID THAT FOR OKAMURA'S NOMINATION TO BECOME EFFECTIVE, BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS WOULD HAVE TO ADOPT THE JOINT RESOLUTION. IN HIS CASE, THE HOUSE ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION, BUT THE SENATE DIDN'T ACT ON IT.

OKAMURA'S BACKGROUND IN THE TRANSPORTATION FIELD IS BROAD, DATING BACK TO 1967. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN A NUMBER OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING A NAVIGATION COURSE, A COURSE IN BASIC SEAMANSHIP AND SHORT COURSES IN HARBOR TRAINING, PORT DEVELOPMENT AND, MOST RECENTLY, AVIATION.

IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNICATIONS, OKAMURA'S EXPERIENCE IS MUCH LESS EXTENSIVE. PERSONS WITHIN THE COMMUNICATION DIVISION TESTIFIED THAT HE POSSESSES SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE FIELD TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATION IN REGARD TO THE DIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE HOUSE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE THAT STUDIED HIS NOMINATION. "WE FIND HIM TO BE QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE WAS APPOINTED," THE COMMITTEE REPORTED.

HITARO DANIS' APPOINTMENT ALSO BECOMES EFFECTIVE BY THE CONGRESS FAILING TO ACT ON THE NOMINATION. THE HOUSE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING HIM AS THE TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, BUT THE SENATE FAILED TO ACT ON IT.

THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS CHAIRED BY REP. POLYCARP BASILIUS OF PALAU REPORTED: "YOUR COMMITTEE ALSO RECEIVED VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF MR. DANIS AND...QUESTIONED DR. DANIS HIMSELF CLOSELY AND AT LENGTH. NONE OF THE DOCUMENTATION OR TESTIMONY

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REVEALED... AT ITS HEARING OPPOSED THE NOMINATION... YOUR COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT MR. DAVIS IS QUALIFIED BY TEMPERAMENT, INTELLIGENCE, AND EXPERIENCE TO BE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF TRUK DISTRICT."

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(SALII SPEAKS ON PAST-FUTURE)

SAIPAN, MAR. 4 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---SENATE VICE PRESIDENT LAZARUS SALII TOLD THE MICRONESIAN SENATE MONDAY (MAR. 3) THAT MICRONESIA MADE AN "EXTREMELY WISE CHOICE" IN REJECTING OFFERS OF A PERMANENT STATUS ARRANGEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES FIVE YEARS AGO. THE PALAU SENATOR, WHO ALSO SERVES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, SAID "MICRONESIA MUST KEEP ITS OPTIONS OPEN" IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND POSSIBLE CHANGES IN U.S. POLICY THAT COULD RESULT FROM UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR.

SALII SAID BECAUSE OF THE NEW "POLITICS OF OIL" NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED BY OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD, MANY COUNTRIES ARE NOW REEXAMINING THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

"THE FUSE OF ECONOMIC CHANGE HAS BEEN LIGHTED," HE SAID "AND AN EXPLOSION MUST INEVITABLY FOLLOW."

THE PALAU SENATOR, WHO HAS HEADED THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATING TEAM SINCE 1967, SAID MICRONESIA HAS THREE ALTERNATIVES: (1) SIGN AN AGREEMENT NOW, WHICH WOULD BE "FOOLISH" IN HIS OPINION BECAUSE THAT WOULD IGNORE FAST-CHANGING INTERNATIONAL AND UNITED STATES DOMESTIC REALITIES; (2) WAIT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO KEEP ITS PROMISES OF DEVELOPING MICRONESIA UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP; OR, (3) SEEK TIES WITH OTHER NATIONS.

SALII SAID WHATEVER SOLUTION IS CHOSEN MUST GUARANTEE MICRONESIA'S "ECONOMIC WELL-BEING" INSTEAD OF A GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD BE "SUBSIDIZED BY THE UNITED STATES TREASURY."

IN HIS SPEECH, INSERTED INTO THE JOURNAL, SALII RECALLED SOME OF THE EVENTS THAT OCCURRED DURING THE FIRST DECADE OF ACTIVITIES. HE SAID HE HAS "WARM THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES" OF THE CONGRESS' EARLY DAYS ON SAIPAN TEN YEARS AGO.

"SAIPAN WAS DIFFERENT THEN," HE SAID. "THERE WERE MANY PARTIES LIKE THE AIRPORT RECEPTION FOR THE 1ST CONGRESS, MANY RECEPTIONS AND GATHERINGS IN CLEAR AND TANAPAG VILLAGES." RECALLING THE TASTY FOOD, THE LIVELY MUSIC AND LOCAL DANCES, HE ADDED: "SOMEBODY THESE MEMORIES TODAY HAVE BECOME DARKENED BY THE SMOKE AND FLAMES THAT DESTROYED THE CONGRESS CHAMBERS FIVE YEARS AGO. TODAY THIS CONGRESS CONVENES AND ADJOURNS NEARLY UNNOTICED."

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE, SALII ALSO RECALLED SEVERAL HUMOROUS RESOLUTIONS THAT HE SAID REFLECTED THE "INNOQUENCE" OF THE CONGRESS IN ITS FORMATIVE YEARS, INCLUDING WHAT HE CALLED, "A CLASSIC CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTION" OFFERED BY THE LATE SENATOR FRANK NUJAN OF YAP, THAT EXPRESSED THANKS TO EVERYONE, INCLUDING "...MOTHERS, UNBORN BABIES, ANGELS AND SAINTS, AND SATAN AND HIS COHORTS." AMONG OTHERS. "AND WE CANNOT FORGET FORMER SENATOR ISAAC LAMUY'S UNFORGETTABLE RESOLUTION TO DIVER A TYPHOON," HE SAID, "WHICH PROVES THAT EVEN LAWMAKERS AND POLITICIANS CAN SOMETIMES BE FUNNY."

ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE, SALII SAID HE REMEMBERS HIMSELF COMING TO CONGRESS IN 1965 AS A YOUNG SENATOR OF 28 YEARS OLD, AND HE DESCRIBED HIMSELF: "READY TO TAKE ON THE WORLD." ADMITTING HE WAS "A BIT NAIVE THEN, VERY IDEALISTIC, AND OVERCONFIDENT IN THE GOODNESS OF THE UNITED STATES," SALII SAID AS A YOUNG MAN FRESH OUT OF COLLEGE HE BELIEVED THE WORDS CONTAINED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND TRUSTEESHIP

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AGREEMENT ABOUT DEVELOPING MICRONESIA ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY.

"WELL-ARMED IN THOSE BELIEFS," SALII SAID, "I WROTE A LETTER TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TELLING HIM MY VIEWS ON FUTURE STATUS." NOT LONG AFTER THAT, SALII SPONSORED THE FIRST RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATUS WHICH ASKED THE UNITED STATES TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO CONSIDER MICRONESIAN VIEWS. THEN PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON ASKED THE U.S. CONGRESS TO DO SO, BUT, ACCORDING TO SALII, THE CONGRESS WAS NOT INTERESTED AND THE EFFORT "FIZZLED."

RECALLING THAT TWO U.S. CONGRESSMEN ADDRESSED THE FIRST SESSION OF THE MICRONESIAN CONGRESS IN 1965, SALII SAID ONE SPEAKER TOLD THE CONGRESS THAT "IT WAS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDS TO DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT: TO SERVE THE ISLANDS' WIDESPREAD INTERESTS. THAT CONGRESSMAN, SAID SALII, WAS OUR PRESENT SECRETARY OF INTERIOR, ROBERTS MORTON, WHO, ACCORDING TO SALII, "RECENTLY DID MORE TO SET BACK AND SUBVERT THE PROCESS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT IN MICRONESIA... MORE THAN ANY OTHER AMERICAN HAS DONE IN THE PAST TEN YEARS." SALII WAS OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO THE RECENT ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER WHICH WAS ISSUED BY MORTON SHORTLY AFTER HIS DEPARTMENT VETTED A CONGRESS BILL TO RETURN MICRONESIAN PUBLIC LANDS.

THE OTHER U.S. CONGRESSMAN, WHO NOW SERVES AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, MR. NEIMAN CRALEY, WAS MORE "CANDID AND TO THE POINT," SAID SALII.

THE PALAU SENATOR SAID CRALEY TOLD THE CONGRESS AT THAT FIRST SESSION OF THE SO-CALLED "MANIFEST DESTINY" WHICH, ACCORDING TO SALII, WAS A PROPHECY SINCE THAT POLICY NOW AFFECTS ONE OF THE SIX DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA.

"THEN CONGRESSMAN CRALEY TOLD US OF SUCH POLICIES THAT LED TO THE ANNEXATION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES FROM MEXICO IN 1846, THE ACQUISITION OF ALASKA FROM RUSSIA IN 1867, THE PURCHASE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS IN 1917, GUAM AND HAWAII IN 1898, AMERICAN SAMOA IN 1909, THE PANAMA CANAL AFTER THAT, AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO IN 1952."

"AND NOW, TEN YEARS LATER," SAID SALII, "WE SEE THE PROPOSED COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS."

HE SAID THE UNITED STATES HAS GIVEN "LIP-SERVICE TO PROCLAIMED GOALS OF SELF-DETERMINATION" BUT IN PRACTICE HAS ACQUIRED MORE TERRITORIES, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A "GLARING CONTRADICTION."

SALII SAID MONDAY (MAR. 3) THE WORLD "SEES TWO KOREAS, TWO CHINAS, TWO GERMANIES, TWO VIETNAMS, ALL OF WHICH WERE DIVIDED BY AMERICAN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN THOSE AREAS." HE SAID DIVISION ALSO AFFECTS MICRONESIA.

"PRIOR TO 1898 MICRONESIA WAS UNITED. THAT YEAR THE UNITED STATES TOOK GUAM. THIS YEAR," HE CONTINUED, "ANOTHER AGREEMENT PROPOSED TO REMOVE MORE MICRONESIAN ISLANDS AND AFFIX THEM PERMANENTLY TO THE UNITED STATES. "MR. PRESIDENT, LET IT BE CLEAR THAT I SUPPORT THE WISHES OF THE MARIANAS TO JOIN THE UNITED STATES. GIVEN THE PROBLEMS FACED BY MINORITIES IN THE U.S., WE ONLY HOPE AND PRAY OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WILL BE TREATED BETTER WHEN THEY JOIN THE AMERICAN POLITICAL FAMILY."

AS FOR MICRONESIA'S FUTURE, SALII SAID TWO AMERICAN SECRETARIES OF STATE HAVE SAID "VERY DISTURBING THINGS IN RECENT YEARS ABOUT WHO SHOULD RULE OUR ISLANDS AND WATERS."

SALII CONTINUED, "FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK SAID, 'I WANT EVERY ISLAND (IN THE PACIFIC) TO BE AN AMERICAN ISLAND'; HENRY KISSINGER WAS MORE BLUNT: HE SAID "WHO GIVES A DAMN, THERE ARE ONLY 30,000 PEOPLE OUT THERE IN MICRONESIA."

"WITH SUCH ATTITUDES FROM THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING

AMERICA'S PROMISES MADE UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP, WAS THERE EVER A CHANCE FOR OUR FREEDOM AND LIBERTY?" HE ASKED. "WAS OUR DREAM OF SELF-GOVERNMENT TOO AMBITIOUS? DID WE GO WRONG?"

ANSWERING HIS QUESTIONS, SALII TOLD THE SENATE THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS DONE WELL IN PROVIDING THE INCENTIVE FOR CHANGE IN MICRONESIA. CONSIDERING THE CHOICE OF PERMANENT AFFILIATION THE UNITED STATES GAVE MICRONESIA FIVE YEARS AGO, SAID SALII, "OUR DECISION PROVED TO BE AN EXTREMELY WISE CHOICE." HE SAID BEFORE FURTHER STATUS NEGOTIATIONS ARE RESUMED, MICRONESIA MUST CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPING AN ECONOMY AND "KEEP ITS OPTIONS OPEN" FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE TIES WITH OTHER NATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES IN THE FUTURE.

(CALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(NAKAYAMA REMARKS)

SAIPAN, MARCH. 4 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---IN THE CLOSING MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS, PRESIDENT TOSIYO NAKAYAMA TOLD THE SENATE THAT ONLY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CAN LEAD THE PEOPLE "FROM UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE PRESENT TO CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE."

THE SENATE PRESIDENT SAID THAT JUDGING FROM THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS SESSION, THE CONGRESS HAS DONE MUCH TOWARD THAT GOAL.

NOTING THAT THE GENERAL AREAS OF CONCERN INVOLVE PLANS FOR A MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTION, FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, AND THE ECONOMY OF THE ISLANDS, NAKAYAMA SAID FEELINGS OF "UNCERTAINTY ARE NORMAL DURING TIMES OF CHANGE, AND TIMES WHEN IMPORTANT DECISIONS ARE MADE." HE SAID IT IS THE DUTY OF THE CONGRESS TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO SHOW THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA "THE WAY OUT" OF PRESENT DIFFICULTIES AND PROBLEMS.

CONCERNING FUTURE STATUS, THE SENATOR FROM TRUK DISTRICT SAID DISCUSSIONS HAVE CONTINUED AND THE CONGRESS REALIZES IT MUST CONTINUE TO WORK "CAREFULLY AND WITH DETERMINATION" IN THAT AREA.

AS FOR MICRONESIA'S FUTURE GOVERNMENT, NAKAYAMA SAID SEVERAL IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION LAW WHICH WILL ENABLE DELEGATES TO DO, AS HE DESCRIBED IT, THE "BEST POSSIBLE JOB."

IN ECONOMIC MATTERS, HE SAID THE CONGRESS HAS ENACTED A NEW WAGE AND SALARY PLAN FOR GOVERNMENT WORKERS AND THAT A DEVELOPMENTAL PLANNING MEASURE FOR BOTH THE DISTRICT AND NATIONAL LEVELS WAS ALSO ADOPTED.

NOTING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF APPROPRIATION MEASURES, NAKAYAMA SAID THIS "SPEAKS STRONGLY FOR THE REAL NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE" AND SUGGESTED THAT IN FUTURE SESSIONS EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO INCREASE REVENUES.

"THIS KIND OF ACTION IS NEEDED," HE SAID, "BECAUSE AS MICRONESIANS, WE MUST PLAN AND DEVELOP MICRONESIA IN OUR OWN WAY, AND WE MUST BEGIN NOW, EVEN IF ONLY IN SMALL WAYS, BUT THE GOAL OF BEING ABLE TO SUPPORT OURSELVES AND DEPEND LESS AND LESS ON OUTSIDE HELP, WE MUST POOL OUR RESOURCES AND STRENGTH NOT ONLY TO CREATE PROGRAMS BUT SEE THAT PROGRESS IS PERMANENT, USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE."

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(TMAN ON COM'S EFFECTIVENESS)

SAIPAN, MARCH. 4 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---REACTING TO ATTEMPTS TO DO AWAY WITH THE SENIORITY SYSTEM IN THE COM, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE FLOOR LEADER LUKE TMAN OF YAP SAID MONDAY (MARCH 3.) THAT CURRENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY IN MICRONESIA, AND NOT THE HOUSE RULES

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OF PROCEDURE ARE TO BLAME FOR THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE CONGRESS.

TMAN SAID HOUSE DEBATE TO CHANGE THE RULES OF PROCEDURE IN ORDER TO HAVE MORE DEMOCRATIC RULE WILL NOT ALLOW THE CONGRESS TO BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE. "THE REAL 'ENEMY'," HE SAID, "IF I MAY CALL IT THAT, IS NOT THE SENIORITY SYSTEM IN THE CONGRESS OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE. THE REAL ENEMY WE HAVE TO OVERCOME IS THE TRUSTEESHIP, AND EVERYTHING IN THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF OUR GOVERNMENT."

TMAN SAID IT IS THE FACT THAT THE CONGRESS IS ACTUALLY AN "ADVISORY BODY" ON MOST OF THE MAJOR DECISIONS WHICH AFFECT MICRONESIA, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE CONGRESS FIND WAYS TO WORK WITHIN THE PRESENT POLITICAL STRUCTURE.

"WE MAY NOT HAVE MADE THE RULES OF THE GAME IN THIS INSTANCE," HE SAID, "BUT WE CAN SURE GIVE THE OTHER SIDE A HELL OF A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY IF WE STICK TOGETHER AS A TEAM ON IMPORTANT ISSUES, REMEMBERING ALWAYS, THAT SOMEDAY WE WILL HAVE NO ONE ELSE TO BLAME FOR MISTAKES AND POLICES."

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(GUERRERO DISCUSSES MARIANAS REPRESENTATION)

SAIPAN, MARCH. 4 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---FUTURE MARIANAS REPRESENTATION IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WAS THE TOPIC OF A SPEECH BY REPRESENTATIVE HERMAN R. GUERRERO DURING THE CLOSING HOURS OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS.

IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE HOUSE TUESDAY (MARCH 4) GUERRERO SAID HE HAS "MIXED" EMOTIONS" WHETHER THE CLOSING OF THE JUST COMPLETED FIFTY-DAY SESSION OF THE CONGRESS MEANS "FAREWELL OR AS THE FRENCH SAY 'AU REVOIR' UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN."

THE FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN SAID THAT IN A WAY HE HOPES IT IS "FAREWELL" AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER REASON THAN FOR IT TO BE "OTHERWISE" WOULD MEAN THE FAILURE OF THE "CHERISHED" MARIANAS DREAM TO JOIN IN A LASTING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GUERRERO SAID "DESPITE AMERICA'S IMPERFECTIONS,... CONTRADICTIONS, AND OTHER FAULTS, IT IS MY BELIEF...MY CONVICTION, THAT AMERICA, IN A RELATIONSHIP TO THE MARIANAS, WOULD BE GOOD FOR ME, GOOD FOR MY FAMILY, GOOD FOR MY PEOPLE."

HE NOTED THAT HE SEES NO INCONSISTENCY IN SUPPORTING MICRONESIAN BROTHERHOOD WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY SUPPORTING THE WISHES OF HIS PEOPLE. "AFTER ALL, BROTHERHOOD CAN AND DOES CROSS NATIONAL BOUNDARIES ALL THE TIME," GUERRERO SAID.

CONGRESSMAN GUERRERO ALSO SAID THAT HE DOES NOT WISH TO CONTEMPLATE "FAILURE," CONCERNING MARIANAS DREAMS TO JOIN AMERICA "BUT ONLY BECAUSE I WISH TO KEEP MY HEART ON THAT DEEPLY-FELT GOAL, AND MY MIND ON ITS SUCCESS." HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IF "FAREWELL" TURNS OUT TO BE "AU REVOIR" THEN LET IT BE.

THE LATTER BEING THE CASE, GUERRERO SAID HE WILL RETURN TO CONGRESS AS A "WILLING MICRONESIAN BROTHER WHO DIFFERS FROM YOU ONLY IN THAT I CHOOSE A DIFFERENT PATH THAN YOURS TO THE GOAL OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR OUR PEOPLE."

(EDLF TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION)

SAIPAN, MARCH. 4 (RIS)---THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND BOARD VOTED AT ITS RECENT MEETING TO TURN OVER A NUMBER OF DELINQUENT LOANS CONSIDERED TO BE UNCOLLECTABLE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR LEGAL ACTION. "EDLF BORROWERS WHO DO NOT REPAY THEIR LOANS PLACE A SEVERE HANDBICAP ON THE DISTRICT'S EFFORTS AT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DEPRIVE OTHER POTENTIALLY QUALIFIED MICRONESIAN BORROWERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF DEVELOPMENT FINANCING OF A SOURCE OF FUNDS," A SPOLESMAN SAID.

THE EDLF BOARD IS CURRENTLY TAKING STEPS TO PLACE THE FUND IN ORDER BY SERVICING ALL DELINQUENT BORROWERS TO DETERMINE



WHAT ASSISTANCE, IF ANY, A BORROWER MIGHT NEED TO PLACE HIS LOAN REPAYMENTS ON SCHEDULE. THIS ACTION WAS FELT NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PLACE THE FUND IN SHAPE IN ANTICIPATION OF A POSSIBLE "SPIN OFF" OF EDLF TO THE NEW BANK OF MICRONESIA IF AND WHEN IT BECOMES POSSIBLE AFTER THE NEW BANK BEGINS FUNCTIONING.

"THE EDLF REALLY BELONGS TO ALL THE PEOPLE," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT. "WHEN MONEY IS LOANED TO ONE PERSON AND WHEN HE STARTS TO REPAY HIS LOAN, THE MONEY REPAID IS THEN AVAILABLE TO OTHER MICRONESIANS WHO WISH TO BORROW MONEY FOR THEIR PROJECTS. THE PERSON OR COMPANY WHO BREAKS THIS CIRCLE IS REALLY DOING A GRAVE DISSERVICE TO HIS ISLAND," IT WAS POINTED OUT.

(AUDITOR/ACCOUNTANT HIRED)

SAIPAN, MARCH 4 (MNS)---THE CHIEF OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, CHARLES H. SICARD, ANNOUNCED TUESDAY (MARCH 4), THAT THE HEADQUARTERS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION HAS HIRED DANIEL VYBOSTOK AS THE DIVISION'S AUDITOR/ACCOUNTANT. VYBOSTOK CAME TO THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT FROM SAV-NOR SUPERMARKETS ON GUAM. PRIOR TO THAT, HE WAS WITH JONES AND GUERRERO ENTERPRISES IN THE MARIANAS. VYBOSTOK WILL BE SERVICING MICRONESIAN BUSINESSES, COOPERATIVES, AND CREDIT UNIONS AND EDLF BORROWERS FOR THE HEADQUARTERS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. VYBOSTOK HAS AN EXTENSIVE CAREER IN ACCOUNTING WHICH BEGAN IN EUROPE OVER TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO AND HAS WORKED IN AUSTRALIA AND CALIFORNIA BEFORE COMING TO THE PACIFIC.

HIS WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IS CERTAIN TO BE WELL RECEIVED BY MICRONESIAN BUSINESSMEN WHO HAS REQUESTED SUCH ASSISTANCE. VYBOSTOK'S EMPLOYMENT IS IN KEEPING WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAM TO HELP EXISTING BUSINESSES GROW. IT IS PLANNED THAT HE WILL TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY IN THE TRUST TERRITORY DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE ON THE SITE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

(SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE RESTRUCTURED)

SAIPAN, MARCH 4 (MNS)---THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, DAVID RAMURII, TUESDAY (MARCH 4) ANNOUNCED A RESTRUCTURING OF THE FORMER SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE FUNCTIONS INTO A NEW STUDENT SERVICES ORGANIZATION. THE NEW STUDENT ASSISTANCE OFFICE IS CHARGED WITH PROVIDING EXPANDED AND IMPROVED GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SERVICE TO MICRONESIAN CITIZENS AT ALL EDUCATIONAL LEVELS, BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE OFFICE HAS SENT OUT 1,000 STUDENT INFORMATION CARDS TO MICRONESIANS STUDYING OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY. OVER 700 STUDENTS REPLIED TO THE MAILING IN LESS THAN THREE WEEKS. MORE CARDS ARE ARRIVING DAILY. MANY OF THE STUDENTS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO HEAR MORE NEWS OF THEIR ISLAND HOMES, ASKED FOR FINANCIAL OR OTHER ASSISTANCE, OR REPORTED PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

A NEWSLETTER IS BEING SENT TO STUDENTS THIS WEEK TO ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WHICH THEY ASKED, OFFER THEM ADVICE, AND MAINTAIN THE CONTACT WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

"THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE OFFICE WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH YOU IN ANYWAY POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS IN MICRONESIA. I INVITE YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS," RAMURII SAID.