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MARIANA ISLANDS

CINCPACREP GUAM/WTPPI  
USUN NEW YORK NY

UNCLASSIFIED

STATUS LNO  
SCHIELE 3/5/75

SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC  
COMWELVE SAN FRANCISCO CA  
JCS/SECDEF WASH DC  
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI  
WHITE HOUSE WASH DC  
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STATUS LNO 42

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV TQ

SUBJECT: MARIANAS LEGISLATURE ON STATUS MATTERS

REF: A-STATUS LNO 29, B-STATUS LNO 35

PASS TO DEPT INTERIOR FOR OMSN (ACTION) AND DOTA (INFO)  
COMWELVE FOR AMB WILLIAMS  
STATE FOR EA, IO/UNP, L/UNA  
DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA  
WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC  
USUN FOR AMB WHITE  
PASS JUSTICE FOR MARCUSE (OLC)

1. MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE (MDL) PASSED SEVERAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO POLITICAL STATUS DURING SESSION WHICH ENDED MAR 4. MOST SIGNIFICANT WERE RESOLUTION APPROVING COVENANT TO ESTABLISH

COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANAS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH US (REF A), RESOLUTION 126-1975, CALLING ON USG TO SET DATE FOR PLEBISCITE (REF B), AND ACT 100-1975, DESIGNATING ENTITY TO RECEIVE, HOLD AND ADMINISTER

PUBLIC LANDS TO BE RETURNED BY HICOM. OTHER RESOLUTIONS ON POLITICAL STATUS WERE 72-1975, REQUESTING THAT SECRETARIAL ORDER ON SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION INCLUDE PROVISION FOR MARIANAS CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

DELEGATION TO SERVE WITH MDL UNTIL JAN 1976; 123-1975, EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO AMB WILLIAMS, MPSC AND THEIR STAFFS FOR NEGOTIATING COVENANT; AND 125-1975, DIRECTING MDL POLITICAL COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH

MPSC IN POLITICAL EDUCATION EFFORT PRIOR TO PLEBISCITE; AND 134-1975, REQUESTING SPECIAL SESSION "IN THE EVENT THAT IMPORTANT ISSUES CONCERNING THE TRANSITION TO A SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION ARISE." RESOLUTION REQUESTING

THAT HICOM'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS NEIMAN CRALEY BE NAMED RESIDENT COMMISSIONER WAS NOT CONSIDERED ON FLOOR AND MOVE TO CONDEMN COM LEADERSHIP FOR "CONSPIRATORIAL INVOLVEMENT" TO BLOCK SIGNING

OF COVENANT (A REFERENCE TO COM LAWYER'S PRESENTATION OF CONGRESSMAN JOSE MAFNAS' REQUEST FOR RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST SIGNING OF COVENANT)

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MORE FOLLOWS

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WAS DEFEATED.

2. OTHER NOTEWORTHY ACTION INCLUDED PASSAGE OF BILL 74-1975, MAKING MDL FULL-TIME LEGISLATIVE BODY AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES AT \$12,000 FOR PRESIDENT AND \$8,000 FOR MEMBERS; BILL 103-1975, PLACING MINIMUM WAGE FOR NON-GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

AT \$2.25 PER HOUR; RESOLUTION 54-1975, REQUESTING US CONGRESS AMEND MICRONESIAN CLAIMS ACT OF 1971 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS; AND ACT 89-1975, AMENDING MARIANAS CODE RELATING TO VOTER ~~XXXX~~ ELIGIBILITY TO REQUIRE FIVE YEARS DOMICILE

IN ELECTORAL PRECINCT. PACIFIC DAILY NEWS QUOTED MDL PRESIDENT ON FEB 27 AS SAYING ~~XXXXXX~~ VOTING BILL WAS "PROTECTION ~~XXXXXXXX~~ NOT TO ALLOW ANY MORE LOOPHOLES FOR PEOPLE FROM OTHER DISTRICTS TO VOTE" AS THEY HAD IN NOV CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION.

3. TEXTS OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS CITED ABOVE, EXCEPT ~~XXXXXXXX~~ THOSE CONTAINED IN REPTELS, SENT OMSN THIS DATE.

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