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AND BEING DENIED ASSISTANCE COULD BE A "PAINFUL AND FRUSTRATING
EXPERIENCE." GUERRERO SAID HE HOPES RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS
IN THE TT GOVERNMENT WOULD SEE TO IT THAT THIS "POOR SERVICE"
IS CORRECTED IMMEDIATELY.
ACCORDING TO GUERRERO, MANY MICRONESIAN MEDICAL REFERRALS

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HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT-PROVIDED ACCOMODATIONS BECAUSE IT DOES NOT PROVIDE A "HEALTHY" ATMOSPHERE FOR THEM AND "INSTEAD OF FEELING BETTER, THEY FEEL WORSE."

HE SAID THIS IS "BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDED ACCOMODATIONS IS NOT ONLY INFESTED BY COCHROACHES, BUT THE FACILITIES ARE INADEQUATE AND OLD, DELAPIDATED (RUN DOWN). MAID SERVICE IS VIRTUALLY NONEXISTENT, BED-SHEETS ARE CHANGED ONE A WEEK, IF AT ALL, AND THE FOOD IS TASTELESS AND

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SERVED IN A FACILITY NOT CONDUCIVE TO GOOD HEALTH OR APPETITE."

"I UNDERSTAND THE IT GOVERNMENT IS PAYING CHEAP RENT TO PUT UP PATIENTS," GUERRERO CONTINUED, "AND I HATE TO ASSUME THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING THAT KIND OF SERVICE SO THAT IT CAN REPORT TO WASHINGTON. IT IS PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE AT LITTLE COST IRRESPECTIVE OF THE QUALITY OF SERVICE RENDERED TO SICK PEOPLE."

CONGRESSMAN GUERRERO CONCLUDED THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH WILL INVESTIGATE THE CONDITION OF THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDED ACCOMODATIONS AND THE MEDICAL REFERRAL PROGRAM SOMETIME BEFORE THE NEXT SESSION OF CONGRESS.

(SLOT MACHINES DISCUSSED AT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL)

SAIPAN, MAR. 24 (MNS)---A MEASURE TO "OUTLAW SLOT MACHINES" ON SAIPAN WAS INTRODUCED ON FRIDAY (MAR. 21) AT THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

THE BILL'S AUTHOR, COUNCILMAN JUAN DEMAPAN, TOLD THE COUNCILMEN IN A SPEECH SUPPORTING HIS ORDINANCE THAT THE COUNCIL MADE "A SERIOUS MISTAKE IN LEGALIZING THE SLOT MACHINES" AND URGED THAT THE MATTER BE CORRECTED BECAUSE "IT WAS NOT IN THE

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PUBLIC'S BEST INTEREST TO HAVE THESE MACHINES LEGALIZED" ON SAIPAN.

THE MEASURE, IF SIGNED INTO LAW WILL TAKE EFFECT ON DECEMBER 31, 1975 TO "ALLOW THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE INVESTED IN THESE MACHINES AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET THEIR INVESTMZNTS BACK," DEMAPAN

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SAID.

THE SAIPAN COUNCILMAN NOTED THAT WITH THE ADVENT OF SLOT MACHINES ON SAIPAN, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN CREDITS IN THE STORES THAT ARE NOT BEING PAID, CREDITS IN THE BANKS FOR LOANS. INCREASE OF COURT CASES AGAINST PEOPLE FOR NOT PAYING THEIR DEBTS, INCREASE OF CRIMES AND AN "INCREASE IN DOMESTIC PROBLEMS BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIVES OVER THE SPENDING OF MONEY ON SLOT MACHINES..."

"MY MAIN INTENTION," DEMAPAN SAID, "IS TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE'S INTERESTS AS WELL AS OUR ISLAND'S ECONOMY." HE ADDED THAT THERE IS PRESENTLY NO LAW THAT PERMITS "COMMERCIAL GAMBLING" IN THE MARIANAS AND THAT SLOT MACHINES ARE CONSIDERED A "COMMERCIAL" DEVICES.

THE MEASURE WILL BE CONSIDERED THIS WEEK BY THE COUNCIL. DEMAPAN SAID HE IS "OPTIMISTIC" OF THE BILL'S PASSAGE.

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