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TO AMEND PL 6-60 TO PERMIT THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO RECESS FOR A PERIOD OR PERIODS NOT EXCEEDING THIRTY DAYS IN TOTAL, AND TO RECONVENE AT A LOCATION CHOSEN BY THE CONVENTION, (SB 6-203); A MEASURE TO EXTEND THE DATE FOR WHICH APPROPRIATED FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR ONE MORE YEAR, (FROM 1975 TO 1976), (SB 6-208); AND A MEASURE TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE SELECTION AND DESIGNATION OF DELEGATES TO THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FROM JUNE 30, 1974 TO JULY 11, 1975, AND TO PERMIT DELEGATES SO SELECTED AND DESIGNATED TO ASSUME THEIR SEATS IN THE CONVENTION, (SB 6-209).

TWO BILLS AND TWO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE OFFERED SATURDAY. THE BILLS WOULD: AMEND PL 6-40 RELATING TO FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN PALAU DISTRICT, (SIMILAR BILL INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE), (SB 6-215); AND TO APPROPRIATE \$109,966 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND THE EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT DELEGATIONS SUBSEQUENT TO THE CONVENING OF THE CONVENTION, (SB 6-216).

THE RESOLUTIONS WOULD: CONFER HONORARY MICRONESIAN CITIZENSHIP UPON REPRESENTATIVE PHILIP BURTON, (SJR 6-53);

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AND REQUEST ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND ITS TOP-LEVEL ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY STAFFS TO SET ASIDE THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO-MONTHS SALARY TO BE USED AS A SUPPLEMENTAL FUND TOWARD THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW BASE SALARY SCHEDULE, (SJR 6-52).

THREE BILLS AND THREE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN THE HOUSE. THE BILLS WERE: TO CREATE A MICRONESIAN STATUS COMMISSION, PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND APPROPRIATE \$100,000 TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE ACT, (HB 6-322); A BILL TO CHANGE THE FIGURE UNDER PL 6-40, RELATING TO FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR PROGRAMS AND PROCTCS IN PALAU DISTRICT FROM \$111,500 TO \$156,500, (HB 6-323); AND A BILL TO CREATE A TASK FORCE ON DECENTRALIZATION AND APPROPRIATE \$25,000 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE TASK FORCE, (HB 6-324).

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OF MICRONESIA TO PONAPE DISTRICT AND CREATING A COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAID PURPOSE, (HJR 6-98).

ALSO, THE HOUSE REFERRED FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE DAY A BILL APPROPRIATING \$208,708 FOR THE OPERATING AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S OFFICE, (HB 6-313).

IN THE SENATE MARIANAS SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON RONGELAP AND UTIRIK, SAID THAT HIS SPECIAL COMMITTEE IS EMBARKED ON THE FINAL PHASE OF ITS WORK. "DURING THE LATTER PART OF APRIL OF THIS YEAR, THE COMMITTEE WROTE LETTERS TO SOME 50 MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE," BORJA SAID.

THE MARIANAS SENATOR POINTED OUT THAT THE VICTIMS OF THE RADIOACTIVE FALL-OUT OF UTIRIK AND RONGELAP IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS "WERE FINALLY GIVEN SOME COMPENSATION ONLY AS RECENTLY AS 1974."

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SINCE 1964, "THE RONGELAPESE HAD DEVELOPED CASES OF THYROID ABNORMALITIES AND NODULES, AND THAT ONE PERSON HAD DIED, THE APPARENT VICTIM OF LEUKEMIA CAUSE BY HIS EXPOSURE" TO THE RADIATION FALL-OUT OF THE FIRST HYDROGEN BOMB TESTED SOME TWENTY YEARS AGO IN THE MARSHALLS, SENATOR BORJA POINTED OUT.

THE MARIANAS SENATOR ADDED THAT DR. ROBERT A. CONARD, WHO HAS HEADED THE MEDICAL SURVEYS TO RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES, HAS INDICATED TO THE COMMITTEE HIS SUPPORT OF ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION, AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL BE CONTACTING HIM IN THE FUTURE.

SENATOR BORJA SAID THAT HE HAD CARRIED SOME 2,141 PEACE CARDS FROM THE CREW OF SAILING VESSEL "FREE", WHICH VISITED SAIPAN EARLIER THIS YEAR, CARRYING PEACE MESSAGES FROM PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE PACIFIC, TO WASHINGTON RECENTLY. THESE MESSAGES FOR PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD HAVE NOT BEEN IN VAIN BECAUSE THEY HAVE REACHED THEIR DESTINATION, BORJA CONCLUDED.

THE SENATE ALSO PASSED FOUR BILLS ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND SENT THEM TO THE HOUSE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. THEY WERE: A BILL TO AMEND TO VOTING PROCEDURE APPLICABLE TO THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, (SB 6-202); A BILL

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(CONGRESS SIXTH DAY)

SAIPAN, JUNE 28 (MNS)---THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ADOPTED A RESOLUTION SATURDAY REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO GRANT TT MEDICAL REFERRALS SPECIAL EXEMPTION TO THE NEW SCHEDULE OF HIGHER IMPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CHARGES TO BE RELIEVED BY MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITIES IN GUAM AND HAWAII, (HJR 6-104).

IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE HOUSE ACTED ON THE RESOLUTION,

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CONGRESSMAN RAYMOND SETIK, THE AUTHOR OF THE RESOLUTION AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, ALERTED THE MEMBERSHIP TO WHAT HE CALLED A "SERIOUS HEALTH AND BUDGETARY PROBLEMS" FACING THE CONGRESS.

ACCORDING TO SETIK, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INFORMED THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT THAT AS OF JULY 1, 1975, TT MEDICAL REFERRALS RATE WILL JUMP FROM \$66 A DAY TO \$147 PER DAY.

"UNFORTUNATELY, WE ONLY LEARNED ABOUT THIS FACT DURING A RECENT VISIT A WASHINGTON, AFTER THE 1975 SUPPLEMENTAL HAD ALREADY BEEN REPORTED OUT BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES," SETIK SAID.

SETIK SAID THIS PROBLEM, ALONG WITH THE PROBLEMS THE CONGRESS IS FACING WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF U.S. GRANT FUNDS, HAS ADDED "ANOTHER BUDGETARY MILLSTONE AROUND OUR NECS."

HE ASKED THAT THE HOUSE ACT FAVORABLY ON THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE "IT NOT ONLY PROTEKTS THE INTEGRITY OF OUR BUDGET, BUT THE HEALTH OF OUR CITIZENS," SETIK CONCLUDED.

THREE OTHER JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED. THEY WERE: A RESOLUTION CONFERRING HONORARY MICRONESIAN CITIZENSHIP UPON THE HONORABLE PHILLIP BURTON, MEMBER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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FROM CALIFORNIA, (HJR 6-103); EXTENDING DEEP SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE JUDGE IGNACIO V. BENAVENTE, (SJR 6-50); AND A RESOLUTION DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESS TO ACT IMMEDIATELY AND PROMPTLY TO TRANSFER AND MOVE ALL PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES OF THE CONGRESS

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THE RESOLUTIONS WERE: CONGRATULATING THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT ON COMPLETING A MAJOR STEP TOWARD ACHIEVING A COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. (HJR 6-105); A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE MAJORITY DECISION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS TO FORM A CLOSER POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH

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THE U.S. AND EXPRESSING THE HOPE FOR A CONTINUING COOPERATION  
AND SUPPORT IN ALL FIELDS OF ENDEAVOR BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND  
GOVERNMENTS OF THE MARIANAS AND THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE TT.

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(HJR 6-1009)

BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS WILL MEET AGAIN SUNDAY, THE HOUSE TO MEET AT 4 P.M. WHILE THE SENATE AT 6:00.  
(AD HOC COMMITTEE FORMED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 28 (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON FRIDAY SIGNED A DIRECTIVE IMMEDIATELY RECONVENING THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR ADMINISTRATION CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR THE MARIANAS SEPARATION. THE COMMITTEE HAD BEEN ACTIVE FOR SEVERAL

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WEEKS PRIOR TO THE JUNE 17 PLEBISCITE.

IN HIS MESSAGE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCED THAT DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN, WILL CONTINUE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE'S ROLE WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER DIRECTED THE COMMITTEE TO CONSULT WITH AND MEET AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY WITH THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AND THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION. THE COMMITTEE WAS ALSO DIRECTED TO CONSULT WITH THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS.

THE COMMITTEE'S FINAL REPORT WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

- THE STRUCTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT FROM THE BEGINNING OF SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION AND THE INSTALLATION OF THEIR OWN ELECTED GOVERNMENT;
- THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE MARIANAS GOVERNMENT AND TT HEADQUARTERS AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND OTHER DISTRICTS DURING THE SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION UNTIL THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT;
- HOW TT LAWS WILL APPLY TO THE MARIANAS HAD HOUSE SERVICES

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WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN THE TWO.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ALSO INSTRUCTED THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER SUCH OTHER TOPICS AS:

- THE IMPACT ON THE MARIANAS OF ANY FUTURE RELOCATION OF TT HEADQUARTERS;

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- A TIMETABLE FOR TRANSFERRING RESPONSIBILITIES FROM THE TT HEADQUARTERS TO THE MARIANAS GOVERNMENT;
- PROVISIONS FOR MARIANAS CITIZENS WHO WISH TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR THE TT GOVERNMENT;
- THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL TRAINING FUND FOR MARIANAS CITIZENS SO THEY CAN MEET EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES UNDER COMMONWEALTH.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL RECONVENE AND HOLD THEIR FIRST MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 30.  
(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(SENATE ADOPTS JUDGE BENAVENTE'S RESOLUTION)

SAIPAN, JUNE 28 (CONGRESS RELEASE)--THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FRIDAY ADOPTED A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEP SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE JUDGE IGNACIO V. BENAVENTE OF THE MARIANAS.

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AUTHORED BY SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6-50, OUTLINED THE LATE JUDGE'S PUBLIC SERVICE BEGINNING IN THE YAP ISLANDS AS A TELEGRAPH OPERATOR, AND LATER, CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR THE CHAMORROS IN THAT DISTRICT.

ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION, THE LATE JUDGE BENAVENTE ENTERED PUBLIC LIFE IN 1949 AS SECRETARY OF THE SAIPAN CONGRESS (WHICH EVOLVED INTO THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL) AND WHICH HE CHAIRED A YEAR LATER.

THE LATE JUDGE BENAVENTE WAS APPOINTED ASSOCIATE JUDGE IN 1951 WHICH HE SERVED FOR TWO YEARS, LEAVING THE COURT IN 1952. HE WAS ELECTED MAYOR OF SAIPAN IN 1953 TO 1962 WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED PRESIDING JUDGE FOR THE MARIANA ISLANDS UNTIL HIS UNTIMELY DEATH ON JUNE 20.

THE RESOLUTION FURTHER NOTED THAT NOT ONLY WAS THE LATE JUDGE A DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVANT, BUT WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN CHURCH AND OTHER CIVIC ACTIVITIES AND "HIS DEATH WILL BE A GREAT LOSS TO THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT AND THE REST OF MICRONESIA."

SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA, A LONG TIME ASSOCIATE OF THE LATE JUDGE, DELIVERED THE CLOSING EULOGY WEDNESDAY (JUNE 25)

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DURING FUNERAL SERVICES. IN HIS EULOGY, HE SAID THAT NOT ONLY  
IS THE LATE JUDGE A "BELOVED FRIEND, BUT A WISE, UNDERSTANDING,  
AND PROGRESSIVE PUBLIC OFFICIAL." HE ALSO SAID THAT THE LATE  
JUDGE WAS A "PRIME MOVER" OF HIS PEOPLE'S ASPIRATIONS TO  
"SOMEDAY BECOME A PART OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL FAMILY."

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