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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC. ISL. MONTHLY
(HOUSES PASSES SALARY ACT)

SAIPAN, JUNE 30 (MNS)---THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED
AND SENT BACK TO THE SENATE A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW
SALARY SCHEDULE AS WELL AS NEW POLICIES AND STANDARDS WITH
RESPECT TO THE COMPENSATION OF TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES (SB 6-201). THE HOUSE MADE SEVERAL AMENDMENTS
TO THE BILL.

IN A DEBATE BEFORE THE BILL WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY,

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AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO DEFER ACTION ON THE BILL UNTIL TUESDAY.
THE SUGGESTION BROUGHT STRONG OBJECTIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVE
LAMBERT AAFIN WHO REMINDED THE MEMBERS THAT THE LAW CONCERNING
THE PRESENT SALARY SCHEDULE EXPIRES MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY BECAUSE
JULY 1, IS THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW FISCAL YEAR.

IN URGING THE HOUSE MEMBERS TO PASS THE SALARY BILL, REP.
AAFIN STATED THAT ALTHOUGH THE BILL HAS SOME "DEFICIENCIES, I
THINK IT (SALARY BILL) CAN WORK OUT AT THIS TIME."

CONGRESSMAN HERMAN R. GUERRERO EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER
THE SALARIES OF PARA MEDICAL PEOPLE. "WITHOUT THEM," GUERRERO
POINTED OUT, "WE CANNOT RUN THE HOSPITAL."

AAFIN EXPLAINED THAT THE AMENDMENTS ON THE BILL DO NOT
INCLUDE THE SALARIES OF THE NURSES AND IF HE (GUERRERO) WANTED
TO OFFER AN AMENDMENT TO RAISE THE SALARIES OF THE PARA MEDICAL
STAFF, HE SHOULD SUBMIT ANOTHER AMENDMENT.

YAP CONGRESSMAN JOHN HAGLELGAM SUCCESSFULLY AMENDED THE
BILL TO PUT BACK THE MEDICAL OFFICER'S "SPECIAL MEDICAL
DIFFERENTIAL" OF 24 PERCENT OF THE BASE SALARY. IN EXPLAINING
HIS AMENDMENT, THE YAP CONGRESSMAN EXPLAINED THAT IF THE CONGRESS
PASSED THE BILL IN ITS PRESENT FORM, IT WILL BE "DISCRIMINATORY."

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THE MEASURE NOW GOES TO THE SENATE WHERE THE HOUSE
AMENDMENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED. IF THE SENATORS AGREE TO THE
HOUSE AMENDMENTS, THE BILL WILL GO TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

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FOR HIS SIGNATURE. IF, HOWEVER, THE SENATE FAILS TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS, THE MATTER WILL BE STUDIED BY A CONFEREE'S COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF MEMBERS FROM BOTH HOUSES.

THE HOUSE RECESSED UNTIL 5 P.M. TO AWAIT THE SENATE'S DECISION ON THE SALARY BILL.

THE SENATE MET BRIEFLY AND DEFERRED ACTION ON TWO MEASURES UNTIL 4 P.M., MONDAY AFTERNOON (JUNE 30). THE MEASURES WERE: HOUSE BILL 6-315, AN APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND SENATE BILL 6-202, A BILL RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA OF THE MARIANAS INTRODUCED MR. AND MRS. JOSE A. BENITEZ, FORMER DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, WHO WERE SITTING IN THE GALLERY.

IN OTHER SENATE'S ACTIVITIES MONDAY, SENATOR BORJA INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION TO SET UP A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MARIANAS TRANSITION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (SJR NO. 6-55). IN A PREPARED SPEECH SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE, THE

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MARIANAS SENATOR SAID, "THE INTENT OF THE CREATION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE TO PROVIDE LIAISON BETWEEN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, AND, THEREFORE, THE RESOLUTION ALSO URGED THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER CREATING A SIMILAR SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH THAT OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA."

EXPLAINING THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE TWO PROPOSED COMMITTEES WOULD BE TO "WORK TOGETHER AND COOPERATE TOGETHER ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST" BETWEEN THE MARIANAS AND THE REST OF THE DISTRICTS, SENATOR BORJA URGED THE CONGRESS TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SO THAT "CLOSE AND HARMONIOUS" RELATIONSHIP AMONG MICRONESIANS CAN BE CONTINUED. "NO MATTER WHAT FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS WE HAVE, WE ARE STILL BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE MICRONESIAN FAMILY," THE MARIANAS SENATOR CONCLUDED. (SEE FOLLOWING STORY FOR A DETAILED COVERAGE OF BORJA'S SPEECH.)

SENATOR NICK BOSSY OF TRUK ALSO INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION MONDAY MORNING (SJR 6-56). "IF WE ARE FOR UNITY, THEN LET US BE HONEST WITH OURSELVES AND WITH OUR PEOPLE. LET US FIND OUT FROM EACH OTHER, AND THE CONGRESS MEMBERS IN GENERAL, TO SEE IF WE REALLY DO DESIRE UNITY FOR MICRONESIA, AND THEN LET

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OUR PEOPLE KNOW WHERE WE STAND, SO THEY CAN MAKE UP THEIR MINDS," SENATOR BOSSY POINTED OUT IN A PREPARED STATEMENT SUPPORTING HIS RESOLUTION.

THE TRUK SENATOR ADDED THAT WHILE HE IS FOR THE REFERENDUM, HE IS ALSO FOR THE INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF THE REFERENDUM DATE FROM JULY 8 OF THIS YEAR TO THE TIME WHEN THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA ARE ADEQUATELY INFORMED OF THE POLITICAL ALTERNATIVES. "I AM CALLING UPON ALL OF US OF THIS CONGRESS TO STAND UP AND FACE LIFE HERE IN MICRONESIA VERY REALISTICALLY. LET US BE HONEST WITH OURSELVES AND WITH OUR OWN PEOPLE," SENATOR BOSSY CONCLUDED. (SEE FOLLOWING STORY.)

HUMOROUS REMARKS WERE HEARD FROM SENATOR JOHN MANGEFES, SAYING THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY IS FINANCIALLY IN A "MESSY STATE", THE YAP SENATOR OFFERED A SOLUTION TO ALLEVIATE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN AS TAKEN FROM THE LORD'S PRAYER. (SEE FOLLOWING STORY.)

BOTH THE SENATORS AND AUDIENCE WERE SURPRISED TO SEE THE PRESENCE OF PONAPE SENATOR AMBILOS IEHSI IN THE SENATE CHAMBER MONDAY MORNING. HOSPITALIZED AT DR. TORRES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ON SAIRAN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SPECIAL SESSION JUNE 23, SENATOR IEHSI SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH AN EXPRESSION OF PAIN VIVIDLY

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SHOWN ON HIS FACE. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PRESIDENT FOR EXCUSING HIM. ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL YET, SENATOR IEHSI SAID THAT HE LEFT THE HOSPITAL TO ATTEND THE SESSION SO THAT THE EXPERIENCE OF LAST SUNDAY WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. THE PONAPE SENATOR WAS REFERRING TO THE SENATE MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT, WHEN IT COULD NOT CONDUCT BUSINESS BECAUSE OF LACK OF QUORUM. SENATOR IEHSI IS STILL ILL AND WILL BE GOING BACK TO THE HOSPITAL.

THE SENATE MONDAY MORNING ALSO SAW AN INTRODUCTION OF A MEASURE (SJR 6-54), CONGRATULATING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, STANLEY K. HATHAWAY, UPON ASSUMING HIS NEW POSITION, AND INVITING HIM TO VISIT MICRONESIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HATHAWAY, A FORMER GOVERNOR OF WYOMING, RECENTLY BECAME THE

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SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, REPLACING ROGERS C. B. MORTON, WHO HAS BECOME THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

THE SENATE RECESSED AND WILL RE-CONVENE AT 4 P.M., MONDAY AFTERNOON.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)

(BOSSY AND BORJA ON UNITY/MARIANAS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 30 (CONGRESS RELEASE) --- TWO SPEECHES WERE

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AND STATUS MATTERS, AND THE MARIANAS SEPARATION ISSUE.
SENATOR NICK BOSSY OF TRUK DISTRICT, DELIVERED A SPEECH
IN WHICH HE CALLED UPON "ALL OF US IN THIS CONGRESS TO STAND
UP AND FACE LIFE HERE IN MICRONESIA VERY REALISTICALLY" AND
TO "SEE IF WE REALLY DO DESIRE UNITY FOR MICRONESIA, AND THEN
LET OUR PEOPLE KNOW WHERE WE STAND."

HIS REMARKS WERE FOLLOWED BY THOSE OF SENATOR OLYMPIO
Y. BORJA OF THE MARIANAS WHO SPOKE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION OF THAT DISTRICT.

BOTH SENATORS INTRODUCED JOINT RESOLUTIONS FOR

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CONSIDERATION BY THEIR COLLEAGUES IN BOTH HOUSES.

SENATOR BOSSY STATED THAT WHILE HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE
ADVISORY REFERENDUM SHOULD BE HELD ON JULY 12, HE WAS
STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF SUCH A MEASURE AT A LATER DATE, UNTIL
"THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA ARE ADEQUATELY INFORMED ABOUT THE
OPTIONS LISTED IN IT, AND KNOW THAT THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE
IF THEY CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE."

HE SAID THAT THIS WAS HIS OWN PERSONAL CONVICTION, WHICH
WAS REINFORCED BY RESOLUTIONS FROM THE TRUK AND PONAPE
LEGISLATURES, AND ALSO BY QUESTIONS FROM HIS CONSTITUENTS.

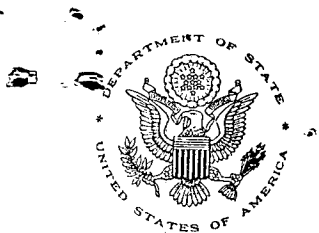
HE POINTED OUT THAT HE HAS BEEN ASKED WHY, IF THE
CONGRESS REJECTED COMMONWEALTH IN 1970, DID THE CONGRESS LIST
IT AS AN ALTERNATIVE IN THE REFERENDUM? HE ALSO REFERRED TO
THE 1974 VISIT OF THE STATUS COMMITTEE TO THE DISTRICTS, IN
WHICH HE SAID THE COMMITTEE SAID IT WAS UP TO THE PEOPLE, NOT
THEM TO DECIDE ON WHAT STATUS MICRONESIA SHOULD HAVE.

THE CONFUSION OVER THESE MATTERS, HE SAID PROMPTED HIM
TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION WHICH, IF ADOPTED, WOULD DECLARE
THAT UNITY FOR THE REMAINING DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA AND
THE FREE ASSOCIATION ARRANGEMENT ARE BOTH OFFICIAL POSITIONS

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OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

IN HIS SPEECH, SENATOR BORJA SAID THAT HE HAD ALWAYS
"BELIEVED AND ALWAYS FELT THAT THE MARIANAS MUST AND WILL

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SUPPORT ANY POLITICAL STATUS ASPIRATION DESIRED BY MICRONESIA, AND THAT LIKEWISE, WE IN THE MARIANAS CAN ALSO LOOK TO MICRONESIA FOR FRIENDLY AND POLITIVE SUPPORT FOR OUR ASPIRATIONS."

ASIDE FROM CONGRESS FUNDS RELEASED TO "CERTAIN ELEMENTS" IN THE MARIANAS WHICH WERE USED TO FINANCE A PROGRAM AGAINST THE COVENANT, BORJA SAID HE DEEPLY APPRECIATED THE FACT THAT THE CONGRESS "HAD NEVER CRITICIZED THE MARIANAS PEOPLE OVER THEIR SEPARATION, BUT ONLY THE U.S. FOR AGREEING TO SEPARATE TALKS AND ARRANGEMENTS."

BORJA THEN MADE REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR "ALL PARTIES CONCERNED" TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS TO THE FULLEST, AND OFFERED A RESOLUTION WHICH AUTHORIZED THE CONGRESS' PRESIDING OFFICERS TO APPOINT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MARIANAS TRANSITION."

THE RESOLUTION ALSO URGED THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE TO FORM A COUNTERPART COMMITTEE.

THE PURPOSE OF THZ TWO COMMITTEES WOULD BE TO "WORK

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TOGETHER AND COOPERATE TOGETHER ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST."

THIS WAS IMPORTANT, HZ ADDED, HOWEVER, "IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE NEITHER THE MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH NOR THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL BE REPRESENTED BY AN ELECTED CHIEF EXECUTIVE. THEREFORE IT IS BOTH LOGICAL AND IMPORTANT THAT THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER IN REPRESENTING AND PROTECTING THE INTZRESTS OF THEIR CONSTITUENTS. (ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA) (MANGEFEL'S PRAYER ON FISCAL PROBLEMS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 30 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---YAP'S SENATOR JOHN A. MANGEFEL, KNOWN FOR HIS OFTEN HUMOROUS PRESENTATION IN THE SENATE, MAINTAINED THAT TRADITION MONDAY BY OFFERING AN AMENDED VERSION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER TO ASSIST IN SOLVING SOME OF THE TRUST TERRITORY'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

SENATOR MANGEFEL FIRST NOTED THAT "SINCE ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO WHEN THE WORLD SHORTAGE OF GASOLINE, PING PONG BALLS, TOILET PAPER, AND OTHER LIFE ESSENTIALS HIT US IN THE FACE, (SO TO SPEAK), THINGS HAVE NOT BEEN THE SAME."

HE LISTED A SERIES OF WORLD-SHARKING EVENTS, AND SAID THAT WHILE THEY HAVE TAKEN PLACE "WE IN MICRONESIA HAVE SUFFERED

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LOT, BUT DONE VERY LITTLE" DESPITE HIS PAST RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH NO ONE HAS HAD "THE FORESIGHT--OR THE TEMERITY--TO FOLLOW."

MANGEFEL THEN RECITED SOME OF THE TT'S FINANCIAL WOES, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THE SENATE HAD RECENTLY PASSED A SALARY PLAN WHICH THE CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION DID NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO FUND, AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS JUST BARELY ABLE TO MEET ITS PAYROLLS.

IN PONDERING THESE PROBLEMS, SENATOR MANGEFEL SAID THE ANSWER WAS FINALLY REVEALED TO HIM, "IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO OUR PROBLEMS, WZ MUST CONSULT WITH THAT HIGHER ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY, AND HIS WORDS AS PROMULGATED IN THAT ETHEREAL ORDER, THE GOOD BOOK."

MANGEFEL THEN PRESENTED HIS VERSION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER, STATING THAT IT SHOULD BE RECITED BEFORE IMPORTANT MEETINGS SUCH AS THAT OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S CABINET, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SESSIONS, AND HEARINGS BEFORE THE U.S. CONGRESS.

THE SENATOR'S OFFERING GOES AS FOLLOWS:

THE LORD'S PRAYER, SENATE DRAFT ONE AS AMENDED BY THE HONORABLE JOHN DE AVILA MANGEFEL.

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OUR FATHERS, WHO ART IN WASHINGTON,
HALLOWED BY THE FUNDS,

THY AUTHORIZATIONS COME, THE APPROPRIATIONS BE DONE,
IN SAIPAN, AS THEY ARE IN THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET OFFICE,
GIVE US THE DAY, OUR QUARTERLY ALLOTTMENT,
AND FORGIVE US OUR OVERRUNS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEFICITS,
AND LEAD US NOT INTO DEPENDENCE, BUT DELIVER US FROM
INFLATION.

SO OURS WILL BE THE TERRITORY, AND THE POWER,
AND THE FISCAL AUTHORITY, FOREVER.

MANGEFEL CLOSED BY SAYING THAT THE LOGIC IN HIS SUGGESTION WAS "AS USUAL" VERY SIMPLE, AND WAS TAKEN FROM THE WORK OF "SOME OTHER SAGE (WHOSE NAME ESCAPES ME FOR THE

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MOMENT) " , , , , THAT SAID "IF GOD BE WITH US , , THEN WHO CAN BE
AGAINST US?"

THE YAP SENATOR THEN CLOSED BY SAYING "AMEN, MR.
PRESIDENT."

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SAIPAN, JUNE 30 (MNS)--THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MONDAY AFTERNOON UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE NEW BASE SALARY SCHEDULE AND SENT IT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HIS ACTION.

THE BILL, SENATE BILL 6-201, IF SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, WILL "PROVIDE A NEW SALARY SCHEDULE AS WELL AS NEW POLICIES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES."

THE BILL WOULD ESTABLISH A BASE SALARY SCHEDULE WITH A

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MINIMUM WAGE OF 80 CENTS PER HOUR. THE FIGURE WILL REPRESENT A 31 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE PRESENT 61 PER HOUR MINIMUM WAGE. THE 38 EXISTING PAY LEVELS ARE ALSO REDUCE TO 30.

ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, THE SALARY SCHEDULE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST PAY PERIOD FOLLOWING JANUARY 1, 1976. THE PAY PROVISIONS OF THE EXISTING SALARY LAW WILL BE EXTENDED TO THIS DATE. IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AT AN EARLIER DATE, THE HICOM MAY AT HIS DISCRETION, IMPLEMENT THE SALARY INCREASES AFTER JULY 1, 1975.

IN OTHER SENATE ACTIONS MONDAY, THE SENATORS DISAGREED WITH THE HOUSE AMENDMENTS ON A BILL TO AMEND THE VOTING PROCEDURE APPLICABLE TO THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, (SB 6-202), AND A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED TO MEET WITH THE HOUSE ON THE MEASURE.

THE SENATORS ALSO SAW AN INTRODUCTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY YAP SENATOR JOHN MANGFEL. THE RESOLUTION REQUEST THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON THE STATUS OF BILLINGS AND COLLECTIONS FROM UTILITY CHARGES FOR STAFF HOUSES BY JANUARY 15, 1976, (SJR 6-57).

IN A SHORT MEETING MONDAY AFTERNOON, THE HOUSE OF

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REPRESENTATIVES PASSED A BILL APPROPRIATING \$109,966 TO SUPPLEMENT THOSE PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, (HB 6-319) AND SENT IT TO THE SENATE FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.

PRIOR TO ITS PASSAGE, THE HOUSE MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE

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NEED FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION. PALAU REPRESENTATIVE POLYCARP BASILIUS SAID THAT WHILE HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE BILL, HE ASKED WHETHER THE STAFF OF THE CONGRESS CAN BE UTILIZED IN THE CONVENTION TO SAVE MONEY. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CONCON STAFF IS NOT ORGANIZED, AND CAUTIONED THAT SINCE THE CONGRESS HAD APPROPRIATED LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY, THE FUNDS SHOULD BE USED PROPERLY.

PONAPE REPRESENTATIVE EDGAR EDWARDS QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR 12 ASSISTANT SERGEANT AT ARMS. "IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE FORMING AN ARMY. WHY DO WE NEED 12 SERGEANT AT ARMS?" HE ASKED.

REP. LAMBERT AAFIN OF TRUK, ALSO QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR A SECRETARY TO THE CONVENTION SECRETARY. "IS THE CONVENTION SECRETARY MALE OR FEMALE?" HE ASKED.

THE BILL PASSED 16-1. REP. LUKE M. TMAN OF YAP

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VOTED "CONFLICT OF INTEREST."

A RESOLUTION TO REQUESTS THE U.S. CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE \$6,950,000 FOR THE TT AS AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (SJR 6-107) WAS ADPTD BY THE HOUSE.

PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION, REP. RAYMOND SETIK, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE OUTHOR OF THE RESOLUTION, DELIVERED A SHORT REMARK URGING THE CONGRESS OF ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

SETIK SAID THAT THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975 FELL SHORT OF ABOUT \$7 MILLION. HE SAID THAT THE MAJOR REASON FOR THIS WAS THAT THE U.S. SENATE HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY DISTURBED OVER THE LACK OF ADEQUATE JUSTIFICATION FOR BUDGETARY ITEMS AND THE REQUEST FOR REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS "AFTER THE FACT."

"AS A RESULT, WE GOT ONLY \$8 MILLION OF THE \$15 MILLION REQUESTED, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE WERE LUCKY TO GET ANYTHING AT ALL, SINCE THE HOUSE HAD REPORTED OUT ZERO DOLLARS INASMUCH AS THE AUTHORIZATION HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED WHEN THEY HELD APPROPRIATION HEARINGS," STIK SAID.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE CONGRESS WAS FORTUNATE TO HAVE

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SENATOR OLYMPIO BORJA AND CONGRESSMAN ATAJI BALOS, WHO WERE IN WASHINGTON AT THE TIME ON RONGELAP AND UTIRIK BUSINESS, AND BOTH CONTACT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE MATTER.

ACCORDING TO SETIK, BOTH BORJA AND BALOS WERE FORTUNATEMLIN WORKING WITH REP

PHILIP BURTON, HEAD OF THE TERRITORIAL AND INSULAR AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE FOR INCLUDING SOME \$8 MILLION FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA IN ADDITION TO THE \$80 MILLION CEILING.

BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS WILL MEET AGAIN TUESDAY MORNING AT 10.

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