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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE
PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO MNS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH COVENANT WAS APPROVED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING WERE SENATORS, JACKSON, METCALF, JOHNSTON, STONE, BUMPERS, FANNIN, HANSEN AND HATFIELD. ALL SUPPORTED THE COVENANT. THE COMMITTEE WAS CONSIDERING A PROPOSED JOINT RESOLUTION WHICH HAS ALREADY PASSED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE HOUSE RESOLUTION INCLUDED SECTIONS ON THE FULL PAYMENT OF ADJUDICATED CLAIMS UNDER TITLE II OF THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS ACT OF 1971, AND EXTENSION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL PROGRAMS TO U.S. TERRITORIES AND THE TITPI, BUT THE SENATE COMMITTEE VOTED TO REMOVE THESE FROM THE RESOLUTION. THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED AS SEPARATE LEGISLATION AT A LATER DATE.

A DELEGATION FROM THE MARIANA ISLANDS CONSISTING OF EDWARD D.G. PANTELINAN, PEDRO A. TENORIG, DANIEL T. MCNA AND MANUEL A. SARLAN WAS PRESENT TO OBSERVE THE SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE ACTION. THE DELEGATION DEPARTED WASHINGTON, D.C. ON THE

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