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Covenant Approval

Urged By Legislators

SAIPAN (MNS)—Resolutions urging the U.S. Senate to take "prompt action" to approve the Marianas covenant and "expressing the desire of the people" of the Marianas to be separated from the other districts of the Trust Territory have been adopted unanimously by the Marianas District Legislature.

Both resolutions were introduced by the Committee of the Whole, a legislative spokesman said of the Tuesday actions.

According to the resolution urging the Senate to approve the covenant, the future political status desired by the Marianas people "is far different from that" of the other districts of the Trust Territory as expressed by their representatives in the Congress of Micronesia.

"Approval of the covenant by the U.S. Congress will fulfill the inalienable and sovereign rights of self-determination by the people of the Marianas and

conclusively fulfill their desire for a close and permanent political relationship with the United States," the resolution states.

The second resolution states that the separation "is a necessary and appropriate step" by which the Marianas district can be prepared for and move toward its future political status.

The resolution further states that preparation are necessary for successful transition to the new political relationship and responsibility.

The resolution urges that the Mariana Islands be separated "as expeditiously as possible" to facilitate a smooth transition from a trust area to a functioning entity in the American political family.

Copies of the resolutions will be sent to President Gerald Ford, the chairman and all members of the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees.