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1. Com sends Shie Measures to the Com
2. Palauan Citizens Comte to fight Superport
3. Cable J.V. to start on Saigou soon
4. Peace Corps Reps Appointed for Saik & Palau
5. Com Review of Last Week
6. Bills Introduced Monday in Com. (2/9/76)

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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC. ISL. MONTHLY  
(CONGRESS SENDS THREE MEASURES TO HICOM)  
SAIPAN, FEB. 9 (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA  
MONDAY PASSED AND SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER THE FIRST  
THREE BILLS TO COME OUT OF THE CURRENT 50-DAY SESSION.  
ALL OF THE BILLS DEAL WITH APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATIONS  
AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE REVENUE DIVISION. ACTION

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ON THE BILLS CAME FROM THE HOUSE AND SENATE WHEN THEY ADOPTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS ON ALL THE BILLS.

THE BILLS WERE: ONE APPROPRIATING \$177,180 TO FUND  
THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM FOR  
CONGRESSIONAL FISCAL YEAR 1977; FIFTY PERCENT FROM THE  
CONGRESS'S GENERAL FUND AND FIFTY PERCENT FROM THE SOCIAL  
SECURITY RETIREMENT FUND, (HB 6-355); ANOTHER TO EARMARK  
~~\$27,800~~ TO DEFRAY THE OPERATION AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF  
THE REVENUE DIVISION FOR CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FISCAL YEAR  
1977, (HB 6-336); AND FINALLY A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION  
OF \$6,100 FOR THE REVENUE DIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976,  
(HB6-337).

THE MEASURES WILL NOW GO TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD  
E. JOHNSTON FOR HIS ACTION. IF THE HICOM RECEIVES BILLS  
WHILE THE CONGRESS IS STILL IN SESSION, HE HAS 10 DAYS TO  
ACT ON THEM. IF, HOWEVER, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER RECEIVES  
BILL AFTER THE REGULAR 50-DAY SESSION, OR ANYTIME AFTER  
MARCH 1, HE WILL HAVE 30 DAYS TO ACT ON THEM.

IN ORRTER FLOOR ACTIVITIES, A BILL TO CREATED AND FUND  
A MICRONESIAN WASHINGTON OFFICE PASSED FIRST READING IN

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE SENATE HAS ALREADY APPROVED  
THE BILL.

PALAU REP. KUNIWO NAKAMURA SUCCESSFULLY AMENDED THE BILL  
WHICH WOULD CUTS THE FUNDS IN HALF, FROM \$120,000 TO \$60,000.  
ALSO, HIS AMENDMENT WOULD CHANGE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF

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RELEASING THE FUNDS TO CREATE THE WASHINGTON OFFICE FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER 1, 1976.

NAKAMURA AND MARIANAS REP. HERMAN T. PALACIOS, BOTH MEMBERS OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WHICH STUDIED THE BILL, SUBMITTED TWO MINORITY REPORTS.

NAKAMURA SAID IN HIS REPORT THAT THE CREATION OF A WASHINGTON OFFICE SHOULD BE DELAYED, FOR TWO REASONS. ONE, THE FINANCIAL CRISIS IN WHICH THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FINDS ITSELF BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF A LARGE AMOUNT OF REVENUE BY THE PASSAGE OF THE REVENUE SHARING LEGISLATION LAST SESSION; AND THE LOSS OF MORE MONEY IF THE MARIANAS SEPARATES ITSELF FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA. WE HAVE DONE WITHOUT IT FOR ALL OF THESE YEARS," NAKAMURA NOTED IN HIS REPORT.

REP. PALACIOS ARGUED THAT THE PERSON SELECTED SHOULD BE

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ELECTED IN A NATIONAL ELECTION TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA. REASONING THAT ALL OTHER TERRITORIES LIKE GUAM AND AMERICAN SAMOA, ELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, PALACIOS SAID: "SUCH A PROCESS WOULD BE TRULY DEMOCRATIC AND WOULD GIVE THE PERSEC MUCH GREATER STATUS IN WASHINGTON THAN IF HE WERE MERELY AN APPOINTEE OF THE CONGRESS."

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE VICE-CHARIMAN CHARLES DOMNICK OF THE MARSHALLS EXPLAINED THAT THE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES WOULD ONLY SERVE AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE U.S. CONGRESS AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE OFFICE WHICH THE CONGRESS IS TRYING TO CREATE IS NOT LIKE THAT WHICH GUAM AND AMERICAN SAMOA HAVE. "WE WILL NOT HAVE A SEAT IN THE U.S. CONGRESS," DOMNICK POINTED OUT. HE ALSO SAID HE DISAGREED WITH REP. NAKAMURA'S AMENDMENT TO CUT THE FUNDS IN HALF. THE RENTAL FOR OFFICE SPACE MIGHT BE HIGHER THAN WHAT NAKAMURA PROPOSES, HE SAID.

DEFENDING HIS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, NAKAMURA SAID THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$120,000 IS NOT DETAILED AND IN PASSING THE BILL WITH THAT AMOUNT WHICH WAS BASED ON GUAM AND

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AMERICAN SAMOA OFFICES EXPENSES, THE CONGRESS WOULD BE SETTING A PRECEDENT OF PASSING APPROPRIATION BILLS WITHOUT A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF HOW THE FUNDS WILL BE SPENT. THE QUALIFIED PERSON FOR THE POSITION COULD BE DISCUSSED DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION. ALSO, HE SAID THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TIME TO ADVERTISE THE POSITION WIDELY.

REP. PALACIOS REMINDED HIS COLLEAGUES THAT HE "WHOLEHEARTEDLY" SUPPORTS THE CONCEPT OF CREATING A WASHINGTON OFFICE AND FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT FUNDS TO RUN THE OFFICE SHOULD BE INCREASED. BUT HE SAID HIS ONLY OBJECTION IS THE PROCESS OF SELECTING CANDIDATES.

THE BILL THEN PASSED FIRST READING. SECOND READING IS EXPECTED ON TUESDAY (FEB. 10).

IN OTHER BUSINESS, A BILL TO ESTABLISH A GRADUATED WAGE AND SALARY TAX THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA WAS SENT BACK TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER STUDY AFTER MEETING OPPOSITION FROM SEVERAL MEMBERS. THE BILL, A CARRY OVER FROM LAST SESSION, WAS UP FOR FIRST READING.

THE TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, REP. ISIDORO RUDIMCH OF PALAU AND HERMAN R. GUERRERO OF THE MARIANAS

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SUBMITTED A MINORITY REPORT ON THE BILL.

GUERRERO AND RUDIMCH SAID THEY OPPOSE THE BILL AND CANNOT VOTE "IN GOOD CONSCIENCE" ON IT FOR THREE REASONS: "(1) THE INCREASES OF TAXATION ON THE LOWER WAGE EARNING SECTOR OF MICRONESIA, (2) THE POSSIBLE ADVERSE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE KWAJALEIN ISSUE, AND (3) THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF THE IMPACT OF THIS TAX STRUCTURE ON OUR SOCIETY."

SUPPORTING HIS DISSENTING REPORT, REP. RUDIMCH SAID THE BILL NEEDS TO BE REVISED BECAUSE OF LOT OF EVENTS HAVE HAPPENED SINCE LAST YEAR. HE ADDED THAT SOME WAGE EARNERS ARE SUPPORTING LARGE NUMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES AND IT WILL BE A BURDEN UPON THEM TO RAISE THE TAX ON WAGES AND SALARIES. HE MOVED THAT THE BILL BE RECOMMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE AND HIS MOTION PASSED.

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND DEEP REGRET

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AT THE UNTIMELY LOSS OF REV. THOMAS S. FLAVIN S.J.  
(SJR 6-84) WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. FR. FLAVIN WAS LOST AT  
SEA AND PRESUMED DROWNED WHEN A BOAT CARRYING HIM OVERTURNED  
IN PALAU DISTRICT. HE WAS SERVING AS A TT EMPLOYEE PROVIDING  
CONSULTING SERVICES TO THE NEW STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, (HJR 6-135) WAS FILED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF HEALTH MATTERS HEADED BY PALAU REP. KUNIWO NAKAMURA. THE COMMITTEE LEARNED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER THAT THE SUGGESTED CHANGE OVER SHOULD BE COMPLETED NO LATTER THAN APRIL 1, 1976.

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THREE OTHER JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED: THEY WERE: TO REQUEST THE DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH SERVICES AND PERSONNEL AND THE RECRUITMENT OFFICE TO EXPEDITE THE HIRING OF A CHIEF PHARMACIST AND OTHER KEY MEDICAL PERSONNEL, (HJR 6-131); TO REQUEST THE HICOM, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT-OWNED VESSELS FOR TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS ISLANDS IN TRUK DISTRICT, (HJR 6-110); AND A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE HICOM AND THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO GIVE MICRONESIAN CITIZENS AND CORPORATIONS FIRST PREFERENCE IN THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF CERTAIN FISHING VESSELS ACQUIRED BY THE TT GOVERNMENT, (HJR 6-149). THE RESOLUTIONS WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER DELIBERATION.

IN THE SENATE, THE INTRODUCTION OF SEVERAL MEASURES DOMINATED THEIR BRIEF SESSION MONDAY.

(PALAUAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO FIGHT SUPERTANKER PORT)

KOROR, FEB. 9 (MNS) -- A GROUP OF PALAUAN CITIZENS HAS FORMED A "SAVE PALAU COMMITTEE" WITH THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING

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THE GAINT SUPERTANKER PORT PROPOSED FOR THE PALAU ISLANDS. THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED JUST TWO DAYS AFTER THE PALAU LEGISLATURE PASSED A RESOLUTION INVITING IRANIAN AND JAPANESE OIL REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE PORT.

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THE COMMITTEE ALLEGES THAT IT IS CLEAR THAT THE SUPERPORT CAN ONLY BE A DISASTER FOR PALAU, ENVIRONMENTALLY, CULTURALLY, AND PERHAPS EVEN ECONOMICALLY, ADDING THAT ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH OIL KNOWS WHAT TO THINK OF PROMISES THAT THE SUPERPORT WILL BE A "ZERO-LEAK" FACILITY, THAT ITS CONSTRUCTION WILL HAVE MINIMAL EFFECTS ON PALAU'S ENVIRONMENT AND TRADITION. SUCH PROMISES ARE AN INSULT TO THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE PALAUAN PEOPLE, THE COMMITTEE CLAIMED. THE COMMITTEE FURTHER ACCUSED THE PALAU LEGISLATURE OF DEFAULTING IN ITS DUTY TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF PALAU DISTRICT.

THE COMMITTEE, WITH ITS CHAIRMAN, IBEDUL YOTAKA GIBBONS, WHO IS THE HIGH CHIEF OF KOROR AND SOUTHER PALAU AND ITS VICE-CHAIRMAN, DEMEI OTOVED, A MEMBER OF THE PALAU FISH AND GAME COMMISSION AND MEMBER OF T.T.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD, PLANS A CAMPAIGN OF ADS, POSTERS, BUMPER STRIPS, SKITS, AND NEWS RELEASES IN ORDER TO STOP THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GAIANT SUPERTANKER PORT IN THE PALAU DISTRICT.

( CABLE TV TO START ON SAIPAN SOON)

PUAIPAN, FEB. 9 (MNS)---CABLE TELEVISION WILL SOON BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE RESIDENTS OF SAIPAN, ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE MICRONESIAN CABLE TV COMPANY ON SAIPAN MONDAY.

IN A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY HELD NEAR CARMEN SAFEWAY SHOPPING CENTER, FRIDAY (FEB. 7) MARIANAS SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA TOLD SOME 20 ISLAND DIGNITARIES, STOCKHOLDERS AND GUESTS THAT CABLE TV WILL NOT ONLY PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT BUT "OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT, MANAGEMENT AND OWNERSHIP.

"IT WILL IMPROVE OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM AS WELL AS OUR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. CABLE TV WILL BRING US THE EXPOSURE TO OUTSIDE WORLD EVENTS IN OUR LIVES, AND IT WILL PROVIDE WHOLESOME ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY IN THEIR HOUSES...". BORJA SAID.

ACCORDING TO LEE HOLMES, PRESIDENT OF THE MICRONESIAN

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CABLE TV COMPANY, ALL CHANNELS WILL BE IN COLOR. PROGRAMMING AND SUBSCRIBER HOOK-UPS SHOULD BEGIN LATE IN THIS SPRING, HOLMES SAID.

THE COMPANY WILL BEGIN CARRYING WSZE AND ONE OTHER CHANNEL, ADDING THE THIRD AND FOURTH CHANNELS AS THE OPERATING TRAINING PROGRESSES. A FIFTH CHANNEL IS RESERVED FOR EDUCATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT PURPOSES. IN ADDITION, HOLMES SAID CABLE TV WILL BE CARRYING "BOXING FROM THE OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM" PROGRAM AND OTHER PROGRAMS IN JAPANESE.

THE COMPANY HAS LESSED A BUILDING IN SAN JOSE VILLAGE. THE INITIAL INSTALLATION FEE WILL BE \$14.95, AND THE MONTHLY FEE \$14.75 INCLUDING FREE FM STEREO.

(PEACE CORPS REPS APPOINTED FOR PALAU AND TRUK)

SAIPAN FEB. 9 (MNS)--THE DIRECTOR OF PEACE CORPS FOR MICRONESIA, JACK BURGESS, HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF GILLIAM JOHANES A PEACE CORPS REPRESENTATIVE FOR PALAU AND THE APPOINTMENT OF MRS. NANCY BLANKS OF WASHINGTON AS THE PEACE CORPS DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRUK DISTRICT.

JOHANES, A NATIVE OF KOROR, JOINED THE PEACE CORPS PALAU STAFF IN 1974 AS DEPUTY DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE AFTER

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SEVERAL YEARS WITH THE PALAU COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY. IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENT, BURGESS STATED: "I AM CONFIDENT THAT MR. JOHANES WILL SERVE BOTH PEACE CORPS AND THE PEOPLE OF PALAU WELL IN HIS NEW POSITION, AND I KNOW THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO A STRONG AND EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PALAU DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION."

JOHANES WAS EDUCATED AT MINDZENTY SCHOOL IN PALAU AND XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL IN TRUK. HE ALSO STUDIED AT THE COLLEGE OF GUAM BETWEEN 1963 AND 1965. HE WILL ASSUME HIS NEW POSITION UPON COMPLETION OF THE SERVICE OF THE INCUMBENT, HARVEY HELFAND, ON FEBRUARY 23.

MS. BLANKS WAS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY IN LATE JANUARY, AFTER STAFF TRAINING IN WASHINGTON, AND WILL ASSUME HER POSITION UPON THE DEPARTURE OF TRUK PEACE CORPS REPRESENTATIVE SKIP POLSON AND HIS

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FAMILY SOMETIME IN MID-FEBRUARY.

PRIOR TO HER PRESENT APPOINTMENT, MS. BLANKS HAS HAD MANY FIELDS OF RESPONSIBILITIES. SHE WAS THE FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF ST. MATHEWS PROJECTS, INC., A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PROGRAM FUNDED BY GOV AND PRIVATE SOURCES

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FROM 1964 TO 1966. SHE WAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM

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DEVELOPMENT, PRINCE GEORGES COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE FROM 1966 TO 1968, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FREDERICK COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE, AND RECENTLY DIOCESAN DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE CATHOLIC DIOCESES OF RICHMOND AND ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA.

BURGESS SAID OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. BLANKS: "I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH MS. BLANKS' APPOINTMENT PEACE CORPS/ MICRONESIA, AND PEACE CORPS/TRUK IN PARTICULAR, CAN CONTINUE

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TO LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUED HARMONIOUS AND EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION."

MS. BLANKS IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND WITH A B.A. IN SOCIOLOGY.

(CONGRESS WEEK IN REVIEW FOR LAST WEEK)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 9 (COM)--AS THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CONCLUDED ITS FOURTH WEEK OF THE WORKING SESSION, ITS COMMITTEES IN BOTH THE SENATE AND TH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FACED A BUSY SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON VITAL ISSUES CONCERNING MICRONESIA.

THE HEARINGS, SOME OF WHICH WERE BRIEF, OTHERS QUITE LONG, INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF A MEASURE WHICH WOULD CREATE AN OFFICE ON OUTER-ISLAND AFFAIRS; REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA, ITS PLAN, BUDGETING FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS; AIRLINES BYPASSING GUAM; ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; THE CONSTRUCTION OF TT DISPENSARIES FUNDED UNDER THE U.S. HILL-BURTON ACT; INTEREST RATES ON LOANS FROM FUNDS BORROWED BY THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSION; THE PELELIU SHIP REPAIR FACILITY IN PALAU; TRANSPORTATION TO DISTRICT CENTERS AND

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OUTLYING AREAS IN YAP, TRUK AND PONAPE; RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE DISTRICT CENTERS AND OUTER-ISLANDS.

THESE WERE SOME OF THE ISSUES ON WHICH HEARINGS WERE HELD LAST WEEK AT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE FATE OF THE VARIOUS MEASURES OR RESOLUTIONS WOULD DEPEND ON HOW THE CONGRESS

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VIEWS THEM, WHETHER IT IS TIMELY TO APPROVE THEM THIS SESSION OF TAKE THEM UP DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD ONE BE CALLED; OR POSTPONE FINAL CONSIDERATION ON ANY OF THEM WHICH MAY REQUIRE FURTHER STUDY.

ONE MEASURE WHICH CAME UP FOR FIRST READING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAS A BILL TO ESTABLISH A MICRONESIAN WASHINGTON OFFICE. THE MEASURE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SENATE WITHOUT MUCH DEBATE. PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION WAS POSTPONED WHEN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RECESSED ABRUPTLY.

THIS MEASURE, HOWEVER, GENERATED LIVELY DEBATE AMONGST THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE. HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, RAYMOND SETIK, WHOSE COMMITTEE REPORTED FAVORABLY ON THE MEASURE SAID THE CREATION OF SUCH AN OFFICE IS "LONG OVERDUE." HE EMPHASIZED THAT "THERE IS NO WAY TO CALCULATE THE LOSSES TO MICRONESIA IN TERMS OF FINANCES, ECONOMIC AND

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POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT BY NOT HAVING A VOICE IN WASHINGTON... THESE LOSSES ARE SUBSTANTIAL."

CONGRESSMAN SETIK RELATED THAT THE PROPOSED OFFICE WILL "LITERALLY BE THE VOICE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN THE UNITED STATES" WHICH COULD ALSO HELP REDUCE THE COST OF TRAVEL TO THE U.S. BY MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO LOBBY IN MICRONESIA'S INTEREST.

CONGRESSMAN KUNIWO NAKAMURA OF PALAU VIEWED THE NEED OF A WASHINGTON OFFICE DIFFERENT. HE SUBMITTED A MINORITY REPORT IN HIS VIEWS. HE SAID THE CONGRESS HAS LOST A LARGE PORTION OF ITS REVENUES BECAUSE OF THE PASSAGE OF THE REVENUE SHARING LEGISLATION LAST SESSION. HE CITED THE MARIANAS SEPARATION AS MEANING THE LOSS OF MORE MONEY.

ALTHOUGH HE SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT OF SUCH AN OFFICE, NAKAMURA SAID: "THE CONGRESS CANNOT AFFORD IT AT THIS TIME. WE HAVE DONE WITHOUT IT FOR ALL THESE YEARS."

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ALSO HAD A LIVELY DEBATE LAST WEEK OVER AN APPROPRIATION MEASURE WHICH WOULD PAY FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RAYMOND SETIK RECOMMENDED

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THAT THE BILL BE FILED BECAUSE, IN HIS WORDS, THE PROGRAM "HAS BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL IN SOME DISTRICT THAN IN OTHERS." HE NOTED THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA RETURNED ONE-THIRD OF ITS REVENUE TO THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES LAST SESSION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WOULD BEGIN TO FUND THIS PROGRAM. PREVIOUSLY FUNDED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE SPEAKER WRITE TO THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES AND CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD OF EACH DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITY AND INFORM THEM OF THE CONGRESS'S DECISION.

THERE ARE MEMBERS WHO ARGUE THAT THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO FILE THE BILL IS "DISCRIMINATORY IN NATURE." OTHERS NOTED THE SUCCESS OF THE HOUSING PROGRAM IN THEIR DISTRICT. STILL OTHERS URGED THAT THE HOUSING PROGRAM IN THEIR DISTRICTS BE DISCONTINUED.

CONGRESSMAN KUNIWO NAKAMURA OF PALAU, A MEMBER OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE'S INTENTION IS NOT TO KILL THE VARIOUS HOUSING AUTHORITY ENTITIES IN THE DISTRICTS. NAKAMURA SAID "IT IS SIMPLY TO TRANSFER THE RESPONSIBILITY...WHICH

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SHOULD BE THE CASE SINCE THE CONGRESS HAS GIVEN THE LEGISLATURE ONE-THIRD OF ITS REVENUES. HE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE DECENTRALIZATION EFFORT BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, CONGRESS SHOULD BEGIN TO DECENTRALIZE SOME OF ITS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING AREAS OF FINANCE.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING A MEASURE WHICH WOULD GIVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT BANK THE POWER TO CHOOSE A LOCATION FOR ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE. ORIGINAL PLANS WOULD HAVE SAIPAN IN THE MARIANAS AS THE SITE FOR THE BANK'S PRINCIPAL OFFICE. HOWEVER, SINCE THE CAPITAL OF MICRONESIA "WILL MOST LIKELY BE MOVED TO ANOTHER DISTRICT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS...THE MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT BANK SHOULD BE GIVEN THE UTMOST OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY."

THERE WERE OTHER INTERESTING DEBATES IN THE HOUSE OF

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REPRESENTATIVES LAST WEEK ON MEASURES WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES OF VARIOUS BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA; A GRADUATED INCOME TAX ON WAGES AND SALARIES, ETC. PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF BOTH OF THESE MEASURES WAS POSTPONED BY THE HOUSE.

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LAST WEEK AT THE CONGRESS, A MEASURE WHICH WOULD

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ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION WAS INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE. IF THIS MEASURE IS APPROVED IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS, THE COMMITTEE WOULD ESSENTIALLY HAVE THE JOB TO EXPLAIN AND EDUCATE THE MICRONESIA PEOPLE ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AND THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AND OTHER POLITICAL STATUS ALTERNATIVES. THE SENATE LAST WEEK PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING A MEASURE TO DESIGNATE PALIKIR AREA IN PONAPE DISTRICT AS THE

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SITE OF MICRONESIA'S PERMANENT CAPITAL. THIS ISSUE HAS BECOME A CONTROVERSIAL MATTER. TO DATE, ALL DISTRICTS EXCEPT THE MARSHALLS HAVE INDICATED, THROUGH RESOLUTIONS, THAT THEY WISH TO HOST THE PERMANENT CAPITAL OF MICRONESIA'S FUTURE GOVERNMENT.

THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY SENATOR BAYLEY OLTER OF PONAPE WHICH STUDIED THE MEASURE SAID THAT PONAPE IS THE "MOST SUITABLE" SITE FOR THE PERMNET (A85-). THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION PROMPTED PALAU'S SENATOR LAZARUS SALII TO OFFER AN OPPOSING VIEW.

SENATOR SALII SAID THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ADOPTED A RESOLUTION SAYING THAT THE CONGRESS SHOULD GIVE PALAU "FIRST PRIORITY" BEFORE ANY DECISION IS MADE TO DESIGNATE THE CAPITAL. HE NOTED THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATION IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN GEOGRAPHICAL CONSIDERATION. HE URGED THAT A FEASIBILITY STUDY MUST BE MADE FIRST BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISION IS REACHED ON THE SITE OF THE FUTURE CAPITAL.

SENATOR OLTER SAID A DECISION MUST BE MADE NOW TO SEE THE RESULT OF THE NEXT FEW YEARS. HE INDICATED THAT ONE TO TWO MILLION DOLLARS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR ACTUAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING WORK FOR THE CAPITAL. HE POINTED OUT THAT

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AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS HAS MADE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING OF THE NEW CAPITAL FOR MICRONESIA.

THE SENATE DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE WENT BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE PONAPE SITE AND THOSE WHO WANT TO HAVE PALAU GIVEN "FIRST PRIORITY", ON THE PERMANENT CAPITAL. YAPIS

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SENATOR JOHN MANGFEL NOTED THAT THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS WHICH MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE CAPITAL REMAIN ON SAIPAN "PROVIDED THAT THE PEOPLE OF SAPPAN WANT US HERE... THIS WOULD KEEP US IN TOUCH WITH OUR FORMER BROTHERS AND SISTERS."

LAST WEEK, HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY WAS HOSPITALIZED. SPEAKER HENRY BECAME ILL FRIDAY (JAN. 30) AND WAS LATER ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL. ACCORDING TO CONGRESS SOURCES, THE CAUSE OF THE SICKNESS WAS FOOD-POISONING. BY MONDAY, THE SPEAKER WAS WELL AND BACK PRESIDING IN THE HOUSE.

NOW PAST THE HALF-WAY MARK, THE REMAINING WEEKS OF THE CURRENT SESSION WILL DEFINITELY BE BUSIER THAN EVER. VITAL ISSUES WILL BE UP FOR DEBATE IN BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. REPORTS ON DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THESE ISSUES WILL BE FORTHCOMING EACH WEEK.

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(BILLS INTRODUCED MONDAY AT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 9 (MNS)---THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WERE INTRODUCED MONDAY AT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE 29TH DAY OF THE CURRENT 90-DAY SESSION.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION BILLS WERE OFFERED: \$30,000 FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC PROJECTS ON THE ISLANDS OF UMAN AND DUBLON IN TRUK (HB 6-499); \$100,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALLS ON CERTAIN ISLANDS IN TRUK (HB 6-502); \$50,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IN TA ISLAND, SATAWAN ATOLL IN TRUK, (HB 6-503); AND \$60,000 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS IN NGARAARD AND NGERCHELONG MUNICIPALITIES IN PALAU DISTRICT, (HB 6-504).

OTHER MEASURES INTRODUCED WERE: A BILL TO ALLOW THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES TO FUND THE RESPECTIVE HOUSING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM IN THEIR DISTRICTS, (HB6-501); AND A MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR MANDATORY REPORTING OF PHYSICAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN (HB 6-500).

ONLY ONE BILL WAS SUBMITTED IN THE SENATE MONDAY. THE BILL WAS TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS IN THE TT CODE RELATING TO FEES COLLECTED BY THE TT BOARD OF MARINE INSPECTORS; AND TO APPROPRIATE \$10,000 TO PROVIDE INITIAL FUNDING FOR THE BOARD.

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(SB6-321).

THREE BILLS WERE OFFERED FRIDAY (FEB. 6) BUT WERE NOT REPORTED BY THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE AS IT WENT TO PRESS. THEY WOULD: APPROPRIATE \$35,000 TO PURCHASE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LINES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A POWER SYSTEM IN NGKEKLAU, NGARAARD MUNICIPALITY IN PALAU, (HB 6-497); PROVIDE FOR AN ORDERLY TRANSITION OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT FROM ITS PRESENT STATUS TO THAT OF A COMMONWEALTH STATUS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES, (HB 6-498).

THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS OFFERED WOULD: REQUEST AIR NAURU TO PROVIDE DIRECT PASSENGER FLIGHT SERVICES BETWEEN PALAU DISTRICT AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND URGE THE U.S. CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD TO GRANT THE AUTHORITY TO AIR NAURU TO UNDERTAKE SUCH SERVICE, (HJR 6-160); REQUEST THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OF TRUK DISTRICT TO CONDUCT A STUDY INTO THE COSTS AND FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BUILDING AND CARRYING ON A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN PULUWAT ATOLL IN TRUK DISTRICT (HJR 6-161); URGE THE DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE HICOM TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION FOR MEDEX PERSONNEL

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IN THE OUTER ISLANDS OF THE TT TO REASONABLY CORRESPOND TO THAT RECEIVED BY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO PERFORM COMPARABLE SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT AND SUBDISTRICT CENTER MEDICAL FACILITIES, (HJR 6-162); REQUEST THE INTERIOR SECRETARY TO REPEAL SECRETARIAL ORDER 2902, AS AMENDED, AND GRANT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OVER TRANSPORTATION MATTERS IN THE TT (HJR 6-163); CONGRATULATE MISS MARIE MADDISON ON HER SELECTION AS THE TRUST TERRITORY'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 1975 (HJR 6-164); URGE THE HICOM AND THE MARSHALLS DISTAD TO EXPEDITE THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF THE LAURA POWER PLANT ON MAJUR (HJR 6-165); REQUEST THE HICOM TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF AND FIND THE SOLUTIONS FOR THE DISEASE ATTACKING BREADFRUIT AND ARROWROOT PLUNTS IN THE NORTHERN AND WESTERN ISLANDS OF THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT, (HJR6-166); AND REQUEST THE HICOM TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE

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OF KAPINGAMARANGI WHO SUFFERED A DROUGHT SINCE 1975, (HJR 6-167).  
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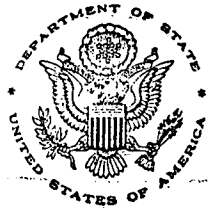
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