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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC. ISL. MONTHLY  
(HOUSE APPROVES WASHINGTON OFFICE BILL):

SAIPAN, FEB. 11 (MNS)----THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WEDNESDAY APPROVED A BILL WHICH WOULD CREATE AND FUND A  
MICRONESIA WASHINGTON OFFICE (SB 6-225) BUT NOT WITHOUT  
STIFF OPPOSITION.

TUESDAY (FEB. 10) THE HOUSE POSTPONED ACTION AFTER

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IT WAS FACED WITH A MAJOR AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY TRUK  
CONGRESSMAN LAMBERT AAFIN.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, THE HOUSE WAS AGAIN CONFRONTED  
WITH A NEW AMENDMENT WHICH COULD CHANGE ENTIRELY THE  
INTENT OF THE BILL. THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE MEASURE  
WAS TO CREATE AN OFFICE TO ACT AS A "LIAISON" BETWEEN  
THE U.S. CONGRESS AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES IN  
WASHINGTON AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

AAFIN'S AMENDMENT WOULD CHANGE THAT. HE PROPOSED  
THAT THE CONGRESS SHOULD INSTEAD HOLD A TRUST TERRITORY-  
WIDE ELECTION FOR A "SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE" FOR THE  
WASHINGTON OFFICE. ALSO, THE AMENDMENT WOULD FURTHER  
REDUCE THE FUNDS TO RUN THE OFFICE FROM \$60,000 TO EPNPPM  
"THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE MADE  
AVAILABLE JANUARY 3, 1977," AAFIN'S AMENDMENT READS.

THE ELECTION OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE SHALL  
BE HELD DURING THE ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS  
OF MICRONESIA ON NOVEMBER THIS YEAR. EXCEPT FOR AGE  
REQUIREMENT WHICH IS 30 THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A  
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE THE SAME AS THOSE FOR

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MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

THE TRUK CONGRESSMAN'S AMENDMENT IMMEDIATELY PROMPTED  
AN HOUR-LONG DEBATE. "THE AMENDMENT IS NOT GERMANE TO  
THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE BILL," SAID VICE-SPEAKER EKPAP  
SILK OF THE MARSHALLS. HE SAID THE CONGRESS SHOULD DRAFT

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AN ENTIRELY NEW BILL. HIS COMMENTS DREW SUPPORT FROM HIS COLLEAGUE CHARLES DOMNICK, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. A LIAISON OFFICER "DOES NOT REQUIRE" THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR OR THE U.S. CONGRESS, DOMNICK SAID.

THE MARSHALLESE CONGRESSMAN SAID THE CREATION OF SUCH AN OFFICE WOULD HELP SAVE FUNDS FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE VARIOUS DISTRICT LEGISLATURES BY REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON TO LOBBY FOR MICRONESIAN INTERESTS. CITING HIS DISTRICT'S SPENDING ON TRAVEL EXPENSES TO WASHINGTON ALONE, DOMNICK SAID THE MARSHALLS LEGISLATURE SPENDS UP TO \$70,000 A YEAR. "IF WE ARE TRYING TO SET UP AN OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, LET'S DRAFT A NEW BILL," HE ASSERTED.

FLOOR LEADER LUKE M. TMAN THEN SPOKE. HE RECALLED

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THE TIME WHEN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TRIED TO SET UP AN OFFICE IN WASHINGTON BACK IN 1968. THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND THE ADMINISTRATION OBJECTED TO SUCH A MOVE. CREATION OF SUCH AN OFFICE WOULD TRY TO WHAT TMAN CALLED "CIRCUMVENT" THE INTERIOR'S OBJECTION TO ESTABLISHING SUCH AN OFFICE. IF THE AMENDMENT IS INCORPORATED INTO THE BILL, TMAN SAID HE THOUGHT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WOULD REJECT THE BILL.

REP. RESIO MOSES THEN SAID: "AN ELECTION OF THIS SORT WILL BE CHAOTIC. WE DO NOT HAVE THE MACHINERY FOR A TERRITORY-WIDE ELECTION."

AAFIN, SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF HIS AMENDMENT, SAID IT IS "ABOUT TIME" THAT A NATIONAL ELECTION IN MICRONESIA BE CONDUCTED. SAYING THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CANNOT RESOLVE THE ISSUE, HE ASKED: "WHY NOT GIVE THE PEOPLE A TRY?" THE PERSON ELECTED WOULD BE REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA INSTEAD OF JUST THE CONGRESS. "WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?"

CONG. OSCAR C. RASA SAID THE AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY AAFIN "DOES NOT CHANGE THE INTENTION OF THE BILL" BUT

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"THE METHOD OF SELECTING A REPRESENTATIVE."

IN A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MEASURE, THE BILL PASSED BY A VOTE OF 11-6. TWO MEMBERS WERE ABSENT.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, A RESOLUTION DECLARING EBEBE ATOLL IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT A DISASTER AREA (SJR 6-16) WAS ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE.

IN THE SENATE, A BILL TO ENABLE CONTINENTAL AIRLINES TO TRANSFER AN AIRPLANE TO AIR MICRONESIA WITHOUT PAYING ANY TAX ON THE TRANSFER, (HB 6-182) WAS APPROVED AND SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HIS ACTION. THE MEASURE WAS THE FIFTH TO BE APPROVED DURING THE CURRENT SESSION. THE BILL PASSED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DURING LAST YEAR'S SESSION.

THE SENATE ALSO PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND SENT TO THE HOUSE THE FOLLOWING BILLS: ONE WHICH WOULD CLARIFY THE FUTURE FUNDING OF THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SB 6-207); AND ANOTHER WHICH WOULD APPROPRIATE \$25,000 TO UPGRADE VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS IN ALL DISTRICTS, (HB 6-281).

TWO JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED. ONE WOULD REQUEST

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS IN JAPAN AND WEST GERMANY CONCERNING INSTALLATION OF HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANTS IN PONAPE DISTRICT, (HJR 6-82); AND THE OTHER TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE INSTALLATION OF HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANTS IN PONAPE DISTRICT (SJR 6-83).

THE SENATE ALSO HAD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION RIGHT AFTER THE MORNING SESSION. ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION WERE: REAPPORTIONMENT, TAX LEGISLATION, MARIANAS TRANSITION, APPROPRIATION MEASURES, WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE, REFERENDUM DATE, AMENDMENTS TO ELECTION LAWS, TRANSITION LEGISLATION AND THE RESOLUTION OFFERED TUESDAY MORNING CALLING FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE CONGRESS SINE DIE THIS FRIDAY (FEB. 13).

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✓ (CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ADOPTS COVENANT RESOLUTION)  
SAIPAN, FEB. 11 (MNS)---THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ADOPTED A RESOLUTION WEDNESDAY  
REQUESTING THE U.S. SENATE TO TAKE "PROMPT AND FAVORABLE"  
ACTION ON THE MARIANAS COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH

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OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES, (HJR 6-119). A SENATE VERSION OF A SIMILAR RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED LAST WEEK IN THE SENATE.

IN A DEBATE LEADING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION, TWO HOUSE MEMBERS OBJECTED TO ITS PASSAGE. THEY ARE REPS. ISIDORO RUDIMCH OF PALAU AND FLOOR LEADER LUKE TMAN OF YAP.

FIRST TO SPEAK EARLIER IN THE DEBATE WAS REP. EDGARD EDWARDS OF PONAPE, WHO EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION "BECAUSE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

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HAS BEEN TOLD FROM TIME TO TIME NOT TO MEDDLE" WITH THE MARIANAS SITUATION.

MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN HERMAN R. GUERRERO STRONGLY URGED THE HOUSE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. "WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR THE BLESSING OF THIS CONGRESS. WE'RE JUST ASKING FOR ENDORSEMENT." GUERRERO THEN ADDED THAT EVEN IF THE U.S. SENATE REJECTS THE MARIANAS COVENANT, THE MARIANAS WILL STILL NOT JOIN THE REST OF MICRONESIA.

ANOTHER MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN, REP. OSCAR C. RASA PLEADED STRONGLY TO HAVE THE RESOLUTION PASSED. HE BEGAN HIS STATEMENT BY SAYING THAT TRUK REP. RAYMOND SETIK, IN A STATEMENT BEFORE CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE U.S. CONGRESS, SAID THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LEADERSHIP "IS READY AND WILLING TO ASSIST" IN THE DESIRE OF THE MARIANAS PEOPLE FOR A SEPARATE GOVERNMENT. "THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO AT THIS CONGRESS BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS HAVE MANIFESTED A DESIRE WHICH I THINK HAS CERTAIN SHORTCOMINGS," RASA ASSERTED. "NOBODY SEEMS TO CARE ABOUT THOSE PROVISIONS (IN THE COVENANT) WHICH I STILL THINK WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MY PEOPLE."

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"BUT IF WE HAVE TO REASSESS THE FEELING OF THE PEOPLE...I WOULD HAVE TO RESORT TO THE LAST REMEDY --- AND THAT IS TO SUPPORT WHAT MY PEOPLE WANT," RASA ARGUED. HE

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SAID ANY ACTION COMING FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SUPPORTING THE DESIRE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS WOULD BE "HIGHLY APPRECIATED AND COMMENDED" BY THE PEOPLE.

RASA CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY INFORMING THE HOUSE THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS NOT POSTPONED ACTION ON THE COVENANT. THEY ARE IN RECESS AT THE MOMENT, HE SAID. ALSO, THERE ARE CERTAIN MATTERS OF "HIGH PRIORITIES" TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS AND AT THE MOMENT, "NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW WHERE THE COVENANT LIES."

FLOOR LEADER LUKE TMAN OF YAP SAID THAT WHILE THE PEOPLE OF YAP RESPECT THE DESIRE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS TO SEEK A SEPARATE STATUS FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA, "WE FEEL THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE A PART OF THAT DECISION MAKING PROCESS FOR SEPARATION OF THE MARIANAS. WE DO NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN THEIR BUSINESS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER."

HE ADDED THAT WHEN THE MARIANAS DECIDED TO HOLD SEPARATE STATUS TALKS WITH THE U.S., NUMEROUS ANNOUNCEMENTS "INCLUDING

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RESOLUTIONS BY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE" INDICATED TO THE CONGRESS THAT "WE HAD NO BUSINESS TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR NEGOTIATIONS..."

"SO IT WOULD SEEM QUITE PARADOXICAL AT THIS POINT IN TIME FOR THIS CONGRESS TO ENDORSE THE PASSAGE OF THIS COVENANT," DECLARED TMAN. HE THEN ASKED TO LEAVE THE HOUSE CHAMBER BECAUSE HE DID NOT WISH TO "VIOLATE THE TRUST THE PEOPLE OF YAP DISTRICT" GAVE HIM TO REPRESENT THEIR INTEREST IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO WORK FOR UNITY.

THE OTHER OPPONENT OF THE RESOLUTION, REP. ISIDORO RUDIMCH REMARKED: "THE MOVEMENT THAT THE MARIANAS HAD CHOSEN ALMOST KNOCKED OUT THE LIGHT OF HOPE OF UNITY FOR MICRONESIA." HE ALSO SAID THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE HAD "CONDEMNED" THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA "FOR INJECTING ITSELF INTO THE ISSUES OF THE COVENANT."

"THE BEST THING WE COULD DO AS AN OFFICIAL VOICE IN MICRONESIA IS TO REFRAIN AT THIS POINT FROM ANY INDICATION AS TO WHETHER (THE CONGRESS IS) PRO OR AGAINST THE COVENANT," RUDIMCH ASSERTED.

"IT IS MY ADVICE THAT THIS HOUSE NOT VOTE ON THAT

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RESOLUTION AND RETAIN THAT SILENCE AND NOT TAKE THE APPROACH OF EXPRESSING ONE WAY OR THE OTHER OVER THE ARGUMENT OF THE COVENANT IN THE FORM OF A RESOLUTION," CONCLUDED RUDIMCH.

ANOTHER PALAUAN CONGRESSMAN, KUNIWO NAKAMURA, TOOK A DIFFERENT VIEW. HE SAID THE MAJORITY OF THE PALAU DELEGATION ENDORSES THE MOVEMENT OF THE MARIANAS. "ANY ACTION ON THE PART OF THE CONGRESS AT THIS TIME IN TRYING TO KEEP THE MARIANAS FROM THE REST OF THE DISTRICTS WILL BE MEANINGLESS."

"WE SHOULD GIVE THEM SUPPORT," THE PALAU CONGRESSMAN ARGUED. "IF THE CONGRESS WAS REALLY SINCERE IN KEEPING THE MARIANAS WITH THE REST OF THE DISTRICTS, THEN WHY DIDN'T WE COME FORWARD AND VOICE OUR OPINION IN OPPOSITION TO A SEPARATE MOVEMENT? WE HAVE BEEN SILENT. AND SILENCE MEANS CONCURRENCE."

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AND WILL NOW BE TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER STUDY.

(BASILIUS TO CHALLENGE SALTII FOR SENATE SEAT)

KORDR, FEBRUARY 11 (MNS)---PALAU SENIOR CONGRESSMAN POLYCARP BASILIUS HAS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY THAT HE WILL RUN 06 AGAINST INCUMENT SENATOR LAZARUS SALTII FOR THE SENATE

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SEAT THIS COMING CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER.

CONGRESSMAN BASILIUS CONFIRMED ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK, THE ARTICLE CARRIED IN THE PALAU WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, TIA BELAU, IN WHICH HE SAID: "I AM INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE SENATE SEAT."

ACCORDING TO TIA BELAU, CONGRESSMAN BASILIUS SAID THAT HE IS TOTALLY AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUPER PORT IN PALAU AND ALSO THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.

LAST SEPTEMBER, PALAU CONGRESSMEN ISIDORO RUDIMCH, KUNIWO NAKAMURA AND BASILIUS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO OUST SENATOR SALTII FROM THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL

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CONVENTION AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA JOINT COMMITTEE  
ON FUTURE STATUS OF WHICH SALIT IS THE CHAIRMAN,  
(SHIPPING LINE TO LINK IT WITH SOUTH PACIFIC)  
SAIPAN, FEB. 11 (MNS)---A MICRONESIAN-OWNED SHIPPING  
COMPANY WILL SOON LINK THE TRUST TERRITORY WITH THE SOUTH  
PACIFIC, ACCORDING TO A FRONT PAGE STORY OF THE MARIANAS  
WEEKLY, ONE OF SAIPAN'S WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS.

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      CALLED OCEANIA LINES, INC., THE NEW SAIPAN-BASED  
COMPANY WILL LINK THE MARIANAY, TRUK, YAP, PALAU, PONAPE  
AND KUSAIE, WITH KEY MARKET AREAS IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS  
AND AUSTRALIA.

      THE PLAN WAS APPROVED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT  
IN JANUARY, THE WEEKLY STORY STATED. THE LINE IS WHOLLY-OWNED  
BY FIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS HEADED BY A SAIPAN ATTORNEY, EDWARD  
PANGELINAN.

      IN A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO THE TT RECENTLY, PANGELINAN

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      SAID NEW MARKET AREAS EXIST "VERY CLOSE" TO MICRONESIA IN  
THE SOLOMONS AND THAT RICE, MEAT AND VEGETABLES CAN BE  
IMPORTED AT PRICES "MUCH LOWER THAN PRESENTLY EXPERIENCED."

      A CONSULTANT FOR OCEANIA LINE, JOHN ROBINSON, TRAVELED  
TO THE SOLOMONS WHERE HE FINALIZED NEGOTIATIONS WITH  
COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT INTERESTS THERE. ROBINSON SAID  
THE "NUMBER ONE PRIORITY FOR THE COMPANY WILL BE A REGULAR  
SCHEDULE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MARCH OR EARLY APRIL."

      PANGELINAN'S PROPOSAL ALSO INDICATED THE LINE WILL  
PROVIDE A "STEADY AND REGULAR DELIVERY OF COPRA" FROM THE  
SOUTH PACIFIC AND OTHER POINTS IN MICRONESIA TO THE NEW  
COPRA MILL IN PALAU DISTRICT.

      THE ONLY SHIPPING LINE NOW SERVING MICRONESIA FROM THE  
SOUTH PACIFIC IS NAURU PACIFIC LINES, A FOREIGN OWNED AND  
OPERATED CARRIER.

      (EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ASK HANDICAPPED YOUTH INFORMATION)

      SAIPAN, FEB. 11 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION, IS COORDINATING THE  
COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS ON PHYSICAL, VISION, HEARING,  
SPEECH, BEHAVIOR, DEVELOPMENTAL, ACADEMIC AND ANCILLARY

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      PROBLEMS ON CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE  
WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING HANDICAPPED.

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THE INFORMATION GATHERED WILL BE USED FOR IDENTIFYING CHILDREN NEEDING DIAGNOSTIC WORK-UPS, SCHEDULING OF SUCH ACTIVITY AND ALSO FOR STATISTICAL REPORTING. THE INFORMATION WILL BE SOUGHT FROM SCHOOL TEACHERS, PARENTS AND PRIESTS, DISPENSARY NURSES, LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS, HEADSTART AGENCIES, ETC.

THE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL CHILD WILL NOT BE MAINTAINED BEYOND THE LOCAL DISTRICT LEVEL AND WILL NOT BE HELD BY ANY TRUST TERRITORY-WIDE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY. THE INFORMATION ON DATA ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED WILL INCLUDE SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS REQUIRING DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION, RESULT OF EVALUATION AND/OR EDUCATION SERVICES. THESE INFORMATION WILL FILED IN DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S OFFICE AND THE COORDINATOR HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INSURING CONFIDENTIALITY OF THIS INFORMATION.

IT IS REQUIRED THAT THESE DATA BE DESTROYED FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF SPECIAL SERVICES TO THE CHILD. PARENTS

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WILL BE NOTIFIED AND ASKED TO CONSENT TO THE ENTRANCE AND DESTRUCTION OF ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE DATA IN THIS COLLECTION. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE TRUST TERRITORY SEARCH FOR HANDICAPPED, OR REGARDING THE LOCAL PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT: MR. ELSA THOMAS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HEADQUARTERS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950.

(BILLS INTRODUCED ON THE 31ST DAY AT THE COM)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 11 (MNS)---SIXTEEN MORE BILLS WERE OFFERED IN BOTH HOUSES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WEDNESDAY; TEN IN THE SENATE AND SIX IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

OF THE SIXTEEN BILLS, ELEVEN WERE APPROPRIATION MEASURES OF: \$300,000 TO PROVIDE REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE FEDERALLY FUNDED TERRITORY-RQNVQVRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD, (SB 6-342) ALSO INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE (HB 6-529); \$34,000 FOR THE OPERATING AND CONTINGENT

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EXPENSES OF THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSION, (SB 6-343);

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(ALSO OFFERED IN THE HOUSE); \$300,000 TO DEFRAY INCREASES IN MEDICAL REFERRAL COSTS (SB 6-344) AND (HB 6-518); \$5,800 TO SUPPLEMENT THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER PL 6-42 FOR THE PONAPE HOUSING AUTHORITY; (SB 6-345) AND (HB 6-521); \$1,200,000 FOR THE VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE MARIANAS (SB 6-347); \$250,000 FOR THE REHABILITATION AND PAVING THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ROADS ON SAIPAN, TINIAN AND ROTA (SB 6-347); AND \$410,000 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND REALIGNMENT OF ROADS AND FOR GRANT-IN-AID TO PONAPE (HB 6-523).

THE OTHER BILLS WOULD: PROVIDE FOR PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE, (SB 6-350); PROMOTE SAFE BOATING (SB 6-349); ENCOURAGE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN MICRONESIA, (SB 6-348); PROVIDE FOR FEES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, (SB 6-346); AND REQUIRE ALL EMPLOYERS OF THE TT TO GRANT 30 DAYS MATERNITY LEAVE WITH PAY, (SB 6-522).

FIVE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED: URGING THE HICOM AND THE TT PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICER, AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE FUNDING IS PROGRAMMED FOR THE TRANSITION OF DISTRICT RADIO STATIONS TO A TRANSMITTING POWER OF 10,000 WATTS, (SJR 6-90); REQUESTING

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THE US CONGRESS TO AMEND THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS ACT OF 1971, SO THAT WAR DAMAGE CLAIMANTS MAY EXECUTE RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO U.S. AND JAPAN ONLY UPON FULL PAYMENT OF MERITORIOUS CLAIMS. (SJR 6-91); AUTHORIZING THE HOUSE SPEAKER AND SENATE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO UTILIZE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND HIS STAFF ATTORNEYS AND OR ENGAGE PRIVATE COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA OR THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN NULLIFYING AND RESCINDING THE AMENDMENT TO SECRETARIAL ORDER 2918 DATED DECEMBER 9, 1975, WHEREBY LEGISLATIVE BODIES IN THE TT MAY NOT LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES ON U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND THEIR CONTRACTORS, (HJR 6-173); REQUESTING THE REPATRIATION OF CERTAIN TAIWANESE FISHERMEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC

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OF CHINA (HJR 6-172); AND AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING THE FORMER STAFF ATTORNEYS OF THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO REVIEW AND ANALYZE THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE INFORMATION AND USE OF THE PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES, (HJR 6-171).

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