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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC. ISL. MONTHLY  
(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS; THIS IS THE SECOND MNS  
DISPATCH FOR FEBRUARY 13, (MNS)---THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF  
MICRONESIA HELD A LATE AFTERNOON SESSION FRIDAY (FEB. 13)  
PASSING SEVEN BILLS ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. INCLUDED IN  
THIS TOTAL ARE THREE HOUSE MEASURES DEALING WITH APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.  
PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND SENT BACK TO HOUSE

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WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS WERE APPROPRIATION MEASURES, OF: \$368,614  
FOR THE OPERATING AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE,  
(HR 6-358); \$614,496 FOR THE OPERATING AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S OFFICE, (HB 6-359); AND \$779,600.  
FOR THE OPERATING AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, (HB6-357).

THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, HEADED BY PONAPE SENATOR  
BAILEY OLTER, RECOMMENDED THAT THE FUNDS FOR THE OFFICE OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BE REDUCED FROM \$721,600 AS RECOMMENDED  
BY THE HOUSE TO \$614,469.

A NEW STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION WAS DELETED AND ONE OF THE  
EXISTING STAFF ATTORNEY POSITIONS WILL BE ELIMINATED. MICHEAL  
A. WHITE IS RESIGNING IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR AND HIS POSITION  
WILL NOT BE CONTINUED AFTER HIS RESIGNATION.

ALSO, FUNDS FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE  
APPOINTMENTS, RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS, RESOURCES AND  
DEVELOPMENT, AND MARIANAS TRANSITION AND FUTURE STATUS WERE  
CUT. "SINCE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S OFFICE WILL NOT HAVE  
TO STAFF THESE COMMITTEES, THE WORK LOAD FOR THE OFFICE WILL  
BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED BETWEEN SESSION," ACCORDING TO THE

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COMMITTEE.

THE DEVELOPMENT ECONOMIST POSITION HAS ALSO BEEN ELIMINATED.  
THE COMMITTEE MAINTAINED THAT SINCE THE UNDP DEVELOPMENT

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ECONOMISTS ARE PRESENTLY WORKING WITH THE CONGRESS, THERE IS NO NEED TO HIRE ANOTHER PERSON TO DO THE SAME WORK.

BY A VOTE OF 7-3, THE SENATE OKFICE. SENATORS LAZARUS SAIIT OF PALAU, JOHN MANGEFEL OF YAP, AND WILFRED KENDALL OF THE MARSHALLS VOTED AGAINST THE BILL.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED THAT \$397,903 BE APPROPRIATED TO FUND THE OFFICE. THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, HOWEVER, REDUCED THAT AMOUNT TO \$368,612.

THE AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON RANGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS HAS BEEN ELIMINATED.

CHAIRMAN BY MARIANAS SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA, THE COMMITTEE, HAS "ACCOMPLISHED ITS MANDATE AND HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB OF ASISTING THE PEOPLE OF THESE TWO ATOLLS," THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE STATED IN ITS REPORT.

"THIS IS A TASK THAT IS THE FUNCTION OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE RATHER THAN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIAN SINCE

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THE ISSUES INVOLVES ONLY PEOPLE FROM THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT," OLTER'S COMMITTEE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO MADE FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN THE HOUSE OPERATING BUDGET BILL, (HB6-357). FUNDS WERE ELIMINATED FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON MARIANAS TRANSITION.

"...THE CONGRESS SHOULD REFRAIN FROM MAKING MAJOR COMMITMENTS TO DEVELOP PROJECTS" UNTIL THE UNDP EXPERTS WORKING ON THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMPLETES ITS PROJECT, THE COMMITTEE DECLARED.

AMONG THE FOUR SENATE MEASURES THAT WERE APPROVED WAS A BILL TO REQUIRE OPEN MEETINGS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (SB 6-132). ACCORDING TO THE REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS CHAIRED BY PALAU SENATOR LAZARUS SAIIT, THE BILL DEALS WITH ONE OF THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF ADMINISTRATION OF A DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE BRANCH: THE REGULATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, WHICH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY PUBLIC LAW 5-86; THE AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS TO THE PUBLIC, WHICH THE CONGRESS ENACTED AS SENATE BILL 6-142, BUT WAS VETOED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR MINOR

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AMENDMENTS; AND THE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BILL.

THE ADMINISTRATION WAS REPRESENTED AT THE PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. "WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION TAKES NO ISSUE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS THAT GOVERNMENT BUSINESS BE TRANSACTED IN AN OPEN AND PUBLIC MANNER," THE COMMITTEE STATED IN ITS REPORT.

THE REMAINING THREE SENATE MEASURES THAT WERE APPROVED WOULD: PROVIDE THAT ALL FINES COLLECTED AS A RESULT OF 20 CONVICTION OF VIOLATIONS

WHICH DEALS WITH UNLAWFUL ENTRY INTO

CONVICTION OF VIOLATIONS WHICH DEALS WITH UNLAWFUL ENTRY INTO TERRITORIAL WATERS AN UNLAWFUL HARVESTING OF MARINE RESOURCES AND SCRAP IRON, SHALL BE DEPOSITED TO THE CREDIT OF THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITY LOAN FUND OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH SUCH FINE IS IMPOSED, (SB 6-12); REQUIRE ALL LAND SURVEYS TAKEN AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE DATE OF THE ACT TO CONFORM TO THE LAND PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM PROMULGATED BY REGULATIONS OF THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS, AND REQUIRE ALL SURVEY PLATS DRAWN AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ACT TO BE FILED WITH THE DISTRICT LAND COMMISSION

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AND THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS, (SB 6-218); AND PROVIDE THAT THE FEES PAID FOR THE PREPARATION OF COURT TRANSCRIPTS SHALL BE PAID TO THE COURT REPORTER OR OTHER PERSONS PREPARING THE TRANSCRIPT, AND INCREASE THE AMOUNT CHARGED FOR THE PREPARATION OF SUCH TRANSCRIPTS, (SB 6-230).

TWO BILLS WERE OFFERED FRIDAY AFTERNOON. THEY WOULD: DECLARE CERTAIN MATTERS PUBLIC RECORDS, AND PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SAME, (SB 6-357); AND A NATURALIZATION MEASURE, (SB6-357).

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WHEREBY THE CONGRESS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE

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LEGALLY AND FINANCIALLY TO ABSORB COST OVERRUNS IN CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES AND OTHER RELATED COSTS RESULTING FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPECIAL REMOTE HOUSING PROGRAM IN THE TT, (SJR 6-92) WAS OFFERED.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF THE CONGRESS SESSION ON MARCH 1, THERE IS LIKELY TO BE A NUMBER OF MNS RELEASES AT ODD TIMES, WE WILL TRY TO KEEP YOU ADVISED ON WHEN TO EXPECT THEM).

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