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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC ISL MONTHLY.  
(HOUSE SENDS TWO MORE BILLS TO HICOM)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 22 (MNS)---TWO MORE BILLS ARE ON THEIR  
WAY TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AS A RESULT OF CONGRESSIONAL  
ACTION SUNDAY (FEB. 22). ACTION ON THE BILLS CAME WHEN THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THEM.  
THE BILLS WOULD: PREVENT THE RENOMINATION OF PERSONS

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WHOSE NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY THE CONGRESS OF  
MICRONESIA IN EXERCISE OF ITS ADVICE AND CONSENT POWER,  
IF SUCH RENOMINATION IS SUBMITTED TO THE SAME CONGRESS,  
(SB 6-129); AND CLARIFY THE FUTURE FUNDING OF THE OPERATING  
EXPENSES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE, (SB 6-307).

CONCERNING SENATE BILL 129, THE ADMINISTRATION'S  
WITNESSES, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL  
OBJECTED TO PASSAGE OF THE BILL, SAYING IT WOULD "LIMIT THE  
PREROGATIVE" OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO RESUBMIT NAMES AND  
THAT THE BILL IS "IMPROPER INTERFERENCE WITH THE EXECUTIVE  
BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT."

THE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEADED  
BY POLYCARP BASILIUS OF PALAU SAID THEY DISAGREED WITH THE  
ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION. IF THE NOMINEE IS REJECTED BY THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS, THE HIGH  
COMMISSIONER SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO "STRONG ARM" THE  
CONGRESS INTO APPROVING THE NOMINEE.

"SUCH TACTICS ATTACK THE INTEGRITY OF THE CONGRESS AND  
THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS," ACCORDING  
TO THE COMMITTEE.

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FURTHER, IF THE CONGRESS REJECTS A NOMINATION, THE  
HIGH COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE PREVENTED FROM RESUBMITTING THE  
SAME NOMINEE TO THE SAME COMMITTEE MAINTAINED.

THE HOUSE ALSO PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND  
SENT TO THE SENATE FOUR BILLS WHICH WOULD: AMEND CERTAIN

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SECTIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 5-7 RELATING TO SURVIVOR BENEFITS, (HB 6-457); CREATE A DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, REMOVING THE REVENUE DIVISION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, (HB 6-400); AND PROVIDE PRIOR SERVICE CREDIT FOR ALL ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES HAVING BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT FOR FIVE YEARS AND INCREASE THE BENEFITS FOR ALL ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES TO \$10 PER MONTH, (HB 6-456).

THE LATTER BILL PROMPTED FLOOR DEBATE. MARIANAS REP. HERMAN R. GUERRERO OFFERED AN AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE THE PRIVATE SECTOR UNDER THE BILL. GUERRERO CALLED THE MEASURE IN ITS PRESENT FORM "UNFAIR" BECAUSE PRIVATE EMPLOYEES ARE ALSO PAYING TAXES.

A SHORT RECESS WAS THEN DECLARED. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE, ONE OF THE CONGRESS STAFF ATTORNEYS, AND FLOOR LEADER LUKE TMAN HUDDLED WITH GUERRERO AND DISCUSSED

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THE AMENDMENT.

TMAN THEN TOLD THE HOUSE THAT IN ORDER TO ACCOMODATE THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE CONGRESS SHOULD COME UP WITH NEW LEGISLATION.

AN ATTEMPT WAS THEN MADE TO POSTPONE ACTION ON THE BILL. THAT MOTION DID NOT PASS. THE BILL WAS THEN PASSED WITHOUT GUERRERO'S AMENDMENT WITH REPS. EDGAR EDWARDS OF PONAPE AND SASAUO HARUO OF TRUK VOTING AGAINST.

TWO JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED. THEY ARE: ONE, REQUESTING THE URGENT REPATRIATION OF CERTAIN TAIWANESE FISHERMEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA; (HJR 6-172); AND THE OTHER, WELCOMING THE UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION TO MICRONESIA, (SJR 6-104).  
(BIRTHDAYS RESOLUTION ADOPTED)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 22 (MNS)---THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ADOPTED A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FIVE OF ITS MEMBERS ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS WHICH FALL WITHIN THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SUNDAY (HR 6-28).

THE RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY REP. RESIO MOSES OF PONAPE, PLACED ON THE RESOLUTION CALENDAR, AND ADOPTED AMIDST COMPLAINS

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FROM SOME MEMBERS THAT THE RESOLUTION SHOULD BE REFERRED TO  
A PROPER COMMITTEE FOR A HEARING.

THE FIVE MEMBERS ARE: REPS. JOAB SIGRAH AND EDGAR EDWARDS  
OF PONAPE; POLYCARP BASILIUS OF PALAU; LAMBERT AAFIN OF TRUK;  
AND LUKE TMAN OF YAP.

REP. SIGRAH SUGGESTED THAT SINCE THE RESOLUTION DEALS  
WITH "SOCIAL MATTERS" IT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL MATTERS WHICH HE CHAIRS FOR STUDY. HIS  
MOTION TO THAT EFFECT DID NOT PASS.

ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION, THE AFOREMENTIONED MEMBERS  
WERE BORN "NOT NECESSARILY BY DESIGN BUT BY ACCIDENT WITHIN  
THIS PERIOD" AND THAT IT IS "MOST APPROPRIATE" TO CONGRATULATE  
THE MEMBERS "SINCERELY, DIPLOMATICALLY OR OTHERWISE;" THE  
RESOLUTION STATED:

"WHEREAS, CONGRESSMAN JOAB SIGRAH OF PONAPE, KNOWN AS  
THE 'GEORGE WASHINGTON' OF KUSAIE, WAS BORN ON JANUARY 17; AND

"WHEREAS, CONGRESSMAN LUKE M. TMAN OF YAP, KNOWN FOR HIS  
PARLIAMENTARY GYMNASTICS WAS BORN ON JANUARY 18; AND

"WHEREAS, CONGRESSMAN POLYCARP BASILIUS OF PALAU, KNOWN  
FOR THE HIRSUTE REGION BETWEEN HIS UPPER LABIAL AND OLFATORY

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ORGAN WHICH HE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZES TO BEMUSE WITNESSES AT  
HEARINGS, WAS BORN ON JANUARY 18; AND

"WHEREAS, CONGRESSMAN LAMBERT AAFIN OF TRUK, KNOWN FOR  
HIS POINTS OF ORDER AND INFORMATION, AND EVERLASTING CONCERN  
FOR SEA TRANSPORTATION IN MICRONESIA, WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 17; AND

"WHEREAS, CONGRESSMAN EDGAR EDWARDS OF PONAPE, KNOWN FOR  
HIS FRIENDLINESS AND INFORMALITY OF DRESS FROM HIS HEAD TO THE  
TIPS OF HIS JAPANESE ZORIES, WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 16."

THE RESOLUTION DIRECTS THE CHIEF CLERK TO CONGRATULATE  
THE MEMBERS WITH A HANDSHAKE AND BE FOLLOWED BY THE SPEAKER  
AND EXTEND THE SAME GESTURE TO THOSE MEMBERS WHOSE BIRTHDAYS  
FALL OUTSIDE THE REGULAR SESSION OF THIS CONGRESS. FURTHER,  
CONGRATULATIONS SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO EVERY PAST, PRESENT, AND  
FUTURE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR HIS BIRTHDAY  
"IRRESPECTIVE OF DATE."

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(BILLS OFFERED SUNDAY)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 22 (MNS)---FOUR BILLS AND TWO RESOLUTIONS  
WERE OFFERED SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

THE BILLS INCLUDE TWO APPROPRIATION MEASURES, OF: \$132,000

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CNO WASHINGTON DC  
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CINCPACAF HICKAM AFB HI  
CGFMFPAC CAMP H M SMITH HI  
CGMSUBPAC PEARL HARBOR HI  
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FINAL SECTION OF 02  
FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS IN KUSAIE, (HB 6-548); AND \$100,000

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TO COVER THE COST OF CERTAIN PROJECTS AND OPERATIONAL COST OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE SUBDISTRICT OF WOLEAI ATOLL, YAP DISTRICT, (HB 6-549).

THE OTHER BILLS WERE TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TT CODE RELATING TO ELECTION, (HB 6-550); PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HOLD THEIR POSITIONS FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS, AFTER WHICH THE POSITION SHALL BE OPENED FOR NEW APPLICATIONS AND RECRUITMENT BY

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ADVERTISEMENT, (HB 6-551).

THE RESOLUTIONS WOULD: REQUEST THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CALL A SPECIAL SESSION PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF THE SEVENTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND REQUESTING THAT THE TIME, VENUE AND ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE SESSION BE DETERMINED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA PRESIDING OFFICERS, (HJR 6-185); AND CONGRATULATE CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS WHICH FALL WITHIN THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, (HR 6-29). (SEE PRECEDING STORY).

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