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(U.S. CONGRESS APPROVES COVENANT)

WASHINGTON, FEB. 25 (MNS)--THE U.S. SENATE WEDNESDAY (SAIPAN TIME) VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH COVENANT TO JOIN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT WITH THE UNITED STATES IN A PERMANENT POLITICAL UNION, ACCORDING TO WORD RECEIVED ON SAIPAN.

THE COVENANT IS EXPECTED TO GO TO A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE WHERE MEMBERS FROM BOTH HOUSES OF THE U.S. CONGRESS WILL DISCUSS THE DELETION OF THE WAR CLAIMS AND FEDERAL FUNDS SECTION WHICH WERE ATTACHED AS RIDERS TO THE COVENANT. THE SENATE DECIDED THAT THESE TWO SECTIONS SHOULD BE IN A SEPARATE BILL.

A SECRETARIAL ORDER SEPARATING THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVELY FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA IS EXPECTED SOON.

FOLLOWING THE SENATE'S APPROVAL OF THE COVENANT, AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MARIANAS AND MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"TODAY MARKS THE END OF A LONG ROAD FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANAS--A ROAD THEY STARTED DOWN MORE THAN A QUARTER CENTURY AGO--A ROAD LEADING TO SELF-DETERMINATION--TO AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP AND TO FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN FAMILY.

"THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES THIS AFTERNOON AFTER HOURS OF DEBATE DEFEATED THE BYRD-PELL-HART AMENDMENT DECISIVELY AND THEN JOINED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN APPROVING THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH COVENANT BY AN OVERWHELMING MARGIN OF 67 TO 22.

"I OFFER MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS AND WISH THEM WELL AS THEY BEGIN NOW TO PREPARE FOR THEIR OWN SELF-GOVERNMENT UNDER A CONSTITUTION OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING.

"I CONGRATULATE YOU THE LEADERS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS OF BOTH PARTIES, CHAMORROS AND CAROLINIANS, ALIKE, WHO HAVE WORKED SO LONG AND SO HARD FOR HIS DAY. IT IS INDEED A DAY TO CELEBRATE--A DAY TO LONG REMEMBER IN THE HISTORY OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS AND IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

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AT A MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AND THE MARIANAS DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, IT WAS AGREED THAT A DELEGATION OF TWO MEMBERS, REP. HERMAN R. GUERRERO AND LEGISLATOR JUAN CABRERA MEET WITH THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND WORK OUT PLANS TO OBSERVE THE SIGNING OF THE MARIANAS COVENANT BY THE U.S. PRESIDENT. IT WAS LEARNED THAT A HOLIDAY WILL BE DECLARED ON THE DAY THE PRESIDENT SIGNS THE COVENANT.

ALSO, PLANS WILL BE FINALIZED TO SEND SEVEN ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE TO WASHINGTON TO OBSERVE THE SIGNING OF THE COVENANT. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON THE COVENANT'S APPROVAL BY THE U.S. SENATE WAS DISCUSSED. SENATOR OLYMPIO BORJA AND JUAN CABRERA PLAN TO APPEAR ON TELEVISION AND RADIO TO INFORM THE RESIDENTS OF THE MARIANAS ABOUT THE SENATE ACTION.

PLANS TO INTERGRATE THE MARIANAS DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WITH THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ALSO WERE DISCUSSED. ANOTHER MEETING IS PLANNED TO FURTHER EXPLORE THIS ISSUE.

(PALAU CONGRESSMEN SAY PALAU READY TO SEPARATE)

SAIPAN, FEB. 25 (COM)---PALAU CONGRESSMEN KUNIHO NAKAMURA AND POLYCARP BASILIUS WEDNESDAY (FEB. 25) OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT PALAU "IS PREPARED TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO SEPARATE ITSELF POLITICALLY FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA."

IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE HOUSE, CONGRESSMAN NAKAMURA SAID "PALAU MUST HAVE A GOVERNMENT THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO ITS PEOPLE." HE SAID IT IS HIS OPINION, THE PALAU DELEGATION AND THE PEOPLE OF PALAU "CAN NO LONGER WAIT." HE SAID:

"WE CANNOT SUBJECT OURSELVES TO A FUTURE GOVERNMENT WHERE THE MAJORITY THAT RULES IT IS POLITICALLY AND CULTURALLY MANY MILES AWAY FROM THE ISLANDS AND THE PEOPLE OF PALAU."

HE SAID IT HAS BECOME "APPARENT THAT GOVERNMENT BY COMPROMISE AND GOVERNMENT BY RECONCILIATION WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED IN MICRONESIA, INCLUDING PALAU." NAKAMURA DECLARED:

"IF PALAU ATTEMPTS TO REMAIN IN A PART OF MICRONESIA, (IT) RUNS THE RISK OF FACING ECONOMIC STAGNATION AND RETARDATION." HIS SENIOR PALAUAN COLLEAGUE, CONGRESSMAN POLYCARP BASILIUS

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