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*1. Congress Session Adjourns*

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--EARMARK \$30,000 FOR AGRICULTURAL TRAINING AT THE  
PONAPE AGRICULTURAL AND TRAINING SCHOOL, (HB 6-415);

--APPROPRIATE \$350,000 FOR THE MARSHALL ISLANDS  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE COPRA OIL PROCESSING MILL,  
(HB 6-465);

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AND COMMUNICATIONS TO NEGOTIATE AND COORDINATE WITH THE NONPROFIT CORPORATION KNOWN AS PACIFIC MISSIONARY AVIATION OF THE LIEBENZELL MISSION OF YAP DISTRICT, FOR AN AIR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK WITHIN YAP, TRUK AND PONAPE DISTRICTS, (HB 6-406);

--CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS TO DISTRICT FOREIGN INVESTMENT BOARDS, (HB 6-442);

--REQUIRE ALL EMPLOYERS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY TO

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GRANT 30 DAYS OF MATERNITY LEAVE WITH FULL PAY TO ALL FEMALE EMPLOYEES, (HB 6-522);

--PROVIDE FOR MANDATORY FOREFEITURE OF UNLICENSED FOREIGN VESSELS VIOLATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE TT CODE, (SB 6-158);

--AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM, (SB 6-370);

--APPROPRIATE \$21,000 TO COVER THE COST OF TRANSLATING THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, (SB 6-227);

--EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE BASE SALARY SCHEDULE AND MARKETPLACE DIFFERENTIAL SCHEDULE APPLICABLE TO TT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, (HB 60405);

--APPROPRIATE \$113,000 FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES FOR ONE MORE YEAR, (HB 6-501);

--INCREASE THE INTEREST RATES ON MONEY JUDGEMENTS ENTERED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY COURTS, (HB 6-410);

--AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE TT CODE RELATING TO ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONDUCT

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OF ELECTION FAIR , (HB 6-550);

--EXTEND THE DATE OF LAPSING THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR TRUK DISTRICT PROJECTS UNTIL MARCH 31, 1977 AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL \$51,500 FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE OUTER ISLANDS OF TRUK DISTRICT WHO HAVE SUFFERED DAMAGES

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DUE TO HIGH SEAS, (HB 6-371);

--AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PL 6-71 WHICH PROVIDES THE MANNER BY WHICH THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT MAY ACQUIRE LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, (SB 6-311);

--PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR AUTHORIZING OBLIGATIONS IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY THE U.S. CONGRESS OR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, (SB 6-329);

--APPROPRIATE \$95,000 TO REPAIR THE MS RAN ANNIM, (HB6-360);

--EARMARK \$18,000 AS A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, (SB 6-310);

--AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE TT CODE REGARDING SUITS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, (SB 6-379);

--MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO PL 6-8 REGARDING

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THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION, (HB 6-217);

--DECLARE CERTAIN MATTERS PUBLIC RECORDS AND PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SAME, (SB 6-357);

--AND THE FOLLOWING NATURALIZATIONS BILLS (SB 189, 233, 356, AND HOUSE BILLS 6-31, 409 AND 517).

(RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY CONGRESS)

3. SAIPAN, MAR. 2 (MNS)--THE BILLS WHICH ARE PASSED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA BECOME LAWS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY IF THEY ARE SIGNED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, BUT IT IS FREQUENTLY THROUGH THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS THAT THE REAL SENSE OF THE CONGRESS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES BECOMES KNOWN. IN ITS FINAL HOURS LATE MONDAY AND EARLY TUESDAY, THE LAWMAKERS CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED A GREAT VARIETY OF THESE MEASURES. TWENTY-THREE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY BOTH SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, AS FOLLOWS:

--REQUESTING AIR MICRONESIA TO REVIEW AND REDUCE ITS TARIFFS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, (H.J.R. NO. 6-178)

--REQUESTING THAT PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS, INC. BEGIN SERVICE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY IN COMPETITION WITH

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CONTINENTAL/AIR MICRONESIA, REDUCE ITS TARIFFS AND INCREASE  
ITS PASSENGER CAPACITY AND THE EFFICIENCY OF ITS RESERVATION  
SYSTEM, (HJR NO, 6-193)

--REQUESTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD AND  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO EXPEDITE THE PROMULGATION  
OF RULES REGULATING TOILET FACILITIES AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL;  
REQUESTING VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF THOSE RULES ONCE  
PROMULGATED; AND REQUESTING THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT  
MAKE MONEY AVAILABLE TO CONNECT HOMES EXISTING SEWER  
LINES, (SJR NO. 6-88)

--REQUESTING THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT OF  
THE TRUST TERRITORY TO EXPEDITE COURT PROCEEDINGS AND  
DECISIONS ON PENDING CRIMINAL CASES, (SJR NO. 6-89, SD1)

--REQUESTING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF YAP TO MAKE  
BUILDING MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND TOOLS AVAILABLE TO THE  
PEOPLE OF THE OUTER ISLANDS OF YAP DISTRICT WHO SUFFERED  
DAMAGE FROM SUPER TYPHOON JUNE, (HJR NO. 6-148)

--ENDORING THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT  
OF THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON MARIANAS TRANSITION OF  
THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, (SJR NO. 6-102)

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--DIRECTING THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON RESOURCES AND  
DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING TO STUDY,  
PREPARE, AND FOLLOW UP ON LEGISLATION IN THE UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS FOR THE LIFTING OF TARIFFS ON ESSENTIAL  
MICRONESIAN PRODUCTS, (HJR NO. 6-174)

--REQUESTING VARIOUS OFFICIALS TO TAKE ACTION TO SPGRAD  
TRUST TERRITORY DISTRICT AIRPORT FACILITIES IN ORDER TO  
SAFELY PERMIT NIGHT LANDINGS BY JET AIRCRAFT, (HJR NO. 6-168)

--REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE  
INTERIOR TO DEFINE THE UNITED STATES AND THE DEPARTMENT'S  
GOALS AND EFFORTS IN THE FUTURE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE  
OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, (HJR NO. 6-195)

--REQUESTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATOR OF PALAU DISTRICT TO EXPEDITE THE CONSTRUCTION  
OF THE PALAU DISTRICT COMMUNICATION IN MEYUNGS ISLANDS,

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PALAU DISTRICT, (HR. NO. 6-26)

--URGING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MARSHALLS ISLANDS DISTRICT TO EXPEDITE  
THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF THE LAURA POWER PLANTS  
ON MAJURO, MARSHALLS ISLANDS DISTRICT, (HJR NO. 6-165)

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE ROOM AND BOARD ON THE FULL-TIME BASIS, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO ALL RESIDENT STUDENTS AT PONAPE HIGH SCHOOL, (HJR 6-132)

--REQUESTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SEEK FUNDS FROM VARIOUS UNITED STATES EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO USE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND SCOPE OF THE EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT, (SJR NO. 6-97)

--GRANTING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE CONGRESS OF

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MICRONESIA TO THE NOMINATION OF THE REVEREND BILLY KUARTEI TO THE MICRONESIA BOARD OF EDUCATION, (SJR NO. 6-106)

--PROPOSING THE DATE FOR THE REFERENDUM OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, (SJR NO. 6-116)

--REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO AMEND CERTAIN LAWS IN ORDER TO ALLOW CITIZENS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO ENLIST IN ANY BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, (HJR NO. 6-138)

--APPOINTING WILLIAM R. KLAUS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MICRONESIA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION AND COMMENDING DEAN E. CLINTON BAMBERGER, JR. FOR HIS SERVICES, (SJR NO. 6-114)

--URGING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR GREATER REPRESENTATION BY WOMEN ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE TRUST TERRITORY, (HJR NO. 6-176)

--REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO AMEND THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS ACT OF 1971, TO EXTEND THE

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DEADLINE FOR FILING CLAIMS AND TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION, PERMITTING THE COMMISSION TO PROCESS CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTED OR WHICH WERE CONSTRUCTIVELY FILED WITH THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY PRIOR TO THE FORMATION

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OF THE COMMISSION, (HJR NO. 6-85)

--DECLARING A MORATORIUM THE DELIVERY OF SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE, (HJR NO. 6-129)

--REQUESTING THE RIGHT HONORABLE RATU KAMISESE MARA, PRIME MINISTER OF FIJI, TO GRANT MR. SIMAO NORMAN WILLIAM A PARDON FOR A CERTAIN CRIMINAL ACT COMMITTED IN FIJI AND ALLOW MR. WILLIAM TO RESUME HIS STUDIES AT THE FIJI MEDICAL SCHOOL, (SJR NO. 6-81)

--REQUESTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CALL A SPECIAL SESSION PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTH CONGRESS AND REQUESTING THAT THE TIME, VENUE AND ITEMS ON THE CALL FOR THE SESSION BE DETERMINED UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, (HJR NO. 6-186), AND

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--ENDORING THE BUDGET JUSTIFICATION SUBMITTED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS CONCERNING THE APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977, (SJR NO. 6-111).

(NAKAYAMA, HENRY CLOSING STATEMENTS)

SAIPAN, MARCH 2 (COM)--REP. BETHWEL HANRY, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SAID THE "SUPREME TASK" OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IS TO MAKE A "SINGLE NATION COMPOSED OF MANY ISLANDS."

IN A BRIEF STATEMENT AT THE LATE-NIGHT CLOSE OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS, THE PONAPE CONGRESSMAN SAID:

"IT WILL TAKE GREAT COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO STAND AT THE CROSSROADS AND CHOOSE THE PATH THAT WILL MAKE US A SINGLE NATION COMPOSED OF MANY ISLANDS. THIS, I FEEL, IS THE SUPREME TASK OF THIS CONGRESS."

THE HOUSE SPEAKER NOTED THAT THE END OF THE CURRENT 50-DAY SESSION MARKED THE END OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AS IT HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS.

"BEFORE WE MEET AGAIN, THIS CONGRESS WILL FEEL THE

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FULL EFFECT OF THE DECISION BY THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS TO BECOME A PART OF THE UNITED STATES. IN THIS REGARD," HE SAID, "I SINCERELY WISH ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION FROM THE MARIANA ISLANDS A FOND FAREWELL AND GODSPEED."

THE HOUSE SPEAKER SAID NEXT YEAR THE NEWLY FORMED DISTRICT OF KUSAIE WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

"TO THOSE OF US WHO WILL REMAIN (IN THE CONGRESS), THE TASK OF HELPING TO FIND A COMMON DESTINY FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA STILL LIES AHEAD OF US," HENRY COMMENTED.

IN THE UPPER CHAMBER, THSIWO NAKAYAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF ALL THOSE WHO AIDED IN THE SUCCESS OF THE CONGRESS SESSION. ACKNOWLEDGING THE WORK OF THE MARIANAS, NAKAYAMA SAID, "I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS DELEGATION OF THE SENATE IN PARTICULAR FOR THEIR COOPERATIVE SPIRIT, AND I KNOW WE ALL WISH THEM WELL IN THE DAYS AHEAD."

NAKAYAMA ALSO WISHED HIS FELLOW SENATORS GOOD LUCK

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IN THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. (CONGRESSIONAL COMMENTS NOTE MARIANAS DEPARTURE)

SAIPAN, MARCH 2 (COM)---THE IMPENDING DEPARTURE OF THE MARIANAS FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA WAS THE SUBJECT OF REMARKS BY TWO CONGRESSMAN IN THE CLOSING HOURS OF BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

CONGRESSMAN HERMAN R. GUERRERO GAVE BRIEF REMARKS OF FAREWELL AND ADIOS FROM HIS PEOPLE IN THE MARIANAS. HE SAID:

"THE DIE HAS BEEN CAST FOR THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF OUR ISLANDS, AND ANY DAY NOW, THE COVENANT WILL BE SIGNED BY PRESIDENT FORD..."

GUERRERO SAID THAT WHILE MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE, HE HOPED THAT BOTH THE MARIANAS AND MICRONESIAN

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GOVERNMENTS CAN WORK TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION  
BEFORE THE END OF THE TRUSTEESHIP.

HE SAID THAT AS A FRESHMAN MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, HE APPRECIATED THE "INVALUABLE  
EXPERIENCE WHICH MEMBERSHIP" IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

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"I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT MICRONESIA (LIKE THE MARIANAS) WILL SOON FIND ITS OWN POLITICAL DESTINY. ADIOS AND SI YUUSE MAASE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND UNDERSTANDING. WE'VE ENJOYED WORKING WITH EACH OF YOU."

MARSHALLS REPRESENTATIVES ATAJI BALOS WAS THE OTHER MEMBER TO SPEAK REGARDING THE MARIANAS DEPARTURE FROM MICRONESIA.

"THE DEPARTURE OF OUR FRIENDS FROM THE MARIANAS MEANS

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SADNESS TO ME," SAID BALOS, "SADNESS IN THE SENSE THAT THEY WILL BE LEAVING US AFTER YEARS OF WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF OUR PEOPLE."

BALOS ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE COULD TAKE COMFORT IN THE THOUGHT THE "BROTHERS AND SISTERS" IN THE MARIANAS HAVE REACHED THEIR GOAL WHICH THEY BELIEVE WILL BEST SERVE THEIR NEEDS IN THE FUTURE. HE URGED CONGRESS MEMBERS TO "DISPOSE OF PREVIOUS DISAGREEMENTS AND CONFLICTS" THEY WERE "PART OF THEIR WORK AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR PEOPLE."

"I WISH THEM SUCCESS IN ESTABLISHING THEIR NEW GOVERNMENT," HE CONCLUDED.

(BORJA BIDS COM FAREWELL)

SAIPAN, MARCH 2, (COM)---MARIANAS SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA MONDAY (MARCH 1) DELEVERED FAREWELL REMARKS TO HIS SENATE COLLEAGUES AS THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CONCLUDED ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION.

IN REMARKS BEFORE THE SENATE, SENATOR BORJA SAID IT WAS BOTH WITH "EXCITEMENT" AND "REGRET" THAT HE ADDRESSED HIS COLLEAGUES FOR IT HAD DAWNED UPON HIM THAT WHEN THE NEXT SESSION CONVENES, HE WILL "NO LONGER BE A

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MEMBER OF THE " CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT HE WOULD MISS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE NEXT SESSION; BUT, FUTURE HOLDS FOR THE MARIANAS UNDER A NEW POLITICAL STATUS ARRANGEMENT.

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BORJA SAID HIS PEOPLE HAVE SINCERELY WANTED TO BECOME A PART OF THE UNITED STATE'S "POLITICAL FAMILY." HE NOTED TOO THAT THERE IS "GREAT CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE UNITY OF MICRONESIA." HE SAID:

"I AM CERTAIN THAT NO MEMBER OF THIS AUGUST BODY WOULD WISH TO SEE HIS FELLOW MICRONESIANS LANGUISH UNDER A POLITICAL STATUS ARRANGEMENT WHICH DOES NOT REPRESENT THEIR REAL DESIRES."

THE MARIANAS SENATOR SAID HIS DISTRICT SUPPORTS FUTURE STATUS DESIRES FOR THE REST OF MICRONESIA WHICH HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY MENTIONED AND IS A MATTER OF RECORD. HE SAID HE PERSONALLY SUBSCRIBES TO SUCH "CONTINUED COOPERATION AND JOINT ENDEAVORS IN THE TASK OF ADVANCING THE WELL-BEING OF ALL OF OUR PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL STATUS..."

BORJA EXTENDED TO THE REST OF MICRONESIA THE "HOPE

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AND EXPECTATION THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY AND HARMONIOUSLY TOGETHER." HE SAID HE HOPED THAT BEFORE THE TRUSTEESHIP IS ENDED, THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF THE MARIANAS AND THE TT GOVERNMENT CAN "COOPERATE" ON A WIDE RANGE OF IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF ALL CONCERNED.

SPEAKING ABOUT HIS TENURE IN CONGRESS AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IT HAS ACHIEVED, SUCH AS THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, ETC., BORJA SAID THOSE EVENTS "WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD MAKING MICRONESIA AND THE MARIANAS VIABLE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ENTITIES."

THE MARIANAS SENATOR ALSO MADE MENTION OF SOME OF THE MAJOR ISSUES CONSIDERED DURING THIS SESSION OF THE CONGRESS: A NEW INCOME TAX MEASURE, AND CREATION OF A WASHINGTON OFFICE, AMONG OTHERS.

BORJA NOTED THAT DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN THE PAST YEARS, THOSE DIFFERENCES "HAVE MADE OUR WORK NOT ONLY CHALLENGING, BUT INTERESTING." HE SAID HE TAKES PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT NO PERSON COULD CALL THE CONGRESS OF

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MICRONESIA A "RUBBER STAMP." HE DECLARED:

"IF ANYTHING, WE HAVE BEEN A MAJOR FORCE FOR THE INTERESTS AND FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA."

SENATOR BORJA SAID HE HAS BEEN A "VERY PROUD MEMBER OF THE SENATE WHICH HAS ALWAYS WORKED SMOOTHLY AND EFFICIENTLY UNDER THE ABLE DIRECTION OF THE SENATE LEADERSHIP, BOTH PRESENT AND PAST."

BORJA WISHED SUCCESS FOR THOSE OF HIS COLLEAGUES WHO ARE UP FOR RE-ELECTION THIS COMING NOVEMBER. HE TOLD HIS COLLEAGUES THAT AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THEIR PEOPLE, "YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE ON SAIPAN, AND I WILL ALWAYS HAVE A SINCERE AND ABIDING INTEREST IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS."

"WITH MIXED EMOTIONS," BORJA CONCLUDED, "I NOW BID YOU ALL FAREWELL AND GODSPEED, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN HERE ON SAIPAN, OR SOMEWHERE IN MICRONESIA, KOM KMAL MESAUL, KOMOL TATA, KALANGAN LAPALAP, KINISOU CHAPUR, KAM MAGAR GAD, KLO MALALAP, AND SI YUUS MAASE."

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