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1. Sablan signs new status Com. Bill (PL. 6-87)
2. Nitixla studios Con Con Bill
3. Conover hired as AAG

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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC. ISL. MONTHLY
(SABLAN INKS NEW POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION BILL)

SAIPAN, APRIL 7 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
JUAN A. SABLAN SIGNED INTO LAW WEDNESDAY (APRIL 7) A BILL TO
ESTABLISH A COMMISSION ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND
TRANSITION, (SR 6-267). SABLAN SIGNED THE BILL IN HIS CAPACITY
AS ACTING DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER, DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER

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PETER T. COLFMAN IS STILL IN PALAU DISTRICT AND IS EXPECTED TO
RETURN TO SAIPAN THIS WEEK.

THE BILL, WHICH BECAME PUBLIC LAW 6-87, WILL ALSO APPROPRIATE
\$100,000 TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE NEW STATUS COMMISSION.
THE NEW COMMISSION WILL REPLACE THE FORMER JOINT COMMITTEE ON
FUTURE STATUS OF CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WHICH WAS HEADED
BY PALAU SENATOR LAZARUS SALII SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1970.

THE NEW STATUS COMMISSION WILL CONSIST OF 11 MEMBERS TO
SERVE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM. INITIAL APPOINTMENTS MUST BE MADE
NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE BILL.

THE MEMBERS WILL CONSIST OF FIVE FROM THE CONGRESS OF
MICRONESIA REPRESENTING ALL THE DISTRICTS EXCEPT THE MARIANAS
ISLANDS TO BE APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; ONE MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE FIVE
ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT TO BE APPOINTED BY RESOLUTION OF THE
RESPECTIVE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES AND ONE MEMBER FROM KUSAIE TO
BE APPOINTED BY THE KUSAIE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

INITIAL APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE TRANSMITTED IN WRITING TO
THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA,
SEN. LAZARUS SALII OF PALAU. ALL SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENT OF

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MEMBERS SHALL BE TRANSMITTED IN WRITING TO THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE COMMISSION.

UNDER THE "SPECIAL PROVISIONS" SECTION OF THE BILL, AN
ADDITIONAL MEMBER FROM KUSAIE ISLAND WILL BE APPOINTED FROM
THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS NO LATER

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THAN TEN DAYS AFTER THE SEVENTH CONGRESS, FIRST REGULAR SESSION IN JANUARY OF 1977 BEGINS. AFTER JAN. 1, 1977, THE KUSAIE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE MAY "REVOKE OR REAFFIRM" THE APPOINTMENT MADE BY THE KUSAIE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, THEREBY MAKING THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION 12.

ACCORDING TO THE LAW, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONVENE ITS FIRST MEETING NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE BILL IS SIGNED INTO LAW. THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL ACT AS A TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION UNTIL A CHAIRMAN HAS BEEN ELECTED BY AND FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

AT ITS FIRST MEETING, THE COMMISSION SHALL DIVIDE ITSELF INTO TWO COMMITTEES, THE COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSITION AND SHALL PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. TWO THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE FUTURE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA RELATING TO:

- A GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE FOR THE NEW NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA UNDER THE CONSTITUTION;
- LEGISLATION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSTITUTION;
- LEGISLATION REQUIRED WHEN EXISTING LAWS ARE FOUND TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION;
- TERMS AND TIMETABLES, IN AREAS NOT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR THE CONSTITUTION, FOR TRANSITION FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA;
- PROCEDURE FOR AN EQUITABLE REALLOCATION OF GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY;
- RELOCATION OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL;
- EQUITABLE DIVISION, IF NECESSARY, OF ASSETS IN THE SOCIAL SECURITY FUND, COPRA STABILIZATION FUND, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND, AND OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS;
- GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE PRESENT AND FUTURE NEED FOR EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES; AND THE

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PRIORITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CITIZENS MANPOWER, INCLUDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR NEW PUBLIC OFFICERS AND ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT STAFF;

---EFFECTIVENESS OF AND NECESSITY FOR U.S. FEDERAL PROGRAMS, AGENCIES, PUBLIC ENTITIES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE OPERATING IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND WHICH PROGRAMS, AGENCIES, PUBLIC ENTITIES, OR ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN MICRONESIA BOTH UNDER THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND THE NEW GOVERNMENT; AND

---IMPLEMENTATION, PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP, OF THOSE PORTIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION NOT IN FUNDAMENTAL CONFLICT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

THE COMMISSION SHALL ALSO:

---CONTINUE AND COMPLETE THE WORK OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS IN STRICT CONFORMITY WITH THE CONSTITUTION; AND

---RENEGOTIATE THE EXISTING DRAFT COMPACT TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO BRING IT INTO CONFORMITY WITH THE CONSTITUTION. THE LAW STIPULATES THAT THE COMMISSION "MAY NEGOTIATE,

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STUDY, RECOMMEND OR OTHERWISE DEAL WITH ANY OTHER MATTERS, INCLUDING THOSE MATTERS ORIGINALLY ASSIGNED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, WHICH WILL EFFECT EARLY AND SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND PROMOTE A SMOOTH AND ORDERLY TRANSITION TO GOVERNMENT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION.

THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT ON ITS ACTIVITIES TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 10, 1975.

THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED BY PONAPE SENATOR AMBILOS IEHSI, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, AT THE LAST REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, CONCLUDED RECENTLY ON SAIPAN.

2 (NITIJELA STUDIES CONCON BILL)

SAIPAN, APRIL 7 (MNS)---THE MARSHALL ISLANDS NITIJELA IS

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CURRENTLY CONSIDERING A MEASURE CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AND APPROPRIATING \$250,000 FOR ITS FUNCTIONS.

THE BILL, INTRODUCED BY IROIJ (CHIEF) NAMO HERMIOS AND LEGISLATOR JINA LAVIN, PROPOSES THAT THERE SHOULD BE FIFTY-FOUR

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DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. ELECTION OF DELEGATES SHALL BE HELD SOMETIME THIS YEAR AT A TIME PRESCRIBED FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE NITIJELA. CANDIDATES WHO WISH TO RUN MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

A PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF SEVEN MEMBERS SHALL BE FORMED TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION. MEMBERSHIP IN THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD BE SELECTED AS FOLLOWS: TWO MEMBERS TO BE SELECTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARSHALLS DELEGATION

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TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FROM MEMBERS OF THAT DELEGATION; THE SPEAKER OF THE NITIJELA AND FOUR MEMBERS TO BE SELECTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NITIJELA.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION SHALL CONVENE IN MAJUPO, ON THE DATE SPECIFIED BY THE PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE, AND MEET FOR NOT LONGER THAN SIXTY CALENDAR DAYS, WITH THE SPEAKER OF THE NITIJELA ACTING AS ITS PRESIDENT UNTIL A PRESIDENT IS ELECTED. THIRTY-FIVE MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSED BILL, THE CONVENTION SHALL DRAFT A CONSTITUTION IN ENGLISH AND MARSHALLESE FOR THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT. AFTER THE CONSTITUTION IS DRAFTED, IT SHALL REQUIRE APPROVAL BY A POPULAR REFERENDUM. THE QUESTION TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE REFERENDUM WOULD BE: "DO YOU APPROVE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, AS ADOPTED BY THE MARSHALL ISLANDS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION? YES---OR NO---?"

THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, IN THIS CASE, THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, SHALL CERTIFY THE RESULT OF THE

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REFERENDUM TO THE SPEAKER OF THE NITIJELA.

THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 IS TO BE APPROPRIATED OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS NITIJELA FOR THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES, THE HOLDING OF A REFERENDUM ON THE CONSTITUTION, MEETING OF ALL COMMITTEES OF THE CONVENTION

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AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONVENTION.
THE BILL IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NITIJELA.
PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE BILL WERE HELD LAST WEEKEND.

3 (CONOVER HIRED AS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL)

SAIPAN, APRIL 7 (MNS)---LEE M. CONOVER, OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, HAS BEEN HIRED AS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO RICHARD I. MIYAMOTO, ATTORNEY GENERAL.

CONOVER HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN MANY AREAS, MIYAMOTO SAID ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK. CONOVER RETIRED FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AFTER SERVICE FOR MORE THAN 21 YEARS THERE, 14 OF WHICH WERE AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WORKING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, PATROL DIVISION, DETECTIVE DIVISION AND CIVIL DIVISION.

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HE RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM THE SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY IN LOS ANGELES AND WAS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA AND THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, LAWYERS CLUB OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ASSOCIATION OF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

THE NEW ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS LECTURED ON CRIMINAL LAW AND HAS EXTENSIVE TRAINING IN POLICE PROCEDURES, REPORT WRITING, NARCOTIC INVESTIGATION, CRIMINALISTICS AND POLICE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT.

FOR THE PAST FIVE AND A HALF YEARS, CONOVER HAS BEEN A CRIMINAL TRIAL LAWYER FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TRYING ALL TYPES OF FELONY CASES. BETWEEN TRIALS HE WOULD EVALUATE POLICE REPORTS FOR FILING COMPLAINTS, GIVE LECTURES, INTERVIEW WITNESSES, EVALUATE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE TO BE USED IN CRIMINAL CASES, LIAISON BETWEEN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND OTHER POLICE AGENCIES, DO LEGAL RESEARCH, PREPARE LEGAL PLEADINGS, MOTIONS AND STATEMENTS ON APPEAL.

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CONOVER HAS TAKEN PART IN APPROXIMATELY 100 JURY TRIALS
AND OVER 700 COURT TRIALS. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO SONS.

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