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1. Seven Bills vetoed
2. ESCAP expert cites IT Housing needs
3. Chief meeting gets underway (Palau)

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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC. ISL. MONTHLY
(SEVEN BILL VETOED)

SAIPAN, APRIL 13 (MNS)---A TOTAL OF SEVEN BILLS PASSED DURING THE LAST REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ON SAIPAN WERE VETOED OVER THE WEEKEND. EXECUTIVE OFFICER JUAN SABLAN IN HIS CAPACITY AS ACTING DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER, VETOED SIX. DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN VOTED

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THE OTHER UPON HIS RETURN TO SAIPAN FROM PALAU.

THE VETOED BILLS WERE:

---A MEASURE TO CREATE A DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, (HB 400) VETOED BECAUSE THE ADMINISTRATION IS "RELUCTANT" TO CREATE ANOTHER DEPARTMENT WHEN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY ARE ALL PROMOTING "DECENTRALIZATION AND REDUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OPERATION." "WE FEEL THAT THE CREATION OF ANOTHER DEPARTMENT IS NOT JUSTIFIED AND WE STRONGLY FEEL THAT THE DIVISION OF REVENUE CAN CONTINUE TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY AS A VIABLE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE," JUAN A. SABLAN STATED IN A LETTER TO THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP.

---A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANDATORY FORFEITURE OF UNLICENSED FOREIGN VESSELS VIOLATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE TT CODE, (SB 158), VOTOED BECAUSE THE PENALTIES ARE "SEVERE" AND THE BILL "DEPRIVES THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, AND THE COURTS OF A GREAT DEAL OF DISCRETION AND, AT THE SAME TIME, IT PROVIDES FOR MANDATORY FORFEITURE OF VESSELS."

---A BILL TO DECLARE CERTAIN MATTERS PUBLIC RECORDS (SB 357). THE BILL APPEARED ON THE SURFACE TO BE QUITE

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ADVANTAGEOUS WITH REGARDS TO MAKING PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL RECORDS. HOWEVER, A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE BILL REVEALED THAT REPORTS MADE AS A RESULT OF ACCUSATIONS OF PERSONS WHICH MAY LATER HAVE BEEN PROVED TO BE FALSE COULD SUBJECT PERSONS INVOLVED TO RIDICULE AND UNNECESSARY EMBARRASSMENT, ACCORDING TO THE

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. THE PUBLIC POLICY PROTECTING THESE RIGHTS AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE OF THE RIGHT OF PRIVACY OUTWEIGH THE RIGHT OF INDISCRIMINATE USE OF THE INFORMATION BY THE PUBLIC. THE BILL ALSO APPEARED TO BE UNCERTAIN IN ITS TERMS AND AMBIGUOUS IN ITS MEANING IN CERTAIN AREAS, SABLAN STATED IN HIS LETTER.

---A BILL REGARDING THE SUITS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, (SB 379), VETOED BECAUSE THE ADMINISTRATION STILL MAINTAINS ITS POSITION THAT THE PRESENT IMMUNITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT MUST BE PRESERVED IN ORDER FOR IT TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE ITS AFFAIRS AND TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

---A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PACIFIC MISSIONARY AVIATION IN YAP SO IT MAY PROVIDE AN AIR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT CENTERS

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AND OUTLYING AREAS IN YAP, TRUK AND PONAPE DISTRICTS, (SB 6-409). SABLAN NOTED IN HIS LETTER TO THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OBJECTED TO SECTION 3 WHICH STATES THAT THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SHALL IMMEDIATELY TAKE STEPS TO ACQUIRE LANDS FOR LEASE FROM OWNERS NECESSARY FOR THE AIRSTRIPS AND RUNWAYS. "WE FELT THAT WE COULD APPROVE LEGISLATION WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TO ACQUIRE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND LEASE FROM THE OWNERS" LANDS REQUIRED FOR THE AIRSTRIPS AND RUNWAYS," SABLAN STATED.

HOWEVER, SABLAN STATED, THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO INSTITUTE A PROGRAM ENVISIONED AND DEVELOPED BY PASTOR KALAU. "THIS WILL BE DONE BY REPROGRAMMING, IF NECESSARY, THE FUNDS NEEDED TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP THE NECESSARY AIRCRAFT. PASTOR KALAU WILL THEN BE IN A POSITION TO WORK WITH THE VARIOUS OUTER ISLANDS AS ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED; LOCATING, CLEARING AND USING SUCH SUITABLE LANDS REQUIRED FOR AIRSTRIPS AND RUNWAYS...WILL BE A MATTER BETWEEN PASTOR KALAU AND THE PEOPLES OF THE OUTER ISLANDS."

---A BILL TO REQUIRE ALL EMPLOYERS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY

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TO GRANT 30 DAYS MATERNITY LEAVE WITH PAY, (HB 522), VETOED BECAUSE AT PRESENT, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ARE GRANTED SICK LEAVE FOR MATERNITY PURPOSES. WHEN THEIR SICK LEAVE IS EXHAUSTED, THEY USE THEIR ANNUAL LEAVE. WHEN THE ANNUAL LEAVE IS USED, THEY ARE PLACED ON MATERNITY LEAVE WITHOUT PAY FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO SIX MONTHS, ACCORDING TO PETER T. COLEMAN.

---A BILL TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING OF TROCHUS WHOSE SHELL IS LESS THAN TWO AND A HALF OR MORE THAN FOUR INCHES IN DIAMETER AT THE BASE, (SB 384). SABLAN STATED IN HIS LETTER TO SPEAKER BETHWL HENRY AND PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA THAT: "TROCHUS DO NOT REPRODUCE WHEN TWO AND ONE-HALF INCHES IN SIZE. BY THE TIME THEY HAVE REACHED THREE INCHES, THEY ARE MATURE AND CAPABLE OF REPRODUCING BEFORE THEY ARE CAPTURED. LOWERING THE MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT WOULD TEMPORARILY INCREASE THE QUANTITY OF GOOD SHELL BUT SUCH AN INCREASE WOULD BE SHORT LIVED AS MOST TROCHUS WOULD THEN BE HARVESTED BEFORE THEY REACHED MATURITY AND STARTED REPRODUCING. IN THE LONG RUN, THIS WOULD SOON RESULT IN A DECREASE IN THE TROCHUS POPULATION AS FEWER ANIMALS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR REPRODUCTIVE PURPOSES."

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WITH DISAPPROVAL OF THESE SEVEN MEASURES, A TOTAL OF EIGHT BILLS OF THE 56 PASSED BY THE CONGRESS HAVE BEEN VETOED. FIVE BILLS REMAIN TO BE ACTED UPON BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

2. (ESCAP EXPERT CITES TT HOUSING NEEDS)

SAIPAN, APRIL 13 (MNS)---HOUSING IS ONE OF THE GREATEST NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, ACCORDING TO DR. P. RAO, HOUSING EXPERT FROM THE EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP).

INTERVIEWED ON "DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA" LAST WEEK ON SAIPAN. THE ESCAP EXPERT SAID THAT HOUSING IS ONE OF THE THREE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS; THE OTHERS ARE FOOD AND CLOTHING.

DR. RAO IS ONE OF THE MANY EXPERTS NOW WORKING UNDER THE MICRONESIAN COMPREHENSIVE AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENT PLAN BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME. EXCLUDING THE MARIANAS, ABOUT 15,000 HOUSING UNITS ARE

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REQUIRED FOR 110,000 PEOPLE, MOSTLY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE ISLAND EXTENDED FAMILY SYSTEM, RAO EXPLAINED.

RAO HAS VISITED ALL OF THE DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA. FROM HIS OBSERVATION, HE SAID THAT NEARLY 3 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS SUCH AS CEMENT, REBAR, AND GI SHEETS

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