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SAIPAN, APRIL 12 (MNS) ---A TOTAL OF 18 BILLS WERE SIGNED INTO LAW OVER THE WEEKEND, EIGHT OF THEM BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER JUAN SABLAN AND 10 BY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN. THE BILLS WERE PASSED DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ON SAIPAN. SEVEN OTHER

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THE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW WERE:

---TO EXTEND COVERAGE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO ALL PERSONS WORKING FOR TRUST TERRITORY EMPLOYERS, (HB 188), NOW PUBLIC LAW 6-89, INTRODUCED BY PALAU REP. POLYCARP BASILIUS;

---TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE TO PROVIDE PRIOR SERVICE CREDIT FOR ALL ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES HAVING BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE TT GOVERNMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1968 AND TO INCREASE THE BENEFITS FOR ALL ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES, (HB 6=456), NOW PL 6=90, INTRODUCED BY YAP REP. LUKE M. TMAN;

---TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TT CODE TO MAKE A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIVE AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (HB 457), NOW PL 6-91, INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN LUKE M. TMAN;

---TO APPROPRIATE \$25,000 FOR THE OPERATING AND CONTINGENT COSTS OF THE MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT BANK, (HB 349), NOW PL 6-92, OFFERED BY TRUK REP. SASAUD HARUD;

---TO EARMARK \$51,500 FOR AN EMERGENCY AGRICULTURE PROGRAM FOR THE OUTER ISLANDS OF TRUK DISTRICT, (HB 371), NOW PL 6-93

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--- TO APPROPRIATE \$30,000 FOR AGRICULTURAL TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR MICRONESIANS AT THE PONAPE AGRICULTURE AND TRADE SCHUDL, (HB 6-415) NOW PL 6-94, INTRODUCED BY SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY OF PONAPE;

THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976, (SB 310), NOW PL 6-95 SUBMITTED BY SEN, AMBILOS IEHSI OF PONAPE;

--- TO APPROPRIATE \$95,000 TO REPAIR THE MS RAN ANNIM. (SB 6-360) NOW PL 6-96 INTRODUCED BY SEN. AMBILOS TEHSI;

ENTERED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY COURTS FROM SIX PERCENT TO NINE PERCENT (HB 410), NOW PL 6-97 OFFERED BY MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN HERMAN R. GUERREROJ

--- TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE PRESENT SALARY PLAN AND TABLE OF PLACE DIFFERENTIALS FOR THE TT PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM FOR ONE MORE YEAR, (HB 6-405), NOW PL 6-98, INTRODUCED BY CONG. LUKE M. TMAN;

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DURING THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION, (SB 6-217) NOW PL 6-99 INTRODUCED BY SENATOR AMBILOS IEHSI:

--- TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM FINE WHICH MAY BE IMPOSED FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE TT WEAPONS CONTROL ACT FROM \$5,000 TO \$2,000 IN ORDER TO GRANT CONCURRENT ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OVER BUCH VIOLATIONS TO THE SEVERAL DISTRICT COURTS OF THE TT, (SB 6-226), NOW PL 6-100, INTRODUCED BY SEN. AMBILOS JEHSI!

---TO PROVIDE THAT FEES PAID FOR THE PREPARATION OF COUNT TRANSCRIPTS SHALL BE PAID TO THE COURT REPORTER OR OTHER PERSON PREPARING THE TRANSCRIPT, AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT CHARGED FOR

THE PREPARATION OF SUCH TRANSCRIPTS, (SB 230) NOW PL 6-101,

INTRODUCED BY SEN. AMBILOS IEHSIT --- TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PL 6-71, WHICH PROVIDES

THE MANNER BY WHICH THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT MAY ACQUIRE LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, (SB 311), NOW PL 6-102, INTRODUCED BY PALAU SEN. LAZARUS SALIII

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--- TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 61 OF THE TRUST

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TERRITORY CODE RELATING TO THE TRUST TERRITORY PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM, (SB 370), NOW PL 6-103, INTRODUCED BY SEN, AMBILOS

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---TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 43 OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE RELATING TO ELECTIONS, (HB 550) NOW PL 6-404, INTRODUCED BY POLYCARP BASILIUS;

---TO APPROPRIATE \$250,000 AS A GRANT TO THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, (HB 465) NOW PL 6-105, INTRODUCED BY MARSHALLS REP. CHARLES DOMNICK;

---AND TO HAVE THE CONGRESS FUND THE VARIOUS HOUSING AUTHORITIES IN EACH DISTRICT FOR ONE MORE YEAR AND APPROPRIATE \$113,000 FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES, (HB 501), NOW PL 106, INTRODUCED BY PONAPE REP. EDGAR EDWARDS.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, N. NEIMAN CRALEY SAID THAT WITH THE SIGNING OF THE 18 BILLS, FIVE MORE BILLS ARE STILL AWAITING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S ACTION.

THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE WILL REPORT ON THE SEVEN BILLS WHICH HAVE BEEN VETOED IN TUESDAY'S DISPATCH (APRIL 13). (MARIANAS LEGISLATURE CONVENES)

SAIPAN, APRIL 12 (MNS)---THE CONTINUATION OF THE FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE EIGHTH REGULAR

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SESSION CONVENED MONDAY MORNING (APRIL 12) AT THE LEGISLATURE HALL IN SUSUPE FOR 10 DAYS.

FR. ARNOLD BENDOWSKI GAVE THE INVOCATION FOLLOWED BY THE SWEARING-IN OF THE FIVE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA BY SPEAKER VICENTE N. SANTOS. THE FIVE ARE SENATORS PEDRO A. TENORIO, OLYMPIO T. BORJA, OSCAR C. RASA, HERMAN R. GUERRERO AND HERMAN T. PALACIOS.

IN A SHORT REMARKS BEFORE THE SENATORS, SPEAKER SANTOS CALLED THE CONVENING OF THIS SESSION A "NEW ERA IN THE HISTORY OF THIS LEGISLATURE."

"YODAY IS NOT THE END," SANTOS SAID, BUT A BEGINNING "THAT

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CARRIES TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US AS WELL AS A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO USE OUR RESOURCES IN A MANNER TO DO THE MOST GOOD FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE."

ACCORDING TO THE SPEAKER, THE CHANGE IN POLITICAL STATUS GAVE THE LEGISLATURE AN OPPORTUNITY TO "DEAL EFFECTIVELY" WITH THE PROBLEMS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS. SANTOS TOLD THE 21 MEMBER LEGISLATURE THAT THE HOLD=OVER COMMITTEE WISHED TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING AGENDA FOR THE

LEGISLATURE TO DISCUSSED. THEY ARES

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--- TO OBTAIN FROM EACH EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT TTS PROGRAMS, OBJECTIVES, AND GOALS SO THAT LONG RANGE PLANS CAN BE MADE AND FUNDING CAN BE IDENTIFIED;

--- TO ESTABLISH A JOINT LEGISLATIVE-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY OUR MANPOWER OR EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS -- WITH PARTICULAR

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EMPHASIS ON FINDING SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT FOR THE WORKERS AT HEADQUARTERS WHO WILL HAVE TO BE RELOCATED.

SANTOS SAID A JOINT TRANSITION COMMISSION ---- WHICH HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THAT THE AGREEMENTS REACHED ON TRANSITIONAL STEPS ARE CARRIED OUT AS PLANS --- NEEDS TO BE CREATED. SANTOS AND FORMER MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE LEGISLATURE IS TO SELECT TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, ONE EACH FROM ROTA AND TINIAN.

CONCLUDING, THE SPEAKER WELCOMED THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, AND ASKED THE COOPERATION OF EACH MEMBER TO WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLE DURING THE REMAINDER OF THEIR TERMS.

SPEAKER SANTOS THEN ASSIGNED CHAIRMANSHIPS TO THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES: APPROPRIATIONS, FRANK M. DIAZI SOCIAL COMMITTEE, RICK R. DUENAS; POLITICAL COMMITTEE, DANIEL T. MURLY AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, JESUS V. GUERRERO.

THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE GAVE BRIEF REMARKS EXPRESSING DEEP APPRECIATION FOR BEING INCLUDED IN THE LEGISLATURE. THE FORMER CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DELEGATION WILL RETAIN

THEIR \$12,000 A YEAR SALARY IF THE BILL, INTRUDUCED BY THE

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MICRONESIA. A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 186 REQUESTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CALL A SPECIAL SESSION IN PONAPE WAS ADOPTED DURING THE LAST DAY OF THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED REGULAP SEASYON

IN A LETTER TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, SENATE PRESIDENT TOSINO NAKAYAMA OF TRUK AND HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY OF PONAPE ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA SHOULD A SPECIAL SESSION BE CALLED: ELECTION LAW, REAPPORTIONMENT, REVENUE AND TAXATION; APPROPRIATIONS; CAPITAL OF MICRONESIA; DECENTRALIZATION; POLITICAL STATUS AND TRANSITION; AND THE REFERENDUM ON THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATED STATES OF

LEADERSHIP HAS FORMALLY SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO HIGH COMMISSIONER KOLONIA, PONAPE DISTRICT, BEGINNING ON JULY 19, 1976, AND TO MEET FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 15 DAYS.

PAGE 05 RUHGSAA5012 UNCLAS. EDWARD E. JOHNSTON TO CALL A SPECIAL SESSION TO CONVENE AT

A BILL CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE MARIANAS PRESENT AT THE OPENING DAY WERE ACTING RESIDENT COMMISSIONER FRANCISCO C. ADA AND HIS ASSISTANT DAN E. AKIMOTO; MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SPEAKER VICENTE T. CAMACHO AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT OFFICICALS. (COM LEADERSHIP REQUESTS SPECIAL SESSION) SAIPAN, APRIL 12 (MNS) --- THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

THE SAME COMMITTEE. AMONG THE BILLS INTRODUCED AT THE END OF THE FIRST DAY AN APPROPRIATION BILLS OF, \$15,000 TO HOST THE COVENANT WERE: SIGNING CELEBRATION TO BE HELD THE WEEK OF APRIL 19 - 24THP

\$24,00 TO HIRE A FULL-TIME LAWYER FOR THE LEGISLATURE; AN AC⁹ YO ESTABLISH A \$2.25 MINIMUM WAGES; \$6,000 TO PAY THE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES OF LYLE RICHMOND, AMERICAN SAMOA ATTORNEY

GENERAL, TO ASSIST THE MARIANAS LEGISLATURE IN MAKING A "COMPLETE REVIEW" OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE AND RELATED WORK! TO, DECLARE APRIL 20, A LEGAL HOLIDAY IN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS; AND

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF \$39,500 IS APPROVED. AN APPROPRIATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO HIRE THE FORMER ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND THEIR LEGAL SECRETARY TO WORK FOR THE LEGISLATURE WAS ALSO INTRODUCED BY

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SAIPAN, APRIL 12 (MNS) ===A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING Dissatisfaction over certain provisions of the secretarial order separating the northern mariana islands from the other districts

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THE RESOLUTION, SPONSORED BY SENATORS DANIEL T, MUNA: OSCAR C. RASA AND HERMAN T. PALACIOS STATED THAT SECTION SIX, PART THREE OF THE SECRETARIAL ORDER WHICH PROVIDES THAT 50 PERCENT OF THE IMPORT DUTIES COLLECTED IN THE MARIANAS WOULD CONTINUE TO ACCRUE TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR THAT BODY IS "CONTRARY TO THE UNDERSTANDING" WHICH THE PEOPLE RELIED ON DURING NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVES.

THE RESOLUTION POINTED OUT THAT THE "NEGOTIATING HISTORY" WHICH LED TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MARIANAS COVENANT AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUES ISSUED DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS "CLEARLY EXPRESSED THE PROPOSITION THAT UPON SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, ALL LOCALLY-GENERATED REVENUE WOULD REMAIN IN AND FOR APPROPRIATION BY THE NORTHERN MRIANA ISLANDS LEGISLATURE."

"THIS PROVISION IS A BREACH OF FAITH, UNDERSTANDING AND CONFIDENCE WHICH THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS HAD IN THE NEGOTIATORS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATEM AND AS NEW CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, IT IS FELT THAT IT IN NOT

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A GOOD BEGINNING," THE RESOLUTION DECLARED.

ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION, THE ALLOCATION OF 50 PERCENT OF THE MARIANAS TAX IS APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 WHICH IS "BADLY NEEDED" BY THE MARIANAS GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR STAFF, HEADQUARTERS EMPLOYEES FROM THE MARIANAS WHO WILL BE TERMINATED AS WELL AS FUNDING OTHER ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS."

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THE RESOLUTION STATED.

THE RETENTION OF THE 50 PERCENT IMPORT REVENUE "CREATES A FALSE ECONOMY IN THAT NO MARIANAS REVENUE WILL ACCRUE TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ONCE THE CUMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT IS INSTALLED WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR," THE RESOLUTION ADDED, THE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN REFERRED TO COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER STUDY.

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