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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC. ISL. MONTHLY  
(HICOM SIGNS ONE, VETOES ANOTHER)

SAIPAN, APRIL 19 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH  
COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS SIGNED INTO LAW ONE  
MORE BILL AND VETOED ANOTHER. ACTION ON THE BILLS CAME ON  
FRIDAY (APRIL 16) ACCORDING TO N. NEIMAN CRALEY, JR.,  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.

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SIGNED INTO LAW WAS A BILL TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF  
THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO DISTRICT FOREIGN INVESTMENT  
BOARD, (HB 6-442). THE BILL IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 110.

THE CHANGE WILL REFLECT THE REAL NATURE OF THE DISTRICT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS SINCE THEY DEAL PRIMARILY WITH  
MATTERS INVOLVING THE ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS PERMITS TO FOREIGN-  
INVESTORS AND FOREIGN BUSINESSES, AS WELL AS WITH OTHER  
MATTERS CONCERNING THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT AREA WITHIN THEIR  
RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS. THE BILL'S AUTHOR WAS YAP CONGRESSMAN  
LUKE M. TMAN, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE'S FLOOR LEADER.

HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON DISAPPROVED A BILL WHICH  
WOULD DEFINE MANNER BY WHICH A NOMINATION TO A MAJOR  
GOVERNMENTAL POST BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER UNDER THE  
PROVISIONS OF THE ADVICE AND CONSENT LAW, SHALL BE DEEMED  
TO BE REJECTED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, (SB 6-123).  
THE BILL WOULD ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY THE PROVISIONS OF THE TT  
CODE BY PROVIDING THAT A REJECTION OF THE NOMINATION WOULD  
TAKE PLACE WHEN EITHER (1) THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE  
APPOINTMENTS REJECTS THE NOMINATIONS; OR (2) EITHER HOUSE OF

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THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DEFEATS A RESOLUTION GRANTING ADVICE  
AND CONSENT.

IN A LETTER TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S PRESIDING  
OFFICERS, HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SAID THAT SEVERAL YEARS  
AGO, THE ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED AND SUPPORTED THE SECRETARIAL

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ORDER ABOLISHING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RIGHT TO USE A "POCKET VETO." AT THAT TIME, IT WAS FELT THAT THIS PROCEDURE WAS "UNFAIR AND COULD BE CONSTRUED AS IRRESPONSIVE," JOHNSTON STATED IN HIS LETTER.

"HAVING ACCOMPLISHED THAT OBJECTIVE, WE NOW SEE NO REASON TO TURN BACK THE CLOCK AND INSTITUTE A SIMILAR PRACTICE AS REGARDS THE METHODS OF PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT," JOHNSTON CONCLUDED.

NEIMAN CRALEY SAID THAT WITH THE HICOM'S ACTION ON THE TWO BILLS, A TOTAL OF EIGHT HAVE BEEN VETOED, 47 HAVE BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW OUT OF THE 56 PASSED BY THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AT ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION ON SAIPAN RECENTLY. ONE MORE BILL REMAINS TO BE ACTED UPON BY HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON. IT IS DUE FOR ACTION APRIL 29TH.  
(CANHAM SWORN IN AS NORTHERN MARIANAS RESCOM)

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WASHINGTON, APRIL 19 (MNS)---ERWIN U. CANHAM, EDITOR EMERITUS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, WAS SWORN IN FRIDAY (APRIL 17, SAIPAN TIME) AS RESIDENT COMMISSIONER (RESCOM) FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS BY ACTING INTERIOR SECRETARY KENT FRIZZELL.

ACCORDING TO GANNETT NEWS SERVICE (GNS) CANHAM, 74, WILL ARRIVE ON SAIPAN TUESDAY (APRIL 20) AT 3:30 P.M. WITH A PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION HEADED BY AMBASSADOR F. HAYUN WILLIAMS, CHIEF U.S. NEGOTIATOR FOR THE MICRONESIAN STATUS TALKS. THE DELEGATION WILL REPRESENT PRESIDENT FORD IN A THREE-DAY COVENANT-PRESENTATION CELEBRATION ON THE ISLANDS.

AFTER TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE CANHAM NOTED THAT HE HAS AN "AWESOME LIST" OF DUTIES. IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR, HE SAID, TO "NURTURE A NEW GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY INTO BEING (IS) A TASK SECOND TO NONE."

IN HIS REMARKS FRIZZELL SAID THAT "THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE A PERSON WITH THE BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE OF ERWIN CANHAM TURN HIS INTELLECT, HIS EXPERIENCE AND HIS INTEREST IN NEW CHALLENGES TO THIS PARTICULAR CHALLENGE OF ASSISTING THE NORTHERN MARIANAS

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PEOPLE ACHIEVE LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT."  
(PONAPE CONCOM MEASURE INTRODUCED)

KOLONIA, APRIL 19 (MNS)--A BILL CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WAS INTRODUCED RECENTLY AT THE PONAPE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE IN ITS CURRENT FIFTY-DAY SESSION, ACCORDING TO HALVERSON JOHNNY, WSZD RADIO STATION MANAGER.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN JANUARY AUTHORIZED THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS TO DRAFT AND SUBMIT TO THE LEGISLATURE A BILL PROVIDING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF PONAPE.

UNDER THE PROPOSED BILL, 32 DELEGATES WILL EITHER HAVE TO BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO UNDERTAKE THE ACTUAL DRAFTING OF THE PONAPE CONSTITUTION.

THE CONVENTION WILL BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LEGISLATURE, ELECTED DELEGATES AND TRADITIONAL LEADERS. EACH MUNICIPAL DELEGATION TO THE LEGISLATURE WILL ELECT DELEGATES FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THEM IN THE CONVENTION. IN CASE WHERE MUNICIPALITIES HAVE ONLY ONE MEMBER AT THE LEGISLATURE HE WILL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME

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A DELEGATE.

ACCORDING TO THE BILL, THE LEGISLATURE WILL HAVE 12 DELEGATES, EIGHT OF THEM TO BE ELECTED FROM EIGHT ELECTION DISTRICTS. THE 12 OTHER DELEGATES WILL BE COMPOSED OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS SELECTED FROM AMONG THE TWELVE MUNICIPALITIES. MUNICIPALITIES WITHOUT TRADITIONAL LEADERS WILL SELECT ONE DELEGATE THROUGH AN APPOINTMENT TO BE MADE BY THE MAGISTRATE OR MAYOR CONCERNED WITH THE APPROVAL OF HIS COUNCIL. ELECTION OF DELEGATES WOULD BE HELD IN NOVEMBER, THE SAME TIME THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ELECTION IS TO BE CONDUCTED, THE BILL PROVIDES.

A PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE OF SEVEN MEMBERS WITH THE LEGISLATURE SPEAKER ACTING AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN WILL FACILITATE THE NECESSARY WORK AND PREPARATIONS OF THE CONVENTION. THEY WOULD ALSO HAVE THE POWER TO DESIGNATE THE PLACE WHERE

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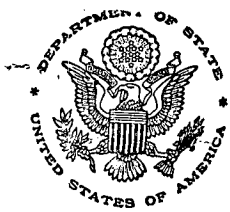
THE CONVENTION IS TO BE HELD.

THE CONVENTION SHOULD CONVENE ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 3, 1977 FOR 30 CALENDAR DAYS, AND MAY EXTEND THE NUMBER OF DAYS BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE TO FINISH THE DRAFTING OF THE CONSTITUTION.

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THE POUAPE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IS DIRECTED TO DRAFT

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A CONSTITUTION FOR THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF PONAPE DISTRICT  
"IN A LOOSE FEDERATION WITH THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA  
OR FOR THE FUTURE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PONAPE.

"SUCH A CONSTITUTION MUST PROVIDE FOR A FORM OF  
GOVERNMENT WITH LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS,  
AND IN THE SAME VEIN TO INSURE A FORM OF GOVERNMENT THAT WILL  
PERMIT THE FREE DEMOCRATIC EXPRESSION OF THEIR VIEWS,"  
ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSED MEASURE.

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A \$25,000 APPROPRIATION IS REQUESTED IN THE BILL FOR  
THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE PONAPE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

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