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NR/Cardwell

NR, Interior and Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations
Re. H.R. 13069

Mrs. Naomi Sweeney

1. Interior has "no objection to enactment" of either Sec. 1 (re. Virgin Islands Unemployment Fund or Sec. 2 (re. withdrawal of SSI and special social security benefits to the people of the N. Mariana Is.)

2. Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations has "no comment" concerning H.R. 13069, except that they maintain that the Sec. 502 language (which this bill would amend) was, "coordinated" with HEW before inclusion in the Marianas Covenant.
 - Section 105 of the Marianas Covenant specifically provides for subsequent enactment of legislation applicable to the Northern Marianas and does not protect section 502 by requiring consent of the N. Marianas.

3. NR has no objection to enactment of H.R. 13069.

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