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SUBJECT: COM LEGISLATION 1976 SPECIAL SESSION

DOA NO. 440-TT

1. APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BILLS IS LEFT TO HICOM DISCRETION: S.B. 6-409, H.B. 6-426, H.B. 6-466, H.B. 6-518, H.B. 6-523, H.B. 6-571, H.B. 6-572, H.B. 6-573, H.B. 6-574, H.B. 6-579, H.B. 6-598, H.B. 6-602 (AFTER CONSULTATION WITH MARIANAS RESIDENT COMMISSIONER), H.B. 6-603, H.B. 6-604, AND H.B. 6-607. FOUR BILLS (H.B. 6-523, 6-574, 6-603, AND 6-604) CONTAIN LANGUAGE IN EITHER SECTION 2 OR SECTION 3 STATING THAT SUMS APPROPRIATED BY SECTION 1 SHALL BE EXTENDED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR (OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS)... THIS LANGUAGE IS CONFUSION AND COULD BE INTERPRETED AS GIVING THE DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL OR BOARD AUTHORITY TO SPECIFY THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT. YOU MIGHT SUGGEST THAT IN THE FUTURE LEGISLATIVE DRAFTERS USE LANGUAGE SIMILAR TO THE FOLLOWING: THE SUMS APPROPRIATED BY SECTION 1 OF THIS ACT SHALL BE EXPENDED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR (OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS) FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED. WE DO NOT SEE THESE BILLS AS CANDIDATES FOR VETO MERELY
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BECAUSE OF THE LANGUAGE USED IN SECTIONS 2 OR 3.

2. WITH REGARD TO H.B. 6-396, THIS BILL MUST BE VETOED UNLESS PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR ALLOCATING THE PORTION ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE NORTHERN MARIANAS AS AGREED TO BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.

3. H.B. 6-385 SHOULD BE VETOED ACCORDING TO DOTA TELEGRAM NO. 417-TT.

4. H.B. 6-505 REMAINS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY DOTA AND WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A FUTURE TELEGRAM.

5. ANY OTHER BILLS PASSED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WHICH ARE NOT MENTIONED IN THIS TELEGRAM HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THIS OFFICE. FORWARD THEM AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE TOGETHER WITH DUE DATE FOR HICOM SIGNATURE.

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