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(200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE BILL VETOED)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 25 (MNS)---AS EXPECTED, A BILL TO
ESTABLISH A 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE FOR MICRONESIA (SB 7-18)
WAS VETOED BY ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER J. BOYD MACKENZIE, LATE
THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

IN HIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESS OF
MICRONESIA DATED FEBRUARY 24TH MACKENZIE SAID HE VETOED THE
BILL WITH "REGRET AND DISAPPOINTMENT" BECAUSE THE CONGRESS OF
MICRONESIA DID NOT SEE FIT TO INCORPORATE INTO THE BILL
AMENDMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

THE NEWLY APPOINTED ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER CITED TWO
OF THE "MOST FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS" IN THE BILL WHICH ARE
UNACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.
THEY INCLUDE SECTIONS WHICH WOULD ALLOW DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN THE MICRONESIAN MARITIME AUTHORITY AND FOREIGN NATIONS,
OR FOR APPROVAL OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS BY THE CONGRESS OF
MICRONESIA. "UNDER THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT," MACKENZIE
POINTED OUT, "AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MICRONESIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS
IS RESERVED TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT."

THE SECOND OBJECTION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE
ADMINISTRATION AAS WITH RESPECT TO REGULATING THE "HIGHLY
MIGRATORY SPECIES" WHICH IS TUNA. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE
BILL, TUNA, WHICH IS CONSIDERED A HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES,
WOULD BE REGULATED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. BUT PRIOR TO
THE TIME WHEN SUCH AGREEMENTS TAKE EFFECT, THE "INTERIM
JURISDICTION" LIES WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA. ALTHOUGH
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE BILL'S REFERENCES TO
INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENTS, "IT CANNOT ACQUIESCE IN THOSE
PROVISIONS OF THE BILL WHICH ASSERT AN INTERIM JURISDICTION
OVER SUCH SPECIES."

ACCORDING TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, THE U.S. "IS VERY MUCH ALONE
IN THE WORLD OF NATIONS" IN REFUSING TO RECOGNIZE ASSERTION OF
JURISDICTION OVER HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES.

THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER STATED THAT SOME OF THE
PROVISIONS IN THE BILL NEED MODIFICATION. REFERENCE TO THE
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THE SENATORS APPROVED AND SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER A BILL RELATING TO SERVICE O PROCESS OUTSIDE THE TRUST TERRITORY, (SB 7-134). SERVICE OF PROCESS, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, IS THE PROCESS OF NOTIFYING A DEFENDANT OF THE CLAIM OR CHARGE AGAINST HIM SO THAT HE MAY PROPERLY PREPARE HIMSELF TO ANSWER IT. IT IS THIS NOTICE WHICH GIVES THE COURT JURISDICTION TO PROCEED.

ALSO SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS AN APPROPRIATION BILL IN THE SUM OF \$2,000 TO SUPPLEMENT THE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE AUTHORIZED ANGAUR REPRESENTATIVE TO WASHINGTON D.C., FOR THE ANGAUR PHOSPHATE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT, (SB 7-71).

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AGAIN POSTPONED ACTION UNTIL SATURDAY (FEB. 26) ON THE CONTROVERSIAL INCOME TAX MEASURE, (SB 7-93).

THURSDAY EVENING (FEB. 24) THE MEMBERS SUDDENLY ADJOURNED PRIOR TO DISCUSSING THE TAX BILL. IT WAS NEXT ON THE CALENDAR FOR CONSIDERATION ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. AFTER THE HOUSE VOTED TO POSTPONE ACTION, WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN EDGAR EDWARDS OF PONAPE REQUESTED THE MEMBERS TO SUBMIT WHATEVER AMENDMENTS THEY HAVE FOR THE COMMITTEE TO WORK ON.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, REP. KUNIWO NAKAMURA OF PALAU INQUIRED ABOUT THE COMMITTEE REPORT ON WHAT HE CALLED "A VERY IMPORTANT MEASURE."

REP. EDWARDS REPLIED THAT HIS COMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE BILL. ALSO, THERE ARE SOME AMENDMENTS WHICH THE COMMITTEE MADE ON THE

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SENATE VERSION OF THE BILL.

REP. LAMBERT AAFIN THEN SUGGESTED THAT SINCE THE BILL WILL INVOLVE WAGE EARNERS IN MICRONESIA, IT SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY MORNING. HIS MOTION PASSED.

REP. EDWARDS THEN REPEATED HIS REQUEST THAT ANYMEMBER WISHING TO MAKE AMENDMENTS SUBMIT THEM TO THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE HOUSE ALSO PASSED AND SENT TO THE SENATE ALL THE DISTRICT APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS AND PURCHASES TOTALLING \$1,314,000. THEY INCLUDE \$200,000 EACH FOR KOSRAE, TRUK, YAP, PONAPE, AND PALAU; (HB 7-233, 7-4, 7-211, 7-206, 7-149) RESPECTIVELY; AND \$314,000 FOR THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT. (HB 7-160).

TWO OTHER APPROPRIATION MEASURES IN THE SUM OF \$288,000 EARMARKING FUNDS FOR SCHOOL BUSES FOR THE DISTRICTS OF KOSRAE, PALAU, TRUK AND THE MARSHALLS; (HB 7-232); AND \$20,000 FOR MAINE TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARS IIS (HB 7-700) PASSED SECOND READING AND WERE SENT TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ALSO SENT TO THE SENATE: A BILL TO CHANGE CURRENT TRUST TERRITORY LAW WITH RESPECT TO THE DISPOSITION OF FUNDS REALIZED FROM THE FORFEITURE AND SALE OF VESSELS SEIZED OR THE FUNDS REALIZED FROM THE OUT OF COURT SETTLEMENT OF SUCH CASES SO THAT THE FUNDS BE GIVEN TO THE DISTRICT TREASURER INSTEAD OF THE TT TREASURER; (HB 7-116); AND A BILL TO AUTHORIZE AN APPROPRIATION NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$1 MILLION FOR LOANS AT THE MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT BANK;

(HB 7-28) AND A NATURALIZATION BILL; (HB 7-186).

PASSED AND SENT TO THE HOUSE WAS A BILL TO PROMOTE INVESTMENTS BOTH FOREIGN AND MICRONESIAN IN MARINE RESOURCES PRODUCTION, AGRICULTURE, MANUFACTURING, TOURISM, CONSTRUCTION, AND TRANSPORTATION; (SB 7-19). THE PURPOSE OF THIS BILL IS TO PROVIDE VARIOUS INCENTIVES TO PROMOTE INVESTMENTS.

A BILL APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$125,678 WAS RECOMMENDED TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER STUDY; (HB 7-167). (MARLAN REPORT UNACCEPTABLE--- ISMAEL)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 25 (MNS)--- THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS OF DR. DOUGLAS MARLAN'S REPORT WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF

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A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA IS "TOALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA", DECLARED SENATOR HIROSI ISMAEL OF KOSRAE. SENATOR ISMAEL, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SOCIAL MATTERS, SPOKE PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE U.S. CONGRDSS TO TAKE THE "NECESSARY STEPS" IN APPROPRIATING TH FUNDS AUTHORIZED UNDER U.S. PUBLIC LAW 95-255 IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES FOR THE COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA, (SJR 7-31).

ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION, THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS ARE "BIASED AND NOT IMARTIAL SINCE THEY REPRESENT THE PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS..." IT FURTHER STATES THAT THE TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS OFFICE IS "ON RECORD" OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COLLEGE IN MICRONESIA. NAVERTHELESS, THE AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION PASSED THE U.S. CONGRESS OVER DOA'S "STRONG OPPOSITION."

SAYING THAT DR. HARLAN WAS SELECTED BY FORMER DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS FRED M. ZEDER TO PREPARE A REPORT ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLLEGE, SENATOR ISMAEL SAID HE IS NOT SUPRISED THAT THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS "DO NOT REPRESENT AN

HONEST, OBJECTIVE ATTEMPT TO EXRCISE HIS BEST PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT. RATHER, HIS RECOMMENDATIONS REFLECT THE BIASED, UNCOMPROMISING AND PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS."

SENATOR IEHSI, WHO IS ALSO A MEDICAL DOCTOR, TOLD THE SENATORS THAT HIS EDUCATION AND SOCIAL MATTERS COMMITTEE MADE NUMEROUS POPOSALS AS A "COMPROMISE" BUT DR. HARLAN "FLATLY REJECTED" THEM. DR. HARLAN'S MANNER IN REJECTING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA WAS "FLAT, CONDESCENDING AND UNSYMPATHETIC," RESULTING IN SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS REFUSING TO ATTEND FURTHER MEETINGS WITH HIM, SENATOR ISMAEL SAID.

THE DUCATION AND SOCIAL MATTERS COMMITTEE FELT THAT FURTHER MEETINGS WITH DR. HARLAN WERE "FUTILE" SINCE HIS MIND WAS "MADE UP AND HE WAS UNCOMPROMISING AND INTRANSIGENT. HE TALKED AT US, NOT WITH US," SENATOR ISMAEL POINTED OT.

THE KOSRAEAN SENATOR ACCUSED DR. HARLAN OF COMING TO MICRONESIA TO ENGATE IN A "MONOLOGUE RATHER THAN A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE." SAID SENATOR ISMAEL: "HE CAME WITH A CLOSE MIND WHICH WAS NOT OIEN TO COMPROMISE OF ANY SORT. HE CAME TO LECTURE TO US ON WHAT HE HAD DONE ON 'OUR BEHALF.' HE WAS NOT ANXIOUS TO LISTEN.

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HE CAME TO TELL US WHAT HE HAD ARRANGED IN WASHINGTON AND THEN FLATLY STATED THAT HE COULDN'T GUARANTEE THAT HE COULD SUCCESSFULLY ALTER THESE ARRANGEMENTS NOW. HE LEFT VIRTUALLY NO ROOM FOR INPUT FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA."

DR. HARLAN RECOMMENDED THAT NONE OF THE \$8 MILLION SHOULD BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES USING THE LACK OF RELEVANT CURRICULUM AS AN "EXCUSE."

SBUT IF THIS WAS HIS ONLY REAL CONCERN," SENATOR WIROSI ISMAEL NOTED, "THEN HE WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED ONE OF THE MANY COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS WHICH WE IROPOSED."

THUS, SENATOR ISMAEL RECOMMENDED THAT THE CONGRESS "TAKE ITS CASE TO OTHER FORUMS SUCH AS THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS,"

THE SENATE THEN UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION AND SENT IT TO THE HOUSE.

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