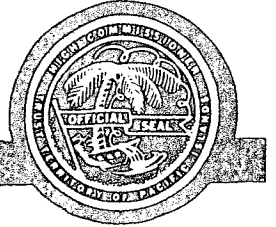


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INTERIM COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS TO HOLD MEETING

Truk

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Jan. 3 . . . The Interim Committees of both houses of the Congress of Micronesia are scheduled to begin their meetings in Saipan on January 9, according to Legislative Counsel Kaleb Udui. After one week the two committees plan to travel to the districts to hold hearings and gather facts and information about legislation which was referred for further study. It is expected that half of the Senators and half of the Representatives will travel to Palau and Yap while the other half of the Senators and Representatives will travel to Truk, Ponape and the Marshalls. The Congressmen are then scheduled to return to Saipan during the second week of February at which time they will formulate their recommendations to the Third Regular Session of the Congress of Micronesia.

Ponape

Marshalls

Yap

The formation and appointment of the Senate and House Interim Committees were officially announced on December 30 by the presiding officer of each house.

Palau

Senate President, Tosiwo Nakayama, in appointing the members to the Senate Interim Committee directed the Committee to study the various bills and Resolutions which the Senate did not have time to

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take up during the Second Regular and Special Sessions last July and August.

House Speaker, Bethwel Henry, also called upon the House Interim Committee to consider several Bills and Resolutions which were introduced in the House but, because of more urgent Bills, were not taken up.

Among the Bills that the Senate/^{Committee} will have to study are: S.B. No. 10, "For an act to add Chapter 21 to the Code of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, to authorize the granting of franchise for public transportation," S.B. No. 29, "For an act relating to the adjudication of claims against the Government of the Trust Territory," S.B. No. 30, "For an act establishing the Division of Land Management and for other related purposes," (H.B. No. 36 - identical bill) S.B. No. 20, For an act extending the jurisdiction of district courts to include probate matters, regardless of size of estate, and granting to the Trial Division of the High Court and the District Courts jurisdiction over petitions for change of name," H.B. No. 13, "For an act governing certain hotel operations, liabilities, penalties, and for other purposes, H. B. No. 39, "For an act relating to registration and licensing of vessels, providing for regulating the use thereof, the collection of fees and repealing section 830 of the Trust Territory Code," and H.B. No. 38, "For an act relating to the adjudication of claims against the Government of the Trust Territory.

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For the House Interim Committee to study are H.B.No. 1, "For an act providing for the registration of land surveyors and for other purposes," H.B. No. 2, "For an act providing the establishment of a uniform land survey on public and private lands in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands," H.B. No. 43, "For an act relating to securities; prohibiting fraudulent practices in relation thereto; requiring registration of broker-dealers, agents, and investment advisors," S.B. No. 1, "For an act providing for a tax incentive program in the Trust Territory and to amend Chapter 18 of the Code of the Trust Territory, as amended," and S.B. No. 5, "For an act adding Chapter 22 to the Code of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, as amended, relating to Public Contracts."

In addition to the above, it is expected that the two Committees will consider several Resolutions and various tax proposals which will tighten the enforcement and tax collection and increase the amount of revenues received under the existing tax laws.

Members of the Committees are as follows:

SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
Amata Kabua	Isaac Lanwi	Marshalls
Bailey Olter	Hiroshi Ismael	Ponape
Andon Amaraich	Tosiwo Nakayama	Truk
Slympio Borja	Dr. F. Palacios	Marianas
Francis Nuuan	Petrus Tun	Yap
John Ngiraked	David Ramarui	Palau

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
Ekpap Silk	Atlan Anien	Marshall's
Namo Hermios	Henry Samuel	Marshall's
Daro Weital	Bethwel Henry	Ponape
Ambilos Ieshi	Joab Sigrah	Ponape
Petrus Mailo		Truk
Chutomu Nimwes		Truk
Soukichi Fritz		Truk
Benjamin Manglona	Dr. Carlos S. Camacho	Marianas
Manuel Mung		Marianas
Luke Tman	John Rugulimar	Yap
Lazarus Salii	Polycarp Basilius	Palau
Jacob Sawaichi		Palau

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