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Max -

I'd like for
Charlie Lippert to
look at this and
advise how to
proceed as well as
opinion on issue.

John



File

EXTRANEEOUS ASPECTS OF MARIANAS COVENANT
RESOLUTION

- Section 2 is not timely because the adjudication of the War Claims has not been completed, and the pending claims may be inflated when judged against the terms of reference under which the Micronesian Claims Commission is operating.
- Section 3 is not germane, since it deals with all major U.S. territories, rather than just the Marianas.
- Both sections 2 and 3 raise serious budgetary implications which require further analysis by the Congressional Budget Committees and the OMB.
- Section 3 (b) raises serious constitutional questions in that it provides for a "one house veto" of legislative authority already approved by the full Congress and signed by the President.

