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MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF  
THRU: VERN LOEN  
FROM: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CL*  
SUBJECT: Status of Mariana Islands Legislation

This is in response to your request for a status report on the Mariana Islands legislation and in particular the substitute bill introduced by Rep. Philip Burton (D-Calif).

Three (3) bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives. They are as follows:

H. J. Res. 547 by Skubitz, Clausen, Steiger and Ruppe.  
(Administration's bill)

H. J. Res. 549 by Phil Burton and 24 other Members  
(This is the Burton substitute to H. J. Res. 547)

H. J. Res. 550 by Phil Burton, Santini and Weaver  
(Identical to H. J. Res. 549)

The difference between the Administration proposal (H. J. Res. 547) and the Burton substitute/contains sections 2 and 3 which are not in the Administration proposal. Section 2 of the Burton substitute authorizes appropriations for the full payment of war damage claims pursuant to title II of Public Law 92-39. Section 3 of the Burton substitute authorizes the President to extend all grant-in-aid programs to the territories.

By memorandum dated June 24, I informed you of Burton's plans to move quickly on this legislation. Burton's subcommittee will hold hearings and mark-up this legislation on July 14. It will be reported by the Full Committee on July 15. This legislation then is likely to be scheduled for the House floor during the week of July 21. Burton's present plan is to take the bill up on the Suspension calendar on July 21.

cc: Tom Loeffler