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VOTE ON THE MARIANAS

Q. What is your reaction to the Senate vote (67 - 22) approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands?

A. We welcome the Senate's approval of the Covenant. The House has already approved the Covenant so the legislation will not go to conference where we hope for a speedy resolution of the differences. As you may recall, the people of the Northern Marianas approved Commonwealth status in a UN-observed plebiscite last June.

Q. Who is the President's envoy to the Marianas?

A. Ambassador F. Haydn Williams serves as the President's personal representative to the Marianas.