



TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
CONDUCTS HEARING

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Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,
July 20 . . . The Committee on Judiciary and Government Relations
conducted a hearing on July 14, 1967 on House Bills No. 9 and 11
in the House of Representatives hall, Congress of Micronesia.

Ponape

House Bill No. 9 was a proposal to add Section 423 to the Trust
Territory Code relating to the carrying of "concealed weapons." An
important aspect of this bill is the prevention of the much more
serious crimes of murder, aggravated assault, assault with the intent
to kill, etc. The bill would also give law enforcement officers
the power to apprehend and prosecute a person who uses concealed
weapons for the above purposes.

Marshalls

Yap

House Bill No. 11 was a proposal to amend Section 390 of the
Trust Territory Code pertaining to arson to divide this crime into
two degrees for the purpose of differentiating between the burning
of a dwelling or a building in which the life of a person is jeo-
pardized and the burning of a building other than a dwelling or where
no life is in jeopardy.

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The Committee recommended passage of both bills on first reading.

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