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SENATE ORGANIZES ITS STANDING COMMITTEES

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, July 13 . . . On July 11 the Senate debated a proposed amendment pertaining to the organization and membership of its four Standing Committees: Committee on Ways and Means; Committee on Resources and Development; Committee on Education, Health and Social Affairs, and Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

While three Committees retained their memberships of four (4) with the quorum of three (3), the Senate unanimously adopted an amendment which called for a considerable reduction of the Ways and Means membership from twelve (12) to six (6). The amendment provided the inclusion of representatives of all six districts, and that the Chairmen of the other three Committees should not serve on the Ways and Means Committee.

Committee on Ways and Means

The Honorable Bailey Olter (Ponape), Chairman; The Honorable Petrus Tun (Yap); The Honorable Tosiwo Nakayama (Truk); The Honorable John Ngiraked (Palau); The Honorable Amata Kabua (Marshalls), and The Honorable Francisco T. Palacios (Marianas).

The duty of this Committee is to consider and report on all bills, resolutions or other matters referred to it by the House pertaining to the finances or financial administration of the Trust Territory or any

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of the districts or municipalities thereof, such subjects to include but not be limited to tax and non-tax revenues, Trust Territory budgets, expenditures, appropriations, loans, debts, claims, funding arrangements, accounting and audits, proposed, present or past, and related subjects.

Resources and Development

The Honorable Francis Nuuan (Yap), Chairman; The Honorable Tosiwo Nakayama (Truk); The Honorable Bailey Olter (Ponape); and The Honorable Olympio T. Borja (Marianas).

The duty of this Committee is to consider and report on all bills, resolutions and other matters referred to it by the House pertaining to the economy of the Trust Territory and the resources thereof including economic planning and policies, private and public investments, development loans, private savings and indebtedness, commerce and trade, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, mineral resources, land management, industries, electric power, communications, land, sea and air transportation and related subjects.

Education, Health and Social Affairs

The Honorable Isaac Lanwi (Marshalls), Chairman; The Honorable Hiroshi Ismael (Ponape); The Honorable David Ramarui (Palau), and The Honorable Francisco T. Palacios (Marianas).

The duty of this Committee is to consider and report on all bills, resolutions and other matters referred to it by the House pertaining

to education, physical and mental health, the conditions of labor, the social well-being of the people of Micronesia and related subjects.

Judiciary and Governmental Operations

The Honorable Andon Amaraich (Truk), Chairman; The Honorable Petrus Tun (Yap); The Honorable John Ngiraked (Palau), and The Honorable Amata Kabua (Marshalls).

The duty of this Committee is to consider and report on all bills, resolutions and other matters referred to it by the House pertaining to civil and criminal law, judicial administration and organization, land law, traditional rights, suffrage and elections, revision of statutes, governmental organization and functions, civil service, territorial-district-municipal relations and related subjects.

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