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31 BILLS INTRODUCED IN SENATE

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Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, July 19 . . . On July 13, the 4th day of the Session, 28 Administration bills and 3 other bills were introduced in the Senate and referred to the Senate Standing Committees for consideration. Except for S.B. No. 55, a proposal pertaining to regulating mufflers on motor vehicles, all the bills introduced passed required first reading in the Senate.

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Since the bulk of the Administration measures dealt with legal, business license and fees, and tax matters, sixteen were assigned to Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations (J & GO); eleven to Ways and Means (W&M); two to Education, Health and Social Affairs (E, H & SA), and one to Resources and Development (R&D). S.B. No. 41, relating to acquisition of land for public use, was referred to J & GO and W & M; S.B. No 54 relating to Merit System, was assigned to J & GO and E, H & SA.

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S.B. No 1, introduced by Senator David Ramarui, is a proposed amendment relating to the public school system designating elementary school to mean grades 1 to 8 and high schools to mean work offered in grades nine to twelve. Formerly the system was 1 to 6 grades at the elementary level and 7 to 9 at the intermediate level.

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S.B. No. 2, also introduced by Senator Ramarui, called for establishment of a public school devoted exclusively to vocational training and instruction. These two bills were referred to E.H & SA and the Committee's Chairman Senator Isaac Larwi scheduled them for public hearing at 7:00 p.m., on July 17.

S.B. No. 3 "pertaining to public utilities and services", introduced by Senator John Ngiraked, contains provisions regulating public services such as passenger services by motor buses or trucks, telephone service, dockage, wharfage, or cargo services, etc. rendered by private individuals, firms, or corporations. The 21-page proposed legislation provides in the main that any charge of services furnished or rendered by any public utility shall be reasonable, just and non-discriminatory and that every public utility is required to obey the lawful orders of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. This bill was referred to Ways and Means and along with the other two passed the first reading.

S.J. Resolution No. 2, "memorializing the Secretary of the Interior to take necessary steps to establish a reciprocal extradition procedure between the United States, its territories and possessions and the Trust Territory" was referred to J & GO.

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