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Wygant as first U.S. Rep. to FSM

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Another milestone was attained between the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States of America during a formal presentation ceremony held here Oct. 2 at the FSM Congress Chamber.

The first U.S. Representative to FSM, Michael Wygant, said "the United States salutes your emergence into the world community" as he presented his credentials to President John R. Haglelgam as the first United States diplomatic Representative to the Federated States of Micronesia, in the presence of the Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, Congress Vice Speaker Elias Thomas, cabinet and other high level officials of the FSM government.

In welcoming Ambassador Wygant to the FSM, the President said that the historic occasion witnessed "a full expression of establishing friendly and diplomatic relations between our two countries consistent with the Compact of Free Association and international law and practices," and adding "We take comfort in

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CHIEF EXECUTIVES CONVERGE - The FSM President and the governors are posing for a group photo following the completion of their conference Oct. 5-9 at Truk Legislature Chamber on Moen. From left are Truk Governor Gideon Doone, Kosrae Governor Yosiwo George, President John R. Haglelgam, Pohnpei Governor Resio Moses and Yap Governor Petrus Tun.

Chief Executives agreed to deposit in banks

Deferred action on Revenue Sharing

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The President and the four governors agreed during the Twelfth Chief Executives Conference held Oct. 5-9 on Truk that the FSM governments should make deposits with local banks, but deferred action on topics regarding Revenue Sharing, Tax Administration Reform, and Control of Foreign Labor.

The president of the Bank of FSM, Senator Leo A. Falcum, informed the Chief Executives dur-

ing the Conference that in order for the Bank to survive, it needs more capital and government deposits from both the state and national governments. That the bank, which was formed three years ago with one-third foreign and two-thirds citizen investors, would survive or die on the strength of its deposits, Senator Falcum stated, and noted that the FSM state officials in Kosrae, Truk and Yap encouraged the

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the fact that you are no stranger to our islands.

"The friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia had already been established even before we achieved our independence about 11 months ago. Indeed, we are very grateful to your esteemed government that after two generations of friendship administration, your government has assisted us to regain our sovereignty and to reestablish our place in the world community."

Wygant said that the United States stands ready to assist the FSM in realizing the goals President Haglelgam's administration has set, and "Working together we can translate the words of the Compact into a living testament of what we once set out to accomplish on the road to free association," he added.

Haglelgam expressed that "It is most gratifying to have the assurances of assistance from your government as we strive as a nation to attain economic self-sufficiency, maintaining a dignified quality of life, and preserve our cultural heritage."

The President also thanked the Ambassador for services provided to the FSM through Peace Corps, the Civic Action Teams and U.S. National Health Service Corps doctors who are working along with the FSM medical experts in providing and advancing the health delivery systems in the FSM.

"My government and the people of the FSM are determined to continue to carry out our responsibilities and obligations under the Compact of Free Association," President Haglelgam said, adding "As you assume full charge of the United States Mission in this country, this government looks forward to establishing a continuous and warm working relation-



PRESIDENT RECEIVES THE FSM-U.S. REPRESENTATIVE - President John R. Haglelgam, right, is receiving the first U.S. Representative to the FSM, the honorable Michael Gordon Wygant during the Oct. 2 formal presentation ceremony held at the FSM Congress Chamber.

ship with you and your government."

"I look forward to establishing with you and your government a productive dialogue that will make even closer the warm ties of friendship which bind our two countries. The Compact provides the framework, it is for us working together to form the substance. In this, I pledge my best efforts to achieve success," the U.S. Representative concluded.

Michael Gordon Wygant was born on June 22, 1936 and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1958. He served briefly in the U.S. Army, and is articulate in French and Russian.

He joined the Foreign Service in 1959 and served as a Research Analyst for African Affairs in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research; and also served as a Vice Consul at the Consulate General in Harare, Zimbabwe, prior to taking graduate studies in African Affairs at Boston University.

Wygant has served as Second Secretary, Economic Officer at Embassy Lome, Togo; Second Secre-

tary, Political Officer, at Embassy Moscow, USSR; and was assigned as Civil Operations Chief in Pleiku, South Vietnam. He also worked in Washington as Country Desk Officer for Guinea and Benin in the Bureau of African Affairs prior to serving as Charge d'Affaires at Embassy Banjul, the Gambia.

He also served as First Secretary, Political Officer at Embassy Canberra, Australia, before serving as Public Affairs Director of the African Bureau and later as Deputy Director, Office of Cooperative Science and Technology Program in the Bureau of Oceans and Environmental and Scientific Affairs. Most recently, Wygant was Status Liaison Officer attached to the Trust Territory, an office which he closed in February of this year. While living in Saipan, he frequently visited the FSM. President Reagan appointed Mr. Wygant to be U.S. Representative to the FSM on May 26 and he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on July 30, 1987.

Mr. Wygant is married to Lee Dunn Wygant. They have three grown daughters, and now reside in Kolonia, Pohnpei.

CDA approves copra subsidy

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Despite the low world prices, the FSM Coconut Development Authority (CDA) Board of Directors with the support of the FSM Congress, approved a FSM-wide uniform subsidy price of \$200 a ton or 10 cents a pound for Grade I copra, effective Nov. 15, 1987, according to FSMCDA General Manager Namio O. Nanpei.

Grade II copra will be \$190 a ton or 095 cents a pound and Grade III, \$180 a ton or 9 cents per pound, Nanpei said in an Oct. 27-letter to President John R. Haglelgam.

Nanpei said that the board, which approved the new prices, felt that the increase in buying price is necessary to incite efforts of the copra cutters and at the same time provide additional income for them.

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formation of the Bank and on numerous occasions advised the Bank officials that the Bank would be used for government deposits.

Because of the lack of government deposits, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has told the Bank that they will not insure additional branches (Yap and Pohnpei) until they can show government support for the Bank, the Chief Executives were told.

While Pohnpei Governor Resio Moses said that the State of Pohnpei is legally banned from investing in any institution whose assets fall below \$500 million, nevertheless, he supported the concept of a domestic private bank and will be working to get the law repealed. President Haglengam also voiced his concern saying, "the National Government is reluctant to deposit money in the Bank when it is not meeting the requirement of the banking board."

On the other hand, Yap Governor Petrus Tun said that Yap State would be making a deposit to the Bank soon and has already made two deposits previously.

The Chief Executives also decided to let the federal programs' money made available at the beginning of a fiscal year and decided to name representatives to a working group to meet during the Conference and continue discussions on Pohnpei in order to ready a submission of a legislation on Foreign Investment to the Congress during the October session.

The draft foreign investment bill, which is now called "Foreign Enterprise Act" is intended to strengthen the interstate foreign investment environment in the FSM and to attract potential foreign investors into business in the FSM. The three major changes to the existing "Foreign Investment Act of 1981" include:

1) the draft abolishes the existing "Foreign Investment Act of 1981"; 2) it regulates interstate commerce based on the provision in the FSM Constitution; and 3) it changes the focus from regulating individual investors to regulating business, and exempts foreign investment application requirements to three major areas of economic development, including: petroleum companies; airline companies, and banks.

The Chief Executives were briefed by External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy on transitional issues including: estimated funding of \$12 million for a new campus of the College of Micronesia; funding for Indefinite Land use which the United States has agreed to put back into the Interior Budget for 1989 fiscal year; War Claims; Federal Programs, particularly: Basic Education Opportunity Grants (BEOG), Student Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG), College Work Study Program (CWSP), and Pell Grant, which the U.S. Senate has agreed to sponsor an amendment to the Compact to restore eligibility for the FSM students to the status held before Compact went into effect minus the loan programs.

The Deputy Secretary also briefed the Chief Executives on issues, including: status of Single Audit Requirement; and Multilateral Fisheries Treaty which is now before the U.S. Congress.

Regarding College of Micronesia funding, an Amendment No. 2 to the "Memorandum of Understanding with respect to the division of grant assistance under the Compact among the national and state governments of the FSM" was agreed to and signed by the Chief Executives on Oct. 9 to replace the amendment which was signed on Jan. 30, 1987, but was not ratified by the FSM Congress. The President agreed to take the

Chief Executives concerns back to Pohnpei for discussions with College of Micronesia representatives and the FSM Congress.

Though no decision was reached regarding Joint Law Enforcement Agreement, Attorney General Jack Warndorf briefed the Chief Executives on the status of a bill to be submitted to the Congress which will change the definition of major crimes. The bill would effectively increase considerable states' authority over prosecuting crimes and lessen the authority for the National Government in accordance with Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Amendment No. 1.

The Chief Executives were also briefed by Mr. Walter Laskey of Merrill Lynch regarding the investment of Compact Funds. It was learned that the FSM money manager, Seibel, has earned \$6.4 million interest over the \$23.5 million which was invested at the Hawaiian Trust Company in the period from December 1986 to September 30, 1987.

The conference was also informed by Hawaiian Trust Company Vice President and Administrative Officer for the FSM's account, Mr. Sam Wooley, that one of HIC's primary responsibilities is to account for all income/receipts and all documentations and copies to be provided monthly directly to each State.

Regarding the Monetization of Compact Funds, the Chief Executives signed a "Pledge Agreement" specifying the amounts of moneys agreed to be pledged by each government, which would in turn have to be approved through appropriate legislation. It was also agreed that there be a limit of 25 percent that any government could borrow from its share of the Monetization Fund.

The Chief Executives were uncomfortable with the Investment Development Fund (IDF) Working

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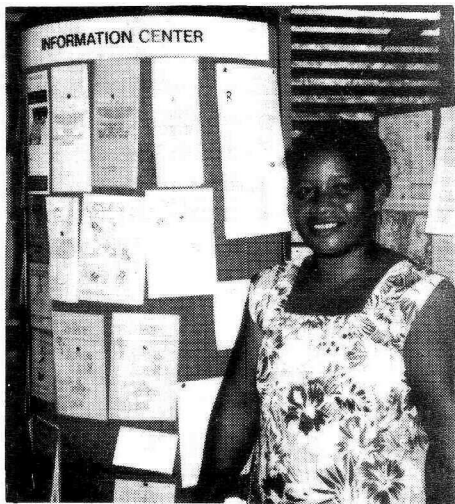
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Group's recommendation with regard to the strong role the FSM Development Bank (FSMDB) would have in administering the IDF.

It was felt by all that the FSMDB should primarily have a bookkeeping/paperwork type of role and not play a part in the decision-making process. Because no consensus could be reached in agreeing to the recommendations of the IDF Working Group, the Chief Executives agreed that the States would send their IDF representatives to Pohnpei with written concerns of each respective State Governor the week of October 19th to reanalyze and finalize the IDF Working Group's and draft legislation for submittal to the FSM Congress during its October 1987 session.

The next Conference will convene at the call of the President and Governor Yosiwo George of Kosrae.



PALSIS STUDIES AT UOG - Kosrae Hospital Supervising Nurse Petrina Palsis is one of the five students from the region enrolled in the University of Guam's "Leadership Training for Pacific Island Nurses" Program. Palsis is a Registered Nurse (RN) and is working toward completion of a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing before returning to Kosrae. The program is funded this year with a \$90,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Social Services, UOG Information Officer Katherine Singh said.

Congress confirms IDF Board

Editor's note: The following is a first week wrap-up floor action by the FSM Congress during its current regular session.

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Fifth FSM Congress in the first week of its second regular session approved the nominations of Yap State Director of Administrative Services James Gilmar, Truk State Resources and Development Director Joe Suka, Kosrae State Lt. Governor Moses Mackwelung, Ponape Federation Co-op Association Manager Higinio Weirlangt and Pohnpei State Senator Annes Lebehn to the Investment Development Fund Board of Advisors, according to Congress News Release.

Congress also adopted a resolution (CR 5-83), commending and congratulating Bishop Amando Samo upon his ordination as Auxiliary Bishop to Bishop Martin J. Neylon, S.J., D.D., in the Diocese of the Caroline and Marshall Islands.

A bill that would establish procedures for the surrender of persons who have committed crimes in foreign countries and to establish procedures for the transfer of offenders to and from foreign countries was also passed. The Congress Bill 5-83 is needed for the implementation of the "agreement of extradition, mutual assistance and law enforcement matter and penal sanctions concluded pursuant to section 175 of the compact of free association."

Congress convened its first day of the session, Oct. 12, with the appointment by Speaker Jack Fritz of a special committee to wait on the President, composed of Vice Speaker Elias Thomas of Pohnpei as the Chairman, and senators Redley Killion of Truk, Isaac Figir of Yap, and Jacob Nena of Kosrae as members.

Speaker Fritz, in welcoming the members of the Congress to the

session, said that being in "full strength, it might be time to finish studying (the issues) and start acting."

Bills that were introduced the first five days of the session include:

C.B. 5-121, to further amend section 105 of the FSM Code, to extend the expiration date of the title,

C.B. 5-122, to amend FSM code by adding a new chapter for creating a National Deposit Insurance Corporation of the FSM,

C.B. 5-123, to appropriate \$15,000 for providing assistance to Truk Farmer's Home Administration Office,

C.B. 124, to appropriate \$100,000 for the construction of classroom facilities at Ohwa Christian High School,

C.B. 5-125, to amend FSM Code requiring non-citizen to pass the T³ or equivalent competency tests in order to qualify to work in the FSM,

C.B. 5-126, to appropriate \$75,000 to help fund the Kosrae State Community Action Program,

C.B. 5-127, to amend FSM Code relating to taxation,

C.B. 5-128, to appropriate \$260,000 to funding single audits of the National and State Governments,

C.B. 5-129, to appropriate

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FSMSC NOTICE

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Notice is hereby given to all claims against Mid-Pacific Construction, Incorporated, known as "Mid-Pac" in Pohnpei to be heard in the FSM Supreme Court on Nov. 4, 5, and 6, 1987, beginning at 9:00 a.m., FSM Supreme Court Chief Clerk Emeliana J. Musrasrik reported.

Parties must present their claims beforehand and be prepared to substantiate them, according to the Notice which was dated on Sept. 18, 1987.

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\$14,00 for defraying costs of projects administered by Micronesia Bound Inc.,

C.B. 5-130, to appropriate \$51,125 for funding nonreligious activities of the Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATs),

C.B. 5-131, to appropriate \$76,250 for renovating the Public Safety Facility Building in Pohnpei State and constructing a water supply system nearby,

C.B. 5-132, to amend FSM Code concerning housing for National Government Employees,

C.B. 5-133, to appropriate \$387,144 for reimbursing Guam Memorial Hospital for unpaid hospital bills,

C.B. 5-134, to amend FSM Code of exempting National Court Officers and employees from the Public Service System,

C.B. 5-135, to amend the FSM Code by amending, renumbering and adding sections in deleting instrumentalities, providing for National Government control over airports, and providing for preboarding for members of Congress and the State Legislatures,

C.B. 5-136, to amend the FSM Code by repealing chapter two, which concerns Trust Territory Administrative procedures, in its entirety,

C.B. 5-137, to appropriate \$600,000 for funding certain public projects in Kosrae State, and for other purposes.

C.B. 5-138, to appropriate \$50,000 for a conference of the Traditional Leaders of the FSM to be held in the State of Kosrae,

C.B. 5-139, to appropriate \$10,000 for the FSM, and for other purposes,

C.B. 5-140, to appropriate \$50,000 for filling in Sokehs Pah in preparation for the relocation and construction of elementary school facilities,

C.B. 5-141, to amend the FSM Code by adding a new chapter

three concerning extraterritorial criminal jurisdiction, to repeal title five of the FSM Code in its entirety,

C.B. 5-142, to amend the FSM Code by repealing sections 101 through to 114, and 201 through to 206 by amending sections 207, 209 and by renumbering sections 112, 208 and 210 through 212,

C.B. 5-143, providing for further amendment to the FSM Code to place extradition and transfer of prisoners within the scope of joint law enforcement agreements,

C.B. 5-144, to amend the FSM Code in order to correspond with the FSM's current political status,

C.B. 5-145, to appropriate \$35,6778 for completing certain public projects in Pohnpei State which were not completed because of lapse in funding,

C.B. 5-146, to amend Public Law 4-101, which established the FSM airline corporation, and deleting subsection two in its entirety,

C.B. 5-147, to provide for further amendment to the FSM Code to provide for the nomination and congressional advice and consent of temporary justice to the FSM Supreme Court,

C.B. 5-148, to appropriate \$50,000 for funding vocational training in the State of Kosrae.

C.B. 5-149, to appropriate \$300,000 for renovating classroom buildings in the Kosrae State,

C.B. 5-150, to appropriate \$400,000 to fund the operations, projects programs of the Community Action Agencies of the FSM,

C.B. 5-151, to provide for a retirement fund, annuities, death, benefits and other incidental benefits for employees of the National Government, participating State and local Governments, and other participating public entities in the FSM, and to provide for widow's annuities and other benefits to the dependents of such employees,

C.B. 5-152, to amend the FSM

Code for limiting attorney's fees awarded to a party prevailing against the National Government of the FSM to \$40.00 per hour,

C.B. 5-153, to amend the FSM Code for increasing the compensation of justices of the Supreme Court of the FSM,

C.B. 154, to appropriate \$100,000 for replacing funds previously appropriated for the reconstruction of Outer Island High School in Yap State which lapsed before work was completed.

Resolutions 5-88 and 5-91 confirming the nominations of Jesse B. Marehalau of Outer Islands, Yap, as the FSM Representative to the U.S. and Marcelino Actouka of Kolonia, Pohnpei to the position of Secretary of the FSM Department of Resources and Development, respectively, were introduced.

Other resolutions which were introduced in the first week of the session include:

C.R. 5-87, Ratifying two memoranda which modify the foreign fishing agreement between the Micronesian Maritime Authority and the Japanese Fishing Associations.

C.R. 5-89, Urging the FSM President and the Governor of each State to fully support programs to eradicate malnutrition among FSM citizens, including programs to develop accurate data on the incidence of malnutrition among FSM citizens.

C.R. 5-90, Requesting the FSM President to expedite his nomination of permanent members of the Micronesian Airline Corporation.

C.R. 5-92, ratifying the convention for the protection of the natural resources and environment of the South Pacific Region, the protocol concerning cooperation in combating pollution emergencies in the South Pacific Region, and protocol for the prevention of pollution of the South Pacific Region by dumping.

President submits budget, urges action on Plan

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Haglelgam has submitted a \$10.3 million revised budget to Congress including the adjustments effected in the executive branch budget due to cut-backs in position and funding in conjunction with the proposed administration's reorganization plan and modifications regarding housing rental and per diem rates policies.

The cut-backs would mean a savings of over a half-a-million dollars for the FSM national government.

The President informed Speaker Fritz in his Oct. 7 budget submission letter that the three-quarter supplemental funding levels are in keeping with the intent of the reorganization plan by merging programs, agencies and commissions with the executive departments currently performing identical or similar functions.

The reorganization plan proposes to reorganize the FSM executive branch by increasing the number of departments from four to eight and eliminating or merging most of the existing offices and independent agencies and commissions to departments currently performing similar functions.

The President earlier submitted to Congress during its July special session the 1988 fiscal budget with first quarter funding for the executive branch. The Oct. submission includes the accommodation of the remainder of the year three-quarter supplemental funding for the executive branch, commissions and agencies affected by the reorganization plan.

Citing that the "plan" has been described by some as ambitious, the President said, "I think of it as a practical attempt at wrenching this government from a behavioral pattern that is simply too tolerant of inefficiency," and adding that he is convinced

that "as in any effort to change behavior, success depends on several critical events: recognizing that serious problems exist, identifying the causes of those problems, and then taking appropriate action to remedy the problem."

In his letter, the President urged the Congress to take action that can "clearly be hailed as progress in our management performance in a spirit of faith in our capacity for change.

"Because of the tremendous trust placed in us by our fellow citizens, we, the national leadership, have a solemn obligation to lead the attack against wasteful spending, mismanagement of resources, technical inefficiencies and other failures of our public service system," the President informed the Congress.

The "plan" incorporates the Foreign Investment Board, the Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA), and the Trades, Training and Testing (T³) Program into FSM Resources and Development department; FSM Banking Board into Finance department; FSM Board of Education into Office of Education, with Environmental Protection and Medical Licensing boards to be absorbed by the Office of Health Services. National Fisheries Corporation and National Postal Service remain as exceptions and are presented in the budget as semi-autonomous agencies.

The President said he believes these mergers are a step in the direction of more cost-effective government and noted that even with the addition of these responsibilities and their related costs within the executive branch, the government will be able "to reduce the proposed budget for executive branch operations by approximately three-quarters of a million dollars."

The budget as submitted to the Congress was adjusted to include

changes made in the initial executive budget submission with modifications on housing rental payments and new per diem rates.

"I believe the rate reductions are an effective way of trimming travel costs," the President said in the letter, inviting the Congress "to join with me in a pledge of cooperation so that through our concerned efforts we can bring the full potential of the executive and legislative branches to bear on reducing the cost of government operations while advancing the most feasible of government development projects."

British Envoy Thompson visits FSM

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The British High Commissioner to Republic of Kiribati, the honorable Charles Thompson, whose post also covers the Micronesian islands, visited the FSM Capital Sept. 23-25 as part of a routine familiarization trip which includes Yap State.

High Commissioner Thompson paid courtesy calls on President John R. Haglelgam, Governor Resio Moses, FSM Congress Vice Speaker Elias Thomas, Pohnpei Legislature Vice Speaker Job Micah and met with FSM External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich on discussions regarding informal inter government relations between Great Britain and the FSM.

Thompson said that he is very happy to have arranged the first ever award given outside of the former British territories of a one-year study-award at the University of Oxford for Lorin Robert of Truk for studies in international trade and finance, politics and diplomacies.

The High Commissioner, who left Pohnpei on Sept. 25, said that he will visit Yap before going back to Kiribati next week.

89 candidates run for Public Offices in Pohnpei

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A total of 89 candidates are running for public offices in Pohnpei State in the Nov. 10 general election for Gov-

Pohnpei State yearbook published

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Pohnpei State Office of Budget, Planning and Statistics has published the First Five Year Development Plan for Pohnpei State Government, Assistant to Governor Dion G. Neth announced.

The 227-page book covers the years 1987 to 1991 with 23 chapters on topics from handicrafts to energy to financial institutions, Governor's Press Secretary Marialice Eperiam said.

Governor Resio Moses called the plan "the first attempt by this State to reach a consensus for selection of long-term development goals and objectives," and adding "But, we must remember that our selected development goals are meaningful only when, in reality, government policy results in improving (the) quality of life of our people, and at the same time remains socially and culturally acceptable."

Moses asked the Pohnpei citizens to be involved in the implementation of the plan, saying people must assist in the implementation of the programs over the five-year period in order to ensure the maximum benefits of development and economic growth.

Neth thanked the State Planner Nicholson Solomon and his staff for making the work possible and adding that anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the plan can contact Office of Budget, Planning and Statistics, Pohnpei State Government. A \$7:00 fee will be charged for a book.

ernor, Lt. Governor, and the Legislature, according to Pohnpei State Election Commissioner Heinrich Stevenson.

Stevenson said that Gov. Resio S. Moses and Lt. Governor Johnny David are running for their respective positions and so is Speaker Ambros Senda who is running for one of the two seats for U Municipality in the State Legislature.

There are 81 candidates running for the 22-member Pohnpei Legislature and three vying for the governor and five for the Lt. governor.

In the three-way governor's race, candidates include: the incumbent Governor Resio S. Moses of U; Pohnpei Health Services division chief Burton Jano of Kitti, and Pingelap Municipal Government chief magistrate Welden Welbert.

In the Lt. Governor's race, incumbent Johnny David is being challenged by Public Land Authority commissioner Yasuo Yamada; State Education director Damian Sohl, Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) coordinator Elsa Thomas, and Dapias Ihlon of Madolenihmw.

All incumbents in the Legislature are seeking reelection.

In Madolenihmw Municipality, 10 candidates are running for its four seats in the legislature. Incumbent state senators Nelson Pelep, Midion Neth, Salter Etse and Dachuo Johnson are being challenged by Dexter Weital, Eliwet Gallen, Welfred Mudong, Kledus James, Perdus Ehsa and Alfonso Ada.

From U Municipality with two seats currently held by incumbent state senators Speaker Ambros Senda and Joseph Moses are being challenged by Santiago Joab and Quirino Iadore.

In Kitti, 14 candidates are vying for its three seats in the legislature. The incumbent senators Bernell Edward, William Ep-

erian and Kasiano Joseph are being challenged by Golden Charley, Mitchuo Daniel, Joseph Route, Solpasio Salvador, James Abraham, Sado Martin, Legislature chief clerk Henry Saimon, Herman Semes, Eugenio Ardos, Keropin David, and Saped Santos.

In Nett, seven candidates are running for its two seats. The incumbent senators Joanes Edmund and Floor Leader Francis Simeon are being challenged by Alex Iuzama, Valerio Hallens, Quirino Mendiola, William Panuelo, and Paulino Rodriguez.

Fourteen candidates are running for four seats in the legislature for Sokehs Municipality. Incumbent senators Annes Leben, Felciano perman, John Walter, and Herculano Kohler are being challenged by Tosiwo Liwy, Richard Susaia, Rodrigo Mauricio, Iargo Edwin, Shem Jimmy, Hersin Hemon, Rainer Warren, Wehns Billen, Aki-osy P. John, and Legislature Administrative officer Hilary Conrad.

From Kolonia Town, seven candidates are running for its two seats. Incumbent senators Relio Yamada and Yosuo Phillip are being challenged by Reed Oliver, Akillino Susaia, Casiano Shoniber, Bismark Weilbacher, and Kosaksy Phillip.

Legislature vice speaker Job Micah of Pingelap is being challenged by Sintaro Ezra and Alenson Solomon, while incumbent senator Simeron Jim of Mwoakilloa is being challenged by Sailas Henry and Ishmael Lebehn.

Sapwuaifik's incumbent senator Baker Meninzor is being challenged by Kenio Frank, while incumbent senator Dison Gideon of Nuk-uoro is challenged by Hosea Fred and Kerson Lekka.

Four candidates are running for Kapingamarangi's seat in the legislature. Incumbent Iohp Lohete is being challenged by Deidge Patterson, Billimon George and Edward Miller.

Precautions against AIDS release

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Editor's note: The following is a general guidance prepared by the division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and released by U.S. Secretary of State, George Shultz, to Americans and local residents or officials seeking information about the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS):

"AIDS is a consequence of infection by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). Other less severe illnesses, sometimes grouped under the term Aids-Related Complex (ARC), as well as asymptomatic (no sign of) infections may also result from infection with HIV. The incubation period for AIDS may be long, ranging from a few months to several years. Some individuals infected with HIV remain asymptomatic for five years or more.

Currently, there is no vaccine to protect against infection within HIV, and there is no cure for AIDS.

AIDS has been reported from more than 100 nations, but adequate surveillance systems are lacking in many countries. Because HIV infection and AIDS are globally distributed, the risk to international travelers is determined less by their geographic destination than by their individual behavior.

In other countries, especially less developed nations, there may or may not be a formal program for testing blood or biological products for antibody to HIV. In these countries, use of locally-produced blood clotting factor concentrates should be avoided. If transfusion is necessary, the blood should be tested, if at all possible, for HIV antibodies by appropriately-trained laboratory technicians using a reliable test. Needles used to draw blood or administer injections should be sterile, preferably of the disposable type, and prepacked in a sealed, single-unit container. Diabetics or other persons who require routine or frequent injections should carry a supply of syringes and needles sufficient to last their entire stay abroad."

American citizens contemplating to travel abroad should contact their sponsor, the host country embassy or the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) for further information. USPHS may be reached at: Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone 404-329-2572.

HIV infection is preventable. There is no documented evidence of HIV transmission through casual contacts: air, food, or water routes; contact with inanimate objects or through mosquitoes or other arthropod vectors. HIV is transmitted through sexual intercourse, blood or blood components, and perinatally from an infected mother.

Travelers are at increased risk if they: 1) Have sexual intercourse (homosexual or heterosexual) with an infected person, 2) Use or allow the use of contaminated, unsterilized syringes or needles for any injections, e.g.,

illicit drugs, tattooing, acupuncture, or medical/dental procedures, 3) Use of infected blood, blood components, or clotting factor concentrates.

Travelers should avoid sexual encounters with a person who is thought to be infected with HIV or whose HIV infection status is unknown. This will mean avoiding sexual activity with intravenous drug users and person with multiple sexual partners, including male or female prostitutes. Condoms may decrease, but not entirely eliminate transmission of HIV. Persons who engage in vaginal, anal, or oral-genital intercourse with anyone infected of HIV or whose infection status is unknown should use condoms. Diaphragms in combination with a spermicide may provide additional protection. In U.S., Australia, Canada, Japan, and Western European countries the risk of infection is reduced through mandatory testing of all donated blood for the presence of antibodies to HIV.

Sos retains Speakership in Truk

MOEN, Truk (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Speaker Kisande Sos was able to retain speakership of the Third Truk State Legislature during a Sept. 23 reorganization meeting following its unsuccessful attempt to adopt the resolution to impeach the Truk Governor, according to Legislature Chief Clerk Datsi Albert.

This is the second time the Truk Legislature has shuffled its top officers and committee chairmen during this term since its adoption a year ago of a resolution amending the Rules of Procedures making the terms of office to be "terminated...at any time by the action of the legislature," Albert said, adding that Sos, who served as Speaker during the Second Truk State Legislature, replaced Fritz Hartman who served seven months as speaker, during the Dec. 4, 1986, reorganization.

The Sept.-23 reorganization may have been caused by a coalition recently been observed developing

among the Truk senators since the introduction of the impeachment resolution, Albert said.

Vice speaker Kenchy James of Nama, Mortlocks, and Floor Leader Detor Santos of Uman were replaced by Senators Andy Dois of Dublon and former Ways and Means chairman Resty Shotaro of Polle as vice speaker and floor leader, respectively, while Joakim Kaminaga took over Ways and Means Committee and Helbert Dereas was replaced by Jonathan Salle as Resources and Development Committee chairman and Singkoro Harper by Tony Rosokow as Federal and Foreign Affairs Committee chairman.

Committee chairmen who were re-elected include Roosevelt Kansou, Judiciary and Governmental Operations; and Komer Kumo, Education; while Senator Hayashi Naka of Dublon was replaced by Otoshy Baelo as Health and Welfare Committee chairman and Tatas Terry by Ander Phillip as Transportation, Communications and Public Works Committee chairman.

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