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FEATURING SIXTH CONGRESS MEMBERS & BIOGRAPHIES

FRITZ, Jack (Truk States: 2-year term) - In the Sixth FSM Congress leadership, the two-year term Speaker Jack Fritz, of Truk State was elected to the Second FSM Congress in 1981 when he defeated

incumbent Senator Julio Akapito as representative of the Southern Namoneas in the Truk Lagoon, the states' Third Congressional District.

Fritz, who also was the speaker in the Fifth FSM Congress, was born March 23, 1950, on Kuttu Islands, Mortlocks, served as an interpreter in the ·1975 Micronesian Constitutional Convention and received a BA degree in political sci-(Please see BIOGRAPHIES, Page 3)



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President attends 20th Forum

TARAWA, Kiribati July 12, 1989 (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 20th South Pacific Forum, which was held in the conference center of the newly opened Otintaai Hotel, in Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati, was officially close the evening of July

11 with the signing of the Tarawa Declaration which expresses profound concern of the Forum countries over the driftnet fishing activities by Japanese and Taiwanese fishing fleets, according to FSM Congress Assistant Public Information Officer Robert Jackson who writes for PACNEWS.

The Tarawa Declaration, was signed by heads of Governments of Australia, the Cook Islands, FSM, Kiribati, New Zealand, Nauru, Niue, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands were represented by their Deputy Prime Ministers, Tonga by its Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence and Western Samoa by its Minister of Justice and Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Tarawa Declaration commends the Republic of Korea for its decision to cease drift net fishing in the Pacific waters and calls on Japan and Taiwan to follow Korea and abandon immediately their damaging driftnet operations.

Provisions in the Declaration calls for an urgent meeting of regional diplomatic, legal and fisheries experts to develop a Convention to give effect to its common resolve to create a zone free of drift net fishing, and calls on the international community to support, and cooperate in the urgent conclusion of Convention establishing the zone.

The Forum also adopted a Communique inviting South Pacific countries to partici(Please see FORUM, Page 2)



U.S. REP OFFICE CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY - FSM Vice President Hirosi H. Ismael, second form left, joined U.S. Representative to FSM, the Honorable Michael G. Wygant, far left, in toasting to the health and well-being of their Presidents and the warm diplomatic relationship between their two countries and the 213th Anniversary of United States Independence during the July-4th get together at the Office of the U.S. Representative in Kolonia. Rep. Wygant, citing President George Bush Independence Day Message, told the packed reception room that "July 4th is a day to pause and thank God that men such as Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin had the strength, courage and insight to forge a nation predicated upon the noble ideal "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights."

Forum

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pate in a post-Forum Dialogue with representative panel of Forum leaders, and accepted with pleasure the invitation by the Prime Minister of Vanuatu to host the 21st South Pacific Forum. It also noted the generous offer of the FSM to host the 22nd South Pacific Forum in 1991.

Two issues which dominated the two-day 20th South Pacific Forum Meeting in the tiny independent island Nation of Kiribati with population of 65,000, are the rising of the sea levels as a result of the Green House effects and driftnet fishing, Jackson who writes for PACNEWS, reported.

Prime Minister Bob Hawke of Australia announced during the closing day's meeting that Australia will oversee the establishment of a network of stations throughout the Pacific region to monitor climatic changes.

To be funded by the government of Australia as part of its program of aids to South Pacific nations, the network will collect data on sea levels, water temperature, rainfall and atmospheric pressure. Prime Minister Hawke said during a press conference, adding that if a prospect of a worst scenario occurs for the smaller islands nations, Australia and New Zealand are willing to accommodate the relocation of the people from those small islands.

On the issue of driftnet fishing, the forum has unanimously adopted a declaration to ban it in the South Pacific region and to eventually extend it worldwide.

Driftnet fleets use the most destructive of fishing techniques. They suspend from the sea surface huge fishing nets (about 30 thousand miles of nets daily) that indiscriminately trapping fish, dolphins, whales, seals, turtles and seabirds, according to assertions by some Forum countries.

With fishing being the single most important economic resource to most of the Forum countries, the declaration expresses a forceful view in support of the long-held view of the Forum opposing the driftnet fishing.

Countries who usually conducted driftnet fishing in the Pacific waters are Japan, Taiwan and South Korea.

During a press conference with Geoffrey Henry, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, it was learned that the Forum has sent a

communication to New Caledonia, stating that the Forum had reviewed recent developments there and expressed deep sadness over the assassination of the Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS) leaders Jeana Marie Tiibaon and Yeiwene Yeiwene.

The Forum Governments, as the communication further stated, expressed the hope that consideration of New Caledonia by the United Nations committee on Decolonization and the United Nations General Assembly would continue to be characterized by the consensus approach adopted in 1988 by the Forum, and restated their strong support for an act of self-determination by the New Caledonians.

The Forum, during its second and final day also discussed the establishment of an Economic Service Division within the Secretariat and the initiation of an integrated program of Regional fisheries surveillance.

According to a spokesman for the Forum. the new division within the Secretariat will have the capacity to assist Forum countries in economic analysis and development planning.

A unanimous decision by the Forum countries expressed that every effort should be made to establish cooperative effort in the area of fisheries surveillance.

It was also announced by Prime Minister Hawke during the press conference this afternoon (July 12) that it was agreed to that the next South Pacific Forum Meeting will be held in Vanuatu.

President Haglelgam was accompanied to the Forum by Foreign Service Officer David Panuelo and were met by other members of their delegation, the External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy and FSM Ambassador to Suva, Mr. Alik L. Alik, who were in Tarawa earlier to represent the FSM to the Pre-Forum Meetings.

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KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMA-TION SERVICE) - Dennis K. Yamase of Pearl City, Hawaii, was recently appointed by the Sixth FSM Congress as its Legislative Counsel.

Yamase, who replaces Seth Forman of Stamford, New York, previously served as counsel for the Fifth FSM Congress Com-

mittee on Health, Education and Social Affairs (HESA) while working on re-codification of the FSM Code; served as an associate with Dandar. Manuia and Castroverde law firm of Honolulu. Hawaii, with an emphasis in public utilities commission, worker's compensation, and general corporate

work; also previously served as a Special Assistant to Republic of Palau Supreme Court Chief Justice in 1986 for special assignments while he completed the Republic of Palau Reporter and first and second supplements to the Palau National Code.

Yamase, who previously served as executive secretary for the Palau National Code Commission, also completed the first Palau National

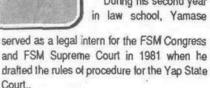
Code in 1985 and the first publication of Yap State Code in 1987.

Yamase also previously served as Legislative Counsel for the Senate in the Palau National Congress (Olbiil Era Kelulau) while concurrently serving as legal counsel for the Republic of Palau Reapportionment Commission in 1985.

He also served as a Law clerk for the FSM

Supreme Court Associate Justice Richard Benson, in Truk in 1983; law clerk for Republic of Palau Supreme Court Chief Justice Mamoru Nakamura in 1983, and worked on appellate cases and drafted Republic of Palau Court rules to civil, criminal, and appellate procedures.

During his second year



He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Education and Psychology from the University of Hawaii in 1979, and Juris Doctor from the Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii in 1982.



BIOGRAPHIES

Speaker Frtiz_

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ence in 1974 and law degree in 1979
from the University of Hawaii. He
was admitted to the T.T. Bar Association and worked as a legislative
counsel in Truk, before being
elected to the Congress where he
served as Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee
chairman in the third and fourth
congresses. He also serves as a
member of the FSM Supreme Court
and the Pohnpei State Supreme
Bar associations.

Speaker Fritz also served as Vice Chairman of the status Commission on the FSM Commission on Future Political Status and Transition and its Chairman of the Committee on Transition.

The Speaker is married to former Francy Bossy of Moen and they have five children.

Vice Speaker Phillip

PHILLIP, Claude (KOSRAE State: two-year term) - Vice Speaker Phillip of Kosrae State was elected to the Third FSM Congress in 1983 to replace Hirosi H. Ismael when the latter gave up the Kosrae two-year seat. Phillip served as Vice chairman of the Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee during the Fourth Congress and was member of the Committees on Ways and Means, and Resources and Development during the Fifth FSM Congress.

Phillip, who served as Floor Leader in the Fifth FSM Congress, was born Nov. 2I, I947, in Kosrae. He graduated from Kosrae High School in I967 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Doane College, Crete, Nebraska; served as a Social Studies instructor at the Micronesian Occupational College (MOC), Palau; as Marshall Islands District Civic Affairs Officer and also served as Public Defender's representative and a Land Commissioner for

Kosrae.

Vice Speaker Phillip served as member of the Kosrae State Political Status Commission, Kosrae Transportation authority Board of Directors and member of the College of Micronesia (COM) Board of Regents from 1970 to 1985.

He married to former Betty Olkerill of Palau and they have three children.

Floor Leader Halbert

HALBERT, Dohsis H. (POHNPEI State: Two-year term) - The Sixth FSM Congress Floor Leader Senator Dohsis Halbert was elected March 3, 1987, to the two-year seat replacing former Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry as representative of the First Congressional District in Pohnpei which includes Kolonia Town, Sokehs, and the islands of Kapingamarangi, Nukuoro and Sapwuahfik.

The former Fifth FSM Congress' Health, Education and Social Affairs Chairman, also served as a member of the Committees on Resources and Development, and Judiciary and Governmental Operations during the Fifth FSM Congress and serves currently as member of Sixth FSM Congress committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, Health, Education and Social Affairs, and Resources and Development.

Born in Sokehs, Oct. 28, 1949, Halbert was graduated from the Pohnpei Islands Central School (PICS), received an Associate of Science degree from the Community College of Micronesia (CCM) in Pohnpei. He was serving as Pohnpei State Supreme Court Chief Clerk when he was elected to the Fifth Congress. He previously served as an elementary teacher, War Claims field representative, CCM administrative assistant and Ponape District Court Clerk.

Senator Halbert also served on

the Pohnpei State Scholarship Board and a member of the FSM Task Force on cholera.

He is married to former Martha Elnei and they have five children.

Chairman Christian

CHRISTIAN, Peter (POHNPEI State: 2-year term) - Senator Peter Christian was elected the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Z Means in the Sixth FSM Congress. and member of the Committees on External Affairs, and Transportation and Communications. He served as vice chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means in the Fifth Congress, representing the Third Congressional District composed of U. Nett, Mwoakilloa and Pingelap. Senator Christian was also the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee during the Fourth FSM Congress. Senator Christian is also currently the chairman of the Pohnpei Congressional Delega-

Born Oct. 16, 1947 in Pohnpei, attended Xavier High School in Truk, the University of Hawaii and took courses at the Honolulu Business College. Senator Christian was a member of the Pohnpei State Legislature before being elected to the First Congress of the FSM.

He is a prominent member of the State of Pohnpei Business Community serving at one time as president of the Ponape Chamber of Commerce. He also served as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ponape Community Action Agency, the Ponape District Employment Service Officer, and also served as Ponape Field Services Officer.

Senator Christian is married to former Maurina Weilbacher of U and they have two children.

Chairman Falcam

FALCAM, Leo A. (POHNPEI State: four-year term) - Senator Leo (Continued on Page 6)

Members of the Sixth FSM Congress are feat



Senator Redley Killion Four-Year Term, Truk State Chairman, Transportation and Communications (T&C) Sixth FSM Congress



Senator Leo A. Falcam Four-Year Term, Pohnpei State Chairman, External Affairs Sixth FSM Congress



Speaker Jack Fritz Two-Year Term, Truk State Sixth FSM Congress



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Senator Peter Christian Two-Year Term, Pohnpei Chairman, Ways & Means Chairman, Pohnpei Delegation Sixth FSM Congress



Senator Nick Bossy Two-Year Term, Truk State Chairman, Resources & Development (R&D) Sixth FSM Congress



Senator Isaac V. Figir Two-Year Term, Yap State Chairman, Judiciary & Governmental Operations (J&GO) Chairman, Yap Delegation

Sixth FSM Congress



Senator Kalisto Refalopei Two-Year Term, Truk State Vice Chairman, R&D Chairman, Truk Delegation Sixth FSM Congress

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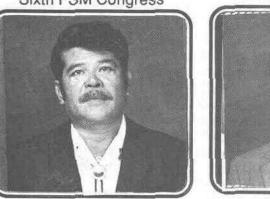




Senator Joseph Urusemal Four-Year Term, Yap State Vice Chairman, Health, Education & Social Affairs Sixth FSM Congress



Senator Jacob Nena Four-Year Term, Kosrae Chairman, Health, Education & Social Affairs (HESA) Sixth FSM Congress



Vice Speaker Claude Phillip Two-Year Term, Kosrae Chairman, Kosrae Delega-Sixth FSM Congress



Floor Leader Dohsis Halbert Two-Year Term, Pohnpei State Sixth FSM Congress



Senator Wagner Lawrence Two-Year Term, Pohnpei State Vice Chairman, Transportation & Communications Sixth FSM Congress



Senator Tony Otto Two-Year Term, Truk State Vice Chairman, Ways & Means Sixth FSM Congress



Senator Nishima Yleizah Two-Year Term, Truk State Vice Chairman, J&GO & External Affairs Sixth FSM Congress

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A. Falcam was elected the Chairman of External Affairs Committee in the current Sixth FSM Congress. Falcam served as vice chairman of the Committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, and Health, Education and Social Affairs, and a member of the External Affairs Committee during the Fifth FSM Congress.

He was born, Nov. 20, 1935 in Pohnpei and was graduated from the University of Hawaii and did his graduate studies at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public administration and international affairs, at Princeton University, New Jersey. He was a delegate and Chairman of the Pohnpei delegation to the 1975 Micronesian Constitutional Convention, and was elected one of the Convention's vice presidents.

Earlier, Falcam served as Political Affairs and Executive Officer on the High Commissioner's staff in the former Trust Territory Government. A former Assistant District Administrator, he later became District Administrator of Pohnpei District. Senator Falcam was the first elected Governor for Pohnpei. He also served as a Liaison Officer for the then FSM Washington Liaison Office, and the Chairman of the Pohnpei Constitutional Convention from 1983-84.

Senator Falcam served as the first FSM Postmaster General until March 1987, when he was elected to the Pohnpei at-large four-year seat in the Fifth FSM Congress.

Falcam also served as the President of the FSM Bank and member of the Bank's Board of Directors, and serves as member of PATS Board of Trustees and the PATS PEACE Foundation.

Senator Falcam is married to former Iris Green of Honolulu and they have four children.

Chairman Bossy

BOSSY, Nick (TRUK State: 2year term) - Senator Nick Bossy of Truk State, was elected to the Fourth FSM Congress in 1985 by defeating incumbent Sasao Gouland in the Second Truk Congressional District

which includes Pis-Moen, Fono, and Moen. He has been a member of the Health, Education and Social Affairs Committee, and was the Chairman of the Committee on Resources and Development and the Fifth FSM Congress. He was elected as Chairman of the Resources and Development Committee in the Sixth FSM Congress.

Bossy was born Sept. 12, 1936, in Truk where he attended Xavier High School. He also attended the University of Hawaii and served as a Truk Hospital lab assistant, Marianas District personnel director prior to returning to Truk in that post, a position which he held until his election to the former Sixth Congress of Micronesia in 1974. During the Sixth Congress of Micronesia, he was appointed to serve on the Joint Committee on Administrative Appointments, the Micronesian Delegation to the Law of the Sea Conference, and on the Joint Committee on Micronesian Claims.

Chairman Nena

NENA, Jacob (KOSRAE State: four-years) - Senator Jacob Nena, who was elected during the Congressional Special Election to the at-large four-year term seat for Kosrae vacated by the Honorable Hirosi H. Ismael when the latter was elected Vice President of the FSM, is currently the Chairman of the Committees on Health, Education and Social Affairs and member of the Committee on Resources and Development and External Affairs Committee.

Born October 10, 1941 in Lelu, Kosrae State, Senator Nena graduated from the Pacific Islands Central School (PICS), received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science with a minor in English and Economics from the College of Guam. In 1971, he was given an East-West Center grant and at the same time working for a graduate degree in public administration and business management.

Senator Nena began his public service career by teaching at PICS High School, served as Ponage District Political Affairs Officer, Acting District Rep. and Deputy District Rep. for Kosrae when Kosrae was a sub-district for Pohnpei. Nena became the first elected Governor for Kosrae State, but lost his re-election bid for Kosrae governorship to Yosiwo George in 1983. He served as the Executive Director for the Kosrae Transportation Authority and was a private businessman until his election to the Fifth FSM Congress in 1987.

Senator Nena was a member of the Commission on Political Status and Transition, Chairman of Lelu Municipal Government Constitutional Convention, president of Lelu PTA and Lelu Christian Endeavor, member of the Kosrae State Constitutional Convention serving as Chairman of the Committee on Government Structure and Operations, and once accompanied President Tosiwo Nakayama to the South Pacific Forum.

He is married to former Lerina Jack and they have nine children.
Chairman Figir

FIGIR, Isaac V. (YAP State: Twoyear term) - Judiciary and Governmental Operations Chairman Senator Isaac Figir of Yap State was elected to Third Congress in 1983 by defeating the then incumbent Floor Leader Luke Tman for the Yap twoyear seat.

He served as External Affairs Chairman during the Fourth Congress and became the chairman of Judiciary and Governmental Operations in the Fifth Congress and served on the committee on Ways and Means, also during the Fifth Congress.

Figir was born on August 20, 1947, in Yap. He was graduated from Yap High School, received a BA degree in behavioral sciences from the University of Guarn in 1971 and a

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Masters of Science degree in social sciences from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, in 1975. He served in Yap as a radio announcer and disc jockey, and legal counsel for Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, and in Pohnpei was a Researcher and later became Executive Director of the FSM Commission on Future Political Status and Transition (CFPS&T).

Senator Figir served on the Board of Directors of WAAB Transportation Company and Yap Cooperative Association (YCA) in Yap State, and the Bank of the FSM. He is also a member of the FSM Task Force on Airlines.

He is married to former Mary Berngun Figir of Gagil, Yap State, who presently serves as the Director of Yap State Health Services. The Senator and his wife have four children.

Chairman Killion

KILLION, Redley (TRUK State: four-year term) - Senator Redley Killion was first elected to Congress in March 1987 by defeating incumbent Senator Kiochi Sana for the Truk at-large four-year seat. In the Fifth Congress, Senator Killion served as vice chairman on the Ways and Means Committee and was a member of the committees on Resources and Development (R&D), and Health, Education and Social Affairs (HESA).

Killion became the Chairman of the newly created Committee on Transportation and Communications in the Sixth FSM Congress.

Born Oct. 23, 1951 on Moen Island, Truk State, was awarded a Congress of Micronesia scholarship to complete his senior high school education at Marit High School in Eugene, Oregon. He was graduated from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, with a Masters degree in economic development and planning, received his

Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of Hawaii in economics.

Killion held various posts at the Trust Territory Department of Resources and Development, and the Office of Planning and Statistics.

He served as Truk State's first Director of Resources and Development and at the same time served as member of various FSM national boards; FSM Development Bank, FSM Foreign Investment Board, National Fisheries Corporation, including the ad hoc committees representing Truk State.

He is married to former Jacinta Antonio and they have seven children.

Senator Refalopei

REFALOPEI, Kalisto (TRUK State: two-year term) - Senator Kalisto Refalopei, who represents the Second Congressional District which includes the Faichuk Islands in the Truk Lagoon since being elected to the First Congress in 1979 as a two-year term senator, is the Chairman of Truk Congressional Delegation and currently serves as the vice chairman of the Resources and Development Committee in the Sixth FSM Congress.

Refalopei previously served as Chairman of the Committee on External Affairs and was a member of the Committee on Resources and Development in the Fifth FSM Congress.

Refalopei was born July 16, 1946, on Wonei Island, Truk State and attended St. Julia School, Truk Intermediate School and Faichuk Project School. He served in the Truk District Legislature, was a Policeman for the then Truk District, and a member in the FSM Interim Congress.

In the Sixth and Seventh Congress of Micronesia, Senator Refalopei served on the House Committees on appropriation and Health Matters, a position he also held during the Interim Congress of the ESM

Senator Refalopei served in the

Fourth FSM Congress as vice chairman of the Committee of External Affairs.

Senator Refalopei is married to former Mandalay Weital of Madolenihmw, Pohnpei.

Senator Yleizah

YLEIZAH, Nishima (TRUK State: two-year term) - Senator Nishima Yleizah who served as the vice chairman of the Committee on External Affairs in the Fifth FSM Congress is now the chairman of the Committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and the External Affairs.

Yleizah, who also served as member of the Ways and Means, and Judiciary and Governmental Operations committees in the Fifth FSM Congress, is a two-year term Senator representing the First Congressional District of Truk, the Mortlock Islands. He previously served as the Special Assistant to the First FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama when elected to Congress on March 3, 1987 over veteran Senator Raymond Setik.

Born July 2, 1945 in Truk, and a graduate of the University of Guam with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

He served as Truk District Civic Affairs Officer, Assistant Clerk and Clerk of the former Congress of Micronesia Senate, Clerk of the FSM Interim Congress, FSM Congress Chief Clerk and FSM External Affairs Department Liaison Officer in Honolulu and Guam.

Senator Yleizah also served as the FSM Department of External Affairs Administrative Officer and a member of the FSM Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) council.

The Senator is married to former Missy Yoma of Pohnpei and they have four children.

Senator Otto

OTTO, Tony (TRUK State: twoyear term) - Senator Tony Otto of Truk, who served as the chairman of Ways and Means Committee in the

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Fifth FSM Congress, was elected to the Truk two-year seat in the Third FSM Congress in 1983 by defeating incumbent Senator Masachiro Christlib [now Truk Legislature Speaker] in the Truk Fifth Congressional District which includes the Halls and Western Islands.

Otto served as Health Education and Social Affairs Committee Chairman during the Fourth Congress and was also member of the Committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, and Health, Education and Social Affairs in the Fifth Congress.

Otto was born Jan. 3I, 1948, in Truk. He attended Truk High School and worked two years as a teacher before attending the Truk Teacher Education Center (TRUTEC), received an Associate of Science degree in education from CCM, Pohnpei State, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Hawaii.

He previously served as Community College of Micronesia student activities coordinator and physical education instructor, Weipat Junior High School teacher, Truk bilingual education curriculum writer, MICAL director and instructional supervisor before his election to the FSM Congress in 1983.

Senator Urusemal

URUSEMAL, Joseph (YAP State: four-year term) - Senator Joseph Urusemal is currently serving as

Vice Chairman of the Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs and a member on the Committees on Transportation and Communications, Resources and Development, and External Affairs in the Sixth FSM Congress.

Urusemal, who graduated from Xavier High School in Truk and from Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Justice Administration, previously served as member of the Committees on Health, Education and Social Affairs, External Affairs in the Fifth FSM Congress.

Urusemal was elected to the Fifth FSM Congress during a Special Election for the at-large four-year term seat for Yap State vacated by the Honorable John R. Haglelgam when he was elected the FSM President on May 11, 1987.

Senator Urusemal was born, March 19, 1952, in Woleai, Yap State. He served as a Correction Officer in Jackson County, Missouri. He was a classroom teacher and counselor at the Outer Islands High School on Falalop, Ulithi, positions he held until his election to the Congress. He also served one year on the Yap State Education Five Year Plan Steering Committee.

Senator Urusemal is married to Olania Latileilam and they have one child.

Senator Lawrence

LAWRENCE, Wagner Moses (POHNPEI State: two-year term) -Senator Wagner Moses Lawrence was elected on March 7, 1989 when he defeated a veteran senator and Fifth FSM Congress Vice Speaker Elias Thomas as representative of Pohnpei State Second Congressional District.

Lawrence, 37, graduated from Xavier High School in Truk in 1970 and attended Seattle University, Seattle, Washington State, for three years majoring in education and minoring in sociology.

Lawrence currently is the Vice Chairman of the newly created Committee on Transportation and Communications and member of Committees on Ways and Means and Resources and Development in the Sixth FSM Congress.

Senator Lawrence previously served as Community Development Division Chief for the Pohnpei State Government, Speaker of Isokohnedi (Municipal Council of Kitti); also served as member of Board of Pohnpei Transportation Authority (PTA), JTPA Board, and Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation, and was Director of Pohnpei State Department of Land before his election to Congress.

Lawrence is married to former Annette Santos also of Kitti and they have seven children.

Asugar, as Chief Clerk

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Henry Asugar of Namoluk, Mortlocks, Truk State, was re-appointed as Chief Clerk for the Sixth FSM Congress.

Asugar, 41, has been the chief clerk of the FSM Congress since his appointment in 1985 when he replaced former chief clerk Sintaro Ezra of Pohnpei.

Asugar is married to former Maggie Maipi of Lukunor, Mortlocks and they live in Kolonia with their five children.

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