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SIXTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1989

C.B. No. 6-136

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish a Commission to report to the Congress and the President on the political and economic options available after the termination of the Compact, and on methods for educating the public thereon, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Establishment of Commission. There is hereby
2 established a Commission to report to the Congress and the President
3 on the political and economic options which may be available to the
4 Federated States of Micronesia at the time of the termination of the
5 Compact with the United States of America and on the most appropriate
6 methods of educating the citizens of the Federated States of
7 Micronesia about such options.

8 Section 2. Composition of the Commission. The Commission shall
9 consist of the following ex officio members: the Secretary of the
10 Department of Human Resources, the Secretary of the Department of
11 Resources and Development, the Secretary of External Affairs, the
12 Chairman of the Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs,
13 the Chairman of the Committee on Resources and Development and the
14 Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.
15 The members shall serve without compensation.

16 Section 3. Organization of the Commission. The Commission shall
17 organize itself, selecting a Chairman and a Vice Chairman, one of
18 whom shall be from the Congressional members and one of whom shall be
19 from the executive branch members. The Commission shall set a
20 schedule of regular meetings to be held at least once every 3 months.
21 A quorum of the Commission shall consist of four members, two of whom
22 shall be from the Congress and two from the executive branch.

23 Section 4. Authority and functions of the Commission. The
24 Commission is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a study, using
25 the personnel and other resources available to the Congress and the

1 executive branch, of all political and economic options which it
2 determines will be available to the Federated States of Micronesia
3 upon the expiration of the present Compact with the United States of
4 America. The Commission is further authorized and directed to conduct
5 a study of all the means and methods, which it determines to be appro-
6 priate, for educating the citizens of the Federated States of Micro-
7 nesia about such political and economic options.

8 Section 5. Technical and clerical assistance and space and
9 equipment. In order to carry out its functions, the Commission may
10 request from the Speaker and the President the temporary or part-time
11 assignment of staff and the assignment or use of space and equipment
12 available to the National Government.

13 Section 6. Report of the Commission. At the conclusion of its
14 studies, the Commission will submit a written report to the Congress
15 and the President. The first section of the report will set forth the
16 political and economic options studied, will provide an analysis of
17 such options by indicating the positive and negative aspects of each,
18 and will recommend any further action or consideration which the Com-
19 mission determines should be undertaken in preparation for the
20 termination of the Compact. The second section of the report shall
21 set forth the various means or methods of educating the citizenry
22 about the options indicated in the first section of the report,
23 provide an analysis of the positive and negative aspects of each
24 means or method, and contain recommendations as to any further action
25 or consideration which the Commission determines should be undertaken

1 to prepare for the process of educating the citizenry about the
2 political and economic options available when the Compact ends.

3 Section 7. Deadline for the completion of the Commission's
4 affairs and for the submission of the Report. The Commission shall
5 complete its affairs no later than 2 years after the effective date
6 of this act; and two original copies of the report required in section
7 6, above, which shall be signed by at least three members of the Com-
8 mission, together with any individual comments or dissents by members
9 of the Commission, shall be submitted to the Congress and the Presi-
10 dent no later than 90 days after the Commission winds up its affairs.

11 Section 8. Funding. There is hereby authorized and appropriated
12 the sum of \$25,000 for the use of the Commission during the conduct
13 of its affairs related to this act. Such funds shall be restricted to
14 defraying travel expenses of the members or staff of the Commission
15 and the cost of preparing and printing the report required pursuant
16 to section 6, above. The funds appropriated under this act shall not
17 lapse until 90 days after the Commission completes its affairs in
18 accordance with section 7, above. All funds appropriated by this act
19 shall be allotted managed, administered, and accounted for in
20 accordance with applicable law, including, but not limited to, the
21 Financial Management Act of 1979. The allottee shall be responsible
22 for ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as may be
23 necessary, are used solely for the purpose specified in this act, and
24 that no obligations are incurred in excess of the sum appropriated.

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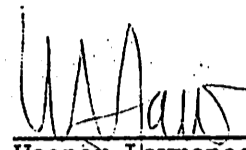
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1 Section 9. Effective date. This act shall become law upon
2 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or
3 upon its becoming law without such approval.

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