

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 10-11 by amending section 5 for the purpose of specifying that the staff of the Secretariat of the Joint Committee on Compact Economic Negotiations (JCN) shall be exempt from the Public Service System, unless the JCN decides to and arranges for the secondment of existing Public Service System employees to serve in the Secretariat positions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 5 of Public Law No. 10-11 is hereby

2 amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 5. Establishment of the Secretariat. There  
4 is hereby created and established a full-time  
5 Secretariat for the Joint Committee on Compact  
6 Economic Negotiations. The Secretariat shall consist  
7 of an Executive Director, an Administrative Officer,  
8 a staff Counsel, and a secretary, all based in  
9 Pohnpei. These four positions shall be exempt from  
10 the Public Service System. However, nothing herein  
11 shall be construed to prevent the Joint Committee  
12 from arranging for the secondment of existing Public  
13 Service System employees to perform the duties of any  
14 of the four positions. In addition to the  
15 Secretariat, the work of the Joint Committee shall be  
16 supported by existing Washington D.C. based legal  
17 counsel. The Secretariat shall have the following  
18 responsibilities.

19 (1) Provide all administrative and logistical  
20 support to the Joint Committee on Compact Economic  
21 Negotiations, and shall (a) prepare an annual budget  
22 for approval by the Joint Committee, (b) transmit an  
23 approved budget to the President to submit it, with  
24 comments, to the Congress of the Federated States of  
25 Micronesia for approval at least ten days in advance

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1 of the first regular session of each fiscal year;

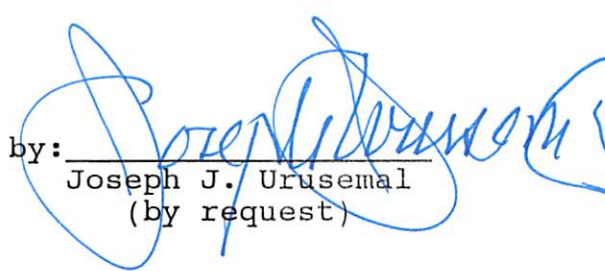
2 (2) Carry out research on relevant Compact of  
3 Free Association issues;

4 (3) Coordinate with the various departments,  
5 offices and agencies of the FSM and State Governments  
6 to collect all information and technical input  
7 necessary for satisfying its responsibilities and for  
8 establishing negotiating objectives as to provisions  
9 of the Compact of Free Association and the Related  
10 agreements that bear upon their respective areas of  
11 responsibilities; and

12 (4) As directed by the Joint Committee on  
13 Compact Economic Negotiations, hire professionals  
14 including an outside development economist and other  
15 consultants with expertise in security or defense  
16 policy to assist the Joint Committee with any aspect  
17 of its responsibilities, particularly that provided  
18 under section 4(5) above."

19 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
20 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
21 becoming law without such approval.

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23 Date: 10/17/97

24 Introduced by:   
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(by request)

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