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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 10-11 to require that all agencies and departments of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia provide any reasonable support requested by the Executive Director of the Secretariat for the Joint Committee on Compact Economic Negotiations, and for other purposes.

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 amended to read as  
2 follows:

3           "Section 5. Establishment of the Secretariat. There is hereby created  
4 and established a full-time Secretariat for the Joint Committee on  
5 Compact Economic Negotiations. The Secretariat shall consist of an  
6 Executive Director, an Administrative Officer, a staff Counsel, and a  
7 secretary, all based in Pohnpei. In addition to the Secretariat, the work  
8 of the Joint Committee shall also be supported by existing Washington  
9 D.C. based legal counsel. The Secretariat shall have the following  
10 responsibilities and authority.

11                   (1) Provide all administrative and logistical support to the  
12 Joint Committee on Compact Economic Negotiations, and shall (a)  
13 prepare an annual budget for approval by the Joint Committee, (b)  
14 transmit an approved budget to the President to submit it, with  
15 comments, to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia for  
16 approval at least ten days in advance of the first regular session of  
17 each fiscal year;

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

20                   (3) Coordinate with the various departments, offices and  
21 agencies of the FSM and State Governments to collect all information  
22 and technical input necessary for satisfying its responsibilities and for  
23 establishing negotiating objectives as to provisions of the Compact of  
24 Free Association and the Related agreements that bear upon their  
25 respective areas of responsibilities; ~~and~~

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1 (4) As directed by the Joint Committee on Compact Economic  
2 Negotiations, hire professionals including an outside developmental  
3 economist and other consultants with expertise in security or defense  
4 policy to assist the Joint Committee with any aspect of its  
5 responsibilities, particularly that provided under section 4(5) above; and  
6 (5) Procure the reasonable assistance of any department,  
7 agency or other division of the National Government of the Federated  
8 States of Micronesia, or any non-exempt member of any such  
9 department, agency or other division, by presentation by the Executive  
10 Director of a written request for such assistance to the senior  
11 administrative officer thereof not later than twenty-four hours prior to  
12 the receipt of such assistance; PROVIDED, however, that the President or  
13 his designee may deny or revoke any assistance he deems unreasonable  
14 at any time subsequent to its request."

15 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of  
16 the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such  
17 approval.

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19 Date: 11-10-97

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