A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by further amending section 301, as amended by Public Law No. 6-11, for the purpose of requiring that all members of the Micronesian Maritime Authority shall be nominated subject to the advice and consent of the Congress, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 301 of title 24 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 6-11,
3 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 301. Micronesian Maritime Authority

Established.

(1) There is established a Micronesian Maritime
Authority composed of five members appointed as follows:

(a) One representative of each State appointed by
the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, in
consultation with the Governor and [Congressional
Delegation of the affected State], with the advice and
consent of the Congress, as provided in article X,
section 2(d) of the Constitution; PROVIDED, however, that
no such representative shall also serve as a member of
the Board of Directors of the National Fisheries
Corporation of the Federated States of Micronesia, or any
subsidiary or affiliate thereof, during the term of his
membership on the Authority; and

(b) One at-large member appointed by the President
of the Federated States of Micronesia, with the advice
and consent of the Congress, as provided in article X,
section 2(d) of the Constitution.

(2) All appointments shall be for a term of two years.
The term of office of each original member shall commence
effective the date of the first meeting of the Authority

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after the effective date of this act. Upon the
expiration of the term of an appointed member, his rights
and powers of membership shall lapse and the executive
director shall declare the vacancy and notify the
President of the Federated States of Micronesia in
writing of such vacancy. Vacancies occurring before the
expiration of a member's term shall be filled in the same
manner as the original appointment for the remainder of
the term of office of the vacancy.

(3) The chairman shall be chosen by the majority vote
of the members of the Authority. The Authority shall
meet at such times and places as may be designated by the
chairman or by the Authority. The Authority shall adopt
its own rules of procedure and regulations by majority
vote."

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

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