To amend Public Law No. 11-54, the fiscal year 2001 budget act, by amending sections 13 and 15 to transfer the commitment of Compact section 216(a)(3) funds, and by amending section 16 to modify the use of funds appropriated therein, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 13 of Public Law No. 11-54 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 13. College of Micronesia-FSM. The sum of $3,300,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, for operations and maintenance costs of the College and for student assistance and for planning and construction of new facilities. Of the total funds appropriated under this section, $284,300 shall be deemed to come from funds available under section 216(a)(3) of the Compact of Free Association. The sum appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:

(1) Operations and maintenance of the College of Micronesia-FSM .................. $ 3,000,000

(2) Student assistance, PROVIDED that these funds shall be used strictly for direct financial assistance to COM-FSM students, for the purpose of helping them meet their tuition and housing obligations, and PROVIDED FURTHER that these funds may be used only to supplement..."
some payment that must be made by the students
and their parents, and PROVIDED FURTHER that
the co-payment by the student or the student's
parent must be proportionally the same for each
in relation to their total obligation, and
PROVIDED FURTHER that only students with a
passing grade point average will be eligible to
receive these funds. The funds appropriated
under this subsection shall be apportioned as
follows:

  (a) General assistance............. $ 295,000
  (b) Assistance for courses in
      Micronesian Government and Politics........  5,000"

Section 2. Section 15 of Public Law No. 11-54 is hereby amended
to read as follows:

"Section 15. Post-secondary educational assistance. The sum
of $1,039,700, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated
States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30,
2001, for the purpose of providing post-secondary educational
assistance. Of the funds appropriated under this section,
$989,700 shall be deemed to come from funds available under
section 216(a)(3) of the Compact of Free Association. Of the
funds appropriated under this section, $50,000 for post-
graduate assistance - all states shall not be deemed to come
from funds available under section 216(a)(3) of the Compact of Free Association. The sum appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:

(1) Kosrae State

(a) all programs of study ........ $ 110,000

(b) vocational studies such as marine studies ......................... 18,661

(2) Pohnpei State ......................... 288,003

(3) Chuuk State

(a) Scholarship, PROVIDED that the funds be used strictly for rewarding those students who achieve the highest grade point averages, being mindful of both the courses undertaken and the institutions at which the grades were attained. The more rigorous courses undertaken by students at institutions requiring a higher grade point entry, should accordingly, be weighted more favorably. The selection committee is required to provide to the State Scholarship Coordinator, copies of all documents which would provide details of the applicants, their grade point average, the courses studied and the institution attended, as well as the names of those applicants who are selected to receive a scholarship and the amount proposed.
This requirement must be satisfied prior to the release of scholarship funds to those students selected. By this means the transparency of the selection process will be improved and rumors of unfair selection practices will be dispelled.............. $150,000

(b) Grants.......................... 261,716

(4) Yap State............................ 161,320

(5) Post-Graduate assistance-all states.. 50,000"

Section 3. Section 16 of Public Law No. 11-54 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 16. Capital development. The sum of $1,133,600, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, for capital improvement and development programs and projects. Of the total funds appropriated under this section, $1,001,600 shall be deemed to come from capital account funds available under section 211 of the Compact of Free Association. The sum appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:

(1) Staff upgrading (Div. of Personnel). $ 100,000

(2) National Visitors Bureau................ -0-

(3) Micro-entrepreneur Dev. Center...... $ 66,000

(4) FSM Solar desalination.............. -0-

(5) FSM Census............................ -0-"
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November 29, 2000

/s/
Leo A. Falcam
President
Federated States of Micronesia