

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 106 [~~and 108~~] to change the date by which the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia must enact an annual budget [~~, to broaden the criteria for determining the availability of funds for the National Government~~], and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 106 of title 55 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

4 "Section 106. Appropriations by Congress.

5 (1) The Congress, after receipt of the proposed budget
6 from the President and no later than [~~August 29~~]
7 September 30 of each year, shall by act, adopt the
8 annual budget of the National Government of the ensuing
9 fiscal year. In no event shall the budget adopted or
10 any amendments thereto provide funding for the
11 personnel, contractual services, or travel expenses of
12 any branch or agency of the National Government in an
13 amount greater than 110 percent of the aggregate funding
14 appropriated for such branch or agency for such
15 categories in the initial budget act of the immediately
16 preceding fiscal year, except where funding in excess of
17 such limit shall be deemed essential by the Congress on
18 the face of the appropriating legislation.

1 (2) Congress may alter the budget submitted by the
2 President in any respect.

3 (3) The budget alteration authority of Congress shall
4 be executed by means of appropriations legislation.
5 Appropriations or authorizations for the expenditure of
6 funds shall be made by law, except as provided in
7 section 108 of this chapter.

8 (4) Congress may restrict by law the expenditure of
9 funds for a specific purpose."

10 ~~[Section 2. Section 108 of title 55 of the Code of the~~
11 ~~Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as~~
12 ~~follows:~~

13 ~~"Section 108. Continuing resolution.~~
14 ~~In the event a budget has not become law prior to the~~
15 ~~beginning of a fiscal year, the head of each branch of~~
16 ~~Government and the head of each agency established by~~
17 ~~law may continue to expend funds for National Government~~
18 ~~operations expenses after the beginning of the fiscal~~
19 ~~year upon the adoption by Congress of a continuing~~
20 ~~resolution. Such expenditures shall be in accordance~~
21 ~~with appropriations laws appropriating funds for the~~
22 ~~immediately preceding fiscal year. A continuing~~
23 ~~resolution of the Congress which would authorize the~~
24 ~~expenditure of Compact financial assistance is hereby~~
25 ~~made conditional on such funds being available to the~~

1 ~~National Government as of the beginning of the relevant~~
2 ~~fiscal year, either pursuant to a continuing resolution~~
3 ~~adopted by the United States Congress or pursuant to~~
4 ~~appropriation acts of the United States Congress or~~
5 ~~pursuant to other action by the Government of the United~~
6 ~~States deemed sufficient proof of the availability of~~
7 ~~such funds by the President of the Federated States of~~
8 ~~Micronesia."~~]

9 Section [3] 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President

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11 Date: 8/25/03_____

 Introduced by: /s/Henry C. Asugar_____
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