A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 15-70, by amending Section 2 thereof, to improve the selection for FSM representatives to the Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) established by the amended Compact of Free Association between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 15-70 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 2. Appointment and Terms of JEMCO Representatives.

(1) The President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of Congress, two JEMCO Members.

[(a) One member shall be appointed by virtue of his or her position within the National Government; and

(b) The other member will be appointed by the President from a list of four nominees, one nominee per state governor.]

(2) The JEMCO Representatives must be citizens of the FSM.

(3) JEMCO Members shall serve a two-year term, or such other term as may be provided in the Compact. A term shall commence from the date of confirmation by Congress and end when respective replacements are qualified and confirmed.
(4) A JEMCO member may be re-appointed for another consecutive term, but not more than two consecutive terms.

(5) The National Government will be responsible for the cost of the representatives' participation in all JEMCO meetings.

(6) The President may designate a temporary substitute for any of the two representatives in the event of temporary incapacity, illness, family emergency, and/or other reasons which prevent the representative from participating in JEMCO business.

(7) A representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to JEMCO may be removed from office by the President for any reason.

(8) A substitute representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to JEMCO shall not serve for more than three (3) consecutive months, unless he or she is first appointed by the President and confirmed by Congress.”
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.

Date: 5/18/09

Introduced by: /s/ Joe N. Suka

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