A BILL FOR AN ACT

To appropriate a supplemental budget of $620,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, by amending sections 1 and 3 of Public Law No. 18-89, as amended by Public Law No. 18-102 to provide funding for the operations of the legislative branch of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Public Law No. 18-89, as amended by Public Law No. 18-102, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this act is to appropriate the sum of $91,556,665 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, for the purpose of funding the operations of all branches of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, its agencies, various programs, grants, subsidies and contributions and Capital and Human Resources Development. The National Government’s share of the Amended Compact funds has been reduced to zero except that the National Government will retain ten percent (10%) of the Supplemental Education Grant funds as is reflected in the budget for the Department of Education. The budget shall also include appropriations for COM-FSM from sector grants as well as appropriations from amended Compact carry-over funds.

Section 2. Section 3 of Public Law No. 18-89 is hereby
amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. Operating Expenses of the Legislative Branch. The sum of $[3,849,605] 4,469,605, 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, 2015, for the operations of the Legislative Branch of the National Government during fiscal year 2015. The sum appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:

(1) Speaker and Members.

The sum of $[1,729,771] 2,149,771, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Office of the Speaker and Members of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia during fiscal year 2015. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

Personnel ........................................ $ 423,290
Travel ........................................... [594,881] 734,881
Contractual Services ......................... [851,600] 1,131,600
OCE ............................................... -0-
Fixed Assets ..................................... -0-

(2) Staff Offices.

The sum of $1,279,834, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Congress staff offices during fiscal year 2015. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

Personnel ........................................ $ 803,582
Travel......................................  95,252
Contractual Services....................... 215,000
OCE PROVIDED THAT up to $10,000 may be used to  
pay expenses incurred during the previous fiscal  
year ........................................  122,000
Fixed Assets................................ 44,000

(3) Congress Delegation Offices.
The sum of $700,000 or so much thereof as may be  
necessary, for the operations of the Congress delegation offices  
during the fiscal year 2015. Of the amounts appropriated for  
contractual services within each Delegation Office, up to a  
maximum of $25,000 per Member, at the Delegation Offices’  
discretion, may be used for Member Representation. The sum  
appropriated is apportioned as follows:

(a) Kosrae Delegation Office
Travel ....................... $[10,000] 20,000
Contractual Services ..... [63,000] 73,000
OCE ......................... [25,000] 30,000
Fixed Assets ............... [2,000] 27,000
TOTAL ..................... [100,000] 150,000

(b) Pohnpei Delegation Office
Travel ....................... [14,300] 24,300
Contractual Services .... [142,840] 152,840
OCE ......................... [42,860] 52,860
Fixed Assets ............... $[–0–] 25,000
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Section 3. 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: 1/26/15

Introduced by: /s/ Victor Goulard

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