A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the purpose of expanding the powers expressly delegated to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to include the power to coordinate activities relating to climate change, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Amendment to Article IX Section 2. It is hereby proposed that section 2 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

"The following powers are expressly delegated to Congress:

(a) to provide for the national defense;
(b) to ratify treaties;
(c) to regulate immigration, emigration, naturalization, and citizenship;
(d) to impose taxes, duties, and tariffs based on imports;
(e) to impose taxes on income;
(f) to issue and regulate currency;
(g) to regulate banking, foreign and interstate commerce, insurance, the issuance and use of commercial paper and securities, bankruptcy and insolvency, and patents and copyrights;
(h) to regulate navigation and shipping except within lagoons, lakes, and rivers;

(i) to establish usury limits on major loans;

(j) to provide for a national postal system;

(k) to acquire and govern new territory;

(l) to govern the area set aside as the national capital;

(m) to regulate the ownership, exploration, and exploitation of natural resources within the marine space of the Federated States of Micronesia beyond 12 miles from island baselines;

(n) to establish and regulate a national public service system;

(o) to impeach and remove the President, Vice-President, and justices of the Supreme Court;

(p) to define national crimes and prescribe penalties, having due regard for local custom and tradition;

(q) to override a Presidential veto by not less than a 3/4 vote of all the state delegations, each delegation casting one vote;

[and]

(r) to promote education and health by setting minimum standards, coordinating state
activities relating to foreign assistance,
providing training and assistance to the states
and providing support for post-secondary
educational programs and projects; and[\(\)]
(s) to coordinate activities relating to
climate change."

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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