A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 2 and 4 of Public Law No. 19-85 to require Congressional advice and consent for Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) members representing each of the four states and for any person empowered to undertake negotiations with the United States on the financial provisions of the Amended Compact, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 19-85 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Establishment of the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning. There is hereby created and established a joint committee to be known as the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning ("JCRP"), comprising nine members as follows: one representative from each of the four states, as appointed by the President in consultation with the leadership of each state and subject to the advice and consent of Congress, and four representatives from the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, one from each congressional delegation. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs shall be a member ex officio. He shall chair the Joint Committee's first meeting, and organize the election of its Chairman and Vice Chairman. Six of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
business. Decisions shall be made within the Committee by at least five concurring votes, with each participating member casting a single vote.”

Section 2. Section 4 of Public Law No. 19-85 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 4. Mandate. The JCRP shall carry out the following responsibilities and obligations:

(1) In consultation with the Congress, set goals and objectives in anticipation of the termination of the Amended Compact of Free Association;

(2) Conduct a thorough analysis of all factors relating the future of the Nation;

(3) Develop all necessary strategies and approaches to enable the Federated States of Micronesia to explore alternatives for the future of the Nation;

(4) Direct its Secretariat in preparing the documentation necessary to accomplish its responsibilities hereunder;

(5) Analyze all economic information available on the Federated States of Micronesia, with the aim of identifying the FSM’s continuing requirement for reasonable, fair, and effective financial assistance from all sources from the year 2023 onward;

(6) Provide reports periodically to the Congress at each regular session, and to the Office of the
President, on all developments, actual or potential, positive or negative, that may be related to the future of the Nation, including but not limited to new information, actions, communications, domestic and foreign policies, bilateral and multilateral plans, as well as periodic surveys exploring the value of net benefits to a foreign nation from an exclusive security prerogative; and

(7) In the event that it is proposed that any person be empowered to undertake negotiations with the United States on the financial provisions of the Amended Compact, [C]collaborate with the State Governments, the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Congress, and the Office of the President in identifying the nominees [for the JCRP] whose selection will be subject to the advice and consent of Congress’[s] expressed approval]; and

(8) Use funds for each separate category of expense only up to the aggregate amount of the line-items of the corresponding expense category set out in the associated appropriations bill or bills approved by Congress, and select and hire the personnel needed to staff the Secretariat, as specified in section 6 below.”
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.

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