AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 7-68 to provide for the selection of members of the Study Group on Indefinite Land Use Agreements, to appropriate funds for fiscal year 1979 therefor, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 7-68 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Selection of Members and Terms of Appointment.

(1) Members of the Study Group shall include the following:

(a) four members from the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to be appointed by the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

(b) three members to be appointed by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and one member to be appointed by the Director of the Office of Territorial Affairs; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that members previously appointed by the High Commissioner and the Director of the Office of Territorial Affairs shall continue to serve as members of the Study Group;

(2) The Study Group shall remain in existence until it is dissolved by the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

(3) Initial appointments shall be made no later than ten days after the effective date of this act."

Section 2. Section 3 of Public Law No. 7-68 is hereby amended to read as follows:
"Section 3. Organization and Meetings. The Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall appoint the Chairman of the Study Group, who shall be a member of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia. The Study Group shall elect any other officers it deems necessary, by majority vote. The Study Group shall meet as often and at such places and times as decided by the Chairman or the Study Group itself. Five members shall constitute a quorum."

Section 3. Section 4 of Public Law No. 7-68 is hereby amended to add a new Subsection 3 to read as follows:

"Section 4. Duties and Responsibilities.

(1) The Study Group shall inquire into the circumstances of the negotiation and execution of the indefinite land use agreements, including all aspects of compensation, for the purpose of recommending whether or not renegotiation of the agreements shall be undertaken by the Trust Territory Government, and to establish the basis on which such renegotiation shall occur.

(2) The Study Group shall issue the report of its findings and recommendations to the Under Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the Congress of Micronesia, and the High Commissioner, no later than January 1, 1978.

(3) The Study Group shall assist the High Commissioner, the Director of the Office of Territorial Affairs, or the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia in obtaining
funding to settle the claims of Micronesian landowners against
the Trust Territory Government and the United States Government,
and to issue such reports as it believes are necessary to the
High Commissioner, the Director of the Office of Territorial
Affairs, and the President and Congress of the Federated
States of Micronesia on the conduct of the renegotiation of
indefinite land use agreements."

Section 4. Section 5 of Public Law No. 7-68 is hereby amended to
read as follows:

"Section 5. Administrative Support. The Study Group shall be
assisted in its work by:

(1) The staff of the Congress of the Federated States of
Micronesia;

(2) Officers and employees of the executive branch of
the Trust Territory Government; and

(3) Other staff the Chairman of the Study Group considers
necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities."

Section 5. Appropriation.

(1) There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia the sum of $7,000 for fiscal
year 1979 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

(2) The High Commissioner is hereby authorized to contribute
such funds to the Study Group as are available to him to defray the
expenses incurred by members of the Study Group appointed by him.

(3) The sums appropriated by this Section shall be allotted
to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia who shall be
responsible to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia for
ensuring that these funds are used only for the purposes specified
herein and that no obligations are incurred in excess of the sum appro-
priated. Any part of this appropriation not obligated as of
September 30, 1979, shall revert to the General Fund of the Congress
of the Federated States of Micronesia.

(4) The President of the Federated States of Micronesia
shall submit a report to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
not later than October 15, 1979, which shall provide for the full dis-
closure of the obligations incurred against the sums appropriated by this
Section.

Section 6. Effective Date. This act shall become law upon approval
by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, or upon its
becoming law without such approval.

June 28, 1979
Tosiwo Nakayama
President
Federated States of Micronesia