AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 6-87, as amended, relating to membership in the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition, and for other purposes.

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

1. Section 1. Subsection 1 of Section 3 of Public Law No. 6-87, as amended by Public Law Nos. 6-113 and 7-63, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"(1) Members of the Commission shall be Trust Territory citizens, and shall serve for a term of two years. The Commission shall consist of the following members:

(a) four members from the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, each representing a separate state, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Congress; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the membership of such members shall not cease upon termination of membership in the Congress; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that membership of those members representing the states of the Federated States of Micronesia appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia shall continue until expiration of the terms to which they were appointed;

(b) one member from each of the four states to be appointed by resolution of their respective state legislatures; PROVIDED, that in the event a state legislature is not in session, appointment shall be made by a committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of the legislature when it is not in session, or in the absence of such a committee, by an
appropriate committee designated by the presiding officer of
that legislature. A member appointed by a state legislature
may be a member of the legislature and shall be a resident of
the state from which appointed; and
(c) the Vice President of the Federated States of
Micronesia, ex officio."

Section 2. Section 4 of Public Law No. 6-87, as amended by Public
Law Nos. 6-113 and 7-63, is hereby further amended to read as follows:
"Section 4. Vacancy. A vacancy on the Commission shall be
filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Members
appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired
term. As used in this section, the term 'vacancy' includes a
vacancy resulting from:
(1) death,
(2) resignation, or
(3) incapacity to serve by reason of illness, upon
finding of same by the Commission."

Section 3. Subsection 1 of renumbered Section 9 of Public Law
No. 6-87, as amended by Public Law Nos. 6-113, 7-63 and 7-80, is hereby
further amended to read as follows:
"(1) Members, other than the Chairman of the Commission,
shall be paid at the rate of $40 per day while on the business
of the Commission or a committee thereof; PROVIDED, HOWEVER,
that members of the Congress of the Federated States of Micro-
nesia and members of state legislatures, as well as members of
1 the Commission who are also officials or employees of the 2 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, state 3 governments or the Trust Territory government, shall not be 4 entitled to compensation from the Commission. The Commission 5 Chairman shall receive a salary in an amount established in 6 the Commission's annual budget and appropriation; PROVIDED, 7 HOWEVER, that he is neither a member of the Congress of the 8 Federated States of Micronesia or a state legislature, nor an 9 official or employee of the Government of the Federated States 10 of Micronesia or a state government. All members of the 11 Commission shall be entitled to receive travel expenses and 12 per diem at standard Trust Territory rates while on the 13 business of the Commission or committee thereof, chargeable 14 to the funds of the Commission."

Section 4. Section 13 of Public Law No. 6-87, as amended, is hereby repealed in its entirety and a new Section 13 is added to read as follows:

"Section 13. The Commission shall submit to the Congress and the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, on or before October 1, 1979, a comprehensive written report on its activities to date. Thereafter it shall submit reports of its activities to the Congress and the President, on or before May 10 of each succeeding year and at such other times and intervals as it may deem necessary or as the Congress or the President of the Federated States of Micronesia may require."

Section 5. 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