AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 6-109, to transfer authority over the Micronesian Washington Office to the Executive Branch of the Federated States of Micronesia Government, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 1 of Public Law No. 6-109 is hereby amended
to read as follows:

"Section 1. There shall be an office to be known as the
'Micronesian Washington Office' to be located in Washington,
District of Columbia, United States of America, which shall
be under the direct supervision of a Liaison Officer in
accordance with the provisions of this act. The Liaison
Officer shall be appointed by the President of the Federated
States of Micronesia, with the advice and consent of the
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia. The Liaison
Officer serves at the pleasure of the President."

2 Section 2. Section 2 of Public Law No. 6-109 is hereby amended
to read as follows:

"Section 2. The Liaison Officer shall maintain the office
headquarters in Washington, D.C. and shall have the power
to employ such secretarial, clerical, technical, and
professional assistants as he may deem necessary to the
fulfilling of his duties and responsibilities, subject to
appropriations for his office. He shall represent the
people of the Federated States of Micronesia on a full-time
basis before the Congress of the United States and before
the various departments and agencies of the Federal
Government and other organizations, public and private, on all matters pertaining to the Federated States of Micronesia, and shall actively and fully advocate all programs and policies duly adopted by the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia. He shall not bind or commit the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands without specific authority to do so. He shall also assist the public officials of the Federated States of Micronesia with respect to all matters necessary and pertaining to the conduct of their offices, and shall render a report on his activities in person to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia every January beginning in 1980. He shall be subject to the direction of the President of the Federated States of Micronesia on the conduct of his office and shall submit a monthly report of his activities to him."

Section 3. Section 3 of Public Law No. 6-109, as amended by Public Law No. 7-65, is hereby further amended to read as follows: "Section 3. The Liaison Officer shall be paid an annual salary of $24,000, which salary shall not be diminished during his tenure of office. In addition thereto, he shall receive an allowance each fiscal year for secretarial, clerical, technical, and professional assistance, and for all office expenses, including office rental and equipment, and such other and further expenses as may be allowed by the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia by
1. appropriation. The Liaison Officer and his family shall be
2. permitted one paid round trip from Washington to the Trust
3. Territory of the Pacific Islands every two years in addition
4. to his own travel on official business. He shall be
5. entitled to the same benefits as the members of the cabinet
6. of the President. For travel on official business he shall
7. be entitled to receive the standard Trust Territory Govern-
8. ment rates of per diem and actual travel costs."
9. Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the
10. President of the Federated States of Micronesia, or upon its becoming
11. law without such approval.

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Tosio Nakayama
President
Federated States of Micronesia