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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 19-155 and 20-180, by amending sections 2 and 4 thereof, in order to allow for the appointment of an additional member of the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning, to clarify the required number of votes of the Committee and Amended Compact provisions subject to renegotiations, 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, as amended by  
2 Public Law No. 20-180, is hereby further amended to read as  
3 follows:

4           "Section 2. Establishment of the Joint Committee on  
5 Compact Review and Planning. There is hereby created  
6 and established a joint committee to be known as the  
7 Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning ("JCRP).  
8 Subject to the addition of a Chief Negotiator and an  
9 additional member as described below, this JCRP shall  
10 comprise nine members as follows: one representative  
11 from each of the four States, as appointed by the  
12 President in consultation with the leadership of each  
13 State, and four representatives from the Congress of the  
14 Federated States of Micronesia, one from each  
15 congressional delegation. The Secretary of Foreign  
16 Affairs shall be a member ex officio. He shall chair  
17 the Joint committee's first meeting, and organize the

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1 election of its Chairman and Vice Chairman. Six of the  
2 members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of  
3 business. Decisions shall be made within the committee  
4 by at least [~~five~~] six concurring votes, with each  
5 participating member casting a single vote. The JCRP  
6 shall appoint a person within the FSM State and National  
7 Governments to be the Chief Negotiator. Should the  
8 appointed Chief Negotiator be selected outside of the  
9 existing nine members, he shall become a tenth JCRP  
10 member. If the Chief Negotiator is chosen among the  
11 existing nine members, that member shall not receive  
12 additional remuneration for the duties of Chief  
13 Negotiator. The President shall appoint one  
14 representative from within the National Government who  
15 shall become an eleventh JCRP member."

16 Section 2. Section 4 of Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by  
17 Public Laws Nos. 19-155 and 20-180, is hereby further amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 "Section 4. Mandate. The JCRP shall carry out the  
20 following responsibilities and obligations:

21 (1) In consultation with the Congress, set goals and  
22 objectives in anticipation of the termination of the  
23 financial provisions of the Amended Compact of Free  
24 Association;

25 (2) Conduct a thorough analysis of all factors relating

1 the future of the Nation;

2 (3) Develop all necessary strategies and approaches to  
3 enable the Federated States of Micronesia to explore  
4 alternatives for the future of the Nation; provided that  
5 any contemplated or proposed negotiations with the United  
6 States related to the Amended Compact of Free Association  
7 be limited solely to [~~Title Two Economic Provisions~~]  
8 expiring Compact provisions;

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

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

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

