

A RESOLUTION

To amend Section 5 of Rule 1 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to clarify the call to order procedure at the first session of each new Congress.

1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and

3 WHEREAS, Rule 1, Section 5, stipulates the call to order
4 procedure for sessions of Congress; and

5 WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and
6 open mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of
7 Procedure; and

8 WHEREAS, the Members of the Twenty-First Congress of the
9 Federated States of Micronesia desire to clarify the call to
10 order procedure at the first session of each new Congress to:
11 provide that if the most senior Member-elect is unavailable,
12 the Congress shall be called to order by the next most senior
13 Member-elect and that Member-elect shall be the temporary
14 Speaker; and make other technical clarifications; and

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the
16 Federated States of Micronesia, Eleventh Special Session, 2021,
17 that Section 5 of Rule 1 of the Official Rules of Procedure of
18 the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
19 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 "Section 5. Call to order.

1 (a) [The] At the first session of each new
2 Congress, the Congress shall be called to order in
3 Palikir, Pohnpei, by the *most-senior* returning
4 Member-elect. If the *most-senior* returning Member-
5 elect is unavailable, the session shall be called to
6 order by the next *most-senior* returning Member-elect.
7 Seniority of Members-elect shall be determined by
8 total years of service. The Member-elect who calls
9 the session to order [He] shall be called a temporary
10 Speaker and shall have the power to preserve order
11 and decorum and decide all questions of order,
12 subject to appeal to the Congress.

13 (b) At all regular and special sessions convened
14 subsequent to the first session of each new Congress
15 of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Congress
16 shall be called to order by the Speaker.

17 ~~[(c) At the first session of each new subsequent~~
18 ~~Congress, the Congress shall be called to order by~~
19 ~~the most senior returning Member-elect. He shall be~~
20 ~~called a temporary Speaker.]”~~

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
3 States of Micronesia.

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5 Date: 4/30/21

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