

A RESOLUTION

To amend Rule 6, Sections 8(c) and (d) of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to allow a standing committee chair to serve as vice chair of the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

3           WHEREAS, Sections 8(c) and 8(d) of Rule 6 of the  
4 Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Third Congress  
5 of the Federated States of Micronesia provide that a  
6 Member of Congress who serves as chair of a standing  
7 committee may not serve as vice chair of another standing  
8 committee; and

9           WHEREAS, the role of the vice chair of a standing  
10 committee is to perform the duties of the chair in the  
11 absence of the chair; and

12           WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is an acceptable  
13 mechanism for amending the Official Rules of Procedure of  
14 Congress under Rule 15 of the Official Rules of Procedure; and

15           WHEREAS, the Members of the Twenty-Third Congress of the  
16 Federated States of Micronesia wish to allow the Committee on  
17 Ways and Means to have a permanent vice chair; now, therefore,

18           BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Third Congress of the  
19 Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2023,

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1 that Rule 6, Section 8 of the Official Rules of Procedure of  
2 the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 8. [~~Chairman~~] Chair and vice [~~chairman~~]  
5 chair

6 (a) The [~~chairman~~] chair of each standing  
7 committee or special committee, and the [~~chairman~~]  
8 chair for each continuous session of the Committee  
9 of the Whole, shall be appointed by the Speaker,  
10 subject to appeal to the Congress. A vice  
11 [~~chairman~~] chair shall be chosen by the members of  
12 each standing committee.

13 (b) The [~~chairman~~] chair of each committee shall  
14 call meetings, preside at committee meetings,  
15 prepare and post the agenda, invite witnesses to  
16 appear before the committee, and prepare committee  
17 reports subject to the requirements of the Rules.  
18 The vice [~~chairman~~] chair shall perform the duties  
19 of the [~~chairman~~] chair in his or her absence.

20 (c) A Member of Congress who serves as [~~a~~  
21 ~~chairman~~] chair of a standing committee may not  
22 serve as [~~a chairman~~] chair or vice [~~chairman~~] chair  
23 of another standing committee, except that such  
24 Member may serve as vice chair of the Committee on  
25 Ways and Means. The Speaker, Vice Speaker and Floor

1 Leader may not serve as [~~a chairman~~] chair or vice  
2 [~~chairman~~] chair of any standing committee[~~, except~~  
3 ~~as provided in paragraph (d) of this section~~].  
4 [~~(d) If the chairman of the Committee on Ways and~~  
5 ~~Means is unavailable to preside at a meeting of the~~  
6 ~~committee, the Vice Speaker shall perform the duties~~  
7 ~~of the chairman in his absence.]”~~

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
9 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
10 States of Micronesia.

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12 Date: 5/16/23

Introduced by: /s/ Isaac V. Figir  
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