

A RESOLUTION

To amend Rule 7, Section 1(b) of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to update the list of departments and offices falling within the jurisdiction of the Ways and Means Committee.

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

3 WHEREAS, Section 1(b) of Rule 7 of the Official Rules
4 of Procedure of the Twenty-Third Congress of the
5 Federated States of Micronesia provides a non-exhaustive
6 list of subjects that fall within the jurisdiction of the
7 Committee on Ways and Means when reviewing the budget of
8 the President; and

9 WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is an acceptable
10 mechanism for amending the Official Rules of Procedure of
11 Congress under Rule 15 of the Official Rules of Procedure; now,
12 therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Third Congress of the
14 Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2023,
15 that Rule 7, Section 1(b) of the Official Rules of Procedure of
16 the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
17 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 "Section 1. Ways and Means.

19 (a) The Committee on Ways and Means shall consist

1 of not more than seven members with at least one
2 member from each of the four States. It shall be
3 the duty of this committee to consider and report on
4 all bills, resolutions, and other matters referred
5 to it pertaining to the finances and financial
6 administration of the Government of the Federated
7 States of Micronesia or any of the four constituent
8 States or a municipality thereof, such subjects to
9 include but not be limited to taxes, export duties,
10 and tariffs; non-tax revenues; budgets;
11 expenditures; appropriation measures; loans,
12 borrowing, or indebtedness on public credit;
13 monetary claims, funding arrangements, or
14 requirements; accounting and audits, past, present
15 or proposed; the issuance and regulation of
16 currency; and other related subjects, including
17 Presidential nominations submitted to the Speaker
18 which require the advice and consent of Congress.
19 Bills and resolutions or other matters pertaining to
20 internal organization or management of the Congress
21 of the Federated States of Micronesia shall also
22 fall within the scope of the duties of the Congress.
23 It shall be the duty of this committee to consider,
24 investigate, and recommend to the Congress any
25 needed revisions of existing laws or new legislation

1 relating to any subject matter within its
2 jurisdiction.

3 (b) This committee shall be responsible for
4 reviewing specific subjects in the budget of the
5 President, and all supplementals thereto, which make
6 a request for an appropriation, which relates to a
7 subject matter within its jurisdiction. Pursuant to
8 its review the committee shall recommend whether the
9 matters referred to it, or portions thereof, will be
10 authorized, and if so, in what amount. Following
11 its review the committee shall promptly report its
12 recommendation to the Congress. Those subjects
13 which fall within the jurisdiction of this committee
14 include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 15 (i) Department of Finance and
16 Administration;
- 17 (ii) Office of the President;
- 18 (iii) [~~Office of Statistics, Budget,~~
19 ~~Overseas Development Assistance and~~
20 ~~Compact Management; and~~] Office of
21 Personnel;
- 22 (iv) Public Auditor;

23 (c) This committee shall be responsible for
24 reviewing all reports referred to it by the Congress
25 from other standing committees as pertain to the

1 budget of the President and all supplementals
2 thereto. Pursuant to said review this committee
3 shall determine to what extent funds are available
4 to meet the recommendations of the committee, which
5 authored the referred report. After this
6 determination has been made, this committee shall
7 promptly report its recommendation to the Congress.
8 In no instance may this committee recommend an
9 appropriation in an amount higher than that
10 recommended by the Committee which authored the
11 referred report. However, this committee may
12 recommend an appropriation in a lower amount if
13 funds are determined to be insufficient to meet the
14 recommendations contained in the referred report.”

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
16 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
17 States of Micronesia.

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19 Date: 7/10/23

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