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.

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

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

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

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

“Section 1. Ways and Means.

(a) The Committee on Ways and Means shall consist
of not more than seven members with at least one
member from each of the four States. It shall be
the duty of this committee to consider and report on
all bills, resolutions, and other matters referred
to it pertaining to the finances and financial
administration of the Government of the Federated
States of Micronesia or any of the four constituent
States or a municipality thereof, such subjects to
include but not be limited to taxes, export duties,
and tariffs; non-tax revenues; budgets;
expenditures; appropriation measures; loans,
borrowing, or indebtedness on public credit;
monetary claims, funding arrangements, or
requirements; accounting and audits, past, present
or proposed; the issuance and regulation of
currency; and other related subjects, including
Presidential nominations submitted to the Speaker
which require the advice and consent of Congress.
Bills and resolutions or other matters pertaining to
internal organization or management of the Congress
of the Federated States of Micronesia shall also
fall within the scope of the duties of the Congress.
It shall be the duty of this committee to consider,
investigate, and recommend to the Congress any
needed revisions of existing laws or new legislation
relating to any subject matter within its jurisdiction.

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

(i) Department of Finance and Administration;

(ii) Office of the President;

(iii) Office of Statistics, Budget, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact Management; and Office of Personnel;

(iv) Public Auditor;

(c) This committee shall be responsible for reviewing all reports referred to it by the Congress from other standing committees as pertain to the
budget of the President and all supplementals thereto. Pursuant to said review this committee shall determine to what extent funds are available to meet the recommendations of the committee, which authored the referred report. After this determination has been made, this committee shall promptly report its recommendation to the Congress. In no instance may this committee recommend an appropriation in an amount higher than that recommended by the Committee which authored the referred report. However, this committee may recommend an appropriation in a lower amount if funds are determined to be insufficient to meet the recommendations contained in the referred report."

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

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