A BILL FOR AN ACT

To authorize each of the State governments to establish or designate an existing entity to promote and support commercial utilization of agricultural and livestock resources; authorizing funds for the support of the entities to match those provided by the State governments; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

Section 1. Short title. This act is known and may be dated as the Agriculture Development Act of 1981.

Section 2. State entities authorized. Each State government is authorized to establish by law an entity or designate an existing entity to promote, develop, and support commercial utilization of agricultural and livestock resources within its jurisdiction. The entity shall be composed of representatives of State parties with a significant interest in the development of agricultural resources. The entity shall be provided by law with the power and authority to carry out the purpose stated above, which powers may include but need not be limited to the following:

(1) To provide guidance to the State government in establishing agricultural or livestock resource development policy;

(2) To serve as a conduit for public funds to establish and operate facilities required for commercial agricultural or livestock resource development, to conduct pilot farming or livestock raising operations, and to participate in large-scale commercial farming or livestock raising and related activities which are not suitable for investment in the private sector;

(3) To establish and support programs to promote, support, and guide agricultural or livestock raising cooperative associations;

(4) To formulate a comprehensive five-year agricultural or livestock development plan to be submitted for review and approval by the Congress as a condition precedent to a State entity's eligibility for funds authorized under section 3 of this act.
Section 2. Funding. Funds for the operation and activities of the State entity created pursuant to this act may be provided by the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Trust Territory Government, the State legislatures, and the net earnings from its activities.

Section 3. Authorizing. The sum of $120,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the General Fund of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia for each fiscal year commencing in 1981 and ending in 1985 to be made available to State entities created pursuant to section 1 of this act. During the five-year period of this authorization, any State entity whose agricultural or livestock resource development plan has been approved pursuant to section 2 (4) of this act shall be eligible for a sum not to exceed $30,000 annually; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the State legislature shall first appropriate matching funds on a 1 to 5 basis; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that no funds made available under this section shall be used to defray administrative expenses of the said State entities.

Section 4. Annual Report. Each State entity created pursuant to this act shall prepare an annual report on its finances and activities to be submitted to the State legislature and the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia within 20 days of the completion of each calendar year.

Section 5. Effective date. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, or
upon its becoming law without such approval.

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Introduced by: Senator Koichi Sam