A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend sections 1, 2, and 3 of Public Law No. 6-109, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 7-65, 1-2, 1-50, and 2-4, regarding the Washington Liaison Officer's title, salary, and home leave and changing Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Public Law No. 6-109, as amended by Public Law No. 1-2, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. There shall be an office to be known as the Micronesian Washington Office' to be located in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, which shall be under the direct supervision of a Special Representative of the President of the Federated States of Micronesia in accordance with the provisions of this act. The Special Representative of the President of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be appointed by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, with the advice and consent of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia. The Special Representative of the President of the Federated States of Micronesia serves at the pleasure of the President."

Section 2. Section 2 of Public Law No. 6-109, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 1-2, 1-50, and 2-4, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. The Special Representative of the President of the Federated States of Micronesia shall maintain the office headquarters in Washington, D.C., and shall have the power to employ such secretarial, clerical, technical, and professional assistants as he may deem necessary to the fulfilling of his duties and responsibilities, subject to appropriations for his office. He shall represent the people of the Federated States of Micronesia on a full-time basis before the Congress of the United States and before the various departments and agencies of the Federal Government and
other organizations, public and private, on all matters pertaining
to the Federated States of Micronesia, and shall actively and
fully advocate all programs and policies duly adopted by the
Government of the Federated States of Micronesia. He shall not
bind or commit the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia without specific authority
to do so. He shall also assist the public officials of the Federated
States of Micronesia with respect to all matters necessary and
pertaining to the conduct of their offices, and shall render a
written report on his activities to the Secretary of the Department
of External Affairs once a year during the first regular session of
the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia of each calendar
year beginning in 1981. The Secretary shall forthwith deliver the
report to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia. The
Special Representative of the President of the
Federated States of Micronesia shall be subject to the direction of
the President of the Federated States of Micronesia on the conduct of
his office and shall submit a monthly report of his activities to
him."

Section 3. Section 3 of Public Law No. 6-109, as amended by Public Laws
Nos. 7-65 and 1-2, is hereby further amended to read as follows:
"Section 3. The Special Representative of the
President of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be paid an
annual salary of $21,000, which salary shall not be diminished
during his tenure of office. In addition thereto, he shall receive
an allowance each fiscal year for secretarial, clerical, technical, and professional assistance, and for all office expenses, including office rental and equipment, and such other and further expenses as may be allowed by the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia by appropriation. The Special Representative of the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and his family shall be permitted one paid round trip from Washington to the Federated States of Micronesia every four years in addition to his own travel on official business. He shall be entitled to the same benefits as the members of the cabinet of the President. For travel on official business he shall be entitled to receive the standard rates of per diem and actual travel costs."

Section 4. 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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