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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to section 2 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to eliminate National jurisdiction over major crimes, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that
2 section 2 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States
3 of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

4 "SECTION 2. The following powers are expressly delegated
5 to Congress:

- 6 (a) to provide for the national defense;
- 7 (b) to ratify treaties;
- 8 (c) to regulate immigration, emigration,
9 naturalization, and citizenship;
- 10 (d) to impose taxes, duties, and tariffs based
11 on imports;
- 12 (e) to impose taxes on income;
- 13 (f) to issue and regulate currency;
- 14 (g) to regulate banking, foreign and interstate
15 commerce, insurance, the issuance and use of commercial paper
16 and securities, bankruptcy and insolvency, and patents and
17 copyrights;
- 18 (h) to regulate navigation and shipping except
19 within lagoons, lakes, and rivers;
- 20 (i) to establish usury limits on major loans;
- 21 (j) to provide for a national postal system;
- 22 (k) to acquire and govern new territory;
- 23 (l) to govern the area set aside as the national
24 capital;
- 25 (m) to regulate the ownership, exploration, and

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1 exploitation of natural resources within the marine space of
2 the Federated States of Micronesia beyond 12 miles from island
3 baselines;

4 (n) to establish and regulate a national public
5 service system;

6 (o) to impeach and remove the President, Vice-
7 President, and justices of the Supreme Court; and


8 *(p) to define major crimes and prescribe*
9 *penalties having due regard for local custom and tradition, and*

10 (d p) to override a Presidential veto by not less
11 than a 3/4 vote of all the state delegations, each delegation
12 casting one vote."

13 Section 2. Procedure. Upon this act becoming law, the proposed
14 constitutional amendment set out in section 1 will become part of the
15 Constitution after completion of procedures and ratification as
16 required by Public Law No. 2-51.

17 Section 3. Effective date. This act shall become law upon
18 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or
19 upon its becoming law without such approval.

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21 Date: 10/19/82

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