A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to article IV of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia by repealing section 9 to permit capital punishment, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that

article IV of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia

be amended to read as follows:

"ARTICLE IV

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 1. No law may deny or impair freedom of

expression, peaceable assembly, association, or petition.

SECTION 2. No law may be passed respecting an

establishment of religion or impairing the free exercise

of religion, except that assistance may be provided to

parochial schools for non-religious purposes.

SECTION 3. A person may not be deprived of life,

liberty, or property without due process of law, or be

denied the equal protection of the laws.

SECTION 4. Equal protection of the laws may not be

denied or impaired on account of sex, race, ancestry,
national origin, language, or social status.

SECTION 5. The right of the people to be secure in

their persons, houses, papers, and other possessions against

unreasonable search, seizure, or invasion of privacy may

not be violated. A warrant may not issue except on probable

cause, supported by affidavit particularly describing the place
to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.

SECTION 6. The defendant in a criminal case has a right
to a speedy public trial, to be informed of the nature of the
accusation, to have counsel for his defense, to be
contemplated with the witnesses against him, and to compel
attendance of witnesses in his behalf.

SECTION 7. A person may not be compelled to give
evidence that may be used against him in a criminal case,
or be twice put in jeopardy for the same offense.

SECTION 8. Excessive bail may not be required, excessive
fines imposed, or cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.
The writ of habeas corpus may not be suspended unless required
for public safety in cases of rebellion or invasion.

SECTION 112. Slavery and involuntary servitude are
prohibited except to punish crime.

SECTION 113. A bill of attainder or ex post facto
law may not be passed.

SECTION 114. A citizen of the Federated States of
Micronesia may travel and migrate within the Federated States.

SECTION 115. Imprisonment for debt is prohibited."

Section 2. Procedure and ratification. Upon this act becoming
law, the proposed constitutional amendment set out in section 1 will
become part of the Constitution after completion of procedures and
ratification as required by Public Law No. 2-51.
Section 3. 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.

Date: 5/11/83

Introduced by: [Signature]