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c. B. No. 4-9

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

To permit customs personnel to inspect dutiable or prohibited items in the mail under certain conditions, and for other purposes.

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

- 1 Section 1. <u>Inspection of dutiable or prohibited items</u>. Designated
- 2 customs personnel of the Revenue Division may, without a search warrant
- 3 but upon reasonable cause to suspect that the mail contains dutiable
- 4 or prohibited items, open or inspect the contents of mail which has
- 5 originated outside the Federated States of Micronesia and is addressed
- 6 for delivery inside the Federated States of Micronesia upon the
- 7 following terms and conditions:
- 8 (1) No customs personnel may read, allow any other person to
- 9 read, listen to, divulge, or transfer to any other person any correspon-
- 10 dence or recording contained in sealed mail, unless such action is
- 11 authorized by a search warrant issued pursuant to the laws and rules
- 12 of the Federated States of Micronesia.
- 13 (2) No customs personnel, or any other person, may, without
- 14 a search warrant, open, inspect, read, or seize any mail in postal
- 15 custody that has not originated outside the Federated States of Micro-
- 16 nesia.
- 17 Section 2. 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: 5/15/85

Introduced by

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