FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1985

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 2-61 and 3-4, for the purpose of repealing chapter 3 in its entirety, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Statement of purpose. Chapter 3 of title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia established the Joint Delegation of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference. Chapter 3 of title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia also provides that the delegation shall continue in existence until terminated by an act of the Congress. The United Nations Law of the Sea Conference has now completed its work in developing a comprehensive law of the sea treaty, and the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia ratified the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on November 8, 1983. It is therefore the sense of the Congress that the Joint Delegation of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference should be terminated, and that the responsibility for advising the President on National law of the sea policies should be assumed in full by the Department of External Affairs of the National Government and such other agencies and organizations as the President may see fit to utilize. The Congress recognizes that pursuant to article IX, section 4 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, it retains the sole authority to ratify any other treaties which the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia may seek to enter into involving the law of the sea.

1. Sea Conference, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

2. 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.

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