To establish a National Prostitution Task Force; to appropriate the sum of $50,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, thersfor; and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Findings.

(1) The Congress may regulate prostitution pursuant to its powers to regulate foreign and interstate commerce and to promote health.

(2) A legal prostitution trade could be beneficial to the Federated States of Micronesia for the following reasons:

(a) It could attract tourists and thereby promote development in the tourism sector of our Nation's economy;

(b) A legal prostitution trade could be regulated to minimize the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases, while it would be difficult to control the spread of such diseases in an illegal prostitution trade;

(c) A legal prostitution trade could be properly taxed, whereas if prostitution were not legal, income earned in the profession would most likely be neither reported nor taxed; and

(d) In a society such as the Federated States of Micronesia, which respects basic human rights, the Government should not seek to prohibit victimless activities between consenting adults.

(3) Further study is needed before appropriate legislation could be drafted regarding prostitution.

Section 2. National Prostitution Task Force - Establishment;

Membership. There is hereby established a National Prostitution Task Force, which shall consist of five members to be appointed as follows:

(1) Two members to be appointed by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia;

(2) Two members to be appointed by the Speaker of the Congress
of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

(3) One member to be appointed jointly by the President and
the Speaker, who shall serve as chairman of the Task Force.

Section 3. National Prostitution Task Force - Duties and
responsibilities. The National Prostitution Task Force shall conduct an
in-depth study of legal, economic, social, and health-related aspects of
prostitution in the Federated States of Micronesia and, to the extent
relevant for comparative purposes, elsewhere. The Task Force shall
develop proposed legislation, regulations, and policies for the develop-
ment of a legal, properly regulated prostitution trade in the Federated
States of Micronesia. The Task Force shall expeditiously report its
findings and recommendations to the President and Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia. The chairman may call the first meeting
of the Task Force, and it may organize itself and hold such meetings
as it deems appropriate for carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

Section 4. National Prostitution Task Force - Expenses and
compensation. Members of the National Prostitution Task Force shall be
entitled to necessary travel expenses and to per diem at standard
Federated States of Micronesia rates while on the business of the Task
Force. Task Force members who are neither employees nor officials of the
National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia or any State
government shall, in addition, be paid $30 per day while on the business
of the Task Force. If a member of the Task Force is concurrently employed
in another post in the Federated States of Micronesia National Government,
he shall be granted leave to attend the business of the Task Force, and
shall receive his regular salary while on the business of the Task Force. If the Task Force desires the temporary services of other persons with technical expertise in areas the Task Force is studying, such persons may be reimbursed for expenses and granted compensation and leave under the terms described above in this section; except that such persons, if not employed by the National Government or a State government, may be paid more than $30 per day if greater compensation is appropriate for their services.

Section 5. Appropriation. The sum of $50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, for the purpose of funding the operations and contingent expenses of the National Prostitution Task Force.

Section 6. Management of funds and lapse date. All funds appropriated by this act shall be allotted, managed, administered, and accounted for in accordance with applicable law, including, but not limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979. The allottee shall be responsible for ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are used solely for the purpose specified in this act, and that no obligations are incurred in excess of the sum appropriated. The authority of the allottee to obligate funds appropriated by this act shall lapse as of September 30, 1987.
Section 7. 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: 6/11/86

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