A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law Nos. 5-16 and 5-88, by amending section 210 for the purpose of providing approval of Federal grant renewal applications by report of the appropriate committee of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 210 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Section 210. Program Fund.

(1) Definitions. The term 'programs' shall include all funds made available to the Federated States of Micronesia pursuant to sections 221(a), 221(c), and 224 (program funds) of the Compact of Free Association and United States statute through categorical, block, consolidated project, or discretionary grants. It shall also include grants received from any international or United Nations organization. It shall not include other funds received pursuant to the Compact of Free Association, or funds received from the United States Department of Interior derived from its annual departmental budget, or those funds known as transition funds, nor indirect costs received for the administration of Federal programs.

(2) Program review. Prior to the submittal of any application, proposal, or preexpenditure report to any United States Federal agency, the President or his designee shall submit such application, proposal, or preexpenditure report to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia for its review and approval. Any new or first year application, proposal, or preexpenditure report to any United States Federal agency shall be approved by resolution. If Congress is not in session, the appropriate
committee shall review and approve the application, proposal, or preexpenditure report. Applications, proposals, or preexpenditure reports for the continuation, renewal, extension, revision or augmentation of a program, may be approved by the appropriate committee of Congress by report signed by a majority of the committee. The scope of such review shall be complete, with the ability to approve any aspect of any application, proposal, or preexpenditure. The approval of any application, proposal or preexpenditure report by the appropriate committee shall not obligate funds from the National Treasury where they were not otherwise appropriated pursuant to law. The Congress or the appropriate committee shall complete its review within thirty forty days of submission.

(3) Program Fund. There is hereby created within the National Treasury of the Federated States of Micronesia a Program Fund into which all funds received by the Federated States of Micronesia from program sources, as defined in subsection (1) of this section, shall be deposited. The President or his designee shall notify Congress of grant awards and deposits to the Fund. Funds shall be administered and withdrawn by the President or his designee. Funds derived from United States program sources shall be accounted for and shall be in accordance with reporting requirements of the United States Government.
Initially, the Program Fund shall consist of all prior year unobligated balances of program funds and all program funds designated for the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and made available beginning October 1, 1982."

Section 2. 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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