A BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish a Commission to report to the Congress and the President on the political and economic options available after the termination of the Compact, and on methods for educating the public thereon; to appropriate the sum of $45,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994 to fund the operations of the Commission; and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Establishment of Commission. There is hereby established a Commission to report to the Congress and the President on the political and economic options which may be available to the Federated States of Micronesia at the time of the termination of the Compact with the United States of America and on the most appropriate methods of educating the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia about such options.

2 Section 2. Composition of the Commission. The Commission shall consist of the following ex officio members: the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, the Secretary of the Department of Education, the Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development, the Secretary of External Affairs, the Chairman of the Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs, the Chairman of the Committee on Resources and Development and the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations. The members shall serve without compensation.

3 Section 3. Organization of the Commission. The Commission shall organize itself, selecting a Chairman and a Vice Chairman, one of whom shall be from the Congressional members and one of whom shall be from the executive branch members. The Commission shall set a schedule of regular meetings to be held at least once every 3 months. A quorum of the Commission shall consist of four members, two of whom shall be from the Congress and two from the executive branch.

4 Section 4. Authority and functions of the Commission. The Commission is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a study, using
the personnel and other resources available to the Congress and the
executive branch, of all political and economic options which it
determines will be available to the Federated States of Micronesia
upon the expiration of the present Compact with the United States of
America. The Commission is further authorized and directed to conduct
a study of all the means and methods which it determines to be appro-
appropriate for educating the citizens of the Federated States of Micro-
nesia about such political and economic options.

Section 5. Technical and clerical assistance and space and
equipment. In order to carry out its functions, the Commission may
request from the Speaker and the President the temporary or part-time
assignment of staff and the assignment or use of space and equipment
available to the National Government.

Section 6. Report of the Commission. At the conclusion of its
studies, the Commission will submit a written report to the Congress
and the President. The first section of the report will set forth the
political and economic options studied, will provide an analysis of
such options by indicating the positive and negative aspects of each,
and will recommend any further action or consideration which the Com-
mission determines should be undertaken in preparation for the
termination of the Compact. The second section of the report shall
set forth the various means or methods of educating the citizenry
about the options indicated in the first section of the report,
provide an analysis of the positive and negative aspects of each
means or method, and contain recommendations as to any further action.
or consideration which the Commission determines should be undertaken
to prepare for the process of educating the citizenry about the
political and economic options available when the Compact ends.

Section 7. Deadline for the completion of the Commission’s
affairs and for the submission of the Report. The Commission shall
complete its affairs no later than 2 years after the effective date
of this act; and two original copies of the report required in section
6, above, which shall be signed by at least four members of the Com-
mission, together with any individual comments or dissents by members
of the Commission, shall be submitted to the Congress and the Presi-
dent no later than 90 days after the Commission winds up its affairs.

Section 8. Funding. There is hereby appropriated from the
General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal
year ending September 30, 1994, the sum of $45,000 for the use of the
Commission during the conduct of its affairs related to this act.
Such funds shall be restricted to defraying travel expenses of the
members or staff of the Commission and the cost of preparing and
printing the report required pursuant to section 6, above. The funds
appropriated under this act shall not lapse until 90 days after the
Commission completes its affairs in accordance with section 7,
above. 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

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specified in this act, and that no obligations are incurred in excess
of the sum appropriated.

Section 9. 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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