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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to section 2(d) of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that a state may add a surtax upon taxes, duties and tariffs based on imports, imposed by the National Government, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed that section 2(d) of article IX of
2 the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 2. The following powers are expressly delegated to Congress:

4 (a) to provide for the national defense;

5 (b) to ratify treaties;

6 (c) to regulate immigration, emigration, naturalization, and citizenship;

7 (d) to impose taxes, duties, and tariffs based on imports; provided that a
8 state, at its option, may add a surtax thereon;

9 (e) to impose taxes on income;

10 (f) to issue and regulate currency;

11 (g) to regulate banking, foreign and interstate commerce, insurance, the
12 issuance and use of commercial paper and securities, bankruptcy and insolvency,
13 and patents and copyrights;

14 (h) to regulate navigation and shipping except within lagoons, lakes, and
15 rivers;

16 (i) to establish usury limits on major loans;

17 (j) to provide for a national postal system;

18 (k) to acquire and govern new territory;

19 (l) to govern the area set aside as the national capital;

20 (m) to regulate the ownership, exploration, and exploitation of natural
21 resources within the marine space of the Federated States of Micronesia beyond 12
22 miles from island baselines;

23 (n) to establish and regulate a national public service system;

24 (o) to impeach and remove the President, Vice-President, and justices of
25 the Supreme Court;

1 (p) to define national crimes and prescribe penalties, having due regard
2 for local custom and tradition; ~~and~~

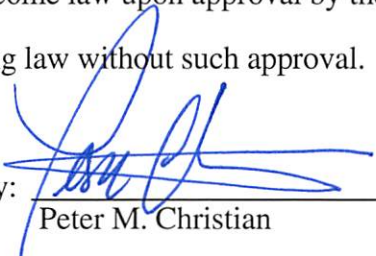
3 (q) to override a Presidential veto by not less than a 3/4 vote of all the state
4 delegations, each delegation casting one vote.; and

5 (r) to promote education and health by setting minimum standards,
6 coordinating state activities relating to foreign assistance, providing training and
7 assistance to the states, and providing support for post-secondary educational
8 programs and projects."

9 Section 2. Procedure. Upon its becoming law, the proposed constitutional amendment set
10 out in section 1 will become part of the Constitution after completion of the procedures and
11 ratification as required by chapter 7 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia.

12 Section 3. Effective date. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the
13 Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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15 Date: 11/02/94

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