

A RESOLUTION

To amend Section 8 of Rule 6 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that if the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means is unavailable to preside at a committee hearing, the Vice Speaker shall perform the duties of the chairman in his absence.

1           WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is  
2 governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and

3           WHEREAS, Rule 6, Section 8, stipulates the appointment, powers,  
4 and duties of the chairman and vice chairman of Congressional  
5 committees; and

6           WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and open  
7 mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of Procedure; and

8           WHEREAS, the Members of the Twenty-First Congress of the  
9 Federated States of Micronesia desire to clarify the provisions  
10 relating to the chairman and vice chairman of Congressional  
11 committees to provide that if the chairman of the Committee on Ways  
12 and Means is unavailable to preside at a meeting of the committee,  
13 the Vice Speaker shall perform the duties of the chairman in his  
14 absence; and

15           BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated  
16 States of Micronesia, Eleventh Special Session, 2021, that Section 8  
17 of Rule 6 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-First  
18 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to  
19 read as follows:

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1       "Section 8. Chairman and vice chairman.

2       (a) The chairman of each standing committee or special  
3       committee, and the chairman for each continuous session of  
4       the Committee of the Whole, shall be appointed by the  
5       Speaker, subject to appeal to the Congress. A vice  
6       chairman shall be chosen by the members of each standing  
7       committee.

8       (b) The chairman of each committee shall call meetings, preside  
9       at committee meetings, prepare and post the agenda, invite  
10      witnesses to appear before the committee, and prepare  
11      committee reports subject to the requirements of the Rules.  
12      The vice chairman shall perform the duties of the chairman  
13      in his absence.

14      (c) A Member of Congress who serves as a chairman of a standing  
15      committee may not serve as a chairman or vice chairman of  
16      another standing committee. The Speaker, Vice Speaker and  
17      Floor leader may not serve as a chairman or vice chairman  
18      of any standing committee, except as provided in paragraph  
19      (d) of this section.

20      (d) If the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means is  
21      unavailable to preside at a meeting of the committee, the  
22      Vice Speaker shall perform the duties of the chairman in  
23      his absence."

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1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution  
2 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of  
3 Micronesia.

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5   Date: 4/30/21

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