
AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 7-68 to provide for the selection of members of the Study Group on Indefinite Land Use Agreements, to appropriate funds for fiscal year 1979 therefor, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 7-68 is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 "Section 2. Selection of Members and Terms of Appointment.

4 (1) Members of the Study Group shall include the follow-
5 ing:

6 (a) four members from the Congress of the Federated
7 States of Micronesia to be appointed by the Speaker of the
8 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

9 (b) three members to be appointed by the High
10 Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
11 and one member to be appointed by the Director of the Office
12 of Territorial Affairs; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that members
13 previously appointed by the High Commissioner and the Director
14 of the Office of Territorial Affairs shall continue to serve as
15 members of the Study Group;

16 (2) The Study Group shall remain in existence until it is
17 dissolved by the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia;
18 and

19 (3) Initial appointments shall be made no later than ten
20 days after the effective date of this act."

21 Section 2. Section 3 of Public Law No. 7-68 is hereby amended to
22 read as follows:

1 "Section 3. Organization and Meetings. The Speaker of the
2 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall appoint
3 the Chairman of the Study Group, who shall be a member of the
4 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia. The Study
5 Group shall elect any other officers it deems necessary, by
6 majority vote. The Study Group shall meet as often and at
7 such places and times as decided by the Chairman or the Study
8 Group itself. Five members shall constitute a quorum."

9 Section 3. Section 4 of Public Law No. 7-68 is hereby amended to
10 add a new Subsection 3 to read as follows:

11 "Section 4. Duties and Responsibilities.

12 (1) The Study Group shall inquire into the circumstances
13 of the negotiation and execution of the indefinite land use
14 agreements, including all aspects of compensation, for the
15 purpose of recommending whether or not renegotiation of the
16 agreements shall be undertaken by the Trust Territory Govern-
17 ment, and to establish the basis on which such renegotiation
18 shall occur.

19 (2) The Study Group shall issue the report of its
20 findings and recommendations to the Under Secretary of the
21 Department of the Interior, the Congress of Micronesia, and
22 the High Commissioner, no later than January 1, 1978.

23 (3) The Study Group shall assist the High Commissioner,
24 the Director of the Office of Territorial Affairs, or the
25 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia in obtaining

1 funding to settle the claims of Micronesian landowners against
2 the Trust Territory Government and the United States Government,
3 and to issue such reports as it believes are necessary to the
4 High Commissioner, the Director of the Office of Territorial
5 Affairs, and the President and Congress of the Federated
6 States of Micronesia on the conduct of the renegotiation of
7 indefinite land use agreements."

8 Section 4. Section 5 of Public Law No. 7-68 is hereby amended to
9 read as follows:

10 "Section 5. Administrative Support. The Study Group shall be
11 assisted in its work by:

12 (1) The staff of the Congress of the Federated States of
13 Micronesia;

14 (2) Officers and employees of the executive branch of
15 the Trust Territory Government; and

16 (3) Other staff the Chairman of the Study Group considers
17 necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities."

18 Section 5. Appropriation.

19 (1) There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the
20 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia the sum of \$7,000 for fiscal
21 year 1979 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

22 (2) The High Commissioner is hereby authorized to contribute
23 such funds to the Study Group as are available to him to defray the
24 expenses incurred by members of the Study Group appointed by him.

25 (3) The sums appropriated by this Section shall be allotted

1 to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia who shall be
2 responsible to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia for
3 ensuring that these funds are used only for the purposes specified
4 herein and that no obligations are incurred in excess of the sum appro-
5 priated. Any part of this appropriation not obligated as of
6 September 30, 1979, shall revert to the General Fund of the Congress
7 of the Federated States of Micronesia.

8 (4) The President of the Federated States of Micronesia
9 shall submit a report to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
10 not later than October 15, 1979, which shall provide for the full dis-
11 closure of the obligations incurred against the sums appropriated by this
12 Section.

13 Section 6. Effective Date. This act shall become law upon approval
14 by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, or upon its
15 becoming law without such approval.

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