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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To authorize each of the State governments to establish or designate an existing entity to promote and support commercial utilization of agricultural and livestock resources; authorizing funds for the support of the entities to match those provided by the State governments; and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act is known and may be dated as
2 the Agriculture Development Act of 1981.

3 Section 2. State entities authorized. Each State government is
4 authorized to establish by law an entity or designate an existing
5 entity to promote, develop, and support commercial utilization of
6 agricultural and livestock resources within its' jurisdiction. The
7 entity shall be composed of representatives of State parties with
8 a significant interest in the development of agricultural resources.
9 The entity shall be provided by law with the power and authority to
10 carry out the purpose stated above, which powers may include but need
11 not be limited to the following:

12 (1) To provide guidance to the State government in
13 establishing agricultural or livestock resource development policy;

14 (2) To serve as a conduit for public funds to establish
15 and operate facilities required for commercial agricultural or
16 livestock resource development, to conduct pilot farming or livestock
17 raising operations, and to participate in large-scale commercial
18 farming or livestock raising and related activities which are not
19 suitable for investment in the private sector;

20 (3) To establish and support programs to promote, support,
21 and guide agricultural or livestock raising cooperative associations;

22 (4) To formulate a comprehensive five-year agricultural or
23 livestock development plan to be submitted for review and approval by
24 the Congress as a condition precedent to a State entity's eligibility
25 for funds authorized under section 3 of this act.

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1 Section 2. Funding. Funds for the operation and activities
2 of the State entity created pursuant to this act may be provided by
3 the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Trust
4 Territory Government, the State legislatures, and the net earnings
5 from its activities.

6 Section 3. Authorizing. The sum of \$120,000, or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated
8 from the General Fund of the Congress of the Federated States of
9 Micronesia for each fiscal year commencing in 1981 and ending in 1985
10 to be made available to State entities created pursuant to section 1
11 of this act. During the five-year period of this authorization, any
12 State entity whose agricultural or livestock resource development
13 plan has been approved pursuant to section 2 (4) of this act shall
14 be eligible for a sum not to exceed \$30,000 annually; PROVIDED,
15 HOWEVER, that the State legislature shall first appropriate matching
16 funds on a 1 to 5 basis; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that no funds made
17 available under this section shall be used to defray administrative
18 expenses of the said State entities.

19 Section 4. Annual Report. Each State entity created pursuant
20 to this act shall prepare an annual report on its finances and
21 activities to be submitted to the State legislature and the Congress
22 of the Federated States of Micronesia within 20 days of the completion
23 of each calendar year.

24 Section 5. Effective date. This act shall become law upon
25 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, or

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1 upon its becoming law without such approval.

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