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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to section 2 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to eliminate National jurisdiction over major crimes, 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  
2           section 2 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States  
3           of Micronesia be amended to read as follows:

4                   "SECTION 2. The following powers are expressly delegated  
5           to Congress:

6                           (a) to provide for the national defense;

7                           (b) to ratify treaties;

8                           (c) to regulate immigration, emigration,

9           naturalization, and citizenship;

10                          (d) to impose taxes, duties, and tariffs

11           based on imports;

12                          (e) to impose taxes on income;

13                          (f) to issue and regulate currency;

14                          (g) to regulate banking, foreign and

15           interstate commerce, insurance, the issuance and use of

16           commercial paper and securities, bankruptcy and insolvency,

17           and patents and copyrights;

18                          (h) to regulate navigation and shipping except

19           within lagoons, lakes, and rivers;

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

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

22                          (k) to acquire and govern new territory;

23                          (l) to govern the area set aside as the national

24           capital;

25                          (m) to regulate the ownership, exploration, and

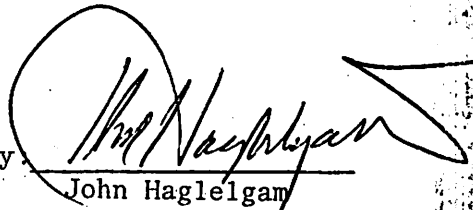
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1 exploitation of natural resources within the marine space of  
 2 the Federated States of Micronesia beyond 12 miles from  
 3 island baselines;  
 4 (n) to establish and regulate a national  
 5 public service system;  
 6 (o) to impeach and remove the President,  
 7 Vice-President, and justices of the Supreme Court; and  
 8 *(p) to define major crimes and prescribe*  
 9 *penalties having due regard for local custom and tradition; and*  
 10 (q) to override a Presidential veto by not  
 11 less than a 3/4 vote of all the state delegations, each  
 12 delegation casting one vote."

13 Section 2. Procedure. Upon this act becoming law, the proposed  
 14 constitutional amendment set out in section 1 will become part of the  
 15 Constitution after completion of procedures and ratification as  
 16 required by Public Law No. 2-51.

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

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 21 Date: 5/11/83

Introduced by   
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