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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish a National Prostitution Task Force; to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, therefor; and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Findings.

2 (1) The Congress may regulate prostitution pursuant to its
3 powers to regulate foreign and interstate commerce and to promote health.

4 (2) A legal prostitution trade could be beneficial to the
5 Federated States of Micronesia for the following reasons:

6 (a) It could attract tourists and thereby promote
7 development in the tourism sector of our Nation's economy;

8 (b) A legal prostitution trade could be regulated to
9 minimize the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases, while it would
10 be difficult to control the spread of such diseases in an illegal
11 prostitution trade;

12 (c) A legal prostitution trade could be properly taxed,
13 whereas if prostitution were not legal, income earned in the profession
14 would most likely be neither reported nor taxed; and

15 (d) In a society such as the Federated States of Micro-
16 nesia, which respects basic human rights, the Government should not seek
17 to prohibit victimless activities between consenting adults.

18 (3) Further study is needed before appropriate legislation
19 could be drafted regarding prostitution.

20 Section 2. National Prostitution Task Force - Establishment;
21 Membership. There is hereby established a National Prostitution Task
22 Force, which shall consist of five members to be appointed as follows:

23 (1) Two members to be appointed by the President of the
24 Federated States of Micronesia;

25 (2) Two members to be appointed by the Speaker of the Congress

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1 of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

2 (3) One member to be appointed jointly by the President and
3 the Speaker, who shall serve as chairman of the Task Force.

4 Section 3. National Prostitution Task Force - Duties and
5 responsibilities. The National Prostitution Task Force shall conduct an
6 in-depth study of legal, economic, social, and health-related aspects of
7 prostitution in the Federated States of Micronesia and, to the extent
8 relevant for comparative purposes, elsewhere. The Task Force shall
9 develop proposed legislation, regulations, and policies for the develop-
10 ment of a legal, properly regulated prostitution trade in the Federated
11 States of Micronesia. The Task Force shall expeditiously report its
12 findings and recommendations to the President and Congress of the
13 Federated States of Micronesia. The chairman may call the first meeting
14 of the Task Force, and it may organize itself and hold such meetings
15 as it deems appropriate for carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

16 Section 4. National Prostitution Task Force - Expenses and
17 compensation. Members of the National Prostitution Task Force shall be
18 entitled to necessary travel expenses and to per diem at standard
19 Federated States of Micronesia rates while on the business of the Task
20 Force. Task Force members who are neither employees nor officials of the
21 National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia or any State
22 government shall, in addition, be paid \$30 per day while on the business
23 of the Task Force. If a member of the Task Force is concurrently employed
24 in another post in the Federated States of Micronesia National Government,
25 he shall be granted leave to attend the business of the Task Force, and

1 shall receive his regular salary while on the business of the
2 Task Force. If the Task Force desires the temporary services
3 of other persons with technical expertise in areas the Task
4 Force is studying, such persons may be reimbursed for
5 expenses and granted compensation and leave under the terms
6 described above in this section; except that such persons, if not
7 employed by the National Government or a State government, may be
8 paid more than \$30 per day if greater compensation is appro-
9 priate for their services.

10 Section 5. Appropriation. The sum of \$50,000, or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the
12 General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the
13 fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, for the purpose of funding
14 the operations and contingent expenses of the National
15 Prostitution Task Force.

16 Section 6. Management of funds and lapse date. All funds
17 appropriated by this act shall be allotted, managed, administered,
18 and accounted for in accordance with applicable law, including,
19 but not limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979. The
20 allottee shall be responsible for ensuring that these funds, or
21 so much thereof as may be necessary, are used solely for the
22 purpose specified in this act, and that no obligations are
23 incurred in excess of the sum appropriated. The authority of the
24 allottee to obligate funds appropriated by this act shall lapse
25 as of September 30, 1987.

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1 Section 7. Effective date. This act shall become law upon
2 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
3 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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5 Date: 6/11/86

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