
A RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to direct the Attorney General to investigate any irregularities which are alleged to have occurred during the March 5, 1991 Congressional election in Faichuk, and to prosecute any violations of the law.

1 WHEREAS, the Congressional election for the Federated States of
2 Micronesia took place on March 5, 1991; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ben Ennet was the election commissioner responsible
4 for the area of Polle in Faichuk, Chuuk, with an election commission
5 board member assigned to it under Mr. Ennet's supervision; and

6 WHEREAS, on March 5, 1991, when the people came to cast their
7 votes throughout the area of Polle, there are allegations that
8 certain ballot boxes which were supposed to have been unlocked and
9 opened at 7:30 a.m., were not; and

10 WHEREAS, there are further allegations that the people were
11 told that if they did not change their minds as to their choice of
12 candidates, the ballot boxes would not be unlocked and opened; and

13 WHEREAS, there are further allegations that Mr. Ennet went to
14 other areas in his jurisdiction where he knew the peoples' choice of
15 candidates to be different than the areas where he did not unlock
16 and open the ballot boxes and he proceeded to unlock and open these
17 ballot boxes; and

18 WHEREAS, there are further allegations that Mr. Ennet returned
19 to a certain village in Polle where he had refused to unlock and open
20 the ballot boxes and finally permitted the boxes to be opened at 4:00
21 p.m., while still refusing to open the boxes in other areas; and

22 WHEREAS, the boxes which he finally permitted to be opened were
23 allegedly closed at 5:00 p.m.; and

24 WHEREAS, the next day the National Election Commissioner in
25 Chuuk fired Mr. Ennet, based on information he had received from poll

1 workers and State police officers about the incidents in Polle; and

2 WHEREAS, the National Election Commissioner then announced that
3 there would be an election in the affected areas on March 8, 1991,
4 where there were no irregularities reported; and

5 WHEREAS, the Governor of Chuuk has since appointed Mr. Ben Ennet
6 to be the Deputy Election Commissioner in Chuuk; and

7 WHEREAS, this position will have substantial responsibility for
8 future elections in Chuuk State; and


9 WHEREAS, the election process in the Federated States of
10 Micronesia is the foundation of our democracy, allowing the people to
11 choose the leaders of our Nation; and

12 WHEREAS, the serious irregularities alleged to have occurred
13 during the past election threaten to undermine the election process;
14 therefore it is of the utmost importance that a thorough investigation
15 take place and any violations of the laws prosecuted; now, therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated States
17 of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1991, that the Congress hereby
18 requests the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to direct
19 the Attorney General to investigate any irregularities which may have
20 occurred during the March 5, 1991 Congressional election in Faichuk
21 and prosecute any violations of the law; and

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

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25 Date: 5/15/91

Introduced by: 
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