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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish a Commission to report to the Congress and the President on the political and economic options available after the termination of the Compact, and on methods for educating the public thereon; to appropriate the sum of \$45,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994 to fund the operations of the Commission; and for other purposes.

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

- 1 Section 1. Establishment of Commission. There is hereby
- 2 established a Commission to report to the Congress and the President
- 3 on the political and economic options which may be available to the
- 4 Federated States of Micronesia at the time of the termination of the
- 5 Compact with the United States of America and on the most appropriate
- 6 methods of educating the citizens of the Federated States of
- 7 Micronesia about such options.
- 8 Section 2. Composition of the Commission. The Commission shall
- 9 consist of the following ex officio members: the Secretary of the
- 10 Department of Health Services, the Secretary of the Department of
- 11 Education, the Secretary of the Department of Resources and
- 12 Development, the Secretary of External Affairs, the Chairman of the
- 13 Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs, the Chairman of the
- 14 Committee on Resources and Development and the Chairman of the
- 15 Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations. The members
- 16 shall serve without compensation.
- 17 Section 3. Organization of the Commission. The Commission shall
- 18 organize itself, selecting a Chairman and a Vice Chairman, one of
- 19 whom shall be from the Congressional members and one of whom shall be
- 20 from the executive branch members. The Commission shall set a
- 21 schedule of regular meetings to be held at least once every 3 months.
- 22 A quorum of the Commission shall consist of four members, two of whom
- 23 shall be from the Congress and two from the executive branch.
- 24 Section 4. Authority and functions of the Commission. The
- 25 Commission is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a study, using

- 1 the personnel and other resources available to the Congress and the
- 2 executive branch, of all political and economic options which it
- 3 determines will be available to the Federated States of Micronesia
- 4 upon the expiration of the present Compact with the United States of
- 5 America. The Commission is further authorized and directed to conduct
- 6 a study of all the means and methods which it determines to be appro-
- 7 priate for educating the citizens of the Federated States of Micro-
- 8 nesia about such political and economic options.
- 9 Section 5. Technical and clerical assistance and space and
- 10 equipment. In order to carry out its functions, the Commission may
- 11 request from the Speaker and the President the temporary or part-time
- 12 assignment of staff and the assignment or use of space and equipment
- 13 available to the National Government.
- 14 Section 6. Report of the Commission. At the conclusion of its
- 15 studies, the Commission will submit a written report to the Congress
- 16 and the President. The first section of the report will set forth the
- 17 political and economic options studied, will provide an analysis of
- 18 such options by indicating the positive and negative aspects of each,
- 19 and will recommend any further action or consideration which the Com-
- 20 mission determines should be undertaken in preparation for the
- 21 termination of the Compact. The second section of the report shall
- 22 set forth the various means or methods of educating the citizenry
- 23 about the options indicated in the first section of the report,
- 24 provide an analysis of the positive and negative aspects of each
- 25 means or method, and contain recommendations as to any further action

- 1 or consideration which the Commission determines should be undertaken
- 2 to prepare for the process of educating the citizenry about the
- 3 political and economic options available when the Compact ends.
- 4 Section 7. Deadline for the completion of the Commission's
- 5 affairs and for the submission of the Report. The Commission shall
- 6 complete its affairs no later than 2 years after the effective date
- 7 of this act; and two original copies of the report required in section
- 8 6, above, which shall be signed by at least four members of the Com-
- 9 mission, together with any individual comments or dissents by members
- 10 of the Commission, shall be submitted to the Congress and the Presi-
- 11 dent no later than 90 days after the Commission winds up its affairs.
- 12 Section 8. Funding. There is hereby appropriated from the
- 13 General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal
- 14 year ending September 30, 1994, the sum of \$45,000 for the use of the
- 15 Commission during the conduct of its affairs related to this act.
- 16 Such funds shall be restricted to defraying travel expenses of the
- 17 members or staff of the Commission and the cost of preparing and
- 18 printing the report required pursuant to section 6, above. The funds
- 19 appropriated under this act shall not lapse until 90 days after the
- 20 Commission completes its affairs in accordance with section 7,
- 21 above. All funds appropriated by this act shall be allotted, managed,
- 22 administered, and accounted for in accordance with applicable law,
- 23 including, but not limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979.
- 24 The allottee shall be responsible for ensuring that these funds, or
- 25 so much thereof as may be necessary, are used solely for the purpose

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1 specified in this act, and that no obligations are incurred in excess 2 of the sum appropriated. Section 9. Effective date. This act shall become law upon 4 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or 5 upon its becoming law without such approval. Date: 10/21/93 Introduced by: