

A RESOLUTION

To amend section 1 of rule 6, and to create a new section 8 of rule 7 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, to remove a portion of the duties of the Committee on Resources and Development, and to create a new standing committee entitled: "Environmental Affairs".

1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and;
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4 WHEREAS, rule 15 of the Official Rules of Procedure
5 stipulates that a motion is required to amend the said rules;
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7 WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and
8 open mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of
9 Procedure; and

10 WHEREAS, section 1 of rule 6 as currently written sets
11 forth that the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
12 shall have seven standing committees; and

13 WHEREAS, the Members of the Twentieth Congress of the
14 Federated States of Micronesia desire that an eighth standing
15 committee be created, entitled: "Environmental Affairs"; and

16 WHEREAS, the Members of the Twentieth Congress of the
17 Federated States of Micronesia strongly believe that matters
18 pertaining to climate change, sustainable use of resources,
19 protection of the natural environment and health of all living

1 things require the special dedication and oversight, and can
2 not be properly dealt with under the larger rubric of the
3 Standing Committee for Resources and Development; now,
4 therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth the Congress of the
6 Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2017
7 that Congress hereby adopts amendments to section 1 of rule 6,
8 and a new section 8 of rule 7 of the Official Rules of
9 Procedure to read as follows:

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11 "Section 1. Types of committees. There shall be
12 [~~seven~~] eight standing committees established by the
13 Rules. The standing committees shall be organized
14 pursuant to Rules 6 and 7. Special committees shall
15 be established by the Speaker as required to consider
16 and report on such special or temporary matters as
17 are referred to them. Special committees shall be
18 temporary committees, which shall remain in existence
19 until discharged by the Speaker, subject to appeal to
20 the Congress. The Congress may resolve itself into
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17 Rule 7 to be amended to create a new Section 8, to
18 read as follows:

19 "Section 8. Environmental Affairs.
20 (a) The Committee on Environmental Affairs
21 shall consist of not more than seven members with at
22 least one member from each of the four states. It
23 shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and
24 report on all bills, resolutions, and other matters
25 referred to it regarding the health and protection of

1 the natural environment of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia. It shall be the specific duty of this
3 committee to consider, investigate, and recommend to
4 Congress any needed revisions of existing laws or new
5 legislation relation to the mitigation and adaptation
6 to climate change, protection and conservation of the
7 natural environment and the health and sustainability
8 of the practices that impact the environment.

9 (b) This committee shall be responsible,
10 for reviewing specific subjects in the budget of
11 the President, and all supplements thereto,
12 which make a request for an appropriation, with
13 relates to a subject matter within its
14 jurisdiction. Pursuant to its review the
15 committee shall recommend whether the matters
16 referred to it, or portions thereof, will be
17 authorized, and if so, in what amount.

18 Following its review the Committee shall
19 promptly report its recommendation the Congress.
20 Those subjects which fall with the jurisdiction
21 of this committee include, but are not limited
22 to, the following:

23 (i) Office of Environment of
24 Emergency Management.”

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