

A RESOLUTION

To amend Section 5 of Rule 1 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to clarify the call to order procedure at the first session of each new Congress.

1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and

3 WHEREAS, Rule 1, Section 5, stipulates the call to order
4 procedure for sessions of Congress; and

5 WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and
6 open mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of
7 Procedure; and

8 WHEREAS, the Members of the Twenty-Second Congress of the
9 Federated States of Micronesia desire to clarify the call to
10 order procedure at the first session of each new Congress to
11 provide that: the Congress shall be called to order by the
12 youngest returning Member-elect; if the youngest returning
13 Member-elect is unavailable, the Congress shall be called to
14 order by the next youngest returning Member-elect; and that
15 Member-elect shall be the temporary Speaker; now, therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Second Congress of the
17 Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2023,
18 that Section 5 of Rule 1 of the Official Rules of Procedure of
19 the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
20 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 "Section 5. Call to order.

2 (a) At the first session of each new Congress,
3 the Congress shall be called to order in Palikir,
4 Pohnpei, by the [~~most-senior~~] youngest returning
5 Member-elect. If the [~~most-senior~~] youngest
6 returning Member-elect is unavailable, the session
7 shall be called to order by the next [~~most-senior~~]
8 youngest returning Member-elect. [~~Seniority of~~
9 ~~Members-elect shall be determined by total years of~~
10 ~~service.~~] The Member-elect who calls the session to
11 order shall be called a temporary Speaker and shall
12 have the power to preserve order and decorum and
13 decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to
14 the Congress.

15 (b) At all regular and special sessions convened
16 subsequent to the first session of each new Congress
17 of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Congress
18 shall be called to order by the Speaker."
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