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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-21

RE: C.R. No. 24-41/EX AFF.

SUBJECT: TO RATIFY THE AMENDMENT TO THE TREATY BETWEEN THE

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF

THE MARSHALL ISLANDS CONCERNING MARITIME

BOUNDARIES AND COOPERATION ON RELATED MATTERS.

SEPTEMBER **22**, 2025

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses Speaker, Twenty-Fourth Congress Federated States of Micronesia Second Regular Session, 2025

Dear Speaker,

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred Congressional Resolution No. 24-41, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE AMENDMENT TO THE TREATY BETWEEN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF MARSHALL ISLANDS CONCERNING MARITIME BOUNDARIES AND COOPERATION ON RELATED MATTERS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee received Congress Resolution No. 24-41 that proposes to ratify an amendment to a treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and The Republic of the Marshall Islands to ensure both nations retain their current fixed maritime boundaries despite sea-level rise.

Your Committee met on September 17, 2025 and discussed this important amendment to the treaty. The Committee notes that NORMA and the Department of Justice have worked hard on these issues to bring about this agreement. Both the FSM and The Republic of the Marshall Islands cooperatively came to this amendment to ensure that their respective Maritime Boundaries currently in place will not be affected by sealevel rise.

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CONCLUSION

Your Committee on External Affairs has carefully reviewed and is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 24-41, and recommends its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

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Johnson A. Asher, member

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