



The President  
Palikir, Pohnpei  
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 19-576  
FSM CONGRESS

March 30, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker  
Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I hereby return the following congressional act, which was repassed and became Public Law No. 19-155:

Congressional Act No. 19-158: "AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-85, TO RESTRICT ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES CONTEMPLATED OR PROPOSED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMPACT REVIEW AND PLANNING (JCRP) TO TITLE TWO ECONOMIC PROVISIONS OF THE AMENDED COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Sincerely,

  
Peter M. Christian  
President

Enclosure:

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court





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March 29, 2017



His Excellency Peter M. Christian  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Christian:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 19-158, "AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-85 TO RESTRICT ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES CONTEMPLATED OR PROPOSED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMPACT REVIEW AND PLANNING (JCRP) TO TITLE TWO ECONOMIC PROVISIONS OF THE AMENDED COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was repassed on March 28, by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Eighth Special Session, 2017, by a three-fourths vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



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ACT NO. 19-158

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 19-256)

I hereby certify that on March 28 the foregoing act was repassed by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Eighth Special Session, 2017, by a three-fourths vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 2(q), of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wesley W. Simina", is written over the typed name and title.

Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

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AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 19-85 to restrict any negotiations with the United States contemplated or proposed by the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) to Title Two Economic Provisions of the Amended Compact of Free Association, and for other purposes.

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

1       Section 1. Section 4 of Public Law No. 19-85 is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "Section 4. Mandate. The JCRP shall carry out the  
4 following responsibilities and obligations:

5           (1) In consultation with the Congress, set goals and  
6 objectives in anticipation of the termination of the  
7 financial provisions of the Amended Compact of Free  
8 Association;

9           (2) Conduct a thorough analysis of all factors  
10 relating the future of the Nation;

11           (3) Develop all necessary strategies and approaches  
12 to enable the Federated States of Micronesia to explore  
13 alternatives for the future of the Nation; provided that  
14 any contemplated or proposed negotiations with the  
15 United States related to the Amended Compact of Free  
16 Association be limited solely to Title Two Economic  
17 Provisions;

18           (4) Direct its Secretariat in preparing the

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1 documentation necessary to accomplish its  
2 responsibilities hereunder;

3 (5) Analyze all economic information available on the  
4 Federated States of Micronesia, with the aim of  
5 identifying the FSM's continuing requirement for  
6 reasonable, fair, and effective financial assistance  
7 from all sources from the year 2023 onward;

8 (6) Provide reports periodically to the Congress at  
9 each regular session, and to the Office of the  
10 President, on all developments, actual or potential,  
11 positive or negative, that may be related to the future  
12 of the Nation, including but not limited to new  
13 information, actions, communications, domestic and  
14 foreign policies, bilateral and multilateral plans, as  
15 well as periodic surveys exploring the value of net  
16 benefits to a foreign nation from an exclusive security  
17 prerogative; and

18 (7) Collaborate with the State Governments, the  
19 Department of Foreign Affairs, the Congress, and the  
20 Office of the President in identifying the nominees for  
21 the JCRP whose selection will be subject to Congress's  
22 expressed approval; and

23 (8) Use funds for each separate category of expense  
24 only up to the aggregate amount of the line-items of the  
25 corresponding expense category set out in the associated

