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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 1967

Mr. BINGHAM introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish the Commission on the Future Political Status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Micronesia).

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That there is hereby established a commission to be known
 4 as the Commission on the Future Political Status of the Trust
 5 Territory of the Pacific Islands (Micronesia), hereafter in
 6 this joint resolution referred to as the "Commission".

7 SEC. 2. The Commission shall make a full and complete
 8 investigation and study of the ways in which the wishes of
 9 the people of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
 10 (Micronesia) with respect to their future political status can
 11 be ascertained and within one year of the date of enactment

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1 of this joint resolution report to the President and Congress
2 its recommendations for ascertaining such wishes, together
3 with suggested ways and means of giving effect to such
4 wishes when ascertained.

5 SEC. 3. (a) The Commission shall be composed of nine
6 members as follows:

7 (1) Two United States Senators who shall be ap-
8 pointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, one
9 from the majority party and one from the minority
10 party.

11 (2) Two Representatives in Congress who shall be
12 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representa-
13 tives, one from the majority party and one from the
14 minority party.

15 (3) Five persons appointed by the President.

16 (b) A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the
17 same manner as the original appointment was made.

18 (c) The Chairman of the Commission shall be ap-
19 pointed by the President.

20 (d) Members of the Commission shall be appointed for
21 the life of the Commission.

22 (e) (1) Members of the Commission who are Mem-
23 bers of Congress or full-time officers or employees of the
24 United States shall receive no additional compensation on
25 account of their service on the Commission. The other mem-

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1 bers of the Commission shall each be entitled to receive \$75
2 for each day (including traveltime) during which they
3 are engaged in the actual performance of duties vested in
4 the Commission.

5 (2) While away from their homes or regular places of
6 business in the performance of services for the Commission,
7 members of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses,
8 including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner
9 as the expenses authorized by section 5703 (b) of title 5,
10 United States Code, for persons in the Government service
11 employed intermittently.

12 (f) Five members of the Commission shall constitute a
13 quorum.

14 SEC. 4. (a) The Commission may appoint and fix the
15 compensation of such personnel as it deems advisable with-
16 out regard to (1) the provisions of title 5, United States
17 Code, governing appointments in the competitive service,
18 and (2) the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of
19 chapter 53 of such title, relating to classification and General
20 Schedule pay rates, except that no individual so appointed
21 shall be paid at a rate in excess of the maximum rate for
22 GS-18 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of such
23 title.

24 (b) The Commission may obtain the services of experts

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1 and consultants in accordance with section 3109 of title 5,
2 United States Code.

3 (c) The head of any executive department or inde-
4 pendent agency of the Federal Government is authorized to
5 detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of its personnel to assist
6 the Commission in carrying out its work.

7 SEC. 5. (a) The Commission may for the purpose of
8 carrying out this joint resolution hold such hearings, sit and
9 act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive
10 such evidence as the Commission may deem advisable. The
11 Commission may administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses
12 appearing before it.

13 (b) When so authorized by the Commission, any mem-
14 ber or agent of the Commission may take any action which
15 the Commission is authorized to take by this section.

16 (c) The Commission may secure directly from any de-
17 partment or agency of the United States information neces-
18 sary to enable it to carry out this joint resolution. Upon re-
19 quest of the Chairman of the Commission such department or
20 agency shall furnish such information to the Commission.

21 (d) The Commission is authorized to enter into con-
22 tracts with Federal or State agencies, private firms, institu-
23 tions, and individuals for the conducting of research or

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1 surveys, the preparation of reports, and other activities nec-
2 essary to the discharge of its duties.

3 SEC. 6. The Commission shall cease to exist on the
4 ninetieth day following the submission of its final report pur-
5 suant to section 2.

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