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MICRONESIAN DELEGATION

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Authorizing Legislation - Micronesian Delegation

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THIRD CONGRESS, 1969
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC LAW NO. 3C-15
(S. B. 55)

AN ACT

To create a Micronesian Political Status Delegation to the United States to confer with members of the United States Congress and with other members of the United States Government with a view toward seeking an early resolution of the future political status for Micronesia; to appropriate money therefor and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. There is hereby created a Political Status Dele-
2 gation to the United States, consisting of not more than ten
3 members of the Congress of Micronesia to be appointed jointly by
4 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives. Such appointment shall be made upon the approval
6 of this act. All members of the Delegation shall by majority vote
7 elect a chairman and a vice-chairman during its first meeting.

8 Section 2. The Delegation shall appear through such of its
9 members as it shall designate before the United States Congress
10 or any member or committee thereof or before any bureau or depart-
11 ment or officer of the United States Government. It shall actively
12 seek, support, and press for an early resolution and determination
13 of the future political status of Micronesia or in connection with
14 United States legislation regarding the same. It shall further
15 take part in preliminary discussions regarding the relations which
16 shall in the future prevail between Micronesia and the United States
17 and the specific provisions of law and other measures which shall
18 serve to formalize these relations.

19 Section 3. In carrying out the aforesaid mission, the Delega-
20 tion and all its members shall to the best of their ability adhere
21 to the desires and policies of the Congress of Micronesia, as
22 expressed by resolutions or otherwise.

1 Section 4. Actions of the Delegation shall be subject to
2 the subsequent ratification of the Congress of Micronesia.

3 Section 5. The sum of \$40,000, or so much thereof as may be
4 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of the
5 Congress of Micronesia not otherwise appropriated for the purpose
6 of carrying out the provisions of this act. The sum herein appro-
7 priated shall be expended at the request, direction, and approval
8 of the Chairman of the Delegation. A portion of this sum may be
9 set aside and used at the direction of the Chairman as representa-
10 tion fund. The term "representation fund" as used herein shall be
11 broadly construed to the end that the purposes of this act may be
12 fully served. All unencumbered and unused balances shall revert
13 to the General Fund of the Congress of Micronesia.

14 Section 6. Any expenses of the Delegation incurred by any
15 appearance under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, or in-
16 curred at the request of the Delegation or its Chairman shall be
17 paid from the appropriation herein provided. Each member of the
18 Delegation shall be entitled to receive per diem at standard rate
19 from the funds appropriated by this act. The Delegation shall
20 have power to appoint such technical, administrative, clerical,
21 and stenographic assistants as it deems necessary for the effec-
22 tuation of its purposes and at such level of salaries as it
23 considers appropriate. The Delegation may contract for legal,
24 technical, and other services which may be deemed necessary or
25 advisable to better effectuate its powers and duties on such

1 terms and conditions and for such compensation or fees as the
2 Delegation may see fit.

3 Section 7. This act shall take effect upon approval by the
4 High Commissioner, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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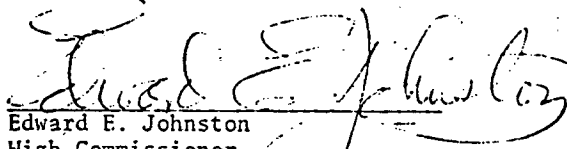
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Edward E. Johnston
High Commissioner
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Resolution calling on the President and the US Congress to consider the future of the TTPI

THIRD CONGRESS, 1969

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the President and the Congress of the United States to consider seriously the future political status of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, by virtue of the Trusteeship Agreement between the
2 United States and the Security Council of the United Nations, the
3 United States has undertaken in Micronesia to foster the develop-
4 ment of such political institutions as are suited to the trust
5 territory and...to promote the development of the inhabitants of
6 the trust territory toward self-government or independence as may
7 be appropriate to the particular circumstances of the trust ter-
8 ritory and its peoples and the freely expressed wishes of the
9 people concerned; and

10 WHEREAS, the Future Political Status Commission of the Congress
11 of Micronesia has for the past two years conducted a study of polit-
12 ical alternatives which may be open to Micronesians with respect to
13 their future political status, and has submitted its final report
14 to this session of the Congress in accordance with law; and

15 WHEREAS, proposals have been advanced by the President of the
16 United States and considered by the United States Congress for the
17 creation of a United States Commission to consider the future status
18 of the Micronesian people but these proposals have not yet led to
19 the actual creation of such a Commission by the United States
20 Government; and

21 WHEREAS, the Micronesian people are today ever more desirous
22 than ever before of seeing a decision on their future status but

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1 believe sincerely that such a decision must be reached by the
2 joint efforts of their representatives and those of the United
3 States; now, therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Third Congress of Micro-
5 nesia, Second Regular Session, 1969, the House of Representatives
6 concurring, that the President and the Congress of the United
7 States are urgently requested to give serious consideration to
8 the future political status of Micronesia and the ways in which
9 this status should be finally resolved; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Joint
11 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States
12 and the President of the United States Senate and the Speaker
13 of the United States House of Representatives.

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15 Adopted: July 24, 1969

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Resolution providing guidance to the Micronesian Delegation

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THIRD CONGRESS, 1969

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Political Status Delegation to identify and study the questions which must be solved under either of the possible political statuses projected for Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, the people of Micronesia must very soon decide on
2 the political system under which they, their children, and their
3 children's children shall be governed; and

4 WHEREAS, the people look to their elected representatives in
5 Congress for information and counsel to guide them in making this
6 solemn decision; and

7 WHEREAS, the Congress has accepted the finding of its Future
8 Political Status Commission that the only two acceptable political
9 systems will be free association with the United States or indepen-
10 dence; and

11 WHEREAS, the Congress proposes by S.B. No. 55 (PL 3C-15) to
12 authorize the creation of a Political Status Delegation to confer
13 with officials of the United States about the future political
14 status of Micronesia and has appropriated money for the work of
15 that Delegation; now, therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Third Congress of Micro-
17 nesia, Second Regular Session, 1969, the House of Representatives
18 concurring, that the Political Status Delegation proposed to be
19 created by authority of S.B. No. 55 (PL 3C-15) shall in addition
20 to the responsibilities imposed upon it by that law, be authorized
21 and directed to identify the major political, legal, and adminis-
22 trative questions which will have to be decided in the event that
23 Micronesia chooses to enter into free association with the United
24 States, and likewise those which will have to be decided if Micro-
25 nesia chooses to become an independent state, together with

1 information which will facilitate decisions on all these questions;
2 and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delegation is directed to
4 present a report to the Congress on this subject, not later than
5 the tenth day of the Third Regular Session, Third Congress of Micro-
6 nesia; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delegation is authorized to
8 conduct meetings and hearings at such places as it may deem neces-
9 sary, within or outside the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,
10 for the purpose set forth in this Joint Resolution, and that its
11 chairman is authorized to appoint subcommittees, to retain consul-
12 tants, and to employ administrative and clerical assistants for
13 this purpose; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delegation is authorized to
15 use the unexpended and unobligated balance of the appropriation
16 provided by Section 5 of S.B. No. 55 (PL 3C-15), in order to meet
17 the expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Joint
18 Resolution.

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20 Adopted: August 25, 1969

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