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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

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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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