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A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for the establishment of a Joint Committee on Future Status and prescribing its duties and responsibilities.

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Third Congress
- 2 of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 1970, the Senate concurring, that
- 3 there is hereby created a Joint Committee of the Congress of Micronesia,
- 4 to be known as the Joint Committee on Future Status, hereinafter referred
- 5 to in this resolution as the Committee, consisting of not more than twelve
- 6 members of the Congress of Micronesia to be appointed jointly by the
- 7 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 8 The Committee shall remain in existence until dissolved by the Congress of
- 9 Micronesia. Members shall serve for such terms as the Presiding Officers
- 10 may prescribe, and the Presiding Officers shall make appointments to fill
- 11 any vacancy which may occur on the Committee. At their first meeting,
- 12 members of the Committee shall by majority vote elect a Chairman and such
- 13 other officers as they deem necessary; and
- 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the Committee shall be to
- 15 continue the work of the Future Political Status Commission and the
- 16 Micronesian Political Status Delegation relating to the termination of the
- 17 Trusteeship Agreement and Trusteeship Status and the obtaining of a new
- 18 political status for Micronesia when Trusteeship ends; and
- 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall perform such acts as
- 20 it deems necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned
- 21 to it by the Congress of Micronesia, and shall exercise all the powers and

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1 authority of other standing committees of the Congress of Micronesia; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall have the following
3 duties and responsibilities:

4 (a) To conduct political education within Micronesia;

5 (b) To conduct a study on the economic implications of Free

6 Association and Independence. Such a study should include, but not be limited

7 to the following: (1) An estimation of the public finance and technical
8 assistance required to provide the current level of governmental services;

9 (2) An investigation of possible sources of financial aid and technical
10 assistance; (3) An analysis of ways and means to increase local revenue;

11 (4) An analysis of labor and capital requirements, especially public
12 investment, necessary for development in each economic sector; (5) An

13 analysis of implications of the Government of Micronesia controlling such
14 economic activities as outside investment, lease of land, trade agreements,

15 tariffs, shipping, airline routes, and alien labor; and (6) An analysis
16 of alternative means to provide the present level of government services at

17 a lower cost;

18 (c) To conduct a study of the alternative forms of democratic
19 internal government available, and prepare basic constitutional proposals

20 for submission as working papers to the Micronesian Constitutional

21 Convention; and study and make recommendations concerning the organization
22 and timing of a Constitutional Convention;

23 (d) To establish contact; and discuss the status question with
24 appropriate persons and organizations within the United States, and in

25 the United Nations, and solicit understanding and support of the position

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1 of the Congress of Micronesia on the status question;
2 (e) To continue discussions and negotiations with the United
3 States Government on the future political status of the Trust Territory.
4 In carrying out such activities, the Committee and all its members shall
5 to the best of their ability adhere to the desires and policies of the
6 Congress of Micronesia as expressed by resolution or otherwise, and all
7 actions of the Committee shall be subject to subsequent ratification by
8 the Congress of Micronesia; and

9 (f) To perform such other functions or duties as the Congress
10 of Micronesia may by law or resolution prescribe; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall submit reports of
12 its activities, findings, and recommendations to the Congress of Micronesia
13 at each regular session of the Congress of Micronesia. Unless otherwise
14 provided by bill or resolution, the Committee shall keep the people of
15 Micronesia informed as to its work; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall contract or otherwise
17 engage the services of, such professional, technical, administrative,
18 stenographic, and clerical staff as it deems necessary to carry out its
19 duties and responsibilities, and as is provided for by appropriation of
20 the Congress; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Joint Resolution
22 be transmitted to the Secretary General, Security Council and the Trustee-
23 ship Council of the United Nations; the President of the United States,
24 the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of
25 the Interior of the United States; the President of the Senate and the

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1 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chairmen of the Senate
2 and House Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States
3 Congress; and the High Commissioner.

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5 Adopted August 25, 1970

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