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FOURTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1972 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 91, S.D. 1

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing and directing the Joint Committee on Future Status to continue negotiations with the United States toward the resolution of the issue of the future political status of Micronesia, and to seek a tentative agreement on such future political status which in its opinion is best suited to the needs, interests, and aspirations of the people of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 102, Third Congress of  
2 Micronesia, which establishes the Joint Committee on Future Status,  
3 provides in part that

4 "The Committee and all its members shall to the best of  
5 their ability adhere to the desires and policies of the  
6 Congress of Micronesia as expressed by resolution or  
7 otherwise . . . ."

8 and,

9 WHEREAS, the Congress recognizes the progress made in negotia-  
10 tions between the Joint Committee and the United States with  
11 regard to the future political status of Micronesia; and

12 WHEREAS, the Congress realizes that the increasing complexity  
13 and detail of the negotiations renders specific approval of each  
14 article of negotiation cumbersome and not conducive to the rapid  
15 completion of such negotiations and the drafting of an agreement  
16 tentatively acceptable to the parties thereto and that flexibility  
17 is required to that end; and

18 WHEREAS, the Congress expresses its confidence in the Joint  
19 Committee and its members to negotiate to the best of their  
20 ability for the best interests of Micronesia and her people, in  
21 the absence of specific guidelines from the Congress; and

22 WHEREAS, the Congress is satisfied that the periodic reports

1 to the Congress required of the Joint Committee, together with  
2 past expressions of the sense of the Congress with regard to the  
3 issue of future political status, as well as the ultimate reserva-  
4 tion of final authority in the Congress and the people of Micro-  
5 nesia to approve any agreement as to such future political status,  
6 constitute sufficient safeguards and controls as to the actions  
7 of the Joint Committee in negotiating with the United States; now,  
8 therefore,

9       BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, Fourth Congress of Micronesia,  
10 Second Regular Session, 1972, the House of Representatives con-  
11 curring, that the Joint Committee on Future Status be and it hereby  
12 is authorized and directed to continue negotiations with the United  
13 States toward the termination of the Trusteeship of the Trust  
14 Territory of the Pacific Islands, and to conduct such negotiations  
15 in the effort to arrive at a tentative agreement which, in its  
16 judgment, is best suited to the needs, interests, and aspirations  
17 of the people of Micronesia; and

18       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution  
19 be transmitted to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Future  
20 Status, and to the President's Special Representative for the  
21 Micronesian Political Status Negotiations.

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23 Adopted: February 26, 1972

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