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Have reviewed Micronesian Congress House Bill 298 which we understand is Administration bill. Believe their bill satisfactory, assuming following issues arising from Section 10 Section 10 precludes corporation's use of (1)are resolved: Land Management Office and Interior has advised there will be no funding for the corporation's ongoing land management function. Explained to Sander of DOTA that the revenue accrual provided by our Section 5 was to insure that each legal entity would receive some funds for start-up costs. Interior had not understood the purpose and now does not object to the concept. Sander recommended that an amendment be offered and legislative history of purpose be created. Assured Interior would not object if High Com seeks comments. (2) While Administration Section 10 seems to preclude use of Land Commission as adjudicatory body, Interior has advised that intent of Section 4(2) was to permit district legislature to designate District Land Commission as its adjudicatory body. If a land commission were so designated, TTPI would fund all its operations. Sander suggests that Congressmen create legislative history on this point.

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