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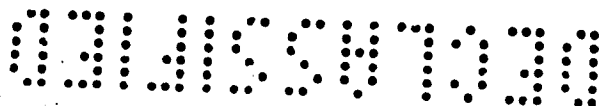
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1975

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A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing and directing the Joint Committee on Future Status (1) to reevaluate and reassess the strategies and alternatives with respect to the future political status of Micronesia whereby the trusteeship status of the Trust Territory may effectively be terminated; (2) to suspend further formal negotiations and talks on the future political status of Micronesia with representatives of the Executive Branch of the United States Government until after the holding of the Micronesian Constitutional Convention and until after the United States Congress is advised of the problems encountered and progress made in the status negotiations; and (3) to seek and secure such formal or informal advice and assistance from the United States Congress relative to the future political status of Micronesia.

- 1 WHEREAS, the United States as Administering Authority for the
- 2 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands assumed the international
- 3 obligation to promote the development of the inhabitants of the
- 4 Trust Territory toward self-government or independence as may be
- 5 appropriate to the circumstances of the people concerned; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia in recognition of this
- 7 obligation on the part of the United States created a committee of
- 8 its own beginning in 1967, to explore political status alternatives
- 9 which may be available to the people of Micronesia, and in late
- 10 1969 created a successor committee to enter into discussions and
- 11 talks with appropriate officials and representatives of the Executive
- 12 Branch of the United States Government relative to steps necessary



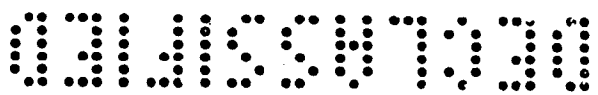
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23 to achieve an early termination of the Trusteeship Agreement
24 governing Micronesia; and

25 WHEREAS, after more than five years of continuing political
26 status negotiations and talks with the Executive Branch of the
27 United States Government, this Congress of Micronesia through its
28 Joint Committee on Future Status has reached an agreement with the
29 representatives of the Executive Branch of the United States
30 Government on a Draft Compact of Free Association with the
31 exception of two essential articles on foreign affairs and financial
32 assistance commitments on the part of the United States; and

33 WHEREAS, this Congress of Micronesia finds the agreement
34 reached between the Joint Committee on Future Status and
35 representatives of the Executive Branch of the United States
36 Government on the level of financial assistance to Micronesia both
37 during the transitional period and thereafter to be unacceptable
38 insofar as the declining level of such a plan for financial
39 assistance will not place Micronesia on a road to self-reliance and
40 self-sufficiency; and

41 WHEREAS, the Article in the Compact of Free Association on
42 Foreign Affairs requires further clarification, evaluation and
43 scrutiny to the end that the responsibility of the United States
44 with regard to Micronesian foreign affairs is clearly understood
45 and delineated; and



16 WHEREAS, it is unlikely that further progress or concessions
17 can be achieved in the continuing political status negotiations
18 and talks between the representatives of the Executive Branch of
19 the United States Government and the Joint Committee on Future
20 Status of the Congress of Micronesia, given the fact that only the
21 United States Congress would be able to make any binding financial
22 commitments for Micronesia on the part of the United States and
23 there appears to be no prospect in the United States Congress
24 binding itself to providing funds for the new government of
25 Micronesia should the Compact of Free Association be approved by
1 the people of Micronesia; and

2 WHEREAS, this Congress of Micronesia through its Joint Committee
3 on Future Status has to date not made any formal or informal attempts
4 to duly advise the United States Congress or its appropriate
5 committees as regards problems encountered and progress thus far
6 made in the negotiation talks with representatives of the Executive
7 Branch of the United States Government, and should therefore make
8 attempts at this time to so advise the United States Congress and to
9 seek consultations, advice and assistance as to ways and means
10 whereby the trusteeship system for Micronesia may be terminated at
11 the earliest possible time; and

12 WHEREAS, recent developments regarding the future political
13 status for the islands of Micronesia clearly indicate the need for

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14 new approaches and reassessments of possible alternatives available
15 for an early termination of the trusteeship status for Micronesia;
16 now, therefore,

17 **BE IT ENROLLED** by the Senate of the Sixth Congress of
18 Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1975, the House of Representatives
19 concurring, that the Joint Committee on Future Status of the Congress
20 of Micronesia is hereby authorized and directed to undertake the
21 following:

22 (1) to reevaluate and reassess the strategies and alternatives
23 open to the Congress of Micronesia and the people of Micronesia with
24 respect to their future political status and to the early termination
25 of the trusteeship system for Micronesia;

26 (2) to suspend further formal negotiations and talks on the
27 future political status of Micronesia with representatives of the
28 Executive Branch of the United States Government until after the
29 holding of the Micronesian Constitutional Convention and after the
30 United States Congress has been advised of problems encountered in
31 the status talks and negotiations and progress made to date;

32 (3) to seek and secure such formal or informal advice,
33 consultations and assistance from the United States Congress and its
34 appropriate committees relative to the early resolution of the future
35 political status question for Micronesia and termination of the
36 trusteeship system for the islands of Micronesia; and

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22 (b) to undertake such other and additional matters deemed
23 appropriate, necessary or proper to determine and resolve the future
24 political status question for Micronesia and termination of the
25 Trusteeship Agreement; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Joint
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on
28 Future Status, United States Ambassador Franklin Buzby Williams, the
29 President of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, and the
30 High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

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32 Date: 2-12-75 . Introduced by: *[Signature]*
33 Thomas F. Hall

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