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SEVENTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1977

[DATE 8/18/77]

S. J. R. NO. 7-40, S.D.1

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Inviting the Trusteeship Council or ~~other appropriate organ~~
the Security Council of the United Nations to monitor ~~or~~ and
observe the referendum on the draft constitution for the
Federated States of Micronesia scheduled to be held on July 12,
1978.

1 WHEREAS, Public Law No. 5-60, as amended, created the
2 Micronesian Constitutional Convention and mandated such
3 convention to draft a constitution for the future government
4 of the state of Micronesia; and

5 WHEREAS, composed of sixty delegates from a wide
6 cross-section of the Micronesian population including
7 traditional leaders, members of the Congress of Micronesia,
8 government officials, both from the Executive and the Judicial
9 branches of the Government, and private citizens, the Micro-
10 nesian Constitutional Convention adopted a draft constitution
11 for the Federated States of Micronesia on November 8, 1975; and

12 WHEREAS, Public Law No. 7-31 directed the High Commissioner
13 to designate the constitutional referendum date on the draft
14 constitution; and

15 WHEREAS, High Commissioner, has pursuant to Public Law
16 No. 7-31, designated July 12, 1978 as the constitutional referendum
17 date; and

18 WHEREAS, just as important as the adoption of the draft
19 constitution by the Micronesian Constitutional Convention is a
20 process by which the document is presented to the people for
21 their approval or disapproval; and

22 WHEREAS, the referendum on the draft constitution is an act
23 of self-determination; and

24 WHEREAS, organs of the United Nations in the past have
25 participated in or observed similar referenda with respect to

1 dependent territories; and

2 WHEREAS, to provide appropriate procedural safeguards,
3 it would be proper for the Trusteeship Council or ~~other~~
4 ~~appropriate organ~~ the Security Council of the United Nations
5 to monitor ~~or~~ and observe the referendum on the draft
6 constitution on July 12, 1978; now, therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Seventh Congress of
8 Micronesia, First Special Session, 1977, the House of Rep-
9 resentatives concurring, that the Trusteeship Council or ~~other~~
10 ~~appropriate organ~~ the Security Council of the United Nations
11 is hereby invited to monitor ~~or~~ and observe the referendum on
12 the draft constitution for the Federated States of Micronesia
13 on July 12, 1978; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Senate Joint Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
16 Trusteeship Council, President of the Security Council,
17 President of the United States, Secretary of the Department
18 of the Interior, Director of the Office of the Territorial
19 Affairs and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of
20 the Pacific Islands.

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23 Date: 8/18/77 Introduced by: /s/ Ambilos Iehsi

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