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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRAWFORD submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the President, on behalf of the United States, pursuant to authority contained in Public Law 204 of the first session of the Eightieth Congress, has approved an agreement between the Security Council of the United Nations and the United States of America pursuant to which the United States has become the administering authority for the trust territory of the Pacific islands, heretofore known as the Japanese Mandated Islands of the Pacific; and

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Congress of the United States to provide a permanent government for the trust territory of the Pacific islands; and

Whereas the problem of administration of the trust territory of the Pacific islands is interrelated to the administration of Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island, and other United States island possessions in the Pacific Ocean: Therefore be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That there is hereby established a joint con-
3 gressional committee to be composed of three members who
4 are members of the Committee on Public Lands of the Senate,
5 to be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate,
6 and three members who are members of the Committee on
7 Public Lands of the House of Representatives, to be ap-
8 pointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The
9 committee shall select a chairman and a vice chairman from
10 among its members.

11 SEC. 2. The committee shall make a thorough study and
12 investigation of the islands, groups of islands, and other
13 areas included within the trust territory of the Pacific,
14 and all other islands, groups of islands, and other areas in the
15 Pacific which are possessions of, or subject to the authority
16 of, the United States, including study and investigation of—

17 (a) the peoples, customs, laws, economics, re-
18 sources, and governments of such areas;

19 (b) the interrelation, and the natural or appro-
20 priate integration, of such areas;

21 (c) the interrelation of the security of such areas
22 and the security of the United States;

23 (d) measures designed to advance the security and
24 well-being of the peoples and economics of such areas;
25 and

1 (c) such other matters relating to such areas as the
2 committee may deem appropriate.

3 SEC. 3. The committee shall complete its study and
4 investigation as expeditiously as possible, and shall forth-
5 with thereafter report to the Committee on Public Lands
6 of the Senate and the Committee on Public Lands of the
7 House of Representatives the results thereof, recommending
8 such organic and other legislation as may be necessary to
9 provide for the civil government of such areas, and to assure
10 to the peoples of such areas justice, peace, and tranquillity,
11 a voice in their civic affairs and government, the develop-
12 ment of their economies and the protection of their civil
13 rights, all with due regard to the established customs of
14 such peoples.

15 SEC. 4. For the purposes of this concurrent resolution,
16 the committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof,
17 is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit and act at such
18 times and places during the sessions, recesses, and adjourned
19 periods of the Eightieth Congress, to employ such consult-
20 ants, specialists, clerks, and other assistants, to travel, and
21 authorize its assistants to travel, freely through such areas
22 and such other places, to utilize such transportation, housing,
23 and other facilities as the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast
24 Guard, and Air Force may make available, to require by
25 subpoena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and

1 the production of such correspondence, books, papers, and
2 documents, to administer such oaths, to take such testimony,
3 and to make such expenditures, as it deems advisable. The
4 cost of stenographic services to report such hearings shall
5 not be in excess of 25 cents per hundred words. The ex-
6 penses of the committee, which shall not exceed \$,
7 shall be paid one-half from the contingent fund of the Senate
8 and one-half from the contingent fund of the House of Repre-
9 sentatives, upon vouchers approved by the chairman or vice
10 chairman. Disbursements to pay such expenses shall be
11 made by the Secretary of the Senate out of the contingent
12 fund of the Senate, such contingent fund to be reimbursed
13 from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives
14 in the amount of one-half of disbursements so made.