C.B. NO. 14-80

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 21 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 212 with respect to the term of Telecom Board members and amending section 213 with respect to the filling of vacancies on the Telecom Board, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

- 1 Section 1. Section 212 of title 21 of the Code of the
- 2 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as
- 3 follows:
- 4 "Section 212. Board of Directors Terms of office.
- 5 Terms of office shall be for a period of three years.
- 6 However, the rights and powers of a member whose term
- 7 has expired shall remain in effect until the first
- 8 meeting of the Board following the appointment of that
- 9 member's successor; except that no member shall remain
- in office in this manner for longer than one year after
- 11 <u>the end of his term.</u> [, except that the initial terms of
- 12 office and the filling of vacancies shall be as provided
- by this chapter. The terms of office shall commence on
- 14 September 1, 1981, or on the date of the organizational
- 15 meeting of the Board, whichever occurs first.]"
- 16 Section 2. Section 213 of title 21 of the Code of the
- 17 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as
- 18 follows:

1 "Section 213. Board of Directors - Vacancies.

[(1)] Every vacancy on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as originally filled. Upon determination that a vacancy exists, the chairman or, in his absence, the presiding officer of the Board shall issue a notice of vacancy to all members of the Board and the parties responsible for filling the vacancy.

[(2) Any vacancy occasioned by failure to make a nomination to the Congress or a State legislature prior to the expiration of the previous term, or by failure to submit a nomination within sixty days of receipt of notice that a vacancy exists, or within ten days of receipt of notice of rejection of nomination, shall be filled by nomination of the Speaker of the Congress or the Speaker of the State legislature, subject to advice and consent of the Congress or the legislature or an authorized committee thereof. The nomination of the President or Governor shall be entitled to consideration if such nomination is made prior to that of the Speaker.]

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         Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by
   the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon
   its becoming law without such approval.
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