

A RESOLUTION

To amend section 1(c) of rule 7 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to allow the Committee on Ways and Means to recommend an appropriation amount higher than that recommended by the Committee which authored the initial report.

1           WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of  
2 Micronesia is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and

3           WHEREAS, rule 15 of the Official Rules of Procedure  
4 stipulates that a motion is required to amend the Official  
5 Rules of Procedure of Congress; and

6           WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and  
7 open mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of  
8 Procedure; and

9           WHEREAS, the Members of the Seventeenth Congress of  
10 the Federated States of Micronesia desire to delete the  
11 fourth sentence in section 1(c) of rule 7 which reads "In  
12 no instance may this committee recommend an appropriation  
13 in an amount higher than that recommended by the Committee  
14 which authored the referred report."; now, therefore,

15           BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the  
16 Federated States of Micronesia, Third Special Session,  
17 2012, that section 1 of rule 7 of the Official Rules of  
18 Procedure of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated

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1 States of Micronesia is amended to read as follows:

2 "Section 1. Ways and Means.

3 (a) The Committee on Ways and Means shall  
4 consist of not more than seven members with at least  
5 one member from each of the four States. It shall  
6 be the duty of this committee to consider and report  
7 on all bills, resolutions, and other matters  
8 referred to it pertaining to the finances and  
9 financial administration of the Government of the  
10 Federated States of Micronesia or any of the four  
11 constituent States or a municipality thereof, such  
12 subjects to include but not be limited to taxes,  
13 export duties, and tariffs; non-indebtedness on  
14 public credit; monetary claims, funding  
15 arrangements, or requirements; accounting and  
16 audits, past, present or proposed; the issuance and  
17 regulation of currency; and other related subjects,  
18 including Presidential nominations submitted to the  
19 Speaker which require the advice and consent of  
20 Congress. Bills and resolutions or other matters  
21 pertaining to internal organization or management of  
22 the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
23 shall also fall within the scope of the duties of  
24 the Congress. It shall be the duty of this  
25 committee to consider, investigate, and recommend to

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1 the Congress any needed revisions of existing laws  
2 or new legislation relating to any subject matter  
3 within its jurisdiction.

4 (b) This committee shall be responsible for  
5 reviewing specific subjects in the budget of the  
6 President, and all supplementals thereto, which make  
7 a request for an appropriation, which relates to a  
8 subject matter within its jurisdiction. Pursuant to  
9 its review the committee shall recommend whether the  
10 matters referred to it, or portions thereof, will be  
11 authorized, and if so, in what amount. Following  
12 its review the committee shall promptly report its  
13 recommendation to the Congress. Those subjects  
14 which fall within the jurisdiction of this committee  
15 include, but are not limited to, the following:

16 (i) Department of Finance and

17 Administration;

18 (ii) Office of the President;

19 (iii) Office of Statistics, Budget,

20 Overseas Development Assistance

21 and Compact Management; and

22 (iv) Public Auditor

23 (c) This committee shall be responsible for  
24 reviewing all reports referred to it by the Congress  
25 from other standing committees as pertain to the

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1 budget of the President and all supplemental  
2 thereto. Pursuant to said review this committee  
3 shall determine to what extent funds are available  
4 to meet the recommendations of the committee, which  
5 authored the referred report. After this  
6 determination has been made, this committee shall  
7 promptly report its recommendation to the Congress.

8 ~~[In no instance may this committee recommend an~~  
9 ~~appropriation in an amount higher than that~~  
10 ~~recommended by the Committee which authored the~~  
11 ~~referred report. However, t] (T)his committee may~~  
12 recommend an appropriation in an lower amount if  
13 funds are determined to be insufficient to meet the  
14 recommendations contained in the referred report." ;  
15 and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
17 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
18 States of Micronesia.

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20 Date: 3/21/12

Introduced by: /s/ Wesley W. Simina  
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