
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 2 and 4 of Public Law No. 19-85 to require Congressional advice and consent for Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) members representing each of the four states and for any person empowered to undertake negotiations with the United States on the financial provisions of the Amended Compact, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 19-85 is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 2. Establishment of the Joint Committee on
4 Compact Review and Planning. There is hereby created and
5 established a joint committee to be known as the Joint
6 Committee on Compact Review and Planning ("JCRP"),
7 comprising nine members as follows: one representative
8 from each of the four states, as appointed by the
9 President in consultation with the leadership of each
10 state and subject to the advice and consent of Congress,
11 and four representatives from the Congress of the
12 Federated States of Micronesia, one from each
13 congressional delegation. The Secretary of Foreign
14 Affairs shall be a member ex officio. He shall chair the
15 Joint Committee's first meeting, and organize the
16 election of its Chairman and Vice Chairman. Six of the
17 members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of

1 business. Decisions shall be made within the Committee
2 by at least five concurring votes, with each
3 participating member casting a single vote."

4 Section 2. Section 4 of Public Law No. 19-85 is hereby
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "Section 4. Mandate. The JCRP shall carry out the
7 following responsibilities and obligations:

8 (1) In consultation with the Congress, set goals and
9 objectives in anticipation of the termination of the
10 Amended Compact of Free Association;

11 (2) Conduct a thorough analysis of all factors
12 relating the future of the Nation;

13 (3) Develop all necessary strategies and approaches
14 to enable the Federated States of Micronesia to explore
15 alternatives for the future of the Nation;

16 (4) Direct its Secretariat in preparing the
17 documentation necessary to accomplish its
18 responsibilities hereunder;

19 (5) Analyze all economic information available on the
20 Federated States of Micronesia, with the aim of
21 identifying the FSM's continuing requirement for
22 reasonable, fair, and effective financial assistance
23 from all sources from the year 2023 onward;

24 (6) Provide reports periodically to the Congress at
25 each regular session, and to the Office of the

1 President, on all developments, actual or potential,
2 positive or negative, that may be related to the future
3 of the Nation, including but not limited to new
4 information, actions, communications, domestic and
5 foreign policies, bilateral and multilateral plans, as
6 well as periodic surveys exploring the value of net
7 benefits to a foreign nation from an exclusive security
8 prerogative; and

9 (7) In the event that it is proposed that any person
10 be empowered to undertake negotiations with the United
11 States on the financial provisions of the Amended
12 Compact, [C]collaborate with the State Governments, the
13 Department of Foreign Affairs, the Congress, and the
14 Office of the President in identifying the nominees [for
15 the JCRP] whose selection will be subject to the advice
16 and consent of Congress[~~'s expressed approval~~]; and

17 (8) Use funds for each separate category of expense
18 only up to the aggregate amount of the line-items of the
19 corresponding expense category set out in the associated
20 appropriations bill or bills approved by Congress, and
21 select and hire the personnel needed to staff the
22 Secretariat, as specified in section 6 below."
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1 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
2 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
3 becoming law without such approval.

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5 Date: 10/07/16

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