

A RESOLUTION

A resolution to amend the Official Rules of Procedure of the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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

3 WHEREAS Rule 15 of the Official Rules of Procedure stipulates that
4 a motion is required to amend the said Rules; and

5 WHEREAS a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and open
6 mechanism for amendment of the Rules; therefore

7 BE IT RESOLVED that the following amendments be made to the
8 Official Rules of Procedure:

9 (1) Amendment to the Title of the Rules
10 Title of the Official Rules of Procedure is amended to read:
11 "Official Rules of Procedure (November 2007)"

12 (2) Amend Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Rule 7 to read:
13 "Rule 7. Standing Committees
14 Section 1. Ways and Means.

15 (a) The Committee on Ways and Means shall consist of
16 not more than seven members with at least one member from each of
17 the four States. It shall be the duty of this committee to
18 consider and report on all bills, resolutions, and other matters
19 referred to it pertaining to the finances and financial
20 administration of the Government of the Federated States of
21 Micronesia or any of the four constituent States or a municipality

1 thereof, such subjects to include but not be limited to taxes,
2 export duties, and tariffs; non-tax revenues; budgets;
3 expenditures; appropriation measures; loans, borrowing, or
4 indebtedness on public credit; monetary claims, funding
5 arrangements, or requirements; accounting and audits, past,
6 present or proposed; the issuance and regulation of currency; and
7 other related subjects, including Presidential nominations
8 submitted to the Speaker which require the advice and consent of
9 Congress. Bills and resolutions or other matters pertaining to
10 internal organization or management of the Congress of the
11 Federated States of Micronesia shall also fall within the scope of
12 the duties of the Congress. It shall be the duty of this
13 committee to consider, investigate, and recommend to the Congress
14 any needed revisions of existing laws or new legislation relating
15 to any subject matter within its jurisdiction.

16 (b) This committee shall be responsible for reviewing
17 specific subjects in the budget of the President, and all
18 supplementals thereto, which make a request for an appropriation
19 which relates to a subject matter within its jurisdiction.

20 Pursuant to its review the committee shall recommend whether the
21 matters referred to it, or portions thereof, will be authorized,
22 and if so, in what amount. Following its review the committee
23 shall promptly report its recommendation to the Congress. Those
24 subjects which fall within the jurisdiction of this committee
25 include, but are not limited to, the following:

26 (i) Department of Finance and Administration;

1 (ii) Office of the President; and
2 [~~(iii) Office of Compact Management~~] Office of
3 Statistics, Budget, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact
4 Management; and

5 (iv) Public Auditor.

6 (c) This committee shall be responsible for reviewing
7 all reports referred to it by the Congress from other standing
8 committees as pertain to the budget of the President and all
9 supplementals thereto. Pursuant to said review this committee
10 shall determine to what extent funds are available to meet the
11 recommendations of the committee which authored the referred
12 report. After this determination has been made, this committee
13 shall promptly report its recommendation to the Congress. In no
14 instance may this committee recommend an appropriation in an
15 amount higher than that recommended by the Committee which
16 authored the referred report. However, this committee may
17 recommend an appropriation in a lower amount if funds are
18 determined to be insufficient to meet the recommendations
19 contained in the referred report.

20 Section 2. Resources and Development.

21 (a) The Committee on Resources and Development shall
22 consist of not more than seven members with at least one member
23 from each of the four States. It shall be the duty of this
24 committee to consider and report on all bills, resolutions, and
25 other matters referred to it pertaining to the economy of the
26 Federated States of Micronesia and the resources thereof,

1 including economic planning, priorities, and policies; public or
2 private investments; development loans; foreign investment;
3 business registration and regulation; private savings and
4 indebtedness; bankruptcy and insolvency; secured transactions;
5 usury and banking; insurance regulation; labor and manpower
6 development; agriculture, forestry, and internal fisheries
7 development; exploitation of land-based mineral resources; land
8 management, industries, and public utilities; interstate trade and
9 commerce; intellectual property rights; regulation and management
10 of ownership, exploitation, and exploration of mineral or natural
11 resources within marine space of the Federated States of
12 Micronesia beyond 12 nautical miles from baselines; and other
13 related subjects, including Presidential nominations submitted to
14 the Speaker which require the advice and consent of Congress. It
15 shall be the duty of this committee to consider, investigate, and
16 recommend to the Congress any needed revisions of existing laws or
17 new legislation relating to any subject matter within its
18 jurisdiction.

19 (b) This committee shall be responsible for reviewing
20 specific subjects in the budget of the President, and all
21 supplementals thereto, which make a request for an appropriation
22 which relates to a subject matter within its jurisdiction.
23 Pursuant to its review the committee shall recommend whether the
24 matters referred to it, or portions thereof, will be authorized,
25 and if so, in what amount. Following its review the committee
26 shall promptly report its recommendation to the Congress. Those

1 subjects which fall within the jurisdiction of this committee
2 include, but are not limited to, the following:

3 (i) Department of [~~Economic Affairs~~] Resources
4 and Development;

5 (ii) Pacific Asian Travel Association;

6 (iii) Micronesia Maritime Authority; [~~and~~]

7 (iv) Pacific Island Development Program; and

8 (v) Office of Environment and Emergency
9 Management.

10 Section 3. Health, Education and Social Affairs.

11 (a) The Committee on Health, Education and Social
12 Affairs shall consist of not more than seven members with at least
13 one member from each of the four States. It shall be the duty of
14 this committee to consider and report on all bills, resolutions,
15 and other matters referred to it pertaining to the preservation of
16 the physical and natural environment; physical and mental health
17 of the general public; public education; public welfare; social
18 security and general well-being of the people of the Federated
19 States of Micronesia; and other related subjects, including
20 Presidential nominations submitted to the Speaker which require
21 the advice and consent of Congress. It shall be the duty of this
22 committee to consider, investigate, and recommend to the Congress
23 any needed revisions of existing laws or new legislation relating
24 to any subject matter within its jurisdiction.

25 (b) This committee shall be responsible for reviewing
26 specific subjects in the budget of the President, and all

1 supplementals thereto, which make a request for an appropriation
2 which relates to a subject matter within its jurisdiction.
3 Pursuant to its review the committee shall recommend whether the
4 matters referred to it, or portions thereof, will be authorized,
5 and if so, in what amount. Following its review the committee
6 shall promptly report its recommendation to the Congress. Those
7 subjects which fall within the jurisdiction of this committee
8 include, but are not limited to, the following:

9 (i) Department of Health [~~Education~~] and Social
10 Affairs;

11 (ii) Department of Education

12 (iii) Board of Regents of the College of
13 Micronesia;

14 (iv) College of Micronesia operations;

15 (v) Compact Section 221(b) programs;

16 (vi) Vocational agricultural programs; [~~and~~]

17 (vii) East-West Center; and

18 (viii) Office of National Archives, Culture and
19 Historic Preservation.

20 (3) Amend Section 6, Rule 9 to read:

21 "Rule 9. Motions

22 Section 6. Motion to reconsider.

23 When a main motion has been made once and carried in the
24 affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any Member of
25 the Congress to move to reconsider it on [~~the same or~~] a
26 succeeding day of the sessions. No motion to reconsider may be

1 made on same day as the main motion. If the main motion occurs on
2 the last day of a session, a motion to reconsider may not be made.
3 Such motion shall take precedence over all other motions except a
4 motion to adjourn or to recess or a motion to recall. The motion
5 shall be decided without debate and shall be put to a vote as soon
6 as made. The motion to reconsider shall be deemed to have passes
7 if the number of affirmative votes equals or exceeds the number
8 required for passage of the main motion being reconsidered. When
9 a motion for reconsideration has been decided, a second motion for
10 reconsideration shall not be in order."

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be
12 transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
13 and the Supreme Court of The Federates States of Micronesia.

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15 Date: 11/15/07

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