

THIRD CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1983

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 3-7, C.D.1,  
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AN ACT

To establish a National Postal Service for the Federated States of Micronesia, to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983, and for other purposes.

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

1       Section 1. Short title. This act is known and may be cited  
2 as the "National Postal Service Act."

3       Section 2. National Postal Service. There is hereby established,  
4 as an independent agency of the National Government of the Federated  
5 States of Micronesia, the National Postal Service of the Federated  
6 States of Micronesia.

7       Section 3. Postmaster General.

8           (1) There is hereby established the Office of the Postmaster  
9 General of the Federated States of Micronesia. The Postmaster General  
10 shall be appointed by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia,  
11 subject to the advice and consent of the Congress of the Federated States  
12 of Micronesia. An appointment shall be for the term of the appointing  
13 President, and the Postmaster General shall submit his resignation to  
14 the President for his acceptance no later than 30 days after the  
15 inauguration of the President or at the time a new nominee for Postmaster  
16 General is confirmed by the Congress, whichever is earlier. The President  
17 may renominate the same Postmaster General subject to the advice and  
18 consent of the Congress.

19           (2) Prior to the appointment and confirmation of the Postmaster  
20 General under subsection (1), the President shall have the authority to  
21 exercise the powers and duties vested in the Postmaster General by this  
22 act and may appoint an interim Postmaster General to be paid at the rate

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1 of \$21,000 per annum.

2 Section 4. Duties and responsibilities. The Postmaster General  
3 shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

4 (1) To supervise the operations of the National Postal  
5 System;

6 (2) To adopt postal rates and regulations pursuant to  
7 title 17 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia and in  
8 accordance with section 8 of this act; and

9 (3) To hire staff and perform such other duties and functions  
10 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

11 Section 5. State post offices and postmasters. There shall be a  
12 Post Office in each of the four States under the supervision of a  
13 State postmaster who shall serve under the authority of the Postmaster  
14 General and be responsible for the operations of his respective State  
15 Post Office.

16 Section 6. Applicability of the National Public Service System  
17 Act. The Postmaster General and the State postmasters shall be exempt  
18 from the National Public Service System Act, but all other employees  
19 of the National Postal System shall be covered by said act, except as  
20 may otherwise be provided by law.

21 Section 7. Exchange of mail; Outgoing mail. The Postmaster  
22 General shall see to it that mail shall be exchanged at one exchange  
23 office mutually agreed to by the United States and the Federated States  
24 of Micronesia designated in each of the four States, and that outgoing  
25 mail from the Federated States of Micronesia shall be merged with United



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1 States mail for conveyance to the United States or to other countries.  
2 Such outgoing mail from the Federated States of Micronesia shall be  
3 treated as though it were mail from the United States for dispatch,  
4 documentation, statistical, accounting, and settlement operations with  
5 other countries.

6 Section 8. Postal rates.

7 (1) Until such time as a new treaty relationship exists  
8 between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States, United  
9 States domestic postal rates shall apply to mail exchanged between  
10 addresses in the Federated States of Micronesia and addresses in Palau,  
11 the Marshall Islands, and the United States.

12 (2) If at a later time a new treaty relationship exists  
13 between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States then  
14 any separate United States established rates for service from the United  
15 States to the Federated States of Micronesia shall establish the ceiling  
16 and the floor for postage rates for mail from the Federated States of  
17 Micronesia to the United States and to the Marshall Islands and Palau.

18 (3) International postal rates applicable in the United  
19 States shall apply to mail from the Federated States of Micronesia to  
20 other countries.

21 (4) The Postmaster General may determine postal rates for  
22 internal mail to local addresses within the Federated States of  
23 Micronesia.

24 Section 9. Issuance and sale of stamps.

25 (1) The Postmaster General shall be responsible for the

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1 issuance of postage stamps and other prescribed postal indicia  
2 which shall be used for prepayment of postage rates and other postal  
3 charges on all mail originating in the Federated States of Micronesia,  
4 except for mail sent through the Military Postal System which may be  
5 provided for should a new treaty relationship exist between the  
6 Federated States of Micronesia and the United States.

7           (2) Revenues derived from the sale of stamps issued by the  
8 Postmaster General for postal services or for philatelic purposes  
9 shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Federated States of  
10 Micronesia.

11           Section 10. Appropriation. The sum of \$60,000, or so much  
12 thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General  
13 Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending  
14 September 30, 1983, for the purpose of providing initial funding for  
15 the National Postal System. The sum appropriated shall be allotted to  
16 the Postmaster General, who shall manage, administer, and account for  
17 such sum in accordance with applicable law, including, but not limited  
18 to, the Financial Management Act of 1979. The authority to obligate  
19 the funds appropriated by this act shall lapse as of September 30, 1984.

20           Section 11. Agreement with United States. In carrying out the  
21 provisions of this act, the Postmaster General shall do so in accordance  
22 with the Agreement Concerning Postal Services Between the United States  
23 Postal Service and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia.

24           Section 12. Audit. The Office of the Public Auditor shall audit  
25 the National Postal Service annually.



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1 Section 13. Philatelic agent agreement.

2 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this act, an  
3 agreement between the National Postal Service or the Federated  
4 States of Micronesia and a philatelic agent, for the issuance and  
5 philatelic sales of the postage stamps of this Nation, shall require  
6 the approval of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
7 by resolution.

8 (2) The Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations  
9 of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall have  
10 authority to approve such an agreement if the Congress is not in session.

11 Section 14. Effective date. This act shall become law upon  
12 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon  
13 its becoming law without such approval.

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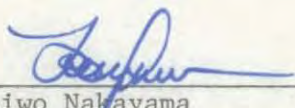
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