

Proposal No: CG-PR-4-48 Assigned to: Committee on Public Finance & Revenue

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE FSM CONSTITUTION

To amend section 3 (a) of Article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to require that the Governors of each state shall be the allottee for all congressional appropriations for public projects in each respective state.

Section 3. The following powers may be exercised concurrently by congress and the states.

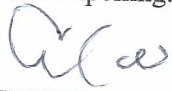
- (a) Appropriate Public projects funds; that the governors of the states shall be the allottees of all congressional appropriations for public project funds in the states. That all congressional appropriations for public projects in the states shall be based on the States' Development Plans and their priorities.

PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE AMENDMENT:


The state governments are in the best position to understand their priority areas and their needs to develop their economics, social and infrastructures. The state governments have had difficulties meeting their states' Developmental Plans for lack of resources. This impediment will continue, unless some proactive measures are taken. This proposed amendment is a step in the right direction, as all congressional appropriations for public projects will be going to the states to promote and enhance their States' Development Plans and their priorities.

Substantial amount of public funds through congressional appropriations were allotted for certain public projects, which were not in line with the States' Development Plan. There were no consultations and coordination between congress and the respective states to identify what feasible projects deemed compelling. Yet, money were expended with little or no results.

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