

Proposal No.: CC-PR-4-23

Assigned to: Committee on Government Structure & Function

## PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

To amend Article IX, Section 14 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to limit the annual aggregate salary and aggregate allowance for members of Congress to 150 percent of the combined aggregate annual salary and annual allowance of the President.

### Section 14.

The Congress may prescribe an annual salary and allowances for members. The annual aggregate salary and annual aggregate allowance for members shall not exceed 150 percent of the combined aggregate annual salary and annual allowance of the President. All salaries and allowances shall be subject to the requirements of financial management laws. An increase may shall not apply to the Congress enacting it.

### PURPOSE AND INTENT OF AMENDMENT:

The percentage can be worked out in committee but the current \$150,000 allowance for each senator sees no limit and Congress has proven that it may continue to increase this despite public outcry. The current allowances of the 14 senators total up to \$2,100,000.00. This money, when saved and if some are passed to the four states, it can actually increase perhaps at \$1 for all government employees of the states and national government, including Sector Grant payees, injecting a spur in the economy of the Nation. Store will get more cash and in turn pay more taxes. Many other uses can be realized.

The current language says "may" which then give Congress right to swallow up the policy of not reward a sitting Congress.

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