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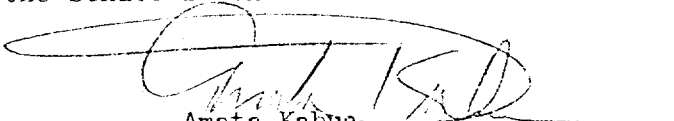
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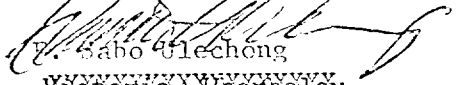
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THIRD REGULAR SESSION 1970

We hereby certify that the foregoing Joint Resolution was adopted in the Senate of the Third Congress of Micronesia, Third Regular Session in July, 1970, by not less than two-thirds vote of all the members to which the Senate is entitled.


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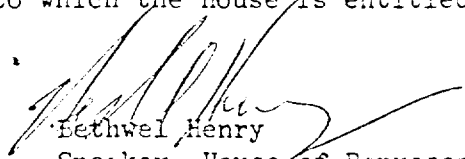
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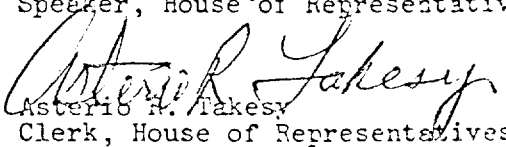
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A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Respectfully apprising the United States Congress of the sense of the Congress of Micronesia that the restoration and rehabilitation costs of Bikini Atoll should be borne jointly by the United States Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission.

1 WHEREAS, in 1946 the Bikini people were moved to Kili Island in the
2 southern sector of the Marshall Islands District where they had to eke out
3 a living from the meager products of poor fishing waters and poor soil the
4 exodus being instigated under the pretext that the nuclear experiments to
5 be conducted on their islands would benefit mankind; and

6 WHEREAS, between 1946 and 1958 twenty-three thermonuclear detonations
7 stripped and scarred the islands of Bikini Atoll of vegetation and any
8 remnants of living creatures inhabiting the islands, resulting in scrap
9 metal debris marring the once beautiful landscape of lush foliage and
10 azure sea; and

11 WHEREAS, after much instigation and many petitions the people of Bikini
12 Atoll were allowed to return to their islands with a promise of a rehabilita-
13 tion and restoration program to settle the people in their lands and to
14 provide them public services and projects; and

15 WHEREAS, except for the initial clean-up of the islands by the United
16 States Defense Department, the restoration costs are being budgeted for
17 and taken out of the Federal grant funds for the operation of the Government
18 of the Trust Territory and for essential public projects of first priority
19 order; and

20 WHEREAS, the Trust Territory Government is presently under a budgetary
21 authorization ceiling which it must not exceed during each fiscal period,

1 to allow restoration and rehabilitation costs for the settlement of the
2 Bikini people within the budgetary ceiling for the Trust Territory would in
3 effect reduce the amount of grant funds that would otherwise be available
4 upon request to fund other essential programs and services in the Trust
5 Territory; and

6 WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Congress that, since the restoration
7 project of Eini Atoll was necessitated by the actions of the United States
8 Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission, these agencies should
9 bear the budgetary costs in their respective appropriated funds and not have
10 such financial burden falling on the already low Trust Territory budget; now,
11 therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Third Congress of Micronesia,
13 Third Regular Session, 1970, the House of Representatives concurring, that
14 the United States Congress be and is hereby respectfully apprised of the
15 sense of the Congress of Micronesia that the restoration and rehabilitation
16 costs of Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands District, Trust Territory of
17 the Pacific Islands, should be borne jointly or singularly by the United
18 States Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any realty, island or groups of island of
20 the Trust Territory that will be returned to the Micronesian people from the
21 United States Department of Defense or the Atomic Energy Commission be
22 restored and rehabilitated at the expense and cost of the responsible
23 agency and not the Trust Territory Government; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Joint Resolution
25 be transmitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House

1 of Representatives of the United States Congress, to the Secretary of the
2 Department of Defense, to the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and
3 to the High Commissioner.

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5 Adopted: August 23, 1970

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