

CHAPTER 3

Congressional Salaries

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§ 301. Compensation levels.

Upon the presentation of credentials and qualification thereof, a Member of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be entitled to receive compensation at the rate of \$27,000 per annum as of the date his term of office begins and shall remain eligible therefor until the Member's term expires or until a vacancy has been declared in his or her office. The Speaker, upon his election as the Speaker, shall be entitled to receive compensation at the rate of \$30,000 per annum and shall remain eligible therefor until a new Speaker assumes the office or until a vacancy in the Office of the Speaker has been declared. A Member appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the Congress shall be entitled to receive compensation upon taking the oath of office as a Member of the Congress. The official expense allowance shall not exceed \$3,000.

Source: TT Code 1980, 2 TTC 111(1); PL IC-10 § 1; PL 1-29 § 1; PL 1-41 § 1; PL 4-4 § 1.

Editor's note: PL 4-84, § 1 increased the salaries of the Members of Congress from \$15,000 per annum to \$27,000 per annum and increased the salary of the Speaker from \$18,000 per annum to \$30,000 per annum. The official expense allowance was capped at \$3,000. PL 4-84 § 2 made the effective date of the salary increases the beginning of the term of office of the next Congress, which occurred on May 11, 1987. See FSM Const., art. IX, § 14.

Cross-reference: FSM Const., art. IX, § 14. The provisions of the Constitution are found in Part I of this code.

§ 302. Budgeting of funds.

Compensation and expense allowances for Members of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be from funds available to and appropriated by the Congress as prescribed by law. Compensation and expense allowances shall not be allowed in excess of such amounts as may be budgeted therefor. An increase in the annual compensation for Members of Congress shall not apply to the Congress enacting it.

Source: TT Code 1980, 2 TTC 111(2); PL IC-10 § 1; PL 1-29 § 1; PL 1-41 § 1.

§ 303. Sums owing to deceased Congress Member.

The surviving spouse of a Member of the Congress who dies in office shall be entitled to receive the balance of any sums owing to such Member. If no surviving spouse exists, the deceased member's heirs or next of kin shall receive this amount.

Source: TT Code 1980, 2 TTC 111(3); PL IC-10 § 1; PL 1-29 § 1; PL 1-41 § 1.

§ 304. Sums owing to Congress Member who resigns due to physical incapacity, disability or illness.

Any Member of the Congress who resigns from office due to physical incapacity, disability or illness shall be entitled to receive the balance of any sums owing to such Member for the remainder of his term of office. In order to qualify for payment under this section, a Member who resigns due to physical incapacity, disability or illness must submit to the Speaker of the Congress two separate written statements each signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the Federated States of Micronesia stating that the Member is unable to effectively perform the duties of his office due to physical incapacity, disability or illness and that the Member's condition is not likely to improve significantly over the remainder of his term of office.

Source: PL 6-90 § 1.

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