103D CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H. R. 3715

To provide consultations for the development of Articles of Incorporation for territories of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 22, 1993 Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

4 (a) FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.—

5 (1) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

6 (A) the United Nations General Assembly

7 has declared the 1990's to be the International

8 Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism;

1	(B) the United States is one of the remain-
2	ing administering powers responsible for the
3	evolution of self-government in territories;
4	(C) a territory may be considered
5	decolonized once incorporated into an admin-
6	istering power consistent with a freely expressed
7	act of self-determination of the people of the
8	territory;
9	(D) nearly 4,000,000 United States citi-
10	zens live in unincorporated territories in which
11	the United States Constitution has not been ex-
12	tended in full; and
13	(E) the citizenship of residents born in the
14	unincorporated United States territories is of a
15	subordinated nature without equal protection,
16	rights, and responsibilities of those born in the
17	several States.
18	(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to
19	provide for a process to enable the people of any
20	United States territory to become self-governing
21	with constitutional rights and responsibilities equal
22	to those of the citizens in the several States, through
23	consultation and working with the United States.
24	(b) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Before the period ending
25	on December 31, 1998, a territory of the United States

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may develop, in consultation with the United States, and
submit to the Congress proposed Articles of Incorporation,
which shall include measures that lead to the political
empowerment of the United States citizens of the terri tory.

6 (c) APPOINTMENT Special **REPRESENTA-**OF 7 TIVES.—At the request of a government of a territory of 8 the United States to discuss incorporation with the United 9 States of America, the President of the United States and 10 the Governor of the requesting territory may designate special representatives to consult and develop in good 11 faith, Articles of Incorporation, with the United States. 12 13 (d) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The proposed Articles of Incorporation and accompanying report of the con-14 15 sultations shall be transmitted to the United States Congress within one year after the appointment of the special 16 representatives, but not later than December 31, 1998. 17 18 (e) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term "territory of the United States" includes the Territory of 19 American Samoa, the Territory of Guam, the Common-20 21 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Territory of the United 22

23 States Virgin Islands.

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