

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13-183

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 13-208

SUBJECT: VETO OF ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL STAFF
POSITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM

OCTOBER 26, 2004

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Thirteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fourth Regular Session, 2004

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to which was referred Presidential Communication No. 13-208 conveying the President's veto of C.A. No. 13-62, entitled:

"AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 52 OF THE CODE OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING
SECTION 117 THEREOF TO PROVIDE THAT THE ECONOMIST AND
THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET OF THE
CONGRESS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE NATIONAL PUBLIC
SERVICE SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

Congress passed C.A. No. 13-62 (C.B. No. 13-127) during the Fifth Special Session of the Thirteenth Congress. Through Presidential Communication No. 13-208, dated October 4, 2004, the President advised Congress that he had vetoed this act. A copy of C.A. No. 13-62 is attached.

C.A. No. 13-62 has the purpose and intent of exempting, from the Public Service System, the Economist and the Director of Administration and Budget of the Congress. Those positions were to have been created by C.A. No. 13-61, a bill intended to reorganize the administrative and budget functions of Congress. However, the President, through Presidential Communication No. 13-209 vetoed C.A. No. 13-61. By Presidential Communication No. 13-208, the President also vetoed C.A. No. 13-62. The veto of C.A. No. 13-62 followed directly from the veto of C.A. No. 13-61 and the President has stated no independent reasons for opposing the exemption of the positions in question from the Public Service System.

Your committee, by way of a separate report, has recommended that the President's veto of C.A. No. 13-61 be overridden. We believe that, if Congress accepts that recommendation and thereby creates the Economist and Director of Administration and Budget positions in Congress, it should also override C.A. No. 13-62 so as to exempt the positions from the Public Service System. Your committee's views on the reasons for creating such an exemption were expressed

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in SCR No. 13-154.

Accordingly, your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations remains in accord with the purpose and intent of C.A. No. 13-62 and recommends that the President's veto of that act be overridden.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Roosevelt D. Kansou
Roosevelt D. Kansou, vice
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/s/ Henry C. Asugar
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