

S.C.R. NO. 13-19
JUNE 3, 2003

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.B. No. 13-20, entitled:

"A BILL FOR 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 SECRETARY TO THE SPEAKER OF THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the bill are expressed in its title.

This amendment would grant the Speaker additional flexibility in determining his needs for a key position on his staff. Your committee recognizes that the position of secretary to the Speaker, like the positions of the secretaries to the President and Vice President, is critical to the efficient operation of his office. Thus, the committee believes that the secretary to the Speaker should not be imposed upon him by his predecessor in office, nor should his determination be unreasonably hampered by the limitations imposed by the Public Service System regulations.

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 13-20, and recommends its passage on First Reading and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading.

Signed by Senators Asor, Kansou, Asugar, Phillip, Christian and Halbert