

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13-201

RE: C.B. NO. 13-179/W&M

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

DECEMBER 15, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred C.B. No. 13-179 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$300,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH CONGRESS HELD IN YAP IN DECEMBER 2004 AND THE 2005 FSM GAMES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee notes that a previous bill, C.B. No. 13-166, containing certain supplemental appropriations was transmitted by the President during the Fourth Regular Session of Congress. At that time, your Committee was unable to recommend the approval of many of the requested appropriations because it did not have a clear financial picture for fiscal year 2005.

During the Fourth Regular Session of the Thirteenth Congress, your Committee requested the Executive Branch to provide certain information that the Committee needed before acting upon the President's supplemental budget request. The Committee's requests for information were later confirmed by letter to the Secretary of Finance. Still, as of the date of this report, your Committee has not received the information that it needs. In addition, no revenue projection was provided by the Executive Branch prior to the Sixth Special Session of Congress as required by act.

On this basis, your Committee recommends that consideration of all non-urgent supplemental appropriation requests be deferred until the Fifth Regular Session of Congress, which is to be held in January 2005. Your committee notes that unless the Executive Branch provides the information requested by Congress, action on the supplemental appropriation may be further delayed.

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The subject bill, C.B. No. 13-179 would appropriate funds for two activities. The first is the Sixth Special Session of the Congress which is currently in progress in the State of Yap. The convening of this historic Session of Congress, the first ever held in Yap, has involved expense that was not anticipated in the Legislative Branch budget that was earlier approved. The second supplemental appropriation recommended by your committee relates to the FSM Games, to be held in Pohnpei in 2005. In view of the planning and infrastructural work which will be a necessary part of the preparations for the FSM Games, your Committee recommends that funds be appropriated as soon as possible to enable requests for tender to be issued.

Your Committee considers that due to the nature of these two activities, appropriations to meet the associated costs should be approved within the shortest possible time frame.

Your committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 13-179 and recommends its passage on First Reading and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading.

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Respectfully submitted,

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