

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13-225

RE: C.R. NO. 13-128/EA

SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

JANUARY 25, 2005

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Thirteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Regular Session, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 13-128 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The Stockholm Convention is a multilateral international agreement that restricts the manufacture, sale and use of a family of highly toxic chemicals known as Persistent Organic Pollutants ('POPs').

POPs can cause, cancer, birth defects and damage to the immune and nervous systems in both humans and animals. The compounds do not break down easily, remain in the environment for extended periods of time and may be transported long distances from the original source by repeated processes of evaporation and deposit.

The Stockholm Convention has now been ratified by the number of countries required for it to come into force. While the FSM is a signatory to the Convention, it has not yet been ratified by Congress.

Your Committee has given serious consideration to this resolution and its purpose. Your committee therefore recommends the following technical change to C.R. No. 13-128:

1. Page 1, line 21 - delete "Third Regular Session, 2004" and insert "Fifth Regular Session, 2005" in lieu thereof.

With the foregoing amendment, your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 13-128 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 13-128, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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