

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13-239

RE: C.B. NO. 13-226/W&M

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FSM GAMES

MARCH 27, 2005

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred C.B. No. 13-226 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 13-68, BY AMENDING THE TITLE, SECTION 1 AND SECTION 2 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATING THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$150,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE 2005 FSM GAMES, THE SOUTH PACIFIC MINI-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 the States have agreed to pay for their own athletes' travel to and from the FSM Games to be held later this year. It is nevertheless anticipated that the \$250,000 appropriated by the National Government will not be sufficient to meet the running costs of the Games including such items such as food, sporting equipment, awards and transportation.

The initial costings for the Games, provided by the National Olympic Committee, estimated a total cost of slightly in excess of \$570,000. Of this total, slightly more than \$270,000 was allowed for travel. On the basis of the States' commitment to meet travel costs and the \$250,000 already appropriated by Congress, there remains a \$50,000 funding shortfall. It is intended that the subject bill would remedy this shortfall.

In addition, your Committee has been advised that funding is also required for the FSM's participation in the South Pacific Mini-Games in Palau. The subject bill would therefore appropriate a further \$100,000 for this purpose.

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Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 13-226 and recommends its passage on First Reading and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sabino S. Asor
Sabino S. Asor, chairman

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/s/ Isaac V. Figir
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W/Reservations!!