

S.C.R. NO. 13-35

SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to which was referred C.B. No. 13-31, entitled:

“A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 12 -13, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 2 TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON THE IMMIGRATION OF CERTAIN ALIEN WORKERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”,

begs leave to report as follows:

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

C.B. No. 13-31 amends Public Law (“P.L.”) No. 12-13 to extend the so-called “immigration moratorium” enacted by Congress in December 2001. Originally enacted for a one-year period (through December 13, 2002), the moratorium was extended last year to December 31, 2003 to give the relevant executive branch departments additional time to collect information about the status of alien labor in the FSM and about the continued need for specific categories of alien workers. See P.L. No. 12-66; see also S.C.R. No. 12-123. Unfortunately, your committee has yet to receive any of the reports or information mandated by the law (see P.L. No. 12-13, as amended, at sec. 2) and therefore urges that the moratorium be extended for an additional one-year period (through December 31, 2004) .

Accordingly, your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No.13-31 and recommends its passage on First Reading and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading.

Signed by Senators Halbert, Alik, Christian and Peyal