

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-107

RE: C.B. NO. 14-182/J&GO

SUBJECT: OVERTIME FOR FOOD INSPECTORS AND NATIONAL POLICE

July 11, 2006

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Fourteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fourth Special Session, 2006

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations ("J&GO"), to which was referred C.B. No. 14-182 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 509 TO PERMIT COMPENSATION FOR HOURS WORK BEYOND REGULAR HOURS TO FOOD INSPECTORS AND NATIONAL POLICE OFFICERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The subject bill was passed by Congress in Kosrae during the Second Special Session, 2006, but ultimately vetoed by the President for technical reasons. As a result of the veto, the bill is now being reintroduced.

The subject bill would enable payment of compensation to Food Inspectors and the National Police for time worked beyond regular hours. Compensation would be paid at the straight-time rate, rather than time and a half.

Under the current arrangements National Police and Food Inspectors are not paid for additional hours worked, but accrue compensation time. Your Committee has been advised that this circumstance has tended to reduce the number of available personnel at any given time because of time taken for due compensatory leave. On this basis, the Executive has experienced difficulty ensuring appropriate staffing levels for the duties of food inspectors and in policing special events such as the Tuna Commission meetings which require the participation of the full police force.

Your Committee is satisfied that this bill will effectively address the problems experienced by the Executive.

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Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is therefore in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 14-182 and recommends its passage on First Reading, and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

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