

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-136

RE: C.B. NO. 14-239/J&GO

SUBJECT: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATOR

JANUARY 17, 2007

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Fourteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Regular Session, 2007

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operation, to which was referred C.B. No. 14-239, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 3, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 104 THEREOF, TO REORGANIZE THE OFFICES OF CONGRESS AND TO CREATE, WITHIN CONGRESS, A NEW OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The offices of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia are created by law pursuant to section 104 of title 3 of the FSM Code. The subject bill proposes to create a new office of the Information Technology Administrator within Congress to fully responsible for the development, implementation and management of the congressional web-site (hereinafter called the "web-site").

The web-site is a very accessible web-page, which contains journals, bills, resolutions, public laws, hearing notices, standing committee reports and press releases of Congress. It also contains information of members of Congress from the First Congress to the Fourteenth Congress.

Currently, the Assistant Public Information Officer is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the web-site. During the end of each session of Congress, the Assistant Public Information officer will upload new journals, bills, resolutions, public laws, standing committee reports, committee hearings and press releases of Congress in the web-site. These are additional duties and responsibilities for the Assistant Public Information officer.

As a result, the Presiding Officer of Congress, in concurrence with its supporting staff, restructured the Offices of Congress to create a

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new Information Technology Administrator, a separate unit, from the Public Information Office, Office of the Chief Clerk and the Administration and Budget. The Information Technology Administrator received administrative direction from the Presiding Officer.

Further, the proposed bill simply includes certain offices in Congress that were not expressly stated in section 104 of title 3 of the FSM Code.

Your committee recommends the following changes, as amendments to C.B. No. 14-239:

1. Page 1, line 16, after "Library", insert ", Proofreader"
2. Page 1, line 18, delete "and within that the Public Information Officer and Assistant Public Information Officer"
3. Page 1, line 19, after "Information Officer" insert "(4) Public Information Officer and within that the Assistant Public Information Officer (5) Chief Clerk; and within that the Journal Clerk."

With the foregoing amendments, your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operation is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 14-239 and, recommends its passage on First Reading, and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading in the form attached hereto as C.B. No. 14-239, C.D. 1

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Respectfully submitted,

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