

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-145

RE: C.B. NO. 14-261/W&M

SUBJECT: APPROPRIATING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006
LAPSED FUNDS FOR PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

MARCH 28, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.B. No. 14-261, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$421,100 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN EACH OF THE STATES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The amount of \$421,100, as indicated in this bill, is the funding for public projects and programs for each state that lapsed or reverted to the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia as of September 30, 2006.

In Presidential Communication No. 14-371, the President vetoed Congressional Act No. 14-133 (C.B. No. 14-248, C.D.4) - the bill by which Congress attempts to appropriate September 30, 2006 lapsed fund to fund other projects and programs in each state. The reason is that the funding has already reverted to the General Fund, and the appropriation should have been made from the General Fund, not from the particular public laws.

The bill, as introduced, is appropriating a sum of \$421,100 in the General Fund to fund public projects and programs in each of the States. It is important to note that in the previous vetoed appropriation (C.B. No. 14-248, C.D.4), an amount reflected in the title was \$352,289. In this new bill (C.B. No. 14-261), an increase of \$68,811 for Election District No. 3, Pohnpei State is included.

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intend and purpose of C.B. No. 14-261 and recommends its passage on First Reading, and that it be placed on the calendar for Second and Final Reading.

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Respectfully submitted,

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