

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-4

RE: C.B. NO. 14-25/WM

SUBJECT: AMENDING PUBLIC LAW NO. 9-052

MAY _____, 2005

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Fourteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Regular Session, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.B. No. 14-25, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 9-052, AS AMENDED, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

In Presidential Communication No. 13-290, the President has vetoed Congressional Act No. 13-103 (C.B. No. 13-197, C.D.1), asserting that public project funds for Pohnpei State Election District No. 2 (ED2), which was appropriated originally by Public Law No. 9-052 has been mostly exhausted. The only balance available is \$14,670.

When Congress passed Congressional Act No. 13-123 (C.B. No. 13-221), a bill to further amend Public Law No. 9-052 to include the available \$14,670 as a new line item for ED2 and with other amendments, the President, again, vetoed the said Congressional Act asserting that all public project funds for all Election Districts of Pohnpei have all been allotted and expended.

Your committee strongly feels that the recently vetoed Congressional Act No. 13-123 by the President is an oversight, particularly on the available balance of \$14,670 for Pohnpei ED2, because the President has previously indicated in President Communication No. 13-290 that the balance available for Pohnpei ED2 is \$14,670.

As drafted, the subject bill reprograms the said available balance for "Pahn pein mwomw" road project in the area of Pohnpei Election District 2. Your committee supports this amendment.

Accordingly, your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 14-25 and recommends its passage on

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First Reading, and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

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