

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-60

RE: C.B. NO. 14-105/W&M

SUBJECT: MAJURO HOSPITAL FIRE APPROPRIATION

SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means ("W&M"), to which was referred C.B. No. 14-105 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$10,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND IN SUPPORT OF RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AFTER THE MAJURO HOSPITAL FIRE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On September 16, a fire destroyed several hospital warehouses and severely damaged a number of other buildings in the Majuro Hospital Complex in the Republic of the Marshall Islands ("RMI"). Majuro Hospital is the only hospital in the capital and as a result of the fire, RMI faces an immediate need to replace medical supplies and to repair medical facilities.

As neighbors in the Central Pacific, the FSM and RMI share a close bond of friendship and cooperation. As such, your Committee considers that it is appropriate for the FSM to provide assistance to its neighbor in this time of need.

The subject bill would appropriate \$10,000 from the General Fund for the fiscal year 2005 to assist with the purchase of replacement medical supplies and hospital reconstruction.

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 14-105 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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