

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-114

RE: C.B. NO. 15-125/JGO/W&M

SUBJECT: ELECTION FUNDING - MARCH 2009

MAY 27, 2008

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Fifteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fourth Regular Session, 2008

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to which was jointly referred C.B. No. 15-125, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$245,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE NATIONAL GENERAL ELECTION TO TAKE PLACE IN MARCH 2009, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Section 107 of title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia requires that, within one year prior to a general election, Congress must appropriate a sum adequate to defray the administrative and contingent expenses of conducting national elections.

Section 105 of title 9 sets out that general elections for members of Congress are to take place biennially in March of each odd-numbered year. A national general election is scheduled to take place in March 2009.

Your committee notes that Congress has yet to appropriate the required funds. The subject bill proposes to appropriate \$245,000. This will be sufficient to fund the national general election. The passage of this bill into law will bring Congress into compliance with the requirements of title 9.

Recommendations of your Committee

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 15-125 and, subject to concurrence by your Committee on Ways and Means, 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. 15-125.

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Respectfully submitted,

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