

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-179

RE: C.R. NO. 15-187/R&D

SUBJECT: GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY FOR
A SOLAR-POWERED SUPPLY.

FEBRUARY 04, 2009

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Fifteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Regular Session, 2009

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources and Development, to which was jointly referred Presidential Communication No. 15-337 regarding C.R. No. 15-187 a resolution entitled:

“A RESOLUTION APPROVING A \$200,000 USD GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY FOR A SOLAR-POWERED SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR ATOLL ISLANDS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.”,

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee concurs generally with the intent and purpose of the grant as reported by the External Affairs Committee in SCR 15-175. However, your Committee wished to inquire further as to which island the grant was intended for.

Your Committee contacted the Department of Foreign Affairs on January 30, 2009. The Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Jane Chigiyaal referred us to the most knowledgeable person on this matter, Mr. Jackson Soram, which informed us that the grant did not specify any recipient island but was intended for all islands.

Your Committee also contacted the Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development, Peter M. Christian on February 2, 2009, to ask about a specific implementation plan for the grant. Senator Christian reconfirmed that the grant did not specify any island, but that it will be determined in the future by the Executive Branch based upon technical criteria. Secretary Christian will work with SBOC and his professional staff on Energy matters and will keep Congress informed.

Your Committee is not quite satisfied with the lack of information as to which island this project was intended for, and recommends deferring action until this information is available.

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Your Committee on Resources and Development is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 15-187 and, subject to the above reservation, recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 15-187.

Respectfully submitted,

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