

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-79

RE: C.B. NO. 15-94/W&M

SUBJECT: TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, A SUM OF \$3.5 MILLION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE FOUR STATES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

FEBRUARY 13, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.B. No. 15-94, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, A SUM OF \$3.5 MILLION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE FOUR STATES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

C.B. No. 15-94 is a bill to appropriate a sum of \$3.5 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia from the fiscal year 2008 to fund public projects and social programs in each of the State.

Your Committee on Ways and Means has considered this bill and fully supports the intended purpose of the bill. Your Committee has relied upon the availability of funding provided by the Executive branch to be reliable and sufficient to source this appropriation bill. In this regard, your Committee on Ways and Means strongly believes that the States are in dire need of projects and programs to improve the quality of life and the well-being and livelihood of the citizens in each State.

Your Committee is aware that a latter floor amendment to C.B. No. 15-94 would be offered to specifically identify each line item for each State to fulfill the specificity principle highlighted in Udot case.

Essentially, your Committee feels that this appropriation bill may have contributed one way or the other towards the economic development, health and safety of the communities in each of the State if projects and programs are properly implemented and carefully monitored.

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Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 15-94 and 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. 15-94.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roosevelt D. Kansou, vice chairman

/s/ Moses A. Nelson
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