

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16-14

RE: C. R. NO. 16-21

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred Presidential Communication No. 16-40 regarding C.R. No. 16-21 a resolution entitled:

“A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE AUD\$52,679
FINANCIAL GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA TO
PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE LIFE EXTENSION
PROGRAM FOR FSS MICRONESIA.”,

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The FSS Micronesia has been waiting in an Australian shipyard due to insufficient funds for its completion. Efforts to secure public projects funding have continued to be unfruitful due to unavailability of funds. The FSM government applied to the Australian government to request financial assistance to save its program. Such request was granted and approved for funding by the Australian government.

Without this grant from the Australian government, the FSS Micronesia would remain unfinished. Completion of the FSS Micronesia will prove a great benefit to the country by restoring our maritime surveillance capacity, thereby bringing in additional revenue to the country with the patrol boat being placed into service due to increased fishing law enforcement.

The Committee finds this agreement for the funding of the completion of the FSS Micronesia to be in the best interest of the FSM. Without the approval of this agreement and assistance from the Australian government, the FSS Micronesia would remain in the shipyard, unfinished.

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Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred Presidential Communication No. 16-40 regarding C.R. No. 16-2 hereby approves this foreign financial assistance by resolution as required under FSM Const. art. XII, §1(b); 55 F.S.M.C. §210 (2).

Respectfully Submitted,

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Paliknoa K. Welly, chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Isaac V. Figir
Isaac V. Figir, member

Dion G. Neth, member

/s/ Setiro Paul
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/s/ Joe N. Suka
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