

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16-28

RE: C.R. NO. 16-14/H&SA

SUBJECT: REQUESTING STATES AMEND THEIR MANDATORY
RETIREMENT AGE UPWARD TO 65

SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs ("H&SA"), to which was referred C.R. No. 16-14 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNORS AND THE
SPEAKERS OF EACH STATE TO AMEND THEIR MANDATORY RETIRMENT
LEGISLATIONS AS A COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO COMPLEMENT THE EFFORT BY
THE FSM SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION TO KEEP THE PROGRAM
SOLVENT.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee wishes to encourage the State Governments to participate in changes being proposed to the Social Security System, in order to try to keep the program solvent. The change your Committee urges the Governors and Presiding Officers of each State Legislature to consider is increasing their mandatory retirement age to 65.

Your Committee proposes amendments to the resolution to change the reference in several places from "Speakers of each State" to "Presiding Officers of each State Legislature" in order to include the President of the Chuuk State Senate.

Your Committee also recommends changes to the resolution to reflect the actual amount that Congress has appropriated for the Social Security System, as part of the FY10 Budget Act and to reflect the fact that the Congress has delayed the effective date for one year on the benefit reduction for those retiring prior to the age of 60.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RESOLUTION

1. Page 1, line 1 of the Title, delete "Speakers of each State" and enter "Presiding Officers of each State Legislature" in lieu thereof.

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2. Page 1, line 3 of the Title, delete the word "to".
3. Page 1, line 3 of title, delete "compliment" and insert "complement" in lieu thereof.
4. Page 1, line 15, delete the words "proposed budget" and enter "Budget Act as passed by Congress" in lieu thereof.
5. Page 1, line 16, delete "at least \$1 million is being proposed as" and enter "\$1,195,000 was appropriated as a" in lieu thereof.
6. Page 1, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:
"WHEREAS, the FSM Congress recently amended Public law No. 15-73 to delay, for one year, the effective date of the reduction of benefits for those retiring prior to the age of 65; and"
7. Page 1, line 19, delete "16th" and insert "Sixteenth" in lieu thereof.
8. Page 1, line 20, delete "Speakers of each State" and enter "Presiding Officers of each State Legislature" in lieu thereof.
9. Page 2, line 1, delete "as a collective effort" as redundant.
10. Page 2, line 1, delete "compliment" and insert "complement" in lieu thereof.
11. Page 2, line 5, delete "First" and enter "Second" in lieu thereof.
12. Page 2, line 6, delete "Speakers of each State" and enter "Presiding Officers of each State Legislature" in lieu thereof.
13. Page 2, line 7, delete the word "to".
14. Page 2, line 10, delete "Speakers of each State" and enter "Presiding Officers of each State Legislature" in lieu thereof.
15. Page 2, delete "the President of the Chuuk State Senate,".

CONCLUSION

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Based on its consideration of the merits of the resolution, your Committee on H&SA is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 16-14 as amended and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 16-14, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Setiro Paul, chairman

/s/
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/s/
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/s/
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/s/
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/s/
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