

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16-64

RE: C.R. NO. 16-68

SUBJECT: \$48,200 US Grant

FEBRUARY 09, 2010

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Sixteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Regular Session, 2010

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 16-68, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING, ACCEPTING AND RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,200, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

This resolution is for the approval of a grant from the United States through the USDA for \$48,200. This grant has been made possible through the US Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1987 and will fund activities in Pohnpei under the Forest Stewardship Program.

The FSM applied for this federal assistance in an application entitled, "Protecting Pohnpei's Watershed Forest Reserve." The grant will be used in Pohnpei for conservation and protection of biodiversity and the watershed in cooperation with the community.

Your Committee finds this grant to be in the best interest of the Federated States of Micronesia as it will lead to the protection and conservation of our valuable natural resources with the involvement and cooperation of the community.

Your Committee recommends the following technical amendments:

1. Page 2, line 11, after "relations" insert: "including all the terms and conditions of the assistance is hereby approved and accepted".
2. Page 2, line 12, delete "FINALLY" and insert "FURTHER" in lieu thereof.

Committee Discussion

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Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. 16-68, as amended hereby, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. 16-68, C.D 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paliknoa K. Welly, chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Isaac V. Figir
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