

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16-118

RE: C.B. NO. 16-164/w&M

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST

NOVEMBER 22, 2010

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.B. No. 16-164 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$20,063 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 8 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-43, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-48, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of C.B. No. 16-164 are expressed in its title.

Your Committee held a public hearing on C.B. No. 16- on November 20, 2010 in Palikir. Present at the hearing were representatives from the Department of Finance and Administration Secretary Finley S. Perman, Assistant Secretary for Customs and Tax John Uwas, Assistant Secretary for National Treasury Juliet Jimmy, and Administrative Officer Angie Lambert, representatives from the Department of Transportation Communication & Infrastructure Secretary Francis Itimai, Assistant Secretary for Maritime Transportation Leo Lokopwe, Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Phillip Joseph, Manager of Transportation Technical Branch Caleb Gamule, Administrative Officer Beauter Sone and Matthias Mamangmog, Secretary Maketo Robert from the Department of Justice, Marcellus Akapito from the President's Office as well as representatives from the

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Office of S.B.O.C. Ignacio Stephen, the Assistant Director of Budget and Semensin James.

Chairman Halbert opened the hearing by welcoming all the witnesses and thanking them for attending. Testimony revealed employees from the Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation had not been paid regular salaries for fiscal year 2010. This office requires \$10,063 to pay unpaid salaries for pay periods 19, 20, and 21. These employees are the only remaining national government employees who have not been paid regular salaries for fiscal year 2010. Your Committee recommends appropriating \$10,063 to pay the salaries.

Your Committee also heard testimony justifying the request of \$10,000 for National Prayer Day. National Prayer Day is an annual event promoting National Unity and Leadership Harmony. It rotates among the states and this year will be held in Kosrae. Your Committee recommends funding National Prayer Day in the amount of \$10,000.

C.B. No. 16-164 is in response to the supplemental budget request and accompanying appropriation bill transmitted to Congress as Presidential Communication No. 16-320. At this time, your Committee has decided to fund only those items discussed in this committee report. Your Committee will not fund remaining budget shortfalls at this time. Your Committee has received conflicting testimony regarding these shortfalls and is expecting further information from the National Public Auditor.

Conclusion

Your committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. 16-164 and recommends its passage on First reading and that it be placed on the calendar for Second and Final reading.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Claude H. Phillip
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/s/ Roger S. Mori
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/s/ Dion G. Neth
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