

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-13

RE: C.B. NO. 17-01/W&M

SUBJECT: REMOVING GROSS REVENUE TAX EXEMPTION OF FSM  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

MAY 30, 2011

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker, Seventeenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
First Regular Session, 2011

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was jointly referred C.B. No. 17-01, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 208 OF TITLE 21 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 11-26, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION SUBJECT TO THE GROSS REVENUE TAX, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee on Transportation and Communication of the Sixteenth Congress conducted a public hearing to hear testimony regarding removing the Gross Revenue Tax (GRT) exemption of FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSM Telecom) on March 23, 2011; the Committee reported on their findings and recommendations in Standing Committee Report No. 16-136, adopted by Congress March 28, 2011.

Your Committee on Transportation and Communication of the Seventeenth Congress has reiterated the findings and recommendations of the prior committee, and recommended the passage of C.B. No. 17-01 in Standing Committee Report No. 17-03, adopted by Congress on May 7, 2011.

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Your Committee on Ways and Means concurs with the recommendations in Standing Committee Report No. 17-03. Your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 17-01, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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