

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-180

RE: C.B. NO. 17-210, C.D.1 (P.C. NO. 17-371)/W&M

SUBJECT: VETO OF CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 17-76

APRIL 16, 2013

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Seventeenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Special Session, 2013

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Presidential Communication No. 17-371 and Congressional Bill No. 17-210, C.D.1, regarding the veto of Congressional Act No. 17-76, begs leave to report as follows:

Congressional Act No. 17-76 was vetoed by the President and did not become Public Law. The Congressional Act was then referred back to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Your Committee on Ways and Means held a meeting to discuss the grounds for the veto.

The veto message made no specific, concrete objections to these changes, voicing only abstract complaints:

Moreover, upon review of records, the changes in the use of funds affect allotted or obligated funds. Allowing the Act to become law will create legal problems on existing obligations that are authorized by current appropriation. (PC 17-371)

In regards to Yap, the only change was the addition of some wording. Where the law previously provided \$10,000 for Nimar, Welog Community Project, C.B 17-210, C.D.1 added the word "matching." There is no indication how this addition is objectionable; indeed, it is more responsible wording to safeguard the use of public funds. In regards

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to Pohnpei, the only changes were made in Election District No. 1, where \$10,000 previously allocated towards a Nukuoro Municipal Office (a project not yet begun), were shifted towards salaries for Pearl Project employees.

Your Committee assumes that the veto is the result of some policy decision. Your Committee has revisited the items subjected to veto, has found the vetoed items to be consistent with sound public policy, and therefore disagrees with the decision to veto.

CONCLUSION

Your Committee has reviewed the vetoed legislation and veto message. Your Committee recommends overriding the veto of Congressional Act No. 17-76.

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 17-210, C.D.1, and recommends it be placed on the calendar for veto override.

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Respectfully submitted,

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