

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-126

RE: C.R. No. 18-110/J&GO

SUBJECT: TO AMEND CONGRESSIONAL RULES OF
PROCEDURE TO CREATE A CATEGORY FOR
"AGENCY OR GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY
COMMUNICATIONS" ON THE DAILY ORDER OF
BUSINESS

MARCH 26, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Special Session, 2014

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations, to which
was referred C.R. No. 18-110, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF RULE 5 OF THE OFFICIAL
RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SEVENTEETH CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA BY ADDING A CATEGORY FOR
AGENCY OR GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY COMMUNICATIONS TO THE DAILY
ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CONGRESSIONAL SESSION.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution is expressed in its
title.

Your Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations held a
meeting to discuss the proposed resolution. No public hearing
was necessary, as this is purely an internal matter of
Congressional Procedure.

Your Committee notes that from time to time Congress receives
very important communications from Agencies or Governmental

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Authorities. Yet, currently there is no category into which these communications fit. Therefore, these important communications are relegated to being near the bottom of the Order of Business in the Miscellaneous Communications. While all other communications, including State Supreme Court Communications, Departmental Communications, and Municipal or Town Communications, have their own category; they are thus heard before the Bill Calendar, Resolution Calendar, and heavy work of the day. By being consigned to Miscellaneous Communications, these significant communications from Agencies and Governmental Authorities are not heard until the end of the Congress' business for the day. Sometimes, when Congress recesses during the middle of the Bill Calendar, as can happen, these potentially critical communications might be postponed several days.

C.R. No. 18-110 thereby gives Agency or Governmental Authority their proper weight and recognized their potential importance by creating a separate category for them in the main period of the Order of Business during which most significant communications are being heard. At its best, this resolution will present these communications at a more proper time, when Members are fresher, prior to the weighty business of the Bill and Resolution calendars, and might save their official recognition from being delayed. At its worst, C.R. No. 18-110 will add a few seconds of time to each Order of Business.

Your Committee would like to offer the following amendment to C.R. No. 18-110 as follows:

1. Page 1, title, delete "Seventeenth" and insert "Eighteenth" in lieu thereof.
2. Page 1, line 14, delete "Regular" and insert "Special" in lieu thereof.

Your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 18-110, and recommends its adoption in the form attached

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hereto as C.R. No. 18-110, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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