

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-132

RE: C.B. NO. 18-131, C.D.1 (P.C. NO. 18-228)/W&M

SUBJECT: VETO OF CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 18-53

MARCH 29, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Presidential Communication No. 18-228 and Congressional Bill No. 18-131, regarding the veto of Congressional Act No. 18-53, begs leave to report as follows:

Congressional Act No. 18-53 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.

P.C. No. 18-228 enumerates several grounds for the veto. Your Committee observes that the underlying intention for C.A. No. 18-53 was for the public interest, to recognize the First Speaker of the Congress of Micronesia.

Your Committee has revisited this issue and found the vetoed item is consistent with sound public policy, as the attempt here has already been practiced, and therefore disagrees with the decision to veto.

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CONCLUSION

Your Committee has reviewed the vetoed legislation and veto message. Your Committee recommends overriding the veto of Congressional Act No. 18-53.

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 18-131, C.D.1, and recommends it be placed on the calendar for veto override.

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Respectfully submitted,

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