

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-155

RE: C.R. No. 18-165/J&GO

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,346.55
TO FUND THE GENERIC VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM
UPGRADE IN THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL
ELECTION DIRECTOR

MAY 27, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fourth Regular Session, 2014

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations, to which was referred C.R. No. 18-165, entitled:

"A REOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,346.55 FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA, TO FUND THE GENERIC VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM UPGRADE IN THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL ELECTION DIRECTOR, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE."

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On May 22, 2014 your Committee held a joint hearing with the Committee on External Affairs and members of the National Election Office. Director Welly was present as well as officials of the Executive Branch. The National Election Commission Office had requested ten (10) desktop computers in its Fixed Asset request for FY2015. The computers were intended to help with the Generic Voter Registration System Upgrade, as well as being needed for use in the office. The Australian grant is fortuitously timed, as the grant is for the purchase of ten (10) desktop computers, ten (10) laser printers, ten (10) backup battery units, as well as some other miscellaneous parts.

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Through approving this grant, your Committee notes that the Fixed Asset request would no longer be needed, saving this government the expense of purchasing the computers for the National Election Commission Office. With the General Election to be held in March 2015 and efficient general elections standing as the bellwether of a democratic nation, a grant such as this that improves the functioning of the National Election Commission Office is most welcome.

Your Committee is satisfied regarding the overall positive impact this grant would have on our Nation. Thus, your Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 18-165 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Berney Martin
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