

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-156

RE: C.R. No. 18-165/EX AFF

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 External Affairs, 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 Judiciary Governmental Operations with members from the National Election Commission. 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

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for the purchase of ten (10) desktop computers, ten (10) laser printers, ten (10) backup battery units, as well as some other miscellaneous parts. Your Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations is supportive of the program this grant will support, and as the activities proposed under the grant and the proposed assets for the Office fall squarely within its purview, thus, your Committee on External Affairs defers to their conclusion regarding the grant under consideration in C.R. No. 18-165.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Berney Martin
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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
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