

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-162

RE: C.B. NO. 18-166, C.D.1 (P.C. NO. 18-296)/W&M

SUBJECT: LINE ITEM VETO OF CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 18-66

MAY 30, 2104

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Presidential Communication No. 18-296 and Congressional Bill No. 18-166, C.D.1, regarding the veto of Congressional Act No. 18-66, begs leave to report as follows:

Congressional Act No. 18-66 was line item vetoed by the President, becoming Public Law No. 18-62. The Congressional Act was then referred back to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Your Committee on Ways and Means held a meeting on May 29, 2014, to discuss the grounds for the line item veto. Your Committee notes that the reason stated in the veto message did not say there was a lack of funds available for the airline subsidy. Furthermore, your Committee notes that the veto message did not point to a problem with the drafting or raise a legal/constitutional objection to the airline subsidy. The veto message merely questioned the economic wisdom of the subsidy that your Committee had already determined was in the best interest of the FSM.

Your Committee assumes therefore that the line item veto is the merely 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.

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CONCLUSION

Your Committee has reviewed the line item vetoed legislation and veto message. Your Committee recommends overriding the line item veto of Congressional Act No. 18-66.

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 18-166, C.D.1, and recommends it be placed on the Calendar for veto override.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Peter M. Christian  
Peter M. Christian, vice chairman

/s/ Tony H. Otto  
Tony H. Otto, member

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