

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-181

RE: C.B. No. 18-170, C.D.1(P.C. NO. 18-303)/W&M

SUBJECT: VETO OF CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 18-76

JULY 10, 2014

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

Dear MR. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways & Means, to which was referred Presidential Communication 18-303 and Congressional Bill 18-170, C.D.1, regarding the veto of Congressional Act 18-76, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,100,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF YAP, KOSRAE, POHNPEI AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Congressional Act 18-76 was line item vetoed by the President becoming Public Law No. 18-70. The Congressional Act was then referred back to your Committee on Ways and Means. Your Committee notes that P.C. 18-303 does not cite a lack of funding, an issue with the drafting of the bill, nor did it raise an issue of legal/constitutional objections.

Your Committee on Ways and Means has reviewed P.C. 18-303 and concluded that the reasons for the line item veto are

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based on policy decisions. Your Committee has reviewed the items subjected the line item veto and found them to be consistent with sound public policy and therefore disagrees with the decision to veto.

CONCLUSION

Your Committee on Ways and Means has carefully reviewed the line item veto in C.A 18-76 and veto message. Your Committee finds only a policy basis for the line items vetoed and recommends overriding the line item veto in Congressional Act No. 18-76.

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Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 18-170, C.D.1, and recommends it be placed on the Calendar for veto override.

Respectfully submitted,

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Isaac V. Figir, chairman

/s/ Peter M. Christian
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/s/ Tony H. Otto
Tony H. Otto, member

/s/ Yosiwo P. George
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David W. Panuelo, member

/s/ Wesley W. Simina
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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