

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-282

RE: C.A. NO. 18-123 (P.C. NO. 18-460)/W&M

SUBJECT: VETO OF CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 18-123

APRIL 10, 2015

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Special Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways & Means, to which was referred Presidential Communication 18-460, regarding the veto of Congressional Act 18-123, entitled:

"AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,800,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN EACH OF THE FOUR STATES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee has reviewed Congressional Act 18-123 and the accompanying veto message (P.C. No. 18-460). Your Committee did not find any legal impediments or drafting errors in the Act. Your Committee has determined that the veto is purely based on policy decision.

Your Committee would like to note while the President reiterates in his veto message a lack of holding public

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hearings, he has yet to provide any legal or constitutional requirement to do so. The Constitution provides Congress with the power of the purse and the Executive may not encroach upon this power. Your Committee finds that the Act is consistent with the practices of Congress when appropriating funds for public projects and social programs.

CONCLUSION

Your Committee has reviewed the veto of Congressional Act 18-123 and the veto message. Your Committee finds that the decision made by the Executive was made based on policy and not on a violation of the law. Your Committee disagrees with this policy decision and recommends overriding the veto Congressional Act No. 18-123.

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