

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-05

RE: COMMITTEE TO WAIT ON THE PRESIDENT

NOVEMBER 17, 2015

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Special Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee to Wait on the President, consisting of members Isaac V. Figir, Alik L. Alik, Robson U. Romolow and Esmond B. Moses was duly appointed on November 16, 2015. Isaac V. Figir was designated as the chairman.

The Committee met with the President on November 16, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Chairman Figir greeted the President, members of the cabinet and staff on behalf of Congress and thanked them for the opportunity to meet. Chairman Figir reported that Congress was in session and was ready to transact business.

The President greeted the Committee and gave a summary of the issues and areas the President requested that Congress make a priority during this short special session.

The President stated that since this was a very short session he asked, if possible, that the tourism plan submitted to Congress be acted on. The Secretary of Resources and Development requested that this take priority, as he would like to work on its implementation as soon as possible.

As an on going priority the President also asked that the remaining nominations move forward. Your Committee stated that it would communicate these priorities. The President then stated that he would not be requesting a supplemental

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budget during this session, and that if necessary a supplemental budget request would come in January.

An update was given by the Secretary of Justice as to the remaining aliens in Yap. There are currently 34 remaining in Yap, two of which according to UNHRC who qualify for refugee status. Also, two Vietnamese remain in jail. It was clear during discussions that the financial and policy issues regarding these individuals had not been resolved and the President stated that this was a priority with the Executive. It is hoped by January, if the matter is not completely resolved, that a way forward will be articulated.

The President and your Committee discussed the visit this week by some of the U.S. members of JEMCO. It was still unclear to the President and the Department of Foreign Affairs as to the exact agenda for this visit. The President indicated that this matter, and any others of interest to Congress, could be discussed tomorrow. He then extended an invitation to members of Congress to join him and his key staff for lunch.

The Committee thanked the President for his invitation to lunch and his time at this meeting. The meeting concluded with mutual agreement to move forward on the above issues in a timely manner and with diligence.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Isaac V. Figir
Isaac V. Figir, Chairman

/s/ Robson U. Romolow
Robson U. Romolow, Member

/s/ Alik L. Alik
Alik L. Alik, Member

/s/ Esmond B. Moses
Esmond B. Moses, Member