



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

April 24, 2012

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
17th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei State, FM 96941



Dear Speaker Figir:

I am pleased to inform you that I have designated the following congressional acts to become public laws with my signature:

Public Law No. 17-39. Congressional Act No. 17-38, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-18, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-24, 16-32, 16-39, 16-45, 16-54, 16-67, 17-04, 17-14, AND 17-26, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECT AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF POHNPEI AND CHUUK, TO SET THE LAPSE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 17-40. Congressional Act No. 17-41, "ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-32, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 15-36, 15-44, 15-57, 15-63, 15-72, 15-78, 16-03, 16-11, 16-46, 17-12, 17-21 AND 17-33, TO CHANGE THE USE AND THE ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE STATE OF CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 17-41. Congressional Act No. 17-44, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-58, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-64, 16-72, 17-08, 17-11, 17-20 and 17-35, BY AMENDING SECTION 5 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 17-42. Congressional Act No. 17-46, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 1 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 13-63, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 13-49, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 17-43. Congressional Act No. 17-47, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-107, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 15-03, 15-20 AND 17-15, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR YAP STATE, TO MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."



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In the past, I have expressed concerns regarding repetitive and numerous amendments of appropriation for public projects and social programs similar to those listed above. The numerous amendments clearly reflect hasty and ambiguous planning, and absence of clearly defined objectives. The amendments of public projects are repetitious in nature. In most cases, they involve shifting around small amounts of leftover funds to support existing or new projects. The process is administratively tedious, costly and a waste of time. By the time the administrative paper works are completed, the needs of the recipients would have changed as well, thus, the amendments become ineffectual.

It is time to seriously reassess our national policy on public projects and social programs. Considering our bleak financial outlook, it is crucial that public projects are planned in a way that will bring about meaningful impact on livelihood and economic condition of people on the streets. Furthermore, transparency requires that certain criteria must be developed that will guide in the implementation of projects and related programs. For this reason, I continue to express concern with regard to the absence of public hearing or executive views on proposed public projects, and their amendments.

To improve our national policies as explained above, for FY13, I have recommended inclusion of public projects and social programs in the annual budget. I also recommend that the projects and programs should be planned for a 3-year period, to avoid repetitive and costly amendments. If this policy is adopted, Congress will be able to plan and analyze any proposed project or program in a more strategic manner by linking it to the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) of the Nation.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



Manny Mori
President

Enclosure:

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
Acting Secretary, Department of Justice
Director, Office of SBOC
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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17-223
FSM CONGRESS

April 04, 2012

His Excellency Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia
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Dear President Mori:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 17-47, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-107, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 15-03, 15-20 AND 17-15, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR YAP STATE, TO MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 2012, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures





PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17-223
7TH CONGRESS

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
THIRD SPECIAL SESSION
MARCH 19 – APRIL 2, 2012

PUBLIC LAW No. 17-43

An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-107, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 15-03, 15-20 AND 17-15, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR YAP STATE, TO MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: JOSEPH J. URUSEMAL

DATE: MARCH 22, 2012

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

S.C.R. NO. 17-123 – MARCH 31, 2012

FIRST READING: MARCH 31, 2012

SECOND READING: APRIL 2, 2012




Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17-223
FSM CONGRESS

ACT NO. 17-47

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-121)

We hereby certify that on April 2 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 2012, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Liwiana Ramon Ioanis".

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia



SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 2012

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-121

PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-43

AN ACT

To further amend section 2 of Public Law No. 14-107, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 15-03, 15-20 and 17-15, to change the use of certain funds previously appropriated for Yap State, to make technical amendments, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 14-107, as amended
2 by Public Laws Nos. 15-03, 15-20 and 17-15, is hereby further
3 amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 2. The sum of \$421,100, is hereby
5 appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated
6 States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending
7 September 30, 2007 for the purpose of funding public
8 projects and social programs in the States of Chuuk,
9 Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap. The funds appropriated under
10 section 1 of this act shall be apportioned as follows:

11 (1) State of Yap.....\$ 121,872

12 (a) Land acquisition for outer islanders,

13 PROVIDED THAT the title of the land purchased on

14 Yap proper and responsibility for administration

15 of such land to be held in Trust by the Council

16 of Tamol of the Outer Islands for the benefit of

17 the people of the outer islands of Yap 100,000

18 (b) Student Assistance to College of

PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-43

1	Micronesia - FSM students from Yap	\$ 21,872
2	(2) State of Chuuk	11,004
3	(a) Chuuk At-Large	
4	(i) Construction materials for	
5	School building in Weno	3,300
6	(b) Election District No. 5	
7	(i) Pharmaceuticals, Referral and	
8	Repatriation of Remains	7,704
9	(3) State of Kosrae	57,186
10	(a) POL & Utilities for the	
11	Office of the Governor	57,186
12	(4) State of Pohnpei	231,038
13	(a) Election District No. 1	
14	(i) ED1 operation	10,000
15	(ii) Likie Road Paving	100,000
16	(iii) Students' financial assistance	38,142
17	(b) Election District No. 2	
18	(i) Watery Delivery (ED2)	8,001
19	(ii) Secondary Road Improvement	
20	(ED2)	6,084
21	(c) Election District No. 3	
22	(i) ED3 Students & Public	
23	Transportation services	68,811"
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PUBLIC LAW No. 17-43

1 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
2 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
3 becoming law without such approval.

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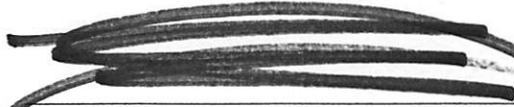
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April 24, 2012


Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia