

The President

Palikir, Pohnpei Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 18-339
FSM CONGRESS

August 18, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert Speaker Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941



Dear Speaker Halbert:

I am returning the following Congressional Acts without signature:

Public Law No. 18-77, Congressional Act No. 18-78, "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, 17-35 AND 17-41, BY AMENDING SECTION 4 THEREOF, TO MODIFY THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-78, Congressional Act No. 18-79, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-35, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 18-49, 18-61 AND 18-63, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 6 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-79, Congressional Act No. 18-80, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-62, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-71, 17-05, 17-18, 17-29, 17-47, 18-23, 18-33 AND 18-50, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-80, Congressional Act No. 18-81, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND 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, 17-26, 17-39, 17-65, 18-27 AND 18-47, BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, TO CHANGE ALLOTTEE AND LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Public Law No. 18-81, Congressional Act No. 18-82, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-11, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO 18-44, BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE LAPSE DATE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-82, Congressional Act No. 18-83, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-05, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 18-07, 18-14, 18-31, 18-38 AND 18-72. BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 4 AND 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE AND LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-83, Congressional Act No. 18-84, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-59, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-63, 17-66, 17-70, 17-77, 17-86, 18-21, 18-29 AND 18-64, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-84, Congressional Act No. 18-85, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO.17-36, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-48, 17-78, 17-87, 18-36, AND 18-65, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO OFFER A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-85, Congressional Act No. 18-86, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND 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, 16-33, 16-46, 17-12, 17-21, 17-33, 17-40, 18-17 AND 18-67, BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE ALLOTTEE AND LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

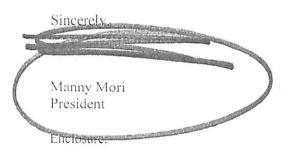
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Public Law No. 18-86. Congressional Act No. 18-87, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-49, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-68, 16-76, 17-06, 17-10, 17-23, 17-30, 17-32, 17-45, 17-82, 17-85, 18-28, 18-45 AND 18-59, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-87, Congressional Act No. 18-89, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-68, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-71, 17-81, 17-84, 17-89, 17-90, 18-03, 18-10, 18-13, 18-32, 18-46 AND 18-58, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN EACH OF THE STATES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I reviewed the above Acts, designed to alter the funds and change the allottees for various public projects. The numerous amendments, which fail to provide clear direction on the intention of Congress behind altering funds and changing allottees, make it impossible for the Executive branch to implement public projects without involvement from Congress.

The involvement of some members of Congress in the implementation of public projects violates the Constitution, as confirmed by the Udot case. I have previously shared this concern with Congress and once again bring this problem to your attention. Let's resolve this matter amicably and avoid going to court to seek further clarifications.



Xe: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court Secretary, Department of Justice Director, SBOC Legislative Counsel, CFSM

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Office of the Chief Clerk

July __15__, 2014

His Excellency Manny Mori President Federated States of Micronesia Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Mori:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 18-86, "AN ACT TO AMEND 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, 16-33, 16-46, 17-12, 17-21, 17-33, 17-40, 18-17 AND 18-67, BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE ALLOTTEE AND LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 2014, 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



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION JULY 7 - 12, 2014

PUBLIC LAW No. 18-85

An Act

TO AMEND 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, 16-33, 16-46, 17-12, 17-21, 17-33, 17-40, 18-17 AND 18-67, BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE ALLOTTEE AND LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: JOSEPH J. URUSEMAL

DATE: JULY 7, 2014

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WITHDRAWN - JULY 8, 2014

FIRST READING: JULY 9, 2014

SECOND READING: JULY 10, 2014

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis Chief Clerk, FSM Congress

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Office of the Speaker

ACT NO. 18-86

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-187)

We hereby certify that on July 10 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 2014, 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.

Dohsis Halbert

Speaker

Congress of the

Federated States of Micronesia

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis

Chief Clerk

Congress of the

Federated States of Micronesia

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-187

PUBLIC LAW No. 18-85

AN ACT

To amend 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, 16-33, 16-46, 17-12, 17-21, 17-33, 17-40, 18-17 and 18-67, by amending section 2 thereof, for the purpose of changing the allottee and lapse date of certain funds previously appropriated therein, 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. 15-32, as amended

2 by Public Laws Nos. 15-36, 15-57, 15-63, 17-21, 17-33, 17-40 and

3 18-17, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 2. Allotment and management of funds and All funds appropriated by this act shall 5 lapse date. be allotted, managed, administered and accounted for 6 in accordance with applicable laws, including, but 7 not limited to the Financial Management Acts of each 8 of the States, the Financial Management Act of 1979 and the amended Compact of Free Association between 10 the United States Government and the Government of 11 the Federated States of Micronesia and its related 12 agreements. The allottee shall be responsible for 13 ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as may 14 be necessary, are used solely for the purpose 15 specified in this act, and that no obligations are 16 incurred in excess of the sum appropriated. 17 allottee of the funds appropriated under subsection 18

PUBLIC LAW No. 18-85

(4)(a) of section 1 of this act shall be the Governor
of Chuuk State or his designee. The allottee of
funds appropriated under subsection 4(b) shall be the
Mortlock Islands Development Authority (MIDA). The
allottee of funds appropriated under subsection 4(d)
of this act shall be the Southern Namoneas
Development Authority. The allottee of fund
appropriated under subsection 4(e) of this act shall
be the Faichuk Development Authority. The allottee
of funds appropriated under subsections 1 and 3 of
section 1 of this act shall be the President of the
Federated States of Micronesia or his designee,
EXCEPT THAT the allottee of the funds appropriated
under subsections (1)(a), (b), (c), (d), (h), (j),
(1) and (m) of section 1 of this act shall be the
Mayor of Lelu Municipal Government. The allottee of
funds appropriated under subsection 4(c) of section 1
of this act shall be the Governor of the Chuuk State.
The allottee of funds appropriated under subsection
4(f) of section 1 of this act shall be the Northwest
Islands Development Authority (NIDA). The allottee
of funds appropriated under subsection (2) of section
1 of this act shall be the Governor of the State of
Yap. The funds appropriated by this act shall lapse
on September 30, 2015."

PUBLIC LAW No. 18-85

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