

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-108

RE: C.B. NO. 14-179/W&M

SUBJECT: APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO ADDRESS ISSUES ARISING
IN RELATION TO THE FSM'S WASHINGTON DC EMBASSY

JULY 11, 2006

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Fourteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fourth Special Session, 2006

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred C.B. No. 14-179 entitled:

"A BILL TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$105,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006, TO FUND THE REPATRIATION OF THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA'S EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DC, TO PAY FOR AN AUDIT AND INVESTIGATION OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA'S EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DC, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the bill are expressed in its title.

The subject bill would appropriate \$90,000 to enable the National Public Auditor to conduct an audit and investigation in relation to the operations of the FSM's Washington DC embassy. After detailed consultation, your Committee understands that there will be considerable expense associated with the two projects that could not be met under the existing operations budget of the Public Auditor.

The subject bill would also appropriate \$15,000 for the repatriation of the FSM Ambassador to Washington DC. In a number of public hearings held by the Special Committee on FSM Washington Embassy Oversight, the Executive gave testimony that funds were not currently available to repatriate the Ambassador should he be recalled prior to September 30, 2006. This appropriation is to ensure that the necessary funds are available should the President choose to recall the Ambassador prior to the commencement of the Fiscal Year 2007 fiscal year.

Your Committee notes that the President recently transmitted a request for a supplemental appropriation via Presidential Communication No. 14-228. One of the items requested was \$26,343 to pay for "travel

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costs associated with conducting an investigation of issues pertaining to the FSM Embassy in Washington". Your Committee supports this request for an appropriation and recommends that the line item be incorporated into C.B. No. 14-179.

With the foregoing changes, your committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 14-179 and recommends its passage on First Reading and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading in the form attached hereto and marked C.B. No. 14-179, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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Isaac V. Figir, chairman

/s/ Roosevelt D. Kansou
Roosevelt D. Kansou, vice chairman

Peter M. Christian, member

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