

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-110

RE: C.B. NO. 14-184/W&M

SUBJECT: ELECTION APPROPRIATION, 2006

July 12, 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 ("W&M"), to which was referred C.B. No. 14-184 entitled,

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$630,650 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE NATIONAL GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN MARCH, 2007, EXECUTIVE TRAVEL TO OUTER ISLANDS, SEOG AND WORK STUDY PROGRAMS, CAROLINE ISLAND AIR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, POHNPEI UTILITIES CORPORATION, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO FORMER PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The subject bill is similar to C.B. No. 14-153, which was acted upon during the Second Special Session of Congress and subsequently vetoed by the President for technical reasons. Accordingly, this bill is being introduced for passage on first and second reading.

This is an appropriation bill to provide funds for the 2007 National General Election, scheduled to take place on March 6, 2007. The bill as passed in Kosrae appropriated \$630,650.

This bill is in response to a supplemental appropriation request by the executive branch. The Election Director needs assurance of funding for the upcoming March 2007 election one year beforehand. In view of the fact that the National Election Director testified to your committee that this amount covers needs for both FY06 and FY07, your Committee recommends that the funding for the election be done through this separate bill. Accordingly, your committee recommends appropriating the full amount requested of \$268,700.

In addition, this bill responds to other urgent supplemental requests of the executive. These are \$60,000 for executive outer island travel, \$200,000 for SEOG and Work Study Programs, \$131,950 for Caroline Island Air capital costs.

In addition your Committee recommends appropriating \$205,000 for overdue bills of the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation and \$30,000 for medical assistance to Former President Nakayama for a revised total of \$895,650.

With the foregoing changes your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 14-184 and recommends it be placed on the bill calendar for First Reading and passed on Second and Final reading in the form attached hereto and marked.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Isaac V. Figir, Chairman

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/s/ Peter M. Christian

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/s/ Simiram Sipenuk

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