

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-137

RE: C.B. 14-241/J&GO

SUBJECT: ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL
STAFF POSITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM

JANUARY 17, 2007

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Fourteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Regular Session, 2007

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to which was referred C.B. No. 14-241, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 52 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 117 THEREOF TO PROVIDE THAT THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

C.B. No. 14-241 is related to C.B. No. 14-239, which creates the Information Technology Administrator position in the Congressional Office. The intent and purpose of C.B. No. 14-241 is to exempt the new Information Technology Administrator position and to exempt the Public Information Officer position in Congress from the Public Service System.

C.B. No. 14-239 proposes a new Information Technology Administrator position in Congress. Your committee is of the view that the duties and responsibilities of the Information Technology Administrator require the services of a skilled and experienced person in the area of Information Technology, and therefore, the position should be an exempt position. Further, your committee recommends the Public Information Officer to be exempt from the Public Service System. The Public Information Officer to the President is an exempt position, and your committee believes that the Public Information Officer to Congress should be treated equally.

Accordingly, your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations agrees with the purpose and intent of C.B. No. 14-241 and recommends its passage on First Reading and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading.

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Respectfully submitted,

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