

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-42

RE: C.B. NO. 14-86/W&M

SUBJECT: APPROPRIATION IN SUPPORT OF
HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS

SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Fourteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Regular Session, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred C.B. No. 14-86 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$250,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 IN SUPPORT OF HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

C.B. No. 14-86 would appropriate \$250,000 for the purposes of supporting Hurricane Katrina relief efforts on the Gulf Coast of the United States. The rationale for this contribution is described in section 1 of the bill. Your committee supports that statement. The devastation and human hardship caused by Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath have been well documented. The costs of meeting the needs of hurricane victims will be so large as to test even the resources of the United States. Our nation is itself no stranger to weather disasters. The United States and its citizens have responded generously when the people of the FSM have been in need of assistance. Your committee believes that it is entirely appropriate that our nation now reciprocates by joining many other countries around the world in doing what we can to help.

Thus, your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 14-86 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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