

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-119

RE: C.B. NO. 15-125/W&M

SUBJECT: ELECTION FUNDING - MARCH 2009

MAY 29, 2008

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker, Fifteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Fourth Regular Session, 2008

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your committee on Ways and Means, to which was jointly referred C.B. No. 15-125, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$245,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE NATIONAL GENERAL ELECTION TO TAKE PLACE IN MARCH 2009, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your committee notes that the subject bill has been jointly assigned to your committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and Ways and Means. Your committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations is submitting a report that is in concurrence with this one.

Section 107 of title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia requires that, within one year prior to a general election, Congress must appropriate a sum adequate to defray the administrative and contingent expenses of conducting national elections.

Section 105 of title 9 sets out that general elections for members of Congress are to take place biennially in March of each odd-numbered year. A national general election is scheduled to take place in March 2009.

**Recommendations of your Committee**

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 15-125 and recommends its passage on First Reading, subject to the availability of funds as determined by your committee on Ways and Means, and that it be placed on the calendar for Second and Final reading in the form attached hereto as C.B. No. 15-125.

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Respectfully submitted,

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