

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-173

RE: PRESIDENTIAL VETO OF C.A. NO. 15-74

SUBJECT: OVERRIDE OF PRESIDENTIAL VETO

JANUARY 06, 2009

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker, Fifteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Sixth Special Session, 2009

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Congressional Act No. 15-74, entitled:

"AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 11-27, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 3 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE STATE OF YAP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

In Presidential Communication No. 15-323, President vetoed the referenced Congressional Act No. 15-74, based on the expenditure report from the Department of Finance and Administration, which indicated that said funds have been exhausted.

Based on a telephonic conversation with representatives from the Department of Finance and Administration yesterday (January 5, 2009), the Department admitted that it had erred in reporting out that the said funds have been exhausted.

Your Committee on Ways and Means relied heavily on the new information found yesterday and also funds available report by organization for fiscal year 2008 from the Department of Finance and Administration, which reflects a balance of \$35,750 with an expiration date of September 30, 2009, attached herein.

Therefore, your Committee disagrees with the premise of the veto, and recommends that Presidential veto of Congressional Act No. 15-74 be overridden.

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Respectfully submitted,

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