



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

February 12, 2013

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
17th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941



PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17-369
FSM CONGRESS

Dear Speaker Figir:

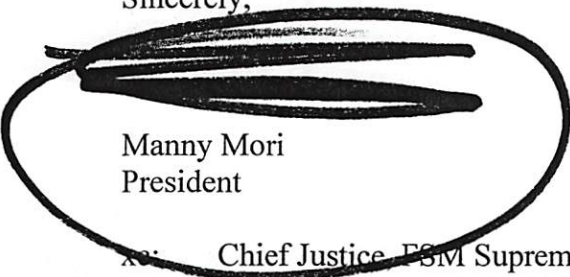
This is to inform Congress that I grudgingly signed the following Congressional Act to become Public Law No. 17-81 pursuant to Article IX Section 22 of the FSM Constitution:

Congressional Act No. 17-78, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 5 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-68, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-71, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

As with other amendments of appropriations for public projects and social programs, I continue to raise concern on the lack of public hearing and transparency in approving the Act. There was no public hearing held to allow the Executive Branch or the allottee the opportunity to express views on the amendments. Also, there is no committee report to explain the rationality of the amendment, which indicates the absence of thorough deliberation.

As I mentioned before, the National Government must reform its practices and procedures to improve transparency and effective use of limited resources. Moreover, repetitious amendments of public projects and social programs every session of Congress indicate lack of commitment to the original intent of the projects and pursuing the objectives of the Nation's Strategic Development Plan. In this regard, I urge Congress to revisit the policies governing public projects and social programs and consider their contribution and impact to the overall economy of the FSM.

Sincerely,



Manny Mori
President

cc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
Secretary, Department of Justice
Director, Office of SBOC
Legislative Counsel, CFSM
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Office of the Chief Clerk

January 23, 2013



His Excellency Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Mori:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 17-78, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 5 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-68, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-71, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2013, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



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FSM CONGRESS

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
SIXTH REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 7 – 26, 2013

PUBLIC LAW No. 17- 81

An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 5 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-68, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-71, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: WESLEY SIMINA

DATE: JANUARY 15, 2013

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WITHDRAWN – JANUARY 16, 2013

FIRST READING: JANUARY 16, 2013

SECOND READING: JANUARY 22, 2013

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Liwiana Ramon Icanis
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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17-369
FSM CONGRESS

ACT NO. 17-78

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-213, C.D.1, C.D.2)

We hereby certify that on January 22 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2013, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SIXTH REGULAR SESSION, 2013 CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-213, C.D.1, C.D.2

PUBLIC LAW No. 17- 81

AN ACT

To further amend section 5 of Public Law No. 17-68, as amended by Public Law No. 17-71, for the purpose of changing the use of certain funds previously appropriated to fund public projects and social programs in the State of Chuuk, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 5 of Public Law No. 17-68, as amended by
2 Public Law No. 17-71, is hereby further amended to read as
3 follows:

4 "Section 5. Of the sum of \$5,697,383 appropriated by
5 this act, \$978,860 is apportioned to pay the amount owed
6 by the State of Chuuk to FEMA and \$1,800,000 is
7 apportioned for public projects and social programs.

8 (1) Amount owed by the State of Chuuk to FEMA
9 PROVIDED THAT Chuuk State shall repay this
10 amount in such a manner as will be agreed to
11 between the allottee and the Chuuk State
12 leadership.\$ 978,860
13 (2) State of Chuuk..... 1,800,000
14 (a) At-Large..... 300,000
15 (i) Community
16 facilities/Infrastructure & Housing subsidy 30,000
17 (ii) Chuuk Museum contribution.. 5,000
18 (iii) Roads/Seawalls/Bridges repair

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1	and improvement	\$ 25,000
2	(iv) Main water source lease	
3	obligation (Nefo)	7,000
4	(v) Contributions to State,	
5	Municipal and Community events/	
6	activities/programs	42,000
7	(vi) POL/Charters/Freight	
8	subsidy/reimbursements	25,600
9	(vii) Youth Groups	
10	equipment/supplies/activities	26,000
11	(viii) Leaders/Patients/Students/	
12	repatriation of remains travel needs	23,000
13	(ix) Administrative support	
14	costs for allottee/At Large	7,000
15	(x) Fishing project	
16	(equipment/gears/marketing)	27,000
17	(xi) Lien Pukial prior obligations	5,000
18	(xii) Women Groups' sewing	
19	equipment/supplies	3,000
20	(xiii) Farmers' seedlings & labor	
21	cost obligations	1,400
22	(xiv) Community/Students/farmers	
23	land transportation	7,000
24	(xv) Students financial	
25	assistance/schools subsidy	20,000

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1	(xvi) Municipal government	
2	subsidy (Elections/activities)	\$ 46,000
3	(xvii) Power distribution	
4	extension matching fund	0
5	(b) Election District No. 1	300,000
6	(i) Professional services fee .	15,000
7	(ii) Renewable Energy	
8	project/Communication system	65,000
9	(iii) Mortlock Islands' Sea	
10	vessel purchase	100,000
11	(iv) Multipurpose public	
12	facilities, community facilities, housing	
13	improvement and repair	40,000
14	(v) Education, health and	
15	sanitation programs & projects	10,000
16	(vi) Youth, Sports &	
17	Recreational programs/activities	0
18	(vii) Municipal government	
19	special occasions activities	10,000
20	(viii) Students financial assistance	20,000
21	(ix) Repatriation of remain/	
22	Associations contributions	15,000
23	(x) Mortlock Island Development	
24	Authority (MIDA) operation	25,000
25	(xi) Copra and Fish purchase	

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1	Revolving Fund	\$	0
2	(c) Election District No. 2		300,000
3	(i) Fishing Projects		20,000
4	(ii) Nutrition and Food		
5	Security Enhancement Projects		15,000
6	(iii) Housing renovation supplement		25,000
7	(iv) Community Halls		
8	rehabilitation		25,000
9	(v) Weno Municipality		
10	Transportation needs & Office Rehabilitation		30,000
11	(vi) Fono Municipality subsidy ..		10,000
12	(vii) Piis-Paneu Municipality		
13	subsidy		10,000
14	(viii) Regional Leadership		
15	outreach visits		25,000
16	(ix) College students'		
17	financial assistance		15,000
18	(x) Youth Community activities .		15,000
19	(xi) Northern Namoneas Social and		
20	Economic Development Authority Administration		50,000
21	(xii) Roads upgrade & rehabilitation		10,000
22	(xiii) Power Distribution		
23	Extension matching fund		20,000
24	(xiv) Weno Constitution Day and		
25	Inauguration Day festivities		10,000

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1	(xv) Acquisition of heavy	
2	equipment for road repair	\$ 20,000
3	(d) Election District No. 3	300,000
4	(i) Fishing projects	70,000
5	(ii) Housing project	30,000
6	(iii) Community Halls rehabilitation	30,000
7	(iv) Southern Namoneas Development	
8	Authority Administration	25,000
9	(v) Contribution/Repatriation of	
10	remain/Associations support	
11	(Guam/Saipan/Hawaii/United	
12	States/Southern Namoneas)	10,000
13	(vi) Reimbursement for POL/Charters	5,000
14	(vii) Contribution to Social	
15	Security premium	5,000
16	(viii) Reimbursement payment for	
17	Lease/Rental obligation	10,000
18	(ix) Business start	
19	up/Entrepreneurship subsidies	10,000
20	(x) Youth/School sports & activities	10,000
21	(xi) Solar power lighting system	10,000
22	(xii) Students land transportation	
23	needs/vehicle purchase for local government	15,000
24	(xiii) Municipal/Community	
25	health and sanitation water improvement projects	7,500

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1	(xiv) Humanitarian/Food Aid relief	
2	program for Community/ municipalities	\$ 10,000
3	(xv) Medical/medication contribution	
4	to non-insured and unemployed Senior Citizens	7,500
5	(xvi) Feeding program for	
6	Handicap/Disable elderlies	5,000
7	(xvii) Travel needs for	
8	students/referral patients/leaders	20,000
9	(xviii) Contributions to Southern	
10	Namoneas off-island chartered associations .	10,000
11	(xiv) Municipal governments	
12	subsidies	10,000
13	(e) Election District No. 4	300,000
14	(i) Fishing projects	40,000
15	(ii) Low income housing subsidy.	30,000
16	(iii) Farming project subsidy	30,000
17	(iv) Students financial assistance	15,000
18	(v) Faichuk Development Authority	
19	(Contractual services/Administration)	20,000
20	(vi) Medical referral and	
21	repatriation of remains	10,000
22	(vii) Municipal governments' subsidies	70,000
23	(viii) Sewing project subsidy	10,000
24	(ix) Youth activities and programs	15,000
25	(x) Road improvement and	

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1	beautification	\$ 10,000
2	(xi) States and Municipal	
3	leadership exposure and travel	15,000
4	(xii) fishing market subsidy	5,000
5	(xiii) Students and farmers	
6	land transportation	20,000
7	(xiv) Solar system project	5,000
8	(xv) Fiber boat repair project..	5,000
9	(f) Election District No. 5	300,000
10	(i) Fishing projects	70,000
11	(ii) Northwest Islands	
12	Development Authority Administration	38,000
13	(iii) Food relief assistance program	28,000
14	(iv) Officials/patients and	
15	other travel needs	42,000
16	(v) Payment for students'	
17	outstanding debt at COM-FSM, University of	
18	Hawaii at Hilo and Hawaii Pacific University	14,000
19	(vi) Vehicles purchase for	
20	municipal governments	14,000
21	(vii) Contributions to	
22	Northwest Islands Associations	30,000
23	(viii) Boat charter/medical	
24	referral travel reimbursements	10,000
25	(ix) Onoun Women Association	


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1	contribution	\$	8,000
2	(x) Pollap Dispensary solar		
3	power project supplemental		2,000
4	(xi) Shoreline mitigation project		2,000
5	(xii) Tupwunoil office rental		6,000
6	(xiii) Boat charters/POL		20,000
7	(xiv) Contributions to municipal		
8	events/activities		11,000
9	(xv) Community Hall		5,000"

10 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
 11 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
 12 becoming law without such approval.

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February 12 2013


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 President
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