

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-05

RE: C.B. NO. 17-227, C.D.1 (P.C. NO. 18-24)/W&M

SUBJECT: LINE ITEM VETO OF CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 17-92

MAY 24, 2013

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Regular Session, 2013

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Presidential Communication No. 18-24 and Congressional Bill No. 17-227, C.D.1, regarding the line item veto of Congressional Act No. 17-92, begs leave to report as follows:

Congressional Act No. 17-92 was line item vetoed by the President and did not become Public Law as originally presented. The Congressional Act was then referred back to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Your Committee on Ways and Means held a meeting on May 23, 2013, to discuss the grounds for the line item vetoes. The Act at issue concerns public projects in the State of Chuuk. Your Committee notes that C.B. No. 17-227, C.D. 1, merely shifted \$20,000 in At Large funds from "Power distribution extension fund" to "Students financial assistance/schools subsidy." It made no other alterations to the previously appropriated funds allotted as set forth in Public Law 17-84 (C.B. 17-220, C.D. 1, C.D. 2).

The vetoed items at issue are from Election District 5, consisting of "Fishing Projects" for \$100,000; "Officials/patients and other travel needs" for \$18,000; and "Contributions to municipal events/activities" in the amount of \$5,000. These amounts are identical to the amounts set forth in Public Law 17-84 (C.B. 17-220, C.D.1, C.D.2). Public Law No. 17-84 was enacted without a Presidential veto.

Your Committee notes then that the President is attempting to line item veto re-allocations from an Act that he had already approved in Public Law No. 17-84.

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CONCLUSION

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 17-227, C.D.1, and recommends it be placed on the bill calendar for veto override.

Respectfully submitted,

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