



*The President*

*Palikir, Pohnpei*  
*Federated States of Micronesia*

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 18-225  
FSM CONGRESS

February 18, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert  
Speaker  
Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Halbert:

I am returning the following Congressional Acts, which will become law without my signature:

Public Law No. 18-44, as Congressional Act No. 18-42: "AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-11, BY AMENDING SECTION 1 AND 2 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE AND THE ALLOTTEE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Public Law No. 18-45, as Congressional Act No. 18-47: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-49, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-68, 16-76, 17-06, 17-10, 17-23, 17-30, 17-32, 17-45, 17-82, 17-85 AND 18-28, BY AMENDING SECTION 5 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-46, as Congressional Act No. 18-49: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-68, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-71, 17-81, 17-84, 17-89, 17-90, 18-03, 18-10, 18-13, AND 18-32, BY AMENDING SECTION 4 THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-47, as Congressional Act No. 18-50: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 1 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-18, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-24, 16-32, 16-39, 16-45, 16-54, 16-67, 17-04, 17-14, 17-26, 17-39, 17-65 AND 18-27, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECT AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF POHNPEI AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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The reasons I am not affirmatively approving of these acts by signing them into law is because of the following troubling characteristics:

1. There were no public hearings or committee reports, as had been formally discussed would be the case.
2. There had been multiple amendments to the original appropriations that resulted in confusion as to the true intentions of Congress for the public projects and programs, and have created extreme difficulties in implementation of the projects and programs, such as tracking the multiple changes.
3. Changes of recipients and purposes with no clear justification or reasoning.
4. No clear eligibility criteria for appropriation recipients.
5. Unclear linkage as to how recipients' use of appropriations will lead to overall, sustained economic development for the country.

As previously suggested, it would be helpful to set a policy to limit up to three the number of amendments per Act in order to avoid the problems as outlined above. And I again urge that in the future public hearings are held and committee reports issue, in order to assure transparency in the process.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

  
Manny Mori  
President

Enclosures:

Xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court  
Secretary, Department of Justice  
Director, SBOC  
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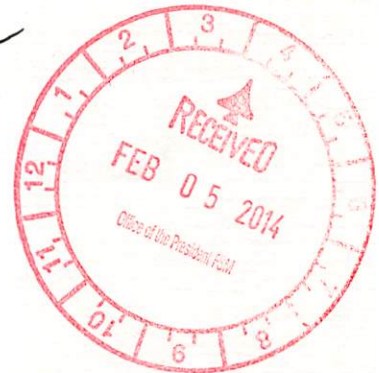
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February 05, 2014



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. 18-47, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-49, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-68, 16-76, 17-06, 17-10, 17-23, 17-30, 17-32, 17-45, 17-82, 17-85 AND 18-28, BY AMENDING SECTION 5 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", which was passed by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2014, 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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EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA  
THIRD REGULAR SESSION  
JANUARY 10 – FEBRUARY 01, 2014

PUBLIC LAW No. 18-45

## An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-49, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-68, 16-76, 17-06, 17-10, 17-23, 17-30, 17-32, 17-45, 17-82, 17-85 AND 18-28, BY AMENDING SECTION 5 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: VICTOR GOULAND

DATE: JANUARY 28, 2014

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WITHDRAWN – JANUARY 29, 2014

FIRST READING: JANUARY 29, 2014

SECOND READING: JANUARY 30, 2014

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Liwiana Ramon Ileanis  
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress





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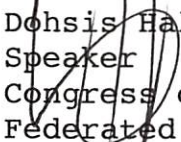
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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 18225  
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ACT NO. 18-47

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-128, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on January 30 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2014, 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.

  
Dohsis Halbert  
Speaker  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

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

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-128, C.D.1

PUBLIC LAW No. 18-45

AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 16-49, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 16-68, 16-76, 17-06, 17-10, 17-23, 17-30, 17-32, 17-45, 17-82, 17-85 and 18-28, by amending section 5 thereof, for the purpose of changing the use of certain funds previously appropriated therein 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. 16-49, as amended  
2 by Public Laws Nos. 16-68, 16-76, 17-06, 17-23, 17-30, 17-32  
3 and 18-28 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

4               "Section 5. Of the sum of \$2,215,000 appropriated by  
5 this act, \$1,080,000 is apportioned for Chuuk State for  
6 public projects and social programs.

7               State of Chuuk .....\$   1,080,000

8               (1) Chuuk at Large .....       170,000

9                       (a) Low Income Housing subsidy .....       40,000

10                      (b) Students/Youth Land

11               Transportation .....       20,000

12                      (c) Fishing Project .....       25,000

13                      (d) Community Centers Improvement...       -0-

14                      (e) Youth activities and programs...       12,000

15                      (f) Entrepreneurship subsidy .....       10,000

16                      (g) Seawalls, secondary roads,

17               docks and channel dredging and improvement .       15,000

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1	(h) Multipurpose building improvement	
2	and renovation .....	\$ 5,000
3	(i) Guam/Hawaii Chuukese Associations	
4	contributions .....	-0-
5	(j) Students financial assistance...	-0-
6	(k) Leadership travel (State, municipal	
7	and traditional leaders) .....	13,000
8	(l) Allottee administrative	
9	support costs .....	30,000
10	(2) Election District No. 1 .....	190,000
11	(a) Community Centers Improvement...	39,000
12	(b) Students financial	
13	assistance/incentives .....	10,000
14	(c) Petroleum Oil Lubricant (POL)...	20,000
15	(d) Students land transportation....	20,000
16	(e) Women's activities and projects.	2,161
17	(f) Water tanks project.....	2,350
18	(g) Food relief assistance.....	15,000
19	(h) Leadership travel (State,	
20	municipal and traditional leaders) .....	17,705
21	(i) Associations support and	
22	subsidies .....	4,784
23	(j) Municipal subsidies, PROVIDED THAT	
24	the funding shall not be used for travel:	
25	(i) Nema.....	5,000

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1	(ii) Losap.....	\$ 4,000
2	(iii) Pisemwar.....	3,668
3	(iv) Namoluk.....	2,003
4	(v) Ettal.....	-0-
5	(vi) Moch.....	4,975
6	(vii) Kuttu.....	-0-
7	(viii) Ta.....	2,485
8	(ix) Satowan.....	-0-
9	(x) Oneop.....	4,000
10	(xi) Lekinioch.....	2,114
11	(k) Municipal inauguration subsidies	5,000
12	(l) Mortlocks Centenial activities..	5,000
13	(m) Mortlocks Goodwill games.....	20,755
14	(3) Election District No. 2.....	185,000
15	(a) Rural/Secondary Roads Development	
16	and Improvement .....	16,325
17	(b) Northern Namoneas Social and	
18	Economic Development Authority Project	
19	Administration .....	38,000
20	(c) Northern Namoneas Leadership	
21	Conference .....	6,836
22	(d) Students/Youth Land Transportation	
23	.....	23,916
24	(e) Municipal Governments subsidies.	
25	.....	18,809



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1	(f) Youth Community Development	
2	Activities .....	\$ 8,044
3	(g) Dock Rehabilitation Projects ....	-0-
4	(h) Food Security .....	30,000
5	(i) Leadership/patients/students	
6	travel needs .....	26,000
7	(j) Nien Northern Namoneas in Pohnpei	1,000
8	(k) Sewing project .....	10,000
9	(l) Fishing gears and equipment .....	2,070
10	(m) Piis Paneu municipal election ...	4,000
11	(4) Election District No. 3 .....	175,000
12	(a) Fishing Projects .....	26,988
13	(b) Housing and Community Halls .....	44,187
14	(c) Land Transportation .....	20,000
15	(d) Public Facilities Improvement ...	8,732
16	(e) Municipal Governments subsidies .	20,000
17	(f) Entrepreneurship subsidies .....	10,000
18	(g) Non-governmental Organizations and	
19	Associations contributions .....	-0-
20	(h) Southern Namoneas Leadership	
21	Conference .....	10,000
22	(i) Leadership travel (State,	
23	municipal & traditional leaders) .....	35,093
24	(5) Election District No. 4 .....	155,000
25	(a) Fishing Projects .....	35,000

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1	(b) Low Income Housing subsidy.....\$	30,000
2	(c) Students Land Transportation....	20,000
3	(d) Solar System Project .....	7,700
4	(e) Water Conservation Project .....	7,016
5	(f) Peewchu Association.....	10,000
6	(g) Sewing Projects.....	10,000
7	(h) Youth activities and programs...	10,000
8	(i) Students financial assistance...	10,000
9	(j) Medical Referrals and	
10	repatriation of remains .....	7,037
11	(k) Leadership travel (State,	
12	municipal and traditional leadership) .....	8,247
13	(6) Election District No. 5.....	180,000
14	(a) Fishing project.....	33,000
15	(b) Coconut oil extraction machines.	13,000
16	(c) Nomin fishing project .....	20,000
17	(d) Associations subsidies/contributions	9,000
18	(e) Students financial assistance...	9,000
19	(f) Youth activities and programs...	7,000
20	(g) Food relief assistance.....	9,000
21	(h) Leadership travel (State, municipal	
22	and traditional leaders) .....	15,329
23	(i) Sewing projects.....	5,000
24	(j) Transportation needs	
25	and reimbursement .....	10,000

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1	(k) Charter & POL.....\$	36,000
2	(l) Participants expenses to the	
3	Inauguration .....	3,671
4	(m) Participants expenses to the	
5	agriculture workshop/training in Pohnpei ...	10,000
6	(7) Chuuk State Economic Summit .....	25,000"

7 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
8 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
9 becoming law without such approval.

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Manny Mori  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia

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