

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-04

RE: C.B. No. 20-24/W&M

May 19, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twentieth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Regular Session, 2017

Dear Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways & Means, to which was referred
Congressional Bill No. 20-24 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8
AND 9 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-118, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC
LAWS NOS. 19-125, 19-131, 19-135, 19-146, 19-160, and
20-01, IN ORDER TO APPROPRIATE \$483,650 OF ADDITIONAL
FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
2017, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS, TO CORRECT
FOR A TECHNICAL ERROR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this act are expressed in its
title.

Your Committee notes that C.B. No. 20-24 is a substitute
version of C.B. 20-13 the supplemental budget bill drafted
by the Executive and transmitted to Congress in
Presidential Communication 20-06.

Your Committee held formal Committee Meetings on May 15-16,
2017, to discuss the supplemental budget. At these
meetings, your Committee carefully considered each of the
individual line item appropriations requests submitted by

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the Executive in P.C. 20-06. Your Committee decided to fund a limited set of line items, identified in the table below.

| Budget Section | Requesting Department | Line Item | Amount |
|-----------------------|---|--|------------------|
| 2(1) | Office of the President | Travel | \$30,000 |
| 2(3) | Dept. of Finance & Administration | Travel | \$15,000 |
| 2(5) | Dept. of Transportation, Communication & Infrastructure | Travel | \$15,000 |
| 3(1) | Congress: Speaker and Members | Travel | \$140,000 |
| 3(1) | Congress: Speaker and Members | Contractual Services (Representation Fund) | \$70,000 |
| 3(1) | Congress: Speaker and Members | Contractual Services (Congress Medical Assistance Program) | \$50,000 |
| 4 | National Judicial Branch | Personnel | \$48,500 |
| 6(5) | FSM Postal Services | Travel | \$15,000 |
| 8(5)(1) | Dept. of Health & Social Affairs | Youth Summit | \$25,000 |
| 8(10)(m) | Office of Environment and Emergency Management | Build Resilience to Disaster & Climate Risk in the Outer Islands | \$75,150 |
| TOTAL | | | \$483,650 |

Your Committee notes that in P.C. 20-06, the Department of Foreign Affairs made multiple requests for additional funds, especially for funds to cover Outstanding Arrears from past Pacific Islands Forums. Your Committee has decided to refrain from recommending any appropriations for funds for these line items until a fuller explanation for

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these requests can be provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs, at a future Public Hearing.

Your Committee further notes that both the Department of Health & Social Affairs and the Office of Environment & Emergency Management have requested funds for "Prior Year Obligations." Your Committee declines to recommend appropriations for these line items, but your Committee wishes to encourage the Department of Health & Social Affairs and the Office of Environment & Emergency Management to use existing appropriations to cover their outstanding obligations, and notes that the Executive Branch may wish to reprogram funds, if necessary.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the Executive's requested new language for the line items in Section 8(2)(g) and Section 9(2)(a) of the budget, thereby slightly changing the intended use of funds for these two line items. These changes do not affect the appropriation amounts for any line items.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of certain changes to the language of the line item in Section 8(12)(p) of the budget, thereby changing the intended use of funds for this line item. This change does not affect the appropriation amounts for any line items.

Your Committee notes that it is recommending an additional \$50,000 for the Congress Medical Assistance Program, to be added to the amount under "Speaker and Members: Contractual Services." Moreover, your Committee recommends a slight change in the language to this line item, to allow these funds to be used to cover receipts from medical expenses in FY 2016.

Your Committee wishes to note that in the process of preparing the final engrossed version of P.L. 19-160, the appropriation amount for the "IPU Annual Dues" line item in Section 8(9)(q) of the Budget was inadvertently reduced to "-0-". This was a technical error. This bill restores this line item back to its original correct amount of

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"\$12,500." This technical correction does not affect any of the Section Totals or Overall Totals within the budget.

CONCLUSION

Your Committee on Ways and Means has carefully reviewed Congressional Bill No. 20-24. Your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 20-24, and recommends its passage on First Reading and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading in the form attached hereto as C.B. No. 20-24.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Isaac V. Figir
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/s/ David W. Panuelo
David W. Panuelo, member

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