

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO: 20-65

RE: C.A. NO. 20-86 (P.C. NO. 20-249)/W&M

SUBJECT: LINE ITEM VETOES OVERRIDE OF C.A. NO. 20-86

JUNE 27, 2018

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twentieth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fourth Special Session, 2018

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways & Means, to which was referred Presidential Communication 20-249, regarding the line item vetoes of Congressional Act 20-86, entitled:

"AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-53, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 20-57, 20-61 AND 20-69, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 3, 4 AND 5 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND OTHER PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF KOSRAE, POHNPEI AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee has reviewed Congressional Act No. 20-86 and the accompanying veto message (P.C. No. 20-249). Your Committee did not find any legal impediments or drafting errors in the Act. Your Committee has determined that the line item vetoes are purely based on policy.

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CONCLUSION

Your Committee has reviewed the line item vetoes of Congressional Act. No. 20-86 and the veto message. Your Committee finds that the decision made by the Executive was made based on policy and not a violation of the law. Your Committee disagrees with this policy decision and recommends overriding the line item vetoes of Congressional Act. 20-86.

Respectfully submitted,

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