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SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-09

RE: COMMITTEE TO WAIT ON THE PRESIDENT

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses  
Speaker, Twenty-Third Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Fifth Regular Session, 2024

Dear Mr. Speaker,

Your Committee to Wait on the President was duly appointed on September 16, 2024, consisting of designated Chair of the Committee Fabian S. Nimea, Floor Leader Quincy Lawrence, and members Joseph J. Urusemal and Yoslyn G. Sigrah. The meeting with the President took place on September 16, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Also in attendance were the Vice President and members of the President's cabinet and staff.

Your Committee was provided a short agenda for the meeting. Following an opening prayer, the President began the meeting by expressing a warm welcome to all in attendance, and thanked your Committee for being available to meet and discuss the priority items for the session.

Chair Nimea expressed appreciation to the President, Vice President, and cabinet members and staff present, on behalf of Congress for the opportunity to meet, and reported that Congress was in session and ready to transact business.

The President then shared the Executive's list of priorities for the current session as follows:

- FY 2024 Supplemental: The President indicated that there will be an FY 2024 Supplemental transmitted that afternoon. Requests will include reprogramming to address operations shortages, funeral expenses for the

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late President, and funding needed for A&P for one year as needed to assist with the Compact III transition. The President confirmed the extra SEG funding is also included in the Supplemental, as well as dry docking funds for Voyager and funds for Navigator service to the outer islands.

- FY 2025 Budget: The President indicated that the EBRC Budget as transmitted in May will need to be adjusted once the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for FY 2025 is approved by JEMCO.
- Pending Bills: The President indicated that the priority bills of the administration are the bills relating to the Compact, such as the Compact Trust Fund Resiliency Distributions, and bills relating to the recently passed Constitutional Amendments.
- Pending Resolutions: The President indicate that there will be some grants transmitted this session and asked for Congress' actions on those, as well as support for all pending nominations.

Chair Nimea conveyed that Congress will be working diligently to both address any FY 2024 Supplemental needs, as well as complete work on the FY 2025 Budget, and emphasized the need to have the final AIP approval in order to complete the FY 2025 budget process.

JEMCO Member Leo Falcam informed your Committee that the FY 2025 AIP has not been fully approved as a few matters remain under discussion, but more information should be forthcoming in the next few days. Once the AIP is fully approved, the Sector Allocations will be known. Currently there is provisional allocation for approximately 95-96% of what is contained in the AIP. As for FY 2024, Chief Falcam confirmed that FY 2024 Sector Funds that are unobligated at the end of the fiscal year will sweep into the Compact Trust Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2025. There are 120 days to liquidate funds that have been obligated for FY 2024.

Chair Nimea brought up the issues of air transportation needs within the FSM. The Vice President indicated that

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the Task Force has met, and there is certainly a need to look at the outer island aircraft options, and numbers and types of aircraft needed. There is currently a 1-year contract to complete the full length of the airport runway in Woleai.

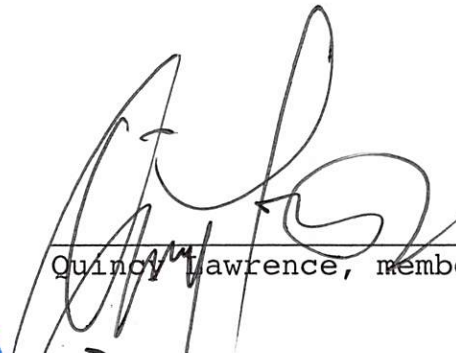
Chair Nimea thanked the President, Vice-President, and the cabinet members and staff for their time, and stated that the Committee would advise the Congress of the discussion.

The meeting closed with joint expressions of appreciation and wishes for a productive Congressional Session.

Respectfully submitted,



Fabian S. Nimea, chairman



Quinoy Lawrence, member



Joseph J. Urusemal, member



Yoslyn G. Sigrah, member