

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-06

RE: COMMITTEE TO WAIT ON THE PRESIDENT

NOVEMBER 11, 2025

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses
Speaker, Twenty-Fourth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Special Session, 2025

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee to Wait on the President was duly appointed on November 10, 2025, consisting of members Yoslyn G. Sigrah, Andy P. Choor, Perpetua S. Konman, and Merlynn Abello-Alfonso. Yoslyn G. Sigrah was designated as the chair. The meeting took place with the President and Vice President, and the key Executive cabinet officials on November 10, 2025, at 1 p.m. The chairwoman thanked the President and the key members of the Executive branch on behalf of Congress for the opportunity to meet. The chairwoman expressed her best wishes and hopes that this short special session called by the President would be a productive one. The chairwoman also reported that the Congress was in session and ready to transact business. The Committee communicated that Congress would give priority to the matters that received as the President's priorities for this special session.

The President stated that he did not take the decision to call the special session lightly and it was the necessity to have action taken on some very time sensitive matters that resulted in this call. First, the President stated that the Google cable project needs \$7 million by the end of this calendar year in order to ensure that the FSM is joined to the digital cable line while the work is being done in this region. If funding is not secured during this time, it is uncertain when work could be done in the future, and in any event, it would be much more

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expensive if delayed. The Committee expressed that concerns remain with the source of funding identified for this project as carryover from the Amended Compact period. The Compact Management and Department of Justice representatives reiterated their opinions that the use of the carry over funds was legal and appropriate, however, the Committee advised that the Committee on Ways and Means was continuing its hearings on this matter. Further discussion was deferred to that hearing.

A final set of Compact sector awards for FY 26 has been transmitted to the Congress along with items for funding using domestic revenue in a supplemental budget request. The President stated that several items from sections 8 and 9 in the FY 26 budget had not been funded by Congress were mandated and necessary, therefore, he is requested that Congress reconsider them. Several grants have also been transmitted for action, as well as, nominations for important boards. The President also stated he would revisit legislation regarding veteran's citizenship and may transmit a revised version of the bill returned by Congress.

The Committee requested an update regarding the emergency in the Chuuk Lagoon regarding the ship leaking oil. The President and cabinet members stated that the oil leak has slowed to only two gallons per five days. The current work is clean up of the shoreline which involves physically washing down everything that came into contact with the oil. The national government continues to provide supplies for the clean-up. An UN marine biologist is assisting in making the assessment of the damage to the shoreline and marine life. A second assessment team is due to arrive shortly to aid in the efforts to produce a detailed assessment report. The President stated that the clean-up efforts will likely continue past January. He is contemplating extending the declaration of emergency. Chuuk State's emergency declaration expires tomorrow but the Governor of Chuuk has indicated he will be extending his emergency declaration. In the long term the President is continuing to work with international partners, and particularly with the U.S. to get them to honor their pledge to remove the oil and toxic materials from all of the ships. Fifteen of the most at-risk vessels have been identified and it is hoped that work can begin on them.

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The Committee requested that the President transmit the list of priority projects identified by the four States for funding by outside donors. The Committee requested that this be done at the earliest possible convenience of the Executive branch for planning and budgeting purposes.

The Vice President stated that the tax reform task force should be issuing its recommendations shortly. He also requested that action on the cybersecurity measures be prioritized. As a final item the President stated that IMF funded projects still faced delays as roles of the state and national governments were not finalized. It was hoped that organization and definition could be agreed upon to allow the states to implement their own infrastructure projects.

It was reiterated by the President that he hoped as many of the priority items could be addressed by the Congress during this special session as possible. The Committee stated they were committed to work on the matters identified.

Your Committee offers this report as a summary of its meeting and stands ready to address any questions the Members may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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Yoslyn G. Sigrah, chair

/s/ Andy P. Choor
Andy P. Choor, member

/s/ Perpetua S. Konman
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/s/ Merlynn Abello-Alfonso
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