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SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-11

RE: COMMITTEE TO WAIT ON THE PRESIDENT

JULY 02, 2026

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses
Speaker, Twenty-Fourth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Special Session, 2026

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee to Wait on the President was duly appointed on July 1, 2026, consisting of members Fabian S. Nimea, Yoslyn G. Sigrah, Merlyn Abello-Alfonso, and Andrew R Yatilman. Fabian S. Nimea was designated as the chair. The meeting took place with the President and Vice President, and the key Executive cabinet officials on July 1, 2026, at 1 p.m. The Chairman thanked the President, Vice President and the key members of the Executive branch on behalf of Congress for the opportunity to meet. He expressed his best wishes and hope that this short special session would be a productive one. The Chairman 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 it received as the President's priorities for this special session.

The President stated that he deliberated for some time about the necessity of calling a special session but he determined that there were matters that needed to be addressed before the September Regular Session of Congress. In the supplemental budget which has just been transmitted there are some items that need urgent action. For example, the loan payment for MLFC is addressed in the supplemental budget and the preference by the Executive is that it be funded there rather than in stand alone legislation. The Department of Foreign Affairs would like to shift funding in the Personnel category. Other priority items

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include: a matching funding item for the Google cable, an ADB repayment item, an increase in the funding for the housing allowance, as well as, as other important items. Action is also requested on an appropriation to assist our neighbors in RMI with rebuilding their important buildings after their recent fire.

The President also requested action on the two outstanding nominations. One is for the COM-FSM Board of Regents and the other is for the Board of Directors for the Social Security Administration. It is also urged that there be a revolving fund established for the new convention center so that it has funding for its own maintenance and repairs. There are outstanding bills and treaties that the President stated he hoped could be acted on, including specifically, the cybersecurity bills and the treaty regarding the Pacific Resilience Facility. The supplemental budget also contains items for the sports games and the national expo for local products.

The Chairman stated he would communicate the President's priorities and provided the President his list of priorities for the special session as determined by the Congress. The Committee on Ways and Means is having a hearing today at 3 p.m. One of the top priorities of the Congress is to continue with its oversight with the Department of Finance and Administration. Specifically, this hearing will address the most recent revenue projections and the supplemental budget. The Chairman stated that oversight needed to be done so that the Members could feel comfortable with the amount and sources of the additional revenue now projected for the remainder of FY26. Due to the significant increase in the revenue projections in just two months the Chairman stated that detailed oversight needed to be done regarding this matter. In general, the Chairman stated that Congress shared many of the President's priorities for the special session, including making sure that vendors and national employees are taken care of, taking care of any items that were excluded in error and appropriating some relief for the RMI fire. The Chairman agreed that assets like the convention center should generate income that then can be designated to maintain them.

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The Chairman and the Committee Members requested information on the planning for the El Nino. The Secretary of DECEM stated that there is an awareness campaign right now and that DECEM is having meetings with Kosrae leadership and all of its mayors later this month to identify needs and do detailed planning. This will be happening throughout the Nation. The Committee also discussed the need to make payment on the lease for the land that FMI occupies in Yap. This lease will continue to be the responsibility of the national government for the next five years. It was discussed that this could be included in a submission for the coming fiscal year.

Next, there was discussion as to whether the Declaration of Emergency needed to remain in force regarding Typhoon Sinlaku. The President and his cabinet stated that additional emergency funding and relief items are expected at least until October including an emergency feeding program by the United States. Further, that there is an on-going emergency including the significant damage of the Chuuk State Hospital. The President stated that the Declaration of Emergency should remain in place. The Committee raised the issue of access to the DEF funding which is \$5 million at this time, to assist in relief efforts. The President stated that due to legal and procedural issues this funding was not available.

The Committee advised the President that there was additional difficulty regarding the Chinese vessels that were left in the Yap outer islands after completion of the work on the airport runway there. Previously it was reported that one vessel had sunk and was leaking oil. Now a second vessel has also sunk. The President stated that work will be done to coordinate state and national efforts on this matter.

In conclusion, 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.

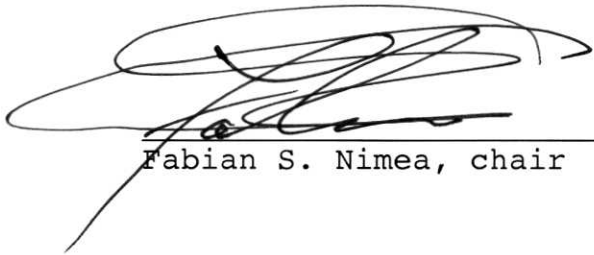
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Your Committee offers this report as a summary of its meeting and stands ready to address any questions the Members may have.

Respectfully submitted,



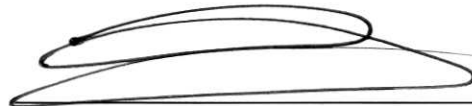
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