

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-01

RE: C.A. NO. 19-163 (P.C. NO. 19-589)/W&M

SUBJECT: LINE ITEM VETO OF CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 19-163

MAY 15, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways & Means, to which was referred Presidential Communication 19-589 regarding the line item veto of Congressional Act 19-163, entitled:

“AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 AND 12 OF PUBLIC LAW 19-118, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 19-125, 19-131, 19-135 AND 19-146, IN ORDER TO APPROPRIATE \$1,684,000 OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, TO CHANGE THE ALLOTTEE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”,

begs leave to report as follows:

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

When the President signed Congressional Act 19-163 on April 11, 2017, he line item vetoed the following three items:

Travel	\$134,212
Contractual Services	\$235,006

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(h) Settlements/judgments for cases
against the FSM . . . \$88,000

The first two items represent the corresponding budget lines for the Department of Justice while the third item represents an item in the Grants, Subsidies and Contributions section for the Department of Justice.

Your Committee has reviewed Congressional Act 19-163 and the accompanying veto message (P.C. No. 19-589). Your Committee did not find any legal impediments or drafting errors in the Act. Your Committee has determined that the veto is purely based on a policy decision.

Unfortunately, the result of the line item veto was to zero out the appropriations for the Travel and Contractual Services budget lines for the Department of Justice. In order to ensure that the Department of Justice is able to continue to operate through the end of FY 2017, your Committee must recommend that the line item veto be overridden.

CONCLUSION

Your Committee has reviewed the line item veto of Congressional Act 19-163 and the veto message. Your Committee finds that the decision made by the Executive was made based on policy and not on a violation of the law. Your Committee recommends overriding the line item veto of Congressional Act No. 19-163.

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Respectfully submitted,

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