



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

February 12, 2013

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
17th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941



PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17-365
FSM CONGRESS

Dear Speaker Figir:

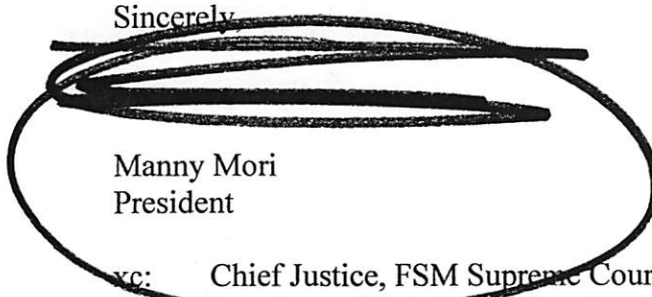
This is to inform Congress that I grudgingly signed the following Congressional Act to become Public Law No. 17-77 pursuant to Article IX Section 22 of the FSM Constitution:

Congressional Act No. 17-79, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-59, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS. NOS. 17-66 AND 17-70, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF YAP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

As with other amendments of appropriations for public projects and social programs, I continue to raise concern on the lack of public hearing and transparency in approving the Act. There was no public hearing held to allow the Executive Branch or the allottee the opportunity to express views on the amendments. Also, there is no committee report to explain the rationality of the amendment, which indicates the absence of thorough deliberation.

As I mentioned before, the National Government must reform its practices and procedures to improve transparency and effective use of limited resources. Moreover, repetitious amendments of public projects and social programs every session of Congress indicate lack of commitment to the original intent of the projects and pursuing the objectives of the Nation's Strategic Development Plan. In this regard, I urge Congress to revisit the policies governing public projects and social programs and consider their contribution and impact to the overall economy of the FSM.

Sincerely,



Manny Mori
President

cc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
Secretary, Department of Justice
Director, Office of SBOC
Legislative Counsel, CFSM
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January 21, 2013

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17-365
FSM CONGRESS

His Excellency Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Mori:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 17-79, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-59, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-66 AND 17-70, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF YAP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2013, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



PUBLIC LAW No. 17-77

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
SIXTH REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 7 – 26, 2013

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17-365
FSM CONGRESS

An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-59, AS AMENDED BY
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PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL
PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF YAP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: JOSEPH J. URUSEMAL

DATE: JANUARY 15, 2013

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WITHDRAWN – JANUARY 16, 2013

FIRST READING: JANUARY 16, 2013

SECOND READING: JANUARY 17, 2013

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17-365
FSM CONGRESS

ACT NO. 17-79

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-215)

We hereby certify that on January 17 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2013, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SIXTH REGULAR SESSION, 2013

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 17-215

PUBLIC LAW No. 17-77

AN ACT

To further amend section 2 of Public Law No. 17-59, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 17-66 and 17-70, to change the use of certain funds previously appropriated to fund public projects and social programs in the State of Yap, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 17-59, as amended
2 by Public Laws Nos. 17-66 and 17-70, is hereby further amended
3 to read as follows:

4 "Section 2. Of the sum of \$1,260,000 appropriated by
5 this act, \$180,000 is apportioned for Yap State for
6 public projects and social programs.

7 State of Yap\$ 180,000

8 (a) POL purchase - reimbursement

9 and provisioning 20,000

10 (b) Okau road repair supplemental... 25,000

11 (c) Yapese COM-FSM fourth year students

12 financial assistance - partial payment

13 for outstanding balances of COM-FSM

14 Yapese students at the National campus 36,500

15 (d) Ngulog village road improvement

16 and men's house repair 35,000

17 (e) Financial assistance for Yapese

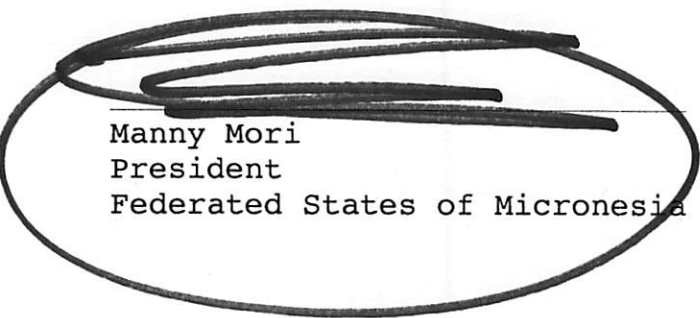
18 medical student(s) intern in Fiji 5,000

1 (f) Yap medical referral revolving fund
2 to be used for referrals of uninsured referral
3 applicants only\$ 50,000
4 (g) Waa'gey supplemental funding
5 provided that written approval by traditional
6 leaders of the program is provided 8,500"

7 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
8 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
9 becoming law without such approval.

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February 12, 2013


Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia