



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 18-333
FSM CONGRESS

August 18, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker
Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941



Dear Speaker Halbert:

I am returning the following Congressional Acts without signature:

Public Law No. 18-77, Congressional Act No. 18-78, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-58, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-64, 16-72, 17-08, 17-11, 17-20, 17-35 AND 17-41, BY AMENDING SECTION 4 THEREOF, TO MODIFY THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-78, Congressional Act No. 18-79, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-35, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 18-49, 18-61 AND 18-63, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 6 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-79, Congressional Act No. 18-80, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-62, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-71, 17-05, 17-18, 17-29, 17-47, 18-23, 18-33 AND 18-50, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-80, Congressional Act No. 18-81, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-18, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-24, 16-32, 16-39, 16-45, 16-54, 16-67, 17-04, 17-14, 17-26, 17-39, 17-65, 18-27 AND 18-47, BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, TO CHANGE ALLOTTEE AND LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Public Law No. 18-81, Congressional Act No. 18-82, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-11, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO 18-44. BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE LAPSE DATE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-82, Congressional Act No. 18-83, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-05, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 18-07, 18-14, 18-31, 18-38 AND 18-72. BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 4 AND 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE AND LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-83, Congressional Act No. 18-84, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-59, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-63, 17-66, 17-70, 17-77, 17-86, 18-21, 18-29 AND 18-64, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-84, Congressional Act No. 18-85, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-36, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-48, 17-78, 17-87, 18-36, AND 18-65, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO OFFER A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-85, Congressional Act No. 18-86, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-32, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 15-36, 15-44, 15-57, 15-63, 15-72, 15-78, 16-03, 16-11, 16-33, 16-46, 17-12, 17-21, 17-33, 17-40, 18-17 AND 18-67. BY AMENDING SECTION 2 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE ALLOTTEE AND LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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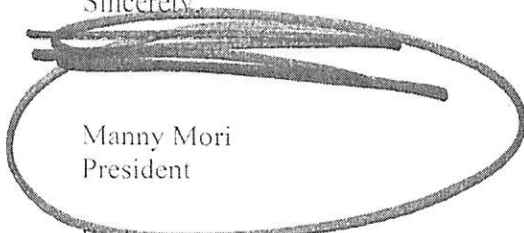
Public Law No. 18-86. Congressional Act No. 18-87, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-49, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-68, 16-76, 17-06, 17-10, 17-23, 17-30, 17-32, 17-45, 17-82, 17-85, 18-28, 18-45 AND 18-59, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-87. Congressional Act No. 18-89, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-68, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-71, 17-81, 17-84, 17-89, 17-90, 18-03, 18-10, 18-13, 18-32, 18-46 AND 18-58, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN EACH OF THE STATES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I reviewed the above Acts, designed to alter the funds and change the allottees for various public projects. The numerous amendments, which fail to provide clear direction on the intention of Congress behind altering funds and changing allottees, make it impossible for the Executive branch to implement public projects without involvement from Congress.

The involvement of some members of Congress in the implementation of public projects violates the Constitution, as confirmed by the Udot case. I have previously shared this concern with Congress and once again bring this problem to your attention. Let's resolve this matter amicably and avoid going to court to seek further clarifications.

Sincerely,



Manny Mori
President

Enclosure.

Xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
Secretary, Department of Justice
Director, SBOC
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Office of the Chief Clerk

July 15, 2014

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. 18-85, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-36, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-48, 17-78, 17-87, 18-36, AND 18-65, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO OFFER A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 2014, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Liwiana Ramon Ioanis".

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

Enclosures



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION
JULY 7 - 12, 2014

PUBLIC LAW No. 18- 84

An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-36, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 17-48, 17-78, 17-87, 18-36, AND 18-65, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LAPSE DATE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO OFFER A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: JOSEPH J. URUSEMAL

DATE: JULY 7, 2014

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WITHDRAWN – JULY 8, 2014

FIRST READING: JULY 9, 2014

SECOND READING: JULY 10, 2014

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Liwiana Ramon Ioanis", is written over a horizontal line.

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

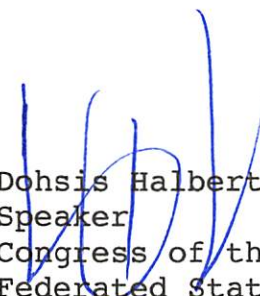
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Office of the Speaker

ACT NO. 18-85

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-188, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on July 10 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 2014, 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.


Dohsis Halbert
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia


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

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-188, C.D.1

PUBLIC LAW No. 18-84

AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 17-36, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 17-48, 17-78, 17-87, 18-36, and 18-65, by amending section 6 thereof, for the purpose of changing the lapse date of certain funds previously appropriated therein, to offer a technical amendment, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 6 of Public Law No. 17-36, as
2 amended by Public Laws Nos. 17-48, 17-78, 17-87, 18-36 and
3 18-65, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 6. Allotment and management of funds and
5 lapse date. All funds appropriated by this act shall
6 be allotted, managed, administered and accounted for
7 in accordance with applicable laws, including, but not
8 limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979. The
9 allottee shall be responsible for ensuring that these
10 funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are
11 used solely for the purpose specified in this act, and
12 that no obligations are incurred in excess of the sum
13 appropriated. The allottee of the funds appropriated
14 under Section 2 of this act shall be the Governor of
15 Yap State. The allottee of funds appropriated under
16 sections 3 and 4 of this act shall be the President of
17 the Federated States of Micronesia or his designee,
18 EXCEPT THAT the allottee of funds appropriated under

PUBLIC LAW No. 18-84

1 subsection 4(1)(b), 4(3)(a) and (b) of section 4 of
2 this act shall be the Pohnpei Transportation
3 Authority. The allottee of funds appropriated under
4 subsection 4(2)(j) of section 4 shall be the Chief
5 Magistrate of Sokehs Municipal Government. The
6 allottee of funds appropriated under subsections 5(1)
7 and 5(3) of section 5 of this act shall be the
8 Governor of Chuuk State or his designee. The allottee
9 of funds appropriated under subsection 5(2) of section
10 5 of this act shall be the Mortlock Islands
11 Development Authority; the allottee of funds
12 appropriated under subsection 5(4) of section 5 of
13 this act shall be the Southern Namoneas Development
14 Authority. The allottee of funds appropriated under
15 subsection 5(5) of section 5 of this act shall be the
16 Faichuk Development Authority. The allottee of funds
17 appropriated under subsection 5(6) of section 5 of
18 this act shall be the Northwest Development Authority
19 (NWDA), PROVIDED THAT the allottee of the funds
20 appropriated under subsection 5(6)(f) shall be the
21 President of COM-FSM. The authority of the allottee
22 to obligate funds appropriated by this act shall lapse
23 on September 30, 2015."

~~PUBLIC LAW No. 18-84~~

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

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Law w/out Signature
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Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia

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