

The President

Palikir, Pohnpei Federated States of Micronesia

January 6, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert Speaker 18th FSM Congress Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941

Dear Speaker Halbert:



PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 18-137
FSM CONGRESS

I am returning the following Congressional Acts to become public laws pursuant to Article IX Section 22 of the FSM Constitution, without my signature:

Public Law No. 18-27: Congressional Act No. 18-26, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-49, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NOS. 16-68, 16-76, 17-06, 17-10, 17-23, 17-30, 17-32, 17-45, 17-82, AND 17-85, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 2 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-28: Congressional Act No. 18-27, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-18, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NOS. 16-24, 16-32, 16-39, 16-45, 16-54, 16-67, 17-04, 17-14, 17-26, 17-39 AND 17-65, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 5 AND 6 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-29: Congressional Act No. 18-28, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-59, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NOS. 17-63, 17-66, 17-70, 17-77, 17-86 AND 18-21, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4, AND 5 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF POHNPEI AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-30: Congressional Act No. 18-29, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-50, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NOS. 12-53, 12-74, 13-1, 13-17, 14-65, 14-71, 14-94, 15-15, 15-50 AND 17-24, BY AMENDING SECTION 13 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-31: Congressional Act No. 18-31, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-05, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NOS. 18-07 AND 18-14, BY AMENDING SECTION 4 THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Public Law No. 18-32: Congressional Act No. 18-33, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-68, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NOS. 17-71, 17-81, 17-89, 17-90, 18-03, 18-10 AND 18-13, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 5 THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF POHNPEI AND CHUUK, ANDFOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 18-33: Congressional Act No. 18-35, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-62, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NOS. 16-71, 17-05, 17-18, 17-29, 17-47 AND 18-23, BY AMENDING SECTION 4 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I have reviewed all of the above Acts, which share the following common characteristics:

- 1. There were no public hearings or committee reports.
- 2. There have been multiple amendments to the original appropriations, up to 12 and 13 times for some Acts (with the exception of Congressional Act No. 18-31, which had a maximum of three amendments). The multiple amendments resulted in so much confusion as to the true intention of Congress for the public projects and programs, and have created extreme difficulties in implementation of the projects and programs, such as tracking the multiple changes.
- 3. There were changes of recipients and purposes, in most of the Acts, without clear justification or reasoning.
- 4. Further amendments to Congressional Acts continued after allotments have been fully processed where funding has been partially or fully disbursed.

It would be most helpful if Congress would set a policy limiting to a maximum of only three amendments per Act in order to avoid the problems as outlined above. For Congress to fully appreciate the extreme difficulty in properly tracking, analyzing, and implementing multiple amendments, we have attached an illustration of a spreadsheet of the multiple amendments of only one public law, P.L. 16-49. This illustration took approximately 12 hours to put together in an Excel spreadsheet by someone experienced in Excel. It sets out the multiple changes that occurred over the 16th, 17th, and 18th Congresses.

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Even with a spreadsheet, if there are no public hearings and committee reports, it will still be most difficult to implement the public projects and programs without knowing the intent of Congress.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

President

Enclosure: Chart (with Legend as to the meaning of the colors. Note – according to SBOC, the yellow highlight in Act 17-82 is there because it has been over-expended due to the difficurt, in the line as there is no networking to provide for a real time update; also, in Act 18-27, the yellow highlight shows an absence of an amount listed for the intended purpose. These are just two of the yellow highlights shown).

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Office of the Chief Clerk

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. 18-33, "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 AND 18-13, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 5 THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF POHNPEI AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", which was passed by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2013, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis

Chief Clerk, Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA SECOND SPECIAL SESSION NOVEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 05, 2013

PHBLIC LAW No. 18-32"

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 AND 18-13, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 5 THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF POHNPEI AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: PETER M. CHRISTIAN

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2013

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WITHDRAWN - DECEMBER 03, 2013

FIRST READING: DECEMBER 03, 2013

SECOND READING: DECEMBER 05, 2013

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Office of the Speaker

ACT NO. 18-33

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-94, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on December 05 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special 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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Speaker

Congress of the

Federated States of Micronesia

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis

Chief Clerk

Congress of the

Federated States of Micronesia

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2013

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-94, C.D.1

PUBLIC LAW No. 18-32

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 and 18-13, by amending sections 4 and 5 therein, for the purpose of changing the use of certain funds previously appropriated to fund public projects and social programs in the States of Pohnpei and Chuuk, and for other purposes.

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

BE I	T ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:
1	Section 1. Section 4 of Public Law No. 17-68, as amended by
2	Public Laws Nos. 17-71 and 17-84, is hereby further amended to
3	read as follows:
4	"Section 4. Of the sum of \$5,697,383 appropriated by
5	this act, \$219,116 is apportioned to pay the amount
6	owed by the State of Pohnpei to FEMA and \$1,200,000
7	is apportioned for public projects and social
8	programs in the State of Pohnpei.
9	(1) Amount owed by the State of Pohnpei to
10	FEMA\$ 219,116
11	(2) State of Pohnpei
12	(a) At-Large
13	(i) Pohnpei Road Improvement
14	(material purchase, transportation and
15	equipment rental, tools, etc) 85,000
16	(ii)Payment of asphalt plant conveyor
17	belt account by PTA to Ace Ocean company 15,000

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1	(iii) Mountain trails (labor,	
2	tools, equipment)\$	10,000
3	(iv) Waterways/channels	
4	improvement (labor, POL, tools, equipment).	10,000
5	(v) Pohnpei Outer Islands	
6	transportation needs (charter costs, fuel,	
7	channel clearing)	35,000
8	(vi) Aid to non-public high schools	20,000
9	(vii) Pohnpei Sports facilities	
10	Improvement (materials purchase, equipment	
11	rental and labor)	50,000
12	(viii) Historical sites	
13	restoration/maintenance	15,000
14	(ix) Traditional leaders	
15	conference and travel needs	20,000
16	(x) Civic leaders' FSM	
17	State visit	25,000
18	(xi) Purchase of vehicle for U	
19	Municipal government	15,000
20	(b) Election District No. 1	300,000
21	(i) Road improvement-	
22	Kolonia	35,298
23	(ii) Other road improvements	100,000
24	(iii) COM-FSM students'	
25	outstanding debt payment	22,000

	PUBLIC LAW No. 1 8	32
1	(iv) St. Paul school subsidy \$	8,000
2	(v) Social Security premium	
3	contribution	15,000
4	(vi) Classroom upgrade	
5	(Palikir school)	12,000
6	(vii) Medical referrals (travel)	10,000
7	(viii) Need Assessment/monitoring-	
8	Election District No. 1	43,000
9	(ix) Calvary Baptist classroom	
10	completion	54,702
11	(c) Election District No. 2	300,000
12	(i) Akahk/Enipoas road	15,000
13	(ii) Rohi water system road	15,000
14	(iii) Metipw/Dolopwail road	10,000
15	(iv) Nan Woalin Pahloang road	15,000
16	(v) Pwoai Pwoai water system road	15,000
17	(vi) Temwen/Poasihloa road paving	30,000
18	(vii) Toamwaoroahlong water	
19	system improvement	7,500
20	(viii) Sapwalapw water	
21	system improvement	5,000
22	(ix) Pwok water system improvement	10,000
23	(x) Students financial assistance	15,000
24	(xi) High School Cooks (Madolenihmw	
25	High school/Nanpei Memorial High School)	12,000

	PUBLIC LAW No. 18-32*
1	(xii) Police Vehicle supplemental \$ 8,000
2	(xiii) Youth activities 7,500
3	(xiv) Women's activities/programs 7,500
4	(xv) Alekot Power extension 20,000
5	(xvi) Takaieu/Madolenihmw
6	Power extension
7	(xvii) Coral materials
8	(xviii) ED#2 subsidy (administrative
9	support and other current expenses) 30,000
10	(xix) Agriculture Fair
11	(Madolenihmw/Kitti) 5,000
12	(xx) PVC materials 5,000
13	(xxi) Hydraulic Trailer
14	mounted rig & accessories
15	(xxii) Box culvert/bridge 15,000
16	(xxiii) Pohnlangas track and
17	field upgrade 5,000
18	(xxiv) Sports facilities upgrade 5,000
19	(d) Election District No. 3 300,000
20	(i) Women Associations'
21	activities and equipment
22	(ii) Youth Associations
23	activities and sporting equipment 15,000
24	(iii) ED#3 Office subsidy 45,000
25	(iv) Nett Secondary road

	PUBLIC LAW NO. 18	- 32 -
1	improvement and maintenance\$	75,000
2	(v) Water system projects	
3	improvement	15,000
4	(vi) Youth/Community Center	15,000
5	(vii) Dehpek/Takaiou students'	
6	support	15,000
7	(viii) Student Financial Assistance	15,000
8	(ix) Medical referral support	10,000
9	(x) Youth Sport facilities' upgrade	15,000
10	(xi) Pohnpei Senior Citizens	
11	Associations program/activities	5,000
12	(xii) Farming equipment	15,000
13	(xiii) General Road improvement	
14	and beautification	45,000"
15	Section 2. Section 5 of Public Law No. 17-68, as	
16	amended by Public Laws Nos. 17-71, 17-81, 17-84, 17-89,	·
17	17-90, 18-03 and 18-13, is hereby further amended to read	,
18	as follows:	
19	"Section 5. Of the sum of \$5,697,383	
20	appropriated by this act, \$978,860 is	
21	apportioned to pay the amount owed by the State	
22	of Chuuk to FEMA and \$1,800,000 is apportioned	
23	for public projects and social programs.	
24	(1) Amount owed by the State of Chuuk	
25	to FEMA	978,860
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	PIBLIC LAW NO.	18-32
1	(2) State of Chuuk\$	1,800,000
2	(a) At-Large	300,000
3	(i) Community facilities/	
4	Infrastructure & Housing subsidy	30,000
5	(ii) Chuuk Museum contribution	5,000
6	(iii) Roads/Seawalls/Bridges repair	
7	and improvement	25,000
8	(iv) Main water source lease	
9	obligation (Nefo)	7,000
10	(v) Contributions to State,	
11	Municipal and Community events/ activities/	
12	programs	42,000
13	<pre>(vi) POL/Charters/Freight</pre>	
14	subsidy/reimbursements	25,600
15	(vii) Youth Groups	
16	equipment/supplies/activities	15,000
17	<pre>(viii) Leaders/Patients/Students/</pre>	•
18	repatriation of remains travel needs	23,000
19	(ix) Administrative support	
20	costs for allottee/At Large	7,000
21	(x) Fishing project	
22	(equipment/gears/marketing)	27,000
23	(xi) Lien Pukial prior obligations	5,000
24	(xii) Women Groups' sewing	
25	equipment/supplies	3,000

	PUBLIC LAW No. 1	8- 32
1	(xiii) Farmers' seedlings & labor	
2	cost obligations\$	1,400
3	(xiv) Community/Students/farmers	
4	land transportation	18,000
5	(xv) Students financial	
6	assistance/schools subsidy	17,500
7	(xvi) Municipal government	
8	subsidy (Elections/activities)	48,500
9	(xvii) Power distribution	
10	extension matching fund	-0-
11	(b) Election District No. 1	300,000
12	(i) Professional services fee .	15,000
13	(ii) Renewable Energy project/	
14	Communication system	65,000
15	(iii) Mortlock Islands' Sea	
16	vessel purchase	100,000
17	(iv) Multipurpose public	
18	facilities, community facilities, housing	
19	improvement and repair	40,000
20	(v) Education, health and	
21	sanitation programs & projects/and/or training	10,000
22	(vi) Youth, Sports &	
23	Recreational programs/activities	-0-
24	(vii) Municipal government	
25	special occasions activities	10,000

	PUBLIC LAW No. 18-32) 6
1	(viii) Students financial assistance \$ 20,000	
2	(ix) Repatriation of remain/	
3	Associations contributions	
4	(x) Mortlock Island Development	
5	Authority (MIDA) operation	
6	(xi) Copra and Fish purchase	
7	Revolving Fund0-	
8	(c) Election District No. 2 300,000	
9	(i) Fishing Projects 20,000	
10	(ii) Nutrition and Food	
11	Security Enhancement Projects	
12	(iii) Housing renovation supplement 25,000	
13	(iv) Community Halls	
14	rehabilitation	
15	(v) Weno Municipality Transportation	
16	needs & Office Rehabilitation 30,000	
17	(vi) Fono Municipality subsidy 10,000	
18	(vii) Piis-Paneu Municipality	
19	subsidy 10,000	
20	(viii) Regional Leadership	
21	outreach visits	
22	(ix) College students'	
23	financial assistance	
24	(x) Youth Community activities. 15,000	
25	(xi) Northern Namoneas Social and	

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1	Economic Development Authority Administration \$	50,000
2	(xii) Roads upgrade & rehabilitation	10,000
3	(xiii) Power Distribution	
4	Extension matching fund	-0-
5	(xiv) Weno Constitution Day and	
6	Inauguration Day festivities	10,000
7	(xv) Acquisition of heavy	
8	equipment for road repair	-0-
9	(xvi) Weno Municipal Police	
10	Communication System and Supplies	552
11	(xvii) Land Transportation need	13,448
12	(xviii) Nepukos Souak Association	•
13	Community Activities	5,000
14	(xix) Mechitiw Souak Community	
15	Activities	5,000
16	(xx) Acquisition of Equipment	
17	and Supplies for Activities of:	
18	(a) Fonoton Youth	
19	Association (FCYA)	2,000
20	(b) Piis-Paneu Youth	
21	Association	2,000
22	(c) Peniesene Youth	
23	Association (Kutta Kinamwe)	2,000
24	(d) Tunnuk Youth	
25	Association (TCYA)	2,000

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1	(e) Iras Youth Association \$ 2,000
2	(f) Neauo Youth Association 2,000
3	(g) Wichap Youth Association 2,000
4	(h) Nemwan Youth Association 2,000
5	(d) Election District No. 3 300,000
6	(i) Fishing projects 70,000
7	(ii) Housing project 30,000
8	(iii) Community Halls rehabilitation 30,000
9	(iv) Southern Namoneas Development
10	Authority Administration 25,000
11	(v) Contribution/Repatriation of
12	remain/Associations support (Guam/Saipan/
13	Hawaii/United States/Southern Namoneas) 10,000
14	(vi) Reimbursement for POL/Charters 5,000
15	(vii) Contribution to Social
16	Security premium 5,000
17	(viii) Reimbursement payment for
18	Lease/Rental obligation 10,000
19	(ix) Business start
20	up/Entrepreneurship subsidies 10,000
21	(x) Youth/School sports & activities 10,000
22	(xi) Solar power lighting system 10,000
23	(xii) Students land transportation
24	needs/vehicle purchase for local government 15,000
25	(xiii) Municipal/Community

	PUBLIC LAW No. 1 8	- 32 1
1	health and sanitation water	
2	improvement projects\$	7,500
3	(xiv) Humanitarian/Food Aid relief	
4	program for Community/ municipalities	10,000
5	(xv) Medical/medication contribution	
6	to non-insured and unemployed Senior Citizens	7,500
7	(xvi) Feeding program for	
8	Handicap/Disable elderlies	5,000
9	(xvii) Travel needs for students/	
10	referral patients/leaders	20,000
11	(xviii) Contributions to Southern	
12	Namoneas off-island chartered associations.	10,000
13	(xiv) Municipal governments	
14	subsidies	10,000
15	(e) Election District No. 4 3	300,000
16	(i) Fishing projects	40,000
17	(ii) Low income housing subsidy.	30,000
18	(iii) Farming project subsidy	30,000
19	(iv) Students financial assistance	15,000
20	(v) Faichuk Development Authority	
21	(Contractual services/Administration)	20,000
22	(vi) Medical referral and	
23	repatriation of remains	10,000
24	(vii) Municipal governments' subsidies	70,000
25	(viii) Sewing project subsidy	10,000

	PUBLIC LAW No. 18-32
1	(ix) Youth activities and programs \$ 15,000
2	(x) Road improvement and
3	beautification
4	(xi) States and Municipal
5	leadership exposure and travel 15,000
6	(xii) fishing market subsidy 5,000
7	(xiii) Students and farmers
8	land transportation 20,000
9	(xiv) Solar system project 5,000
10	(xv) Fiber boat repair project 5,000
11	(f) Election District No. 5 300,000
12	(i) Fishing projects 70,000
13	(ii) Northwest Islands
14	Development Authority Administration 38,000
15	(iii) Food relief assistance program 28,000
16	(iv) Officials/patients and
17	other travel needs 42,000
18	(v) Payment for students'
19	entrance test fees, and outstanding debt at
20	COM-FSM, University of Hawaii at Hilo and
21	Hawaii Pacific University 9,000
22	(vi) Vehicles purchase for
23	municipal governments
24	(vii) Contributions to
25	Northwest Islands Associations 23,000

		PUBLIC LAW No.	18-32
1	(viii)	Boat charter/medical	
2	referral travel	reimbursements\$	10,000
3	(ix)	Onoun Women Association	
4	contribution		8,000
5	(x)	Pollap Dispensary solar	
6	power project so	applemental	2,000
7	(xi)	Shoreline mitigation project	2,000
8	(xii)	Tupwunoil office rental	6,000
9	(xiii)	Boat charters/	
10	funeral related	expenses	34,000
11	(xiv)	Contributions to municipal	
12	events/activition	es	11,000
13	(xv)	Community Hall	5,000
14	(xvi)	Municipalities' Inaugurations	-0-"
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	INCO	PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-32
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2	President of the Federated Sta	ates of Micronesia or upon its
3	becoming law without such app	roval.
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