

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-103

RE: C.B. NO. 17-71, C.D.1 (P.C. NO. 17-188)/W&M

SUBJECT: LINE ITEM VETO OF CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO.  
17-71, C.D.1

FEBRUARY 11, 2012

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker, Seventeenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Third Regular Session, 2012

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Presidential Communication No. 17-188 and Congressional Bill No. 17-71, C.D.1, begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee on Ways and Means held a meeting on February 10, 2012 to discuss the item vetoes of Congressional Bill No. 17-71, C.D.1. Your Committee finds the vetoes to be grounded in policy. To justify the vetoes, the President alleges that many projects will be of only limited public benefit, are not suitably anchored to the Strategic Development Plan, and affirm JEMCO criticism of planning and fiscal responsibility in our nation. Therefore, your Committee finds the vetoes to be the result of policy decisions. Your Committee has revisited the items subjected to veto, has found the vetoed items to be consistent with sound public policy, and therefore disagrees with the decisions to veto.

#### CONCLUSION

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 17-71, C.D.1 and recommends it be placed on the bill calendar for veto override.

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Respectfully submitted,

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