

The Honorable Lyndon P. Abraham  
President  
Third Constitutional Convention  
Kosrae State, FSM 96944

Dear Mr. President

Your Committee on Government Structure and Functions, to which was referred Delegate Proposal No. 03-05-42, entitled:

"To specify that the term, term limit, qualifications and limitations for the office of the Lieutenant Governor are the same as for the office of the Governor."

requests leave to report as follows:

#### FINDINGS

The purpose of the subject proposal is clearly stated in its title.

The Committee met to discuss the subject proposal. This proposal seeks to amend Article 5 to provide that the Lt. Governor have the same term and qualifications as the Governor. The Committee's discussions and public hearings form the basis of this report.

The Committee believes that this amendment is necessary to prevent any confusion or further litigation surrounding the position of the Lt. Governor. It determined that the intent of the state constitution was to provide the same term, term limits, qualifications and limitations for the Lt. Governor as the Governor. This amendment is intended only to clear up any ambiguity on this issue.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the foregoing, your Committee on Government Structure and Functions recommends Passage on Delegate Proposal No. 03-05-42.

Respectfully submitted,

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Del. Canney L. Palsis, Chairman

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Del. Sasaki L. George, V/Chairman

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Del. Yosiwo P. George, Member

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Del. Aren B. Palik, Member