

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13-110

RE: C.R. NO. 13-95/HESA

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF JANE ELYMORE TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MAY 20, 2004

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Thirteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Regular Session, 2004

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 13-95, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MS. JANE ELYMORE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the resolution are expressed in its title.

This nomination was transmitted to Congress by Presidential Communication No. 13-128, to which the nominee's resume was attached. According to the Presidential Communication, Ms. Elymore holds degrees in nursing and dietetics and has held progressively more responsible positions in the FSM in the areas of health, nursing and nutrition for well over 20 years. She is currently working at the Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs.

Your Committee has invited comments from the states and the Secretary of HESA and has received very favorable responses in support of the nominee. No objections or concerns regarding the nomination were expressed. Governor Sigrah of the nominee's home State of Kosrae strongly supports the nomination and has stated his belief that Ms. Elymore's experiences in the field of health would benefit us all in guiding the program toward the creation and implementation of sound policy decisions. The Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs, in a letter expressing his support for the nominee, indicated that he believes Ms. Elymore would be an asset to the Board and that she is very much aware of the health issues facing the nation and the role that health insurance can play in alleviating problematic health issues.

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Your Committee agrees that the knowledge and insight that Ms. Elymore has undoubtedly acquired through her many years of experience in the FSM healthcare system will make her an asset to the National Government Employees' Health Insurance Plan Board of Directors.

Ms. Elymore is nominated to serve as the member representing Kosrae State on the Board for a period of two years. Her position and term length were not reflected in the resolution that was transmitted to Congress. By law, not all member term lengths are the same on this Board (appointed member terms vary from 1 to 3 years). Your Committee has confirmed with the Office of the President that this was intended to be a 2-year appointment as the Kosrae State representative.

Your Committee recommends the following amendments to the resolution:

1. In the title, delete the words "a member of" and insert the words "the member representing Kosrae State on" in lieu thereof.
2. In line 2, between the words "the" and "Congress" insert the word "Thirteenth".
3. In line 2, after the words "Ms. Jane Elymore" and before the words "is hereby confirmed", insert the words "to serve as the Kosrae State representative on the National Government Employees' Health Insurance Plan Board of Directors for a period of two years".

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 13-95 and recommends its adoption in the form attached as C.R. 13-95, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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