

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13-111

RE: C.R. NO. 13-99/EA

SUBJECT: THE NOMINATION OF TADAO P. SIGRAH  
AS CONSUL GENERAL IN HONOLULU

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 External Affairs, to which was referred C.R.  
No. 13-99, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. TADAO P.  
SIGRAH FOR THE POSITION OF CONSUL-GENERAL AT THE FSM  
CONSULATE IN HAWAII.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The President has nominated Mr. Sigrah to the above referenced  
Consul-General Position. This position was vacated by Mr. Kasio  
Mida who was appointed as the FSM Ambassador to Japan.

On May 14, 2004, your Committee on External Affairs held a public  
hearing on Mr. Sigrah's nomination. Present during the hearing  
were the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, most of  
the heads and deputy heads of FSM Missions, and a representative  
from the Office of the President. The nominee himself was also  
present during the hearing.

During the hearing, the Committee was able to hear from the  
Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs. The Secretary  
stated that as head of the Department, he has full confidence in  
Mr. Sigrah and supports his nomination. The Secretary cited Mr.  
Sigrah's background, and experience and long tenure with the  
department and his successful performance of foreign service  
responsibilities. The heads of Missions and Consul-General  
present during the hearing also offered their full support of Mr.  
Sigrah's confirmation.

The nominee stated to the Committee that he is willing and ready  
to serve in the position if he receives the blessing of the  
Congress. The Committee was also provided with a copy of Mr.  
Sigrah's bio-data. Your Committee notes that the nominee has  
served not only this Government but also the prior Trust

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Territory Government for over thirty years. For more than twenty-five years, he has served in key positions in the Department of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Sigrah is currently serving as the Federated States of Micronesia Deputy Chief of Mission in our Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. Your Committee finds that the nominee possesses the qualifications, confidence and skills necessary and fitting for the position for which he is being nominated.

Based on the forgoing, your committee is in full support of C.R. No. 13-99 and recommends its adoption.

/s/ Isaac V. Figir  
Isaac V. Figir, chairman

/s/ Jack Fritz  
Jack Fritz, vice chairman

/s/ Alik L. Alik  
Alik Alik, member

/s/ Henry C. Asugar  
Henry C. Asugar, member

/s/ Resio S. Moses  
Resio S. Moses, member

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
Tiwiter Aritos, member

/s/ Dion G. Neth  
Dion G. Neth, member