

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13-206

RE: C.R. NO. 13-162/R&D

SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS

JANUARY 20, 2005

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Thirteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Regular Session, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources and Development (R&D), to which was referred C.R. No. 13-162, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. JESSE GILTAMAG TO SERVE AS THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the nominee to this very important position. Your Committee notes that this nominee has been employed in the Department of Economic Affairs ("the Department") for a total of approximately ten years. During that time, the nominee has served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary, and an Assistant Project Director. The nominee has served as the acting secretary of the Department on a number of occasions.

The nominee has an excellent academic background and holds a Masters in Public Administration.

Your Committee notes that while concerns were raised, the witnesses were generally supportive of the nomination. A number of witnesses also indicated that in view of the long period during which the Department has had no permanent head, it was important for the nominee to be confirmed.

On this basis, your Committee finds that the nominee has the experience and qualifications necessary for the duties of this extremely important position.

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Your Committee on Resources and Development therefore recommends that Congress adopt C.R. No. 13-162 and confirm Mr. Giltamag to the position of secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sabino S. Asor, member

/s/ Ramon Peyal
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Resio S. Moses, member

/s/ Moses A. Nelson
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