

S.C.R. NO. 13-38

SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 3-26, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. NENA NED TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On July 18, 2003, by Presidential Communication No. 13-31, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia submitted the nomination of Mr. Nena Ned to the Congress for confirmation. Mr. Ned, who is a former Kosrae State Police Sergeant, currently serves as a Personnel Specialist for the Kosrae State Department of Administration. He has been nominated by the President to serve as a member of the FSM Social Security Board.

Your committee held a public hearing on August 29, 2003 to consider Mr. Ned's nomination. Witnesses called before your committee included the nominee, the President's representative, the Social Security Board, interested members of the public, and others. Unfortunately, due to the short notice for the hearing, the nominee, who resides in Kosrae, was unable to attend the hearing. Mr. Alexander Narruhn, the FSM Social Security Administrator, spoke on his behalf.

Your committee learned that Mr. Ned has already served 2 terms on the Social Security Board, with his most recent term having expired in March of this year. According to Mr. Narruhn, the nominee is desirous of serving a third term and wishes to continue the many projects started by the Board during his tenure. According to the President's representative, the nominee has the full support of the President. A copy of the nominee's resume is attached for your reference.

Members of the Federated States of Micronesia Social Security Board serve three-year terms. 53 FSMC sec. 701. Your committee agrees that the "well-rounded experience" of Mr. Ned, as indicated in his resume, qualifies him for the position. Your committee also agrees that continuity on the Board is an important consideration in these difficult times. As such, your committee recommends confirmation of Mr. Ned's nomination.

Because your committee disfavors lengthy nomination resolutions, and because there are technical errors in the resolution transmitted by the Executive, your committee recommends the following amendments to C.R.

No. 13-26:

1. Delete lines 1 through 9 in their entirety.
2. Line 11 - after "the" insert "Congress hereby gives its advice and consent to the".
3. Line 12 - delete "is hereby confirmed" and insert "to serve as a member of the Federated States of Micronesia Social Security Board" in lieu thereof.
4. Line 15 - after the second "the" insert "Federated States of Micronesia".
5. Line 15 - after "Board," insert "the FSM Social Security Administrator, ".

With these amendments, your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 13-26 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 13-26, C.D.1.

Signed by Senators Moses, Nelson, Phillip and Peyal