

S.C.R. NO. 13-39

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. 13-13. entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR .TISER LIPPWE TO SERVE AS THE MEMBER REPRESENTING CHUUK STATE ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM.”,

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On July 11, 2003, after consultations with the Governor of the State of Chuuk, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia submitted the nomination of Mr. Tiger Lippwe to the Congress for confirmation. See P.C. No. 13-27. Mr. Lippwe has been nominated by the President to serve as the member representing Chuuk State on the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia-FSM (“COM-FSM”). He currently serves as the Executive Director of the Chuuk Small Business Development Center.

Your committee held a public hearing on August 29, 2003 to consider the nomination of Mr. Lippwe. Witnesses called before your committee included the nominee, the FSM President's representative, the COM-FSM Board of Regents, the COM-FSM President, interested members of the public, and others. Unfortunately, due to the short notice for the hearing, the nominee, who resides in Chuuk, was unable to attend the hearing.

The current President of COM-FSM, Michael Tatum, testified that, based on his own investigation among COM-FSM staff, all reports concerning the nominee are favorable. Mr. Lippwe, who has worked with the college in Chuuk, is viewed as "a hard worker, honest, and well-respected". Mr. Tatum fully supports the nomination. According to Mr. Otto, the FSM President's representative, the nominee also has the support of the FSM President. A copy of Mr. Lippwe's resume is attached for your reference.

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs has considered the testimony of all of the witnesses, as well as the background and education of Mr. Lippwe, as set forth in his resume. In light of the numerous responsible positions held by Mr. Lippwe in both the public and private sector, and especially because of the testimony of the current President of the College, your committee recommends confirming the nomination. However, your committee recommends the following amendments to C.R. No. 13-13:

1. Page 1 - delete lines 1 through 15 in their entirety.
2. Page 1, line 16 - after "by the" insert "Thirteenth".

3. Page 1, line 17 - delete "First" and insert "Second" in lieu thereof.
4. Page 1, line 17 - after "that the" insert "Congress hereby gives its advice and consent to the".
1. Page 1, line 18 - delete "is hereby confirmed" and insert "to serve as the member representing Chuuk State on the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia-FSM" in lieu thereof.
6. Page 2, line 3 - after "State," insert "the President of the College of Micronesia-FSM,".

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

Signed by Senators Moses, Nelson, Phillip and Peyal