

S.C.R. NO. 13-40

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. 13-37, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. PODIS PEDRUS TO SERVEAS THE MEMBER REPRESENTING POHNPEI 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 18, 2003, after consultations with the Governor of the State of Pohnpei, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia submitted the nomination of Mr. Podis Pedrus to the Congress for confirmation. See P.C. No. 13-32. Mr. Pedrus has been nominated by the President to serve as the member representing Pohnpei State on the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia-FSM ("COM-FSM"). He currently serves as the Special Assistant to the Governor of Pohnpei, a position he has held since January, 2000.

According to his resume, Mr. Pedrus currently serves as Chairman of the COM-FSM Board of Regents. His extensive background and numerous responsible positions in the Pohnpei State Government, the Chuuk State Government, and the Trust Territory Government, as well as his service on various public and private sector boards, task forces and commissions, makes him uniquely well-qualified to serve as a member of the COM-FSM Board of Regents. A copy of Mr. Pedrus' resume is attached for your reference.

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs has carefully considered the background and education of Mr. Pedrus, as set forth in his resume, and recommends confirming the nomination.

Because your committee disfavors lengthy resolutions, your committee recommends the following amendments to C.R. No. 13-37:

1. Page 1 - delete lines 1 through 14 in their entirety.
2. Page 1, line 16 - after "that the" insert "Congress hereby gives its advice and consent to the".

1. Page 1, line 17 - delete "is hereby confirmed" and insert "to serve as the member representing Pohnpei State on the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia-FSM" in lieu thereof.
2. Page 2, line 3 - after "State, " insert "the President of".
3. Page 2, line 4 - after "FSM" insert ", the Board of Regents 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. 13-37 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 13-37,
C.D.1.

Signed by Senators Moses, Nelson, Phillip and Peyal