

S.C.R. NO. 13-41
SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 13-32, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. SEBASTIAN L. ANEFAL TO SERVE AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your committee requested comments from both executive and legislative leaders in each of the States, and from staff and exempt members of the Department of Foreign Affairs. The response has been unanimously favorable to this nomination. The committee also conducted a public hearing regarding this nomination on August 28, 2003.

Your committee notes that Mr. Anefal has served as Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs since 1995. While not a diplomatic function, your committee recognizes that his position required that he engage in regular high level talks with foreign dignitaries. Your committee also notes that Mr. Anefal has had broad experience in public administration since 1980.

Based upon the information and comments received and discussions with the nominee, your committee believes that Mr. Anefal is well suited to manage the complexities of the Department.

Your Committee on External Affairs is, therefore, in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 13-32 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by Senators Figir, Alik, Moses and Neth