

S.C.R. NO. 13-43

SEPTEMBER 3, 2003

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 13-35, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DR. JEFFERSON B. BENJAMIN TO SERVE AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL 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 Health, Education and Social Affairs. The response has been unanimously favorable to this nomination. The committee also conducted a public hearing regarding this nomination.

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

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs is, therefore, in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 13-35 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by Senators Moses, Halbert, Phillip and Peyal