

Your Committee on Resources and Development, to which was referred C.R. No. 13-34, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. PATRICK MACKENZIE TO SERVE AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC 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 Economic Affairs. The committee also conducted public hearings regarding this nomination on August 29, 2003 and September 1, 2003.

Your committee notes that Mr. Mackenzie has served as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs since 1998. Your committee also notes that Mr. Mackenzie has had broad experience in public administration since 1976.

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

Your Committee on Resources and Development is, therefore, in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 13-34 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by Senators Alik, Neth, Peyal and Nelson