

S.C.R. NO. 13-46

SEPTEMBER 3, 2003

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to which was referred C.R. No. 13-22, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. BETHWEL HENRY TO SERVE AS POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.”.

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On July 16, 2003, by Presidential Communication No. 13-29, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia submitted the nomination of Mr. Bethwel Henry to the Congress for confirmation. Mr. Henry has been nominated by the President to serve as Postmaster General of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Your committee held a public hearing on September 2, 2003, to consider the nomination. Witnesses called to appear before your committee included the nominee, the President's representative, Postmasters from each State, interested postal staff, and members of the public. Your committee also sought the comments of each State's Governor and Legislature, the Postmasters in each State, and others.

The nominee has served as Postmaster General of the Federated States of Micronesia since 1988. During that time, he has managed the development of our Nation's postal services through "good" times and "difficult" times, always facing each new challenge with patience and perseverance. He is well aware of the many challenges facing our postal system in these difficult financial times, and has pledged to work with the current administration and your committee to address these issues.

Your committee found Mr. Henry's responses to Members' questions and administrative concerns to be straightforward and without reservation, indicating his mastery of all areas of responsibility. According to the President's representative, Mr. Henry continues to garner the support of every new, incoming President and administration. Postal staff present at the hearing also gave their unqualified support to the nominee.

The nominee assured your committee that, if confirmed, he will be fully supportive of the current administration and will continue to come to your committee for advice on the

many difficult and challenging issues facing the Nation's postal system. Given the testimony received at the hearing and the written comments received from various officials around the country, your committee recommends Mr. Henry's confirmation. A copy of the nominee's resume is attached for your reference.

Your committee recommends the following technical amendment to C.R. No. 13-22:

1. Line 2 - delete "First" and insert "Second" in lieu thereof.

With this amendment, your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 13-22 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 13-22, C.D.1.

Signed by Senators Halbert, Alik, Peyal and Christian