

S.C.R. NO. 13-59

SEPTEMBER 5, 2003

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 13-44, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. CARL DELFIN APIS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On September 2, 2003, via Presidential Communication No. 13-55, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia submitted the nomination of Mr. Carl Delfin Apis to the Congress for confirmation. Mr. Apis has been nominated by the President to represent the National Government on the National Government Employees' Health Insurance plan {"NGEHIP") Board of Directors.

According to his resume, Mr. Apis has been employed by the National Government since 1992. He currently serves as the FSM's Deputy Assistant Secretary of Foreign Affairs, a position he has held since March, 2001. A copy of the nominee's resume is attached for your reference.

The NGEHIP Board of Directors is a newly-created board established to "oversee the [NGEHIP] and the assets of the Employees' Health Insurance Fund." 52 FSMC sec. 407{1). Appointed members serve for a period of three years, except that initial appointments to the Board are to be for "staggered" terms. Id. at sec. 407(3). Mr. Apis has been nominated to serve on the Board for a term of three years.

Your committee has reviewed the background and education of Mr. Apis, as set forth in his resume, and trusts the President's selection of Mr. Apis to represent the National Government on this newly-created board.

Because your committee disfavors lengthy resolutions, your committee recommends the following amendments to C.R. No. 13-44:

1. Page 1 - delete lines 1 through 10 in their entirety.
2. Page 1, line 14 - after "Mr." insert "Carl Delfin".

3. Page 1, line 14 - delete "a member of" and insert "the member representing the National Government on" in lieu thereof.

With these amendments, your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 13-44 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 13-44, C.D.1.

Signed by Senators Moses, Aritos, Halbert, Nelson, Kansou and Peyal