

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **13-66**

RE: C. R. NO. 13-45 / HESA

SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR DUPUTY SECRETARY, HESA

OCTOBER 21, 2003

The Honorable Peter M. Christian  
Speaker, Thirteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Second Regular Session, 2003

Dear Mr. Speaker :

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs, to which was referred C. R. No. 13-45, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NMINATION OF MR. MIDION G. NETH TO SERVE AS DEPUTY 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.

This is a renomination. Mr. Neth served as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs for much of the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress, heading the Division of Education. This renomination was transmitted to Congress via Presidential Communication No. 13-53, in which President Urusemal expressed strong support for the nominee.

Your Committee held public hearings in the absence of the nominee in Kosrae on October 3, 2003 and in Pohnpei on October 15, 2003, and invited comments from the remaining two states. Your Committee also met in public hearings with the nominee in Pohnpei on October 15, 2003, during which the nominee expressed sincere desire to serve the nation again in this post. Your Committee received support for Mr. Neth's renomination from representatives of schools, school boards and the national and state education departments.

In light of the expressions of support received from President Urusemal and members of the education community, your Committee recommends confirmation of Mr. Neth in this position.

Your Committee would like to make the following technical correction to the resolution to reflect the session in which it is being considered :

1. Line 2 - delete "Special" and insert "Regular" in lieu thereof.

As amended herein, your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. 13-45 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 13-45, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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