

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-27

RE: C.R. NO. 14-10/WM

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF
SEBASTIAN ANEFAL

MAY 23, 2005

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Fourteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Regular Session, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.R. No. 14-10, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. SEBASTIAN ANEFAL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COMPACT MANAGEMENT BOARD.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your committee is very aware of the qualifications and accomplishments of Mr. Anefal. The Thirteenth Congress approved of Mr. Anefal's nomination as Secretary of Foreign Affairs less than two years ago, in which position Mr. Anefal continues to serve. Your committee refers you to SCR No. 13-41 prepared by your committee on external affairs on the extensive review process it undertook and its positive conclusions about Mr. Anefal. The members of your committee feel that they have become very familiar with the excellent qualities of Mr. Anefal in the past two years and do not believe that any further hearings are required.

In addition to the comments found in the S.C.R. No. 13-41, your committee recognizes the valuable experience Mr. Anefal has gained in dealing with foreign nations, especially the United States in the past two years. These experiences lend themselves to the representation of the Federated States of Micronesia before JEMCO. Your committee also recognizes that Mr. Anefal has represented the Federated States of Micronesia at several JEMCO meetings and his role in the negotiations of the amended Compact and the ongoing implementation of its provisions. Your committee also notes that Mr. Anefal has had broad experience in public administration, including serving as Secretary of Economic Affairs for six years.

Your committee would also like to note that in Presidential

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Communication No. 13-242, the President emphasized the importance of continuing the role of the Department of External Affairs in the management of the Compact, specifically citing his constitutional authority to conduct foreign affairs. The nomination of the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs to the Compact Management Board is reflexive of the President's concern. While, your committee does not share the President's concern, it believes that the confirmation of the nomination of the Secretary of External Affairs should resolve this issue.

Given the extensive experience of Mr. Anefal and his direct exposure to and current knowledge of the challenges facing the Compact Management Board, your committee believes that he is well suited to represent the National Government on the Compact Management Board.

Your Committee on Ways and Means is, therefore, in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 14-10, and recommends its adoption. Respectfully submitted,

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