

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-55

RE: C.R. NO. 15-44/R&D

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF THOMAS TAMANGMOW AS THE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FROM YAP.

NOVEMBER 22, 2007

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Fifteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Special Session, 2007

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources and Development, to which was referred C.R. No. 15-44, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. THOMAS TAMANGMOW TO BE THE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NORMA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The nomination of Mr. Thomas Tamangmow was transmitted to Congress via Presidential Communication No. 15-76. This communication outlines Mr. Tamangmow's qualifications to serve as a member of the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority as the representative from the State of Yap and urges Congress to consider this nomination favorably.

At the outset it is noted 24 FSMC 201 requires that all nominations for membership on NORMA receive the advice and consent of Congress. One member from each State must be appointed by the President "in consultation with the Governor." Nothing appears in Presidential Communication No. 15-76 to indicate what "consultation" has occurred and the draft resolution provided by the President recites that the Governor of the State of Yap has recommended "Mr. Robert Taulung". It is presumed the name is a mistype and was intended to refer to Mr. Thomas Tamangmow.

It is further noted that PC 15-76 nominating Mr. Tamangmow is dated September 20, 2007. Pursuant to Section 202 of FSMC Title 24, an appointment as a member of NORMA is for a term of two years. It appears this nomination is to replace Francis I. Itimai whose term as the member from Yap commenced on May 24, 2004. Although Section 202 provides that the "rights and powers" of members continue after expiration of their terms until the first meeting of the Authority after Congressional advice and consent on a replacement, this Committee is concerned with the period of time between the expiration

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of Mr. Itamai's term and the submission of a new nomination for approval. Sixteen months is far too long.

The written information provided to your Committee in Presidential Communication 15-76, which included a copy of Mr. Tamangmow's resume, reveals that he has a wide and varied background. His most recent position is as "Product Development Manager" for the Yap Visitors Bureau. Prior to that he served as General Manager of Diving Seagull, Inc. where his duties caused him to attend various conferences pertaining to the fisheries sector in the Central Western Pacific as well as with the Palau Nauru Agreement Group, the Forum Fisheries Agency and the Annual Info-Fish Conference held in Bangkok, Thailand. Between 1996 and 1998 he served as Manager of Casamar FSM, Inc, Yap Branch, where he was involved with the off-loading of steamers and purse seine vessels. Prior to that he was Assistant Foreign Vessel Coordinator with the Yap Transshipment Office of the National Fisheries Corporation.

Your Committee held a public hearing on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 for the purpose of reviewing and discussing three of the President's nominations to NORMA, of which Mr. Tamangmow's nomination was one. According to the Executive Director of NORMA, Bernard Thoulag, Mr. Tamangmow has been involved in fisheries related activities for a long time and is familiar with the issues faced by NORMA. He expressed his belief that the nominee can make a positive and enlightened contribution to the work of the Authority and expressed his support for the nomination. Deputy Director Eugene Pangelinan agreed with the assessment of Mr. Thoulag.

Your Committee also notes that the proposed resolution provided to approve this nomination repeatedly refers to the nomination as being to the NORMA "Board of Directors." Since no such "Board" is created by Title 24 of the Code and it is presumed Mr. Tamangmow is being nominated as a member of the Authority. C.R. No. 15-44, C.D.1 is attached hereto as the form of the resolution recommended by this Committee.

Your Committee on Resources and Development is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 15-44 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 15-44, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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