

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-67

RE: C.R. NO. 15-66/J&GO

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. JOHN A. CHUGEN TO
SERVE AS NATIONAL ELECTION COMMISSIONER FOR YAP
STATE

NOVEMBER 23, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations ("J&GO"), to which was referred C.R. No. 15-66 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. JOHN A.
CHUGEN TO SERVE AS NATIONAL ELECTION COMMISSIONER FOR YAP
STATE."

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Mr. John A. Chugen has been nominated by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to serve as the National Election Commissioner for the State of Yap. Title 9, section 302(2)(a) of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia sets out that this nomination is subject to the advice and consent of Congress. Before its own consideration of the nominee, your committee assumes that, as this nomination has been submitted by the President, the President has made a thorough review and screening of the nominee's abilities and qualifications for the position.

Mr. Chugen's curriculum vitae is included in Presidential Communication 15-102 and is summarized here. Mr. Chugen has served as Yap's National Election Commissioner since 2002. He has also been a Yap Lease Coordinator, a Social Study and Cultural Heritage Program Coordinator and a Public Affairs Officer. Mr. Chugen was a Political Science major at the University of California and has an Associate Arts degree from Kauai College.

Your committee declined to hold a hearing on the nomination, noting that Mr. Chugen is an experienced and qualified candidate. Members are satisfied with his performance up to this point.

CONCLUSION

Based on its consideration of the qualifications of the nominee,

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committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 15-66 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 15-66.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Sitan, chairman

/s/ Fredrico O. Primo
Fredrico O. Primo, vice chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, member

/s/ Isaac V. Figir
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/s/ Dohsis Halbert
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/s/ Moses A. Nelson
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/s/ Paliknoa K. Welly
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