

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16-37

RE: C.R. NO. 16-17/EXAFF

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. STAN D. KENSOF FOR DEPUTY
CHIEF OF MISSION TO FIJI

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Sixteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Regular Session, 2009

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 16-17, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. STAN D.
KENSOF TO SERVE AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION TO THE FSM
EMBASSY IN FIJI.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee held a hearing on July 30, 2009 in the State of Yap regarding this nomination (along with a number of other matters). The hearing was attended by Governor Anefal, Senators Henry Falan, Clement Mululap and other representatives of Yap State government.

Generally the leadership of Yap fully supports the nominee.

Furthermore, your Committee held a hearing on August 7, 2009 in the State of Kosrae regarding this nomination (along with a number of other matters). The hearing was attended by Governor Weilbacher, Senators Ilai Abraham, Carson Sigrah and other representatives of Kosrae State government.

Again, the leadership of Kosrae fully supports the nominee.

Your Committee sent letters to the leadership of Chuuk State on September 23, 2009 and to leadership of Pohnpei on September 28, 2009 soliciting comments on the nominee. As of now, the Committee has not received any comments from them.

Your Committee has attached the nominee's CV to this report. The CV is summarized below.

Mr. Kensof attended Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan in 1979 where he received his Bachelor Degree in Public

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Administration. Mr. Kensof started his public service as a Budget Technician for the Yap State Government. He then worked as a Cargo Export for company in Yap (FSM Kingtex). He was a former Senator for the Yap State Legislature in 1989 to 2007.

Your Committee is also mindful of the need to fill quickly the Deputy Chief of Mission position in Fiji due to the increase of FSM citizen residing there. Your Committee therefore recommends that Congress confirm the nominee.

Accordingly, your comment offers an amendment to the resolution as follows:

1. Page 1, line 13, delete "First Regular Session, May 2009", and insert "Second Regular Session, September 2009" in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 16-17, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 16-17, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

 /s/
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Dion G. Neth, member

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Setiro Paul, member

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