

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16-53

RE: C.R. NO. 16-42/E

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. CHURCHILL EDWARD
TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

DECEMBER 7, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education to which was referred C.R.
16-42 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR.
CHURCHILL EDWARD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM."

begs leave to report as follows:

Presidential Communication 16-74 nominated Mr. Churchill
Edward to become a member of the Board of Regents of the
College of Micronesia pursuant to section 6 of Public Law No
7-79.

Your Committee held a public hearing regarding the
nomination on December 2, 2009. Present at this hearing
were Chairman Urusemal; Senator Halbert, Senator Welly;
Senator Otto; Floor Leader Suka; Vice Speaker Primo; Senator
Sitan; Senator Aritos; Pelsesar Petrus from the President's
Office; Jun Bacalando from the Department of Justice;
Semesis James from SBOC; Churchill Edward, Lt. Governor of
Pohnpei; Spensin James, President of COM-FSM; Joe Habuchmai,
VP of Administration; Buris Davies, Chief of the Division of
Basic Education; Ringlen Ringlen, COM-FSM VP; Wayne
Mendiola, Postsecondary Administrator NDOE; Rose N.
Nakanaga, Assistant Secretary Division of IIF; Suzanne Lowe,
Rep DCM-SBOC

The President, Manny Mori, as well as the Governor of
Pohnpei State, John Ehsa submitted letters to Speaker Figir
in support of his candidacy. Governor Ehsa's recommendation
was, "based primarily on his [Churchill Edward's] work
related experience, integrity and vision on the human
resource development requirements of the FSM as a nation."

Mr. Edward's resume is attached to Presidential
Communication 16-74 and summarized here: Mr. Edward

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graduated from Walla Walla University of Washington State with a Bachelor's of Arts degree majoring in Theology and minoring in Business Administration in 1993. Preceding that, he served as a Youth Pastor for SDA Church. After graduation, he served as a Secondary Classroom Teacher for the SDA School, Executive Director for Micronesia Bound and Project Director for the College of Micronesia. He has served on many boards including the Pohnpei Youth Council, the Pohnpei Scholarship Board and the Pohnpei Foreign Investment Board. Since 2008, he has served as Lieutenant Governor for the State of Pohnpei.

Mr. Spensin James, President of COM-FSM stated that he spoke to most of the Members of the Board who supported the nomination. Mr. Habuchmai, VP of Administration supported the nominee as an "energetic leader" who will make an excellent addition. Mr. Petrus issued the President's support through the Pohnpei State Representative's recommendation. Mr. Ringlen, COM-FSM VP noted the nominee's history of involvement regarding the education of students.

The nominee represented his qualifications very modestly to the Committee but stressed the fact that anything dealing with education is a priority to him so that the country is able to develop the resources that it has. Mr. Edward stated that he believes that he, as Lieutenant Governor, was asked to sit on the Board of Regents for the College of Micronesia in order to set it as a priority.

Based upon its considerations of the qualifications of the nominee, your Committee on Education is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. 16-42 and recommends its adoption in the form hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Joseph J. Urusemal, chairman

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Claude H. Phillip, vice chairman

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Dohsis Halbert, member

Peter M. Christian, member

/s/

Tiwiter Aritos, member

/s/

Peter S. Sitan, member

/s/

Joe N. Suka, member