

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16-109

RE: C.R. NO. 16-120/T&C

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF MR. FLORENCIO HARPER TO BOARD OF CIA

SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker, Sixteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Fifth Regular Session, 2010

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation and Communications (T&C), to which was referred C.R. No. 16-120, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. FLORENCIO (SINGKORO) HARPER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CAROLINE ISLAND AIR (CIA), PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW NO. 10-27, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-26.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee held a hearing in Palikir on September 21, 2010 to hear testimony regarding the nomination of Mr. Florencio Harper to the Board of CIA. Present at the hearing were representatives from the Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, the Department of Resources and Development, the Department of Justice, and from the President's office.

The President's representative testified that the President nominated Mr. Harper after receiving Mr. Harper's name as a recommendation from the Governor of Chuuk. The President's representative also testified that the President hopes for the Committee's cooperation to expedite the process of confirming Mr. Harper's nomination.

The testimony of the representatives from the Departments of TC&I and R&D was favorable to Mr. Harper's nomination.

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The members' main concern regarded the legality of his serving on the Board because he currently is a member of the Chuuk State Legislature. Counsel for Congress advised the Committee that the legality of the nomination was a matter of Chuuk State law and informed the Committee that a request for an opinion from the Chuuk Attorney General had been made.

The remaining testimony was favorable to the nominee. Witnesses all agreed the many years of public service experience enabled him to suitably serve on the Board of CIA.

Your Committee on Transportation and Communications has considered the qualifications of the nominee and deliberated upon the testimony thoroughly and recommends adoption of C.R. No. 16-120.

Your Committee on Transportation and Communications is in accord with the indent and purpose of C.R. No. 16-120 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Dion G. Neth  
Dion G. Neth, chairman

/s/ Tony H. Otto  
Tony H. Otto, vice chairman

/s/ Peter M. Christian  
Peter M. Christian, member

/s/ Claude H. Phillip  
Claude H. Phillip, member

/s/ Joe N. Suka  
Joe N. Suka, member

Joseph J. Urusemal, member

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
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