

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-05

RE: C.R. NO. 17-07/EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. RENSTER P.
ANDREW TO SERVE AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION OF
THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AT THE
EMBASSY IN JAPAN

MAY 26, 2011

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Seventeenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Regular Session, 2011

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R.
No. 17-07, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. RENSTER
P. ANDREW TO SERVE AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AT THE EMBASSY IN
JAPAN.",

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee is mindful of the need for some continuity in the operations of the overseas diplomatic offices. The DCMs contribute substantially to that continuity. More than the ambassadors—who are at the top management and policy levels at the missions—the DCMs are concerned with the day-to-day operations and contacts at the missions. It is therefore imperative that they be confirmed quickly to keep the missions operational.

Your Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the different DCMs, including the nominee, extensively at the time of their initial confirmation. There is no further need to do so at this time. Your Committee has not heard anything that would cast doubt on the performance of the

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nominee. During the recently conducted Fiscal Year 2012 budget hearing for the Department of External Affairs, your Committee had a chance to talk to each mission about its performance this past year and the nominee's is satisfactory. Your Committee also defers to the President and the Department as to the decision to maintain the nominee at his post. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes the nominee should be reconfirmed, and so recommends Mr. Renster P. Andrew be reconfirmed as DCM of the Embassy in Japan.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 17-07, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paliknoa K. Welly, chairman

/s/ Isaac V. Figir
Isaac V. Figir, member

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
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