

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-137

RE: C.R. NO. 17-163/H&SA

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. SALPASR
TILFAS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER REPRESENTING
THE STATE OF KOSRAE ON THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS FOR THE FSM MICARE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Seventeenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Regular Session 2012

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health & Social Affairs, to which was
referred C.R. No. 17-163, entitled:

"TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. SALPASR TILFAS
TO SERVE AS A MEMBER REPRESENTING THE STATE OF
KOSRAE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE FSM
MICARE, PURSUANT TO TITLE 52 OF THE CODE OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED."

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee is committed to high standards in the field
of health, including the provision of health insurance. In
order for MiCare, the primary health insurance provider in
the Federated States of Micronesia, to continue to provide
quality, affordable health insurance its Board of Directors
must be able to operate at the highest levels in the areas
of administration and finance. Therefore, service for a
good board member, one who has an in-depth knowledge of
administration and finance would be in the best interests of
our country. It is, therefore, recommended that the above
named nominee be confirmed as soon as possible to allow

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MiCare the necessary skill and experience to work on the important issues it must address.

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of the nominee, Mr. Salpasr Tilfas, extensively upon receipt of his nomination. The nominee began his career in the Kosrae State Department of Education where he excelled in government service for ten years from 1980 to 1990 as a teacher and administrator. The nominee then went on to serve for seventeen years in the Kosrae State Department of Administration and Finance where he was the Administrator from 1996 to 2008. The nominee worked for three years at the College of Micronesia, National Campus as a Human Resources Management Specialist until 2011. Since 2011 the nominee has been the Personnel Administrator. The nominee is well respected at both the State and National level regarding his administration skills. Your Committee has not received any communication that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of the nominee.

A public hearing was held on September 17, 2012 where your Committee met with the Director of MiCare. During the hearing the Director highlighted current issues regarding the administration and financial status of MiCare. Work on these issues would benefit from the nominee's expertise. Although the nominee was not present at the hearing his work is known to the Members. The nominee has indicated to national and state leadership, his willingness to work hard as a board member, and that he would like to be a part of the continued improvement of the provision of health insurance for the Nation.

Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes that the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends Mr. Salsapr Tilfas, be confirmed as a member of the of the Board of Directors of MiCare.

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Your Committee on Health & Social Affairs is in accord with
the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 17-163, and recommends
its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Yosiwo P. George
Yosiwo P. George, vice chairman

Tiwiter Aritos, member

/s/ Florencio S. Harper
Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ Dohsis Halbert
Dohsis Halbert, member

/s/ Berney Martin
Berney Martin, member

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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