

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-138

RE: C.R. NO. 17-164/H&SA

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. FRANCIS
GILTONGIN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER
REPRESENTING THE STATE OF YAP 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. 17-164, entitled:

"TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. FRANCIS
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STATE OF YAP 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 business and finance. Therefore, service for a good
board member, one who has an in-depth knowledge of business
and finance would be in the best interest of our country.
It is, therefore, recommended that the above named nominee
be confirmed as soon as possible to allow MiCare the

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

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of the nominee, Mr. Francis Giltongin, extensively upon receipt of his nomination. The nominee began his career as a Revenue Agent at the Yap Branch Office of the Revenue & Tax Office where he excelled in government service for almost ten years (1984-1993). The nominee then went on to serve as Branch Manager for Moylan's Insurance from 1993 to 2002. He has also been Acting Manager for Diving Seagull Inc. and has worked in loan collections for the Bank of Hawaii. The nominee's last position was Comptroller with Yap Fishing Authority (2006-2008). The nominee is well respected in business and finance and has served his state and community well in the areas of business and finance for many years. 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 business 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 Yap state leadership his willingness to work hard as a board member and he has stated he would like to be a part of the continued improvement of the provision of health insurance for the Nation.

The Committee does note that this nomination marks the first time that the President has nominated an individual who does not reside in Pohnpei to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for MiCare. Your Committee understands, and agrees with, the desire to have board membership include individuals who interact with members of the public in our other three states. It is in the best interests of our

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citizens to have meaningful access to those individuals responsible for the decisions of the primary provider of the nation's health insurance. However, it is the hope of this Committee that MiCare take advantage of teleconferencing and other available technology to reduce the expenses associated with board members traveling to required meetings.

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

Your Committee on Health & Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 17-164, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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