

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-158

RE: C.R. NO. 17-167/R&D

SUBJECT: KANDHI ELIEISAR NOMINATION TO NORMA BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS

OCTOBER 03, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources and Development, to which was referred C.R. NO. 17-167, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. KANDHI ELIEISAR TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NORMA) REPRESENTING THE FSM NATIONAL GOVERNMENT." ,

begs leave to report as follows:

Congressional Resolution No. 17-167 was transmitted to Congress on September 3, 2012 through Presidential Communication No. 17-287. The said resolution is the confirmation resolution of Mr. Kandhi Elieisar to serve on the Board of Directors of the NORMA, as a member representing the National Government.

On October 1, 2012, your Committee on Resources and Development conducted a hearing on the nomination. The nominee was present and was given an opportunity to comment on his nomination.

The nominee explained to the Committee that he had served on the Board for two years starting on or about June 2010. His term expired on or about June 2012, however, pursuant to the law, which establishes the Authority, he can still sit as a member of the Board after his term expired for a duration of six months.

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The nominee explained that during the Board's reorganization, he was elected as the chairman. During his chairmanship, the Authority was in the process of selecting its Executive Director after the passing of the former Executive Director of NORMA, the late Bernard Thoulag. He noted that around the same time, the Authority was still negotiating with a new landlord on the office lease agreement. After the Authority finalized its lease agreement, the Authority moved from the old U.S. Embassy building to its new office location, which is the second floor of Ambros Enterprise.

As chairman, the performance of the Authority improved. The Authority issued its first annual report, has arranged and negotiated on its observer program and issued its first performance audit report.

In closing, the nominee stated that he is still interested to serve as a member of the Board and for the Committee to allow him the opportunity to continue serving on the Board for his remaining term, which is two years. He emphasized during the hearing that the two years he had served on the Board is too short because he still has the ambition of pursuing the development of onshore fisheries projects. After his involvement and experienced in negotiating with Distant Water Fishing Nations (DWFNs) on certain fishing agreements, he foresees the potential in maximizing the return of the fish stocks and keeping the stocks sustainable.

With the understanding that the President has nominated the nominee to continue serve on the Board, as the National Government representative, your Committee, therefore, offers the following amendments to the resolution as follows:

1. Page 1, line 12, after "Directors", insert "of the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority".
2. Page 1, line 13, delete "National Oceanic Resource Management Authority", and insert "National Government" in lieu thereof.
3. Page 1, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:  
"WHEREAS, the President is renominating Mr. Kahndi Elieisar to continue serve on the Board of Directors of the National

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Oceanic Resource Management Authority as a member  
representing the National Government; and".

Your Committee on Resources and Development is in accord with the  
intent and purpose of C.R. No. 17-167, and recommends its  
adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 17-167, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Peter M. Christian  
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/s/ Bonsiano F. Nethon  
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/s/ David W. Panuelo  
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
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