

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-16

RE: C.R. NO. 17-17/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. LORIN S.
ROBERT TO THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

AUGUST 04, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

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

“A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. LORIN
S. ROBERT TO THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERATED
STATES OF MICRONESIA.” ,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee emphasizes the importance of the position of Secretary of Foreign Affairs. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs is a critical member of National leadership and the Nation's authority on international policy and affairs. In order for our Nation to maintain good leadership, it must be represented by a strong, competent individual, one with great personal integrity. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs must have the skills and knowledge to discuss and negotiate all issues involving the Federated States of Micronesia at the highest international level. Your Committee believes it would be in the best interests of our country if the individual in this position had many years of positive foreign affairs experience.

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During the hearings and deliberations regarding the nominee's initial confirmation, your Committee on External Affairs reviewed the qualifications of this nominee extensively. There is no further need to do so at this time.

During his years of service at the National level the nominee has demonstrated his ability to work closely with the President and to execute the tasks assigned to him with skill. The nominee has served for several years in the Department of Foreign Affairs. Most recently the nominee has served as Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs. He has the knowledge and experience regarding our country's foreign and domestic policies, and current international issues that are essential to represent the Federated States of Micronesia.

Your Committee has not received any subsequent communication that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of the nominee. Further, your Committee defers to the President and the Department as to the decision to put forward this nominee. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes this nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends Lorin S. Robert be confirmed as the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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