

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-19

RE: C.R. NO 17-31/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. SAMSON
PRETRICK TO THE POSITION OF DEPUTY
SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT 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. 17-31, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR.
SAMSON PRETRICK TO THE POSITION OF DEPUTY
SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONEISA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee stresses the importance of the position of
Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs. The
Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs is a
vital member of National leadership and must be an authority
on international policy and affairs. In order for our
Nation to maintain good leadership, it must be represented
by strong, competent individuals, with great personal
integrity. The Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign
Affairs must be able to assist the Secretary in all matters,
and to act in place of the Secretary if necessary. It is
therefore mandatory that the Deputy Secretary of the

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Department of Foreign Affairs have the skills and knowledge necessary to guide and coordinate the department in 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 experience in foreign affairs.

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of this nominee, including his education and professional experience extensively. The nominee has had several years of diplomatic service. He was the FSM Consul-General in Guam, and recently served as the Federated States of Micronesia's Ambassador Plenipotentiary to Fiji. He fulfilled his duties in this position satisfactorily. Your Committee notes that both these positions require extensive management skills.

The nominee has the knowledge and experience regarding our country's foreign and domestic policies, and the current international issues, that are essential to represent the Federated States of Micronesia. Your Committee has not received any communication that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of this 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 Mr. Samson Pretrick be confirmed as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 17-31, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
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