

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-24

RE: C.R. NO. 17-22/J&GO

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JULIUS  
JOEY SAPELALUT TO THE POSITION OF  
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC  
DEFENDER 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 Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to which was referred C.R. No. 17-22, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JULIUS  
JOEY SAPELALUT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE  
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF THE FEDERATED STATES  
OF MICRONESIA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the resolution are expressed in its title.

Julius Joey Sapelalut has been nominated by the President for the position of Director of the Office of the Public Defender, Federated States of Micronesia. This nomination is subject to the advice and consent of Congress pursuant to section 2(d), article X, of the Constitution and title 2, section 207(1) of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Mr. Sapelalut is originally from the State of Yap. He is a 2002 graduate of the Appalachian School of Law, from which he received the degree of Juris Doctor. The Appalachian School of Law is an American

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Bar Association accredited private law school. Mr. Sapelalut has been qualified as an attorney with the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia since 2003. Mr. Sapelalut also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas Wesleyan University, conferred in 1995.

Mr. Sapelalut served in this position in the previous Administration. Prior to his appointment, he was Chief Litigator with the Chuuk State Office of the Attorney General, and a staff attorney with the Office of the Public Defender, based in Pohnpei State.

Your Committee is satisfied with the qualifications and dedication of the nominee and particularly appreciated his full and thoughtful responses to its questions at a hearing it conducted in July 2011 on the Office's budget for Fiscal Year 2012.

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 17-22 and recommends its adoption.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David W. Panuelo  
David W. Panuelo, chairman

/s/ Bonsiano F. Nethon  
Bonsiano F. Nethon, vice chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
Tiwiter Aritos, member

Isaac V. Figir, member

/s/ Yosiwo P. George  
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/s/ Dohsis Halbert  
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Roger S. Mori, member