

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-91

RE: C.R. NO. 17-72/H&SA

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. KAPILLY
CAPELLE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER ON THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FSM MICARE

FEBRUARY 6, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health & Social Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 17-72, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. KAPILLY CAPELLE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER REPRESENTING THE STATE OF POHNPEI ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FSM MICARE, PURSUANT TO TITLE 52 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NO. 12-77 AND 14-49.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee emphasizes its commitment to ensuring that our Nation's health insurance system, FSM MiCare, is financially viable and meets the needs of our citizens. In order for MiCare to succeed in this mission its Board of Directors must continue to operate with efficiency, integrity and the highest levels of expertise. Therefore, an extended period of service for a board member, one who already has forged strong relationships with the administration of MiCare and the health care community in

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the Federated States of Micronesia, and has an in-depth knowledge of the relevant policy issues, would be in the best interests of our country. It is, therefore, recommended that the above named nominee be confirmed as soon as possible to allow the MiCare Board of Directors to continue working on important health issuance issues it must address.

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of all of the nominees for all the National boards of directors, including this nominee, extensively at the time of their initial confirmation. There is no further need to do so at this time. Your Committee has not received any subsequent communication that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of the nominee.

A public hearing was held on January 25, 2012 where your Committee met with the administration of MiCare. All the representatives of MiCare present at the hearing stated that the nominee had performed well during his previous term on the Board, and endorsed his nomination for an additional term. During the hearing MiCare representatives highlighted current issues regarding the off island referral process, current financial status and health providers, all of which the nominee is familiar with.

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

Your Committee would like to offer the following amendment to C.R. No. 17-72 as follows:

1. Page 2, line 18, delete "Second Special Session, 2011,"; and insert "Third Regular Session, 2012," in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on Health & Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 17-72, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto, as C.R. No. 17-72, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Yosiwo P. George
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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
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/s/ Florencio S. Harper
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