

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-92

RE: C.R. NO. 17-73/H&SA

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. ARTHY
G. NENA 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. 17-73, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. ARTHY G. NENA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER REPRESENTING THE FSM NATIONAL GOVERNMENT 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, it is important to select an individual familiar with both the health care and insurance industry, one who already has forged strong relationships with the administration of

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MiCare and the health care community in the Federated States of Micronesia, and has an in-depth knowledge of the relevant policy issues. It is, therefore, recommended that the above named nominee be confirmed as soon as possible to allow the MiCare Board of Directors to continue work on the important health insurance issues it must address.

This nominee is well known to your Committee and the health care community of the Nation. He received a B.S. in Psychology from Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan, in 1983; and a Masters in Public Health from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1987. The nominee has served with distinction in both State and National government beginning with his position as Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Kosrae Department of Education from 1984 to 1985. The nominee then served in the Kosrae Department of Health Services, first as its Health Educator from 1985 to 2000, then as Administrative Officer from 2000 to 2003 and then as Director from 2003 to 2007. The Nominee is currently the Administrator of the Bio-Terrorism Program. The nominee is well thought of by his past and current colleagues and supervisors and your Committee is impressed with his credentials. 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 reiterated that the nominee had performed well in his previous positions and endorsed his nomination. 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. Arthy G. Nena be confirmed as a member of the Board of Directors for FSM MiCare.

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Your Committee recommends the following amendment to C.R.
No. 17-73 as follows:

1. Page 1, 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. 17-73, and recommends its
adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 17-73,
C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tony H. Otto
Tony H. Otto, chairman

/s/ Yosiwo P. George
Yosiwo P. George, vice chairman

/s/ Dohsis Halbert
Dohsis Halbert, member

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, member

/s/ Florencio S. Harper
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/s/ Berney Martin
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