

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-99

RE: C.R. NO. 17-79/H&SA

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. GILLIAN
DOONE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE FSM
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FEBRUARY 8, 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. 17-79, entitled:

"TO THE NOMINATION OF MR. GILLIAN DOONE TO SERVE
AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee understands the importance that Social
Security benefits play in the lives of our citizens and is
committed to ensuring that our Social Security
Administration is financially viable for generations to
come. In order for the Social Security Administration to
continue to provide these necessary benefits its Board of
Directors must continue to operate with efficiency and the
highest levels of expertise in the areas of finance and
investment. It is important that the members selected for
its Board have an in-depth knowledge of the relevant finance
and investment issues. It is, therefore, recommended that
the above named nominee be confirmed as soon as possible to

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allow the Social Security Administration Board of Directors to continued work on the important issues it needs to address.

This nominee is well known to your Committee and the finance community of our Nation. The nominee is well thought of by his past and current colleagues and supervisors and your Committee is satisfied 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 February 6, 2012 where your Committee met with the Social Security Administration. All the representatives of the Administration present at the hearing reiterated that the nominee had performed well in his previous positions and endorsed his nomination. During the hearing Administration representatives highlighted current issues regarding the number of beneficiaries, the current financial status of the Administration and audit reports, all of which the nominee is familiar with.

The nominee was present at the hearing and stated that he desired to serve the Nation in any capacity. Your Committee was surprised to be advised by the nominee and the Administration that this nomination had been a surprise. Your Committee questions the wisdom of such a nomination being made without the knowledge of the relevant department or nominee, however, is confident in the skill and experience of this particular nominee for service on the Board of Directors. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes that the nominee should be reconfirmed, and so recommends Mr. Gillian Doone be confirmed as a member of the Board of Directors for the Social Security Administration.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs would like to offer the following technical amendment to C.R. No. 17-79.

1. Page 1, line 15 delete "Second Special Session, 2011," and insert "Third Regular Session, 2012," in lieu thereof.

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Your Committee on Health & Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 17-79, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as 17-79, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, member

/s/ Florencio S. Harper
Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ Dohsis Halbert
Dohsis Halbert, member

/s/ Berney Martin
Berney Martin, member

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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