

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-129

RE: P.C. No. 18-213/C.R. No. 18-130/J&GO

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. W-ONE  
WILLIANDER AS FSM NATIONAL ELECTION  
COMMISSIONER FOR CHUUK STATE

MARCH 27, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert  
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Third Special Session, 2014

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations, to which was referred C.R. No. 18-130, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. W-ONE  
WILLIANDER TO SERVE AS THE FSM NATIONAL ELECTION  
COMMISSIONER FOR CHUUK STATE." ,

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations applauds the good work of the National Election Office in ensuring the citizens of our Nation benefit from a fair and open election process. In order to continue its work with competence and efficiency the Office needs to have Commissioners with the necessary skills and background. It is noted that in recent years when there has been an issue with the National Election that issue has arisen in Chuuk State. Your Committee believes the nominee has the knowledge and background to work with the National Election Office and Chuuk State to eliminate problems with future National elections in Chuuk.

Your Committee held a public hearing on March 7, 2014. Members of the

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Committee were present, including Chairman Simina, Vice-Chairman Nethon, and Senator Aritos who also served as a reference for the nominee. Also present were Mr. Pilly, Vice-Speaker of the Chuuk State House of Representatives; Mr. Nero, Chairman of J&GO in the Chuuk State House of Representatives; Mr. Killian, member of the Chuuk House of Representatives; and Mr. Kiteon, who is one of the five Commissioners of the Chuuk State Election Office, as well as a PR representative of the Chuuk Governor's Office. It should also be observed that the Honorable Innocente I. Oneisom, Speaker of the Chuuk State Legislature, acted as a reference for the nominee, though he was not present.

Your Committee notes that the nominee has served in the Chuuk State Legislature as a Representative from Tolensom Municipality from 1997-2013. As a member of the Chuuk State Legislature for so many years, the nominee has accumulated knowledge and experience related to Chuuk politics and the issues that will face the Chuuk State Commissioner of the National Election Office. All witnesses present expressed their support of the nominee, both personally, and on behalf of the governmental bodies they represented, including the Chuuk State Election Office and the Chuuk Governor's Office. The Director of the National Election Office was not present, but was consulted. Though he did not know the nominee personally, the Director was impressed with the nominee's extensive time and experience in the Chuuk State Legislature and approved of the nominee on that basis. The nominee himself expressed his aim was to ensure a smooth election process in Chuuk State in future National elections.

On March 25, 2014, your Committee held an additional public hearing. Representatives of the National Election Office, including the Director of the National Election Office were present. Though he did not know the nominee personally, the Director was impressed with the nominee's extensive time and experience in the Chuuk State Legislature and approved of the nominee on that basis.

Upon an extensive review of the nominee and his qualifications your Committee is satisfied that he is fit for service as FSM National

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Election Commissioner for Chuuk State, and believes it is in the best interests of our country that the above named nominee be confirmed as soon as possible. Therefore, your Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations recommends that Mr. W-One Williander be confirmed as the FSM National Election Commissioner for Chuuk State.

Your Committee would like to offer the follow amendment to C.R. N o. 18-130 to read as follows:

1. Page 1, line 11, delete "Regular" and insert "Special" in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations is in accord with intent and purpose of C.R. No. 18-130 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 19-130, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
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/s/ Yosiwo P. George  
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/s/ Isaac V. Figir  
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/s/ Bonsiano F. Nethon  
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