

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-255

RE: C.R. NO. 18-222/EDUCATION

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF JESSE JOHN SALALU TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM, REPRESENTING YAP STATE.

NOVEMBER 25, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred C.R. No. 18-222 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JESSES JOHN SALALU TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM, REPRESENTING YAP STATE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On November 24, 2014 your Committee held hearings regarding the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-222. Present at the hearing was the nominee, a representative of the Board of Regents COM-FSM, the COM-FSM Vice President for Administrative Services and the Office of the President and the President's Chief of Staff representatives.

The Committee and witnesses agree that the nominee has a strong background in education and has a skills set that would make him a valuable member of the Board of Regents COM-FSM. The nominee

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stated that he was able and willing to represent Yap State as a member of the Board of Regents. Further, the nominee stated he did not anticipate that the travel and time he would invest in board membership on the Board of Regents would detract from his full-time position in any significant way.

While all present were pleased with this individual nominee it was noted that in the future it was hoped there would be more diversity in the nominations for the Board of Regents. As a requirement of the COM-FSM accreditation its Board of Regents members should represent the diverse backgrounds of our Nation's communities. All present agreed that this consideration should be addressed with future nominations.

The representative from the Office of the President and the Chief of Staff to the President stated that the nomination for the Board of Regents to represent the State of Chuuk should be transmitted shortly. Your Committee emphasized to the witnesses that it was important to fill the vacancies on the Board of Regents so it may efficiently conduct its work.

Finally, the Committee notes that the Office of the President and President's Chief of Staff stated the President supports this nomination, and the Governor of Yap has written a letter in support of this nominee as well. The nominee's resume and the recommendation from the Governor of Yap are attached with this report.

Overall your Committee on Education is supportive of this nomination. Your Committee on Education is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-222 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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