

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-27

RE: C.R. NO. 18-33/H&SA

SUBJECT: THE NOMINATION OF MR. VINCENT TAFILELUW TO
SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE FSM SOCIAL
SECURITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JULY 24, 2013

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Special Session, 2013

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was referred
C.R. No. 18-33, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. VINCENT
TAFILELUW TO SERVE AS A MEMBER ON THE FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

This resolution was transmitted to Congress on July 3, 2013 through
Presidential Communication No. 18-40.

Your Committee held a hearing on the resolution on July 22, 2013. In
attendance at the hearing were the nominee, the Administrator of the
FSM Social Security Program, Mr. Alex Narruhn, Mr. Pelsasar Petrus,
representatives of the Office of the President, Chairman Tony H. Otto,
and members Joseph J. Urusemal, Florencio S. Harper and Yosiwo P.
George.

At the hearing, your Committee was informed that the nominee will

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replace Charles Cheng as the representative of Yap State on the Social Security Board. The nominee's bio data is attached with this report as part of the report.

The nominee was given a chance to express his views on the nomination. He thanked the Committee for the opportunity and indicated that if he is confirmed, he is ready to assist the Program. He commented that while working together, the Board could successfully accomplish the Program's goals. Senator Joseph J. Urusemal welcomed the nominee, and had no questions regarding the qualifications of the nominee to serve on the Social Security Board. He further asked whether the nominee sits on any Board. The nominee indicated that he has served on several Boards in the State of Yap, for instance, the Board of YCAP, the Board of Education, the Board of Diving Seagull, and the Yap Development Center Advisory Board.

The Administrator of the Program, Mr. Alex Naruhn informed the Committee that currently the Board cannot transact any business because there is no quorum. Consequently, most of the appeal cases are on hold. He then requested the Committee to expedite the action of this resolution so that the Board can start reviewing these pending appeal cases. Mr. Naruhn commented that with the nominee's background on investment, he will be an asset to the Program. He also stated that he fully supports the nomination.

Mr. Petrus commented that the President trusts the Committee's wisdom in its deliberation on the nomination. He stated that the Governor of Yap State transmitted two names, and President had chosen to transmit the nominee's name. The Administrator, Mr. Naruhn had advised the President to select the nominee because he will have no problem working with him. The Administrator also pointed out that he knew the nominee at Xavier High School.

Your Committee inquired whether the nominee will have conflicting schedules if he is confirmed to be a member of the Social Security Board because he sits on several Boards in Yap State. The nominee indicated that he sees it as complimentary when he attends Board meeting outside of Yap State.

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Your Committee also inquired with the Administrator on the scheduling of Board meetings. Mr. Narruhn states that he usually informs the members in advance. So those members of the Board that serve on two or more Boards have no problem attending. He usually communicates with the members to prevent any conflicting scheduling.

The nominee was given a final say, and he indicated that whatever the Committee decides, he hopes that it will be in the best interest of the Committee and the Program.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, having reviewed the proposed resolution, is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 18-33, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Peter M. Christian
Peter M. Christian, member

/s/ Yosiwo P. George
Yosiwo P. George, member

/s/ Florencio S. Harper
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