

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-286

RE: C.R. NO. 18-257/H&SA

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. MARCUS SAMO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER REPRESENTING THE FSM NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FSM MICARE.

APRIL 15, 2015

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert  
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Seventh Special Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 18- 257 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. MARCUS SAMO 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 NOS. 12-77 AND 14-49.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On April 13, 2015 your Committee held hearings regarding the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-257. The Administrator of MiCare was present at the hearing and stated that the nominee was unavailable due to prior scheduled travel commitments.

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The nominee is well known to the Committee and has held several government positions in public health over the last twenty years. He is also a prior board member of MiCare. The Administrator stated that the nominee's experience and dedication make him an excellent choice for membership on the MiCare Board of Directors at this time. The Administrator noted that the nominee has a public health and medical background, as well as, knowledge regarding the financial aspects of healthcare and management systems. The Administrator stated that it is critical to have board members who are able to efficiently deal with backlog issues facing it at this time. The Administrator also reminded the Committee that it needs the two nominations before Congress confirmed in order to have a quorum for the Board.

The Committee believes that the nominee is well qualified. It also heard from the Administrator that the Governor of Chuuk and the health community are supportive of this nominee. The nominee has indicated to the national and state leadership his willingness to continue working hard to improve the provision of health insurance to the Nation. The Committee did comment that will be having an oversight hearing with MiCare on other issues this session.

Your Committee would like to offer the following the amendment to C.R. No. 18-257, to read as follows:

1. Page 2, line 7, delete "Sixth Special Session" and insert "Seventh Special Session", in lieu thereof.

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Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes that the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends Mr. Marcus Samo, be confirmed as a member of the Board of Directors of MiCare representing the National Government. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-257, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto, as C.R. No. 18-257, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

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

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

Florencio S. Harper, member

David W. Panuelo, member

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
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