

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-09

RE: C.R. NO. 19-30/H&SA

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JESSE GILTAMAG  
ON TO SERVE ON THE MICARE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

MAY 30, 2015

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
First Regular Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was  
referred C.R. No. 19-30, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JESSE  
GILTAMAG TO SERVE AS THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT  
REPRESENTATIVE ON THE MICARE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee recognizes the importance of balancing the  
delivery of quality healthcare insurance at an affordable  
price and the rising costs of healthcare. A successful  
member of the MiCare Board of Directors should be  
knowledgeable, dedicated and well educated in order to  
ensure the current high standards continue at MiCare, and  
that MiCare is able to meet the future challenges in the  
healthcare insurance industry.

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of the nominee,  
including his educational background and professional  
experience. The nominee has a Master's degree in public

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policy and organizational management. The nominee's studies included a strong background in finance. The nominee has served this Nation in many capacities. Currently the nominee is the FSM Insurance Commissioner. He has been an insurance examiner in the past, an Acting Secretary of the National Department of Economic Affairs, as well as Assistant Secretary in the Division of Trade and Commerce to name a few of his positions over 20 years with the National Government. The nominee has an impressive background in finance, management and insurance.

The Committee inquired regarding the current number of vacant positions on the MiCare Board of Directors. The Administrator of MiCare state the MiCare Board of Directors is unable to meet, as it does not have enough members to meet its quorum requirements, as it only had two sitting board members.

The Administrator of MiCare spoke in favor of the nominee, Jesse Giltamag, and expressed his support particularly in light of the nominee's familiarity with business and insurance. The Administrator stressed the need for a new member of the board to grasp the multiple, complex issues urgently facing MiCare. The Administrator was of the opinion that the nominee was more than able to understand and contribute immediately as a member of the Board for MiCare.

Your Committee did inquire as to whether there was any conflict in the nominee serving on the Board of Directors of MiCare. The nominee stated that MiCare is not under the jurisdiction of the FSM Insurance Commission as it was a government entity. The representative of the President's Office stated that the Justice Department had reviewed this nomination and found no conflict. The President fully supports and recommends the nominee.

The nominee spoke on his own behalf and stated firmly that he was committed to serving the Nation and believed he had both the expertise and the time to execute the

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responsibilities of a board member for MiCare. The nominee stated that although his professional work was demanding he liked to be busy and challenge himself. The nominee confirmed that he did not serve on any other boards.

Your Committee has not received any communication that would cast doubt on the performance or the integrity of this nominee. Further, your Committee defers to the President, and MiCare and its Board of Directors as to the decision to put forward this nominee.

Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes this nominee should be confirmed, as soon as possible, as the member representative from the National Government to the MiCare Board of Directors.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-30, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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