

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-10

RE: C.R. NO. 19-27/J&GO

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. JOSES R. GALLEN,
ESQ. TO SERVE AS THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE OF THE FSM.

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 Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to
which was referred C.R. No, 19-27 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR.
JOSES R. GALLEN, ESQ. TO SERVE AS THE SECRETARY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OF THE FEDERATED STATES
OF MICRONESIA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The nominee is well known to your Committee. He has served
at various times as Attorney General for Chuuk State and
for Pohnpei State. His qualifications are therefore not an
issue. He is well qualified for the position.

Your Committee held a hearing on May 28, 2015. Appearing
at the hearing were a large number of the DOJ employees.
They all endorsed the nominee. The representative for the

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President's Office emphasized that the speed with which the nomination was submitted by the new President is an indication of the confidence toward the nominee.

The nominee was asked what he would do if the President or a high official instructed him to do something against his beliefs. The nominee stated that he would follow his conscience. He would always uphold the law. When asked whether he would obey an order to prosecute certain individuals, he said that he would as the Secretary exercise prosecutorial discretion, and it is up to the Secretary to decide whom to prosecute and for what.

Asked whether his previous service for the States will prevent him from fully representing the National Government, he said that he is very mindful of conflict of interest rules and he would make sure that in attorney assignments the professional rules of conduct are obeyed.

As to his vision for the Department he stated that he basically intends to keep things as they are except that he would work on improving morale. There apparently is a morale problem due to recent personnel issues, but a lot of it may involve people not knowing what they can or cannot do. He will work on insuring that the different departments are more informed.

A staff member of the DOJ testified that he has qualities that make for a good supervisor. He is always respectful and even-tempered.

Your Committee is satisfied that the President has made a good choice and recommends confirmation of the nominee.

You Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is in accord with the intent and purpose of C. R. No. 19-27 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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