

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-111

RE: C.R. NO. 19-162/W&M

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF MR. RENSLEY A. SIGRAH TO BE
THE PUBLIC AUDITOR OF THE FEDERATED STATES
OF MICRONESIA

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Regular Session, 2016

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways & Means, to which was referred
Congressional Resolution 19-162, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR.
RENSLEY A. SIGRAH TO SERVE AS THE PUBLIC AUDITOR OF
THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Mr. Rensley A. Sigrah has been nominated by the President
of the Federated States of Micronesia to be the Public
Auditor. Article X, section 2(d) of the Constitution of
the Federated States of Micronesia and title 2, section 207
of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia
(Annotated), states this nomination is subject to the
advice and consent of the Congress of the Federated States
of Micronesia.

Your Committee thoroughly evaluated the credentials and
held a hearing on the nomination of Mr. Sigrah on February

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1, 2016. Representatives from the Department of Finance and Administration, the Office of the President, the Office of the National Public Auditor, and the Department of Justice were in attendance to testify.

At the hearing the representative from the President's Office testified as to the credentials of the nominee. He stated that Mr. Sigrah has knowledge and experience that spans the State and National Government. He stated that the nominee has the focus to be an effective Public Auditor. He also cited the nominee's strong work ethic and urged Congress' favorable approval of this nomination.

The Secretary of Finance and Administration stated that she spoke in support of the nominee but that did not mean she disapproved of the current National Public Auditor. She stated that the current National Public Auditor is doing a fine job and that if conformed the nominee would continue to perform on the same level. The Secretary added that she had worked with the nominee when he was Governor of Kosrae and supports his nomination.

In addition to the public hearing, your Committee solicited comments from all four state's Governors and their legislative bodies. As of the date of this report, your Committee has not received a response, which shall be taken as no dissent to this nomination.

As the nominee is well known and his accomplishments well documented, your Committee did not feel the need to have him fly to Pohnpei to testify. Instead, your Committee asked that the nominee provide a written response commenting on being nominated and asking for his level of interest in the position.

Mr. Sigrah replied to your Committee's request in a letter dated February 3, 2013. He stated that he was grateful to be nominated and was excited about undertaking the job of

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National Public Auditor if confirmed by Congress. He went on to cite his credentials and assured your Committee that he is prepared to undertake all tasks required in this position.

Based on your Committee's due diligence, we recommended Mr. Sigrah be confirmed as Public Auditor of the Federated States of Micronesia

Presidential Communication number 19-238, which accompanied C.R. No. 19-162, highlights Mr. Sigrah's experience in finance and as the National Public Auditor from 1996-1998. Your Committee notes Mr. Sigrah stepped down from the position of Public Auditor to serve as the Governor of Kosrae from 1999-2007. He most recently served as a finance and tax consultant for Department of Finance's tax reform project.

Your Committee on Ways and Means has reviewed C.R. No. 19-162 and P.C. No. 19-238 and concluded that Mr. Sigrah has outstanding credentials, which qualify him for this appointment.

CONCLUSION

Upon review of the nominee and his qualifications your Committee is satisfied that the nominee is fit for service as the Public Auditor of the Federated States of Micronesia. Therefore, your Committee on Ways and Means recommends Mr. Rensley A. Sigrah be confirmed as the Public Auditor of the Federated States of Micronesia. Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-162, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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