

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-21

RE: C.R. NO. 19-35/T&C

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING MR. RICKY F. CANTERO TO SERVE AS A  
MEMBER OF THE FSM TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL  
GOVERNMENT.

JULY 15, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation and Communication, to  
which was referred C.R. No. 19-35 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. RICKY  
F. CANTERO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE FSM TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION,  
REPRESENTING THE NATONAL GOVERNMENT."

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee held a public hearing with the nominee on  
July 13, 2015.

The nominee is well known to your Committee albeit in a  
capacity different from telecommunications. He is a career  
foreign affairs officer who has served with distinction in  
several areas: Asia and Pacific affairs, U.S., Europe, as  
well as multilateral affairs. He attended and staffed

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several meetings of the yearly Joint Telecommunications Consultation with the U.S. If confirmed he will serve as the National Government's representative on the Board of Directors of the FSM Telecommunications Corporation.

The nominee stated that this was his first nomination to serve as a board member, and he is grateful to the President for having put forward his name. He does not have much technical telecommunications or board membership experience, but believes his varied background will allow him to deal with the multiplicity of issues on the Board. He expects to acquire quickly the technical telecommunications competence.

Speaking for the Telecommunications Corporation, CEO John Sohl supported the nomination. Mr. Sohl stated that the nominee is a bright and energetic man, and a quick learner, who will undoubtedly contribute much to the Board of Telecom. The CEO emphasized the desperate need to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors because many issues are on hold due to lack of a quorum on the Board, especially matters concerning the budget.

Several members of the Committee also remarked that they knew the nominee and believed he would make a good board member.

Your Committee takes note of the remarks of the CEO regarding the need to have a quorum on the Board. The nominee has proven himself at his current job with Foreign Affairs. It is hoped that he would bring his acumen in dealing with international issues to the Board of the FSM Telecommunications Corporation.

Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes this nominee should be confirmed, as soon as possible, to serve as the National Government's representative on the

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Board of Directors of the FSM Telecommunications  
Corporation.

Your Committee on Transportation and Commination is in  
accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-35, and  
recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Victor V. Gouland  
Victor V. Gouland, chairman

/s/ Robson Romolow  
Robson Romolow, vice chairman

/s/ Florencio S. Harper  
Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ Ferney S. Perman  
Ferny S. Perman, member

/s/ Isaac V. Figir  
Isaac V. Figir, member

/s/ Alik L. Alik  
Alik L. Alik, member