

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-39

RE: C.R. NO. 19-87/EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. CARL D.
APIS TO SERVE AS THE FSM AMBASSADOR TO CHINA

SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R.
No. 19-87, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR.
CARLSON D. APIS TO SERVE AS THE FSM AMBASSADOR
PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On August 28, 2015, the President submitted the nomination
of Mr. Carlson Apis through Presidential Communication No.
19-136, which contains the resume of the nominee.

Your Committee conducted a public hearing on C.R. No. 19-87,
which is the nomination of Mr. Carlson Apis to serve as the
Ambassador of the Federated States of Micronesia to the
Embassy in China.

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Chairman Paliknoa K. Welly opened the hearing and greeted the nominee and the witnesses. The nominee was given an opportunity to comment on his nomination.

The nominee first summarized his past working relationship, especially as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy in China. He explained that the Embassy had established good working relationships with China, especially on tourism. The nominee stated that since Mainland China is closer to Yap, the Embassy had fostered a good working relationship with the appropriate authorities so that Chinese tourists may visit Yap, which is a potential target area for tourists.

Your Committee further inquired with the nominee why he was recalled from the Embassy to the Home Office. The nominee commented that it was an opportunity given to him. It was not a recall or temporary arrangement. He explained that there was a vacancy at the Home Office (Kandhi's position) and he applied and secured the position. This is a personnel decision he had to make.

He informed your Committee that the President approached him and ask if he was willing to go back to China, and he responded positively. Thus, his nomination was sent.

Your Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the nominee. Your Committee has not heard anything that would cast doubt on the performance of the nominee. Absent any indication to the contrary, your Committee believes the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends Mr. Carl D. Apis be confirmed as the FSM Ambassador to the Embassy in China.

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Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-87, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paliknoa K. Welly, chairman

/s/ Robson Romolow
Robson Romolow, vice chairman

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

/s/ Victor V. Gouland
Victor V. Gouland, member

Berney Martin, member

Bonsiano F. Nethon, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo
David W. Panuelo, member