

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-40

RE: C.R. NO. 19-91/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. SAMSON
PRETRICK TO SERVE AS THE DEPUTY
SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS

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. 19-91, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR.
SAMSON PRETRICK TO SERVE AS THE DEPUTY SECRETARY
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONEISA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On August 28, 2015, the President transmitted the said
resolution to Congress through Presidential Communication

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No. 19-132. Attached with the communication is the nominee's resume.

Your Committee conducted a hearing on the nomination of Mr. Samson Pretrick to serve as the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs on September 17, 2017. Chairman Paliknoa K. Welly opened the hearing and gave an opportunity to the nominee to comment on his nomination.

The nominee thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to comment on his nomination and also expressed his appreciation to the Committee for the assistance rendered to the Department. He stated that he is currently the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

The Committee asked the nominee whether he was approached by the President to serve as the Deputy Secretary. The nominee indicated that it was a decision made by the new administration.

Your Committee inquired whether nominations sent to Congress were made by a committee or just by the President and the Vice President. The nominee explained that there was no committee formed to pick the selected nominees. It may be in the future, but currently it is a decision made by the President and the Vice President.

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of this nominee, including his education and professional experience extensively. The nominee has had several years of diplomatic service. He was the FSM Consul-General in Guam, served as the Federated States of Micronesia's Ambassador Plenipotentiary to Fiji and currently as the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs. He fulfilled his duties in this position satisfactorily.

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Your Committee has not received any communication that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of this nominee. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes this nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends Mr. Samson Pretrick be confirmed as the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-91, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Robson Romolow
Robson Romolow, vice chairman

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

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/s/ David W. Panuelo
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