## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-45

RE: C.R. NO. 19-111/H&SA

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. MATHEW YAMADA CHIGIYAL TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE FSM SOCIAL

SECURITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health & Social Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 19-111, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MATHEW YAMADA CHIGIYAL TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF THE FSM SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD OF DIRECTIORS REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee lauds the good work that the Social Security Administration has done to ensure that the citizens of our Nation receive benefits necessary to sustain them in their old age or times of disability. In order to continue its work with competence and efficiency the Administration needs to have a complete Board of Directors with skilled members. Your Committee believes that the nominee has a very strong background in business and accounting and will

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be able to work on the important issues facing the Administration at this time.

The Committee held a public hearing on this nomination on September 18, 2015. Witnesses in attendance at this hearing included the Administrator of the Social Security Administration and a representative from the Office of the President. The nominee was off island at the time this hearing was scheduled. This nominee is very well-known to the Committee and held in high regard. The President also very highly recommendations for Mr. Chigiyal to serve on the Board of Directors for the Social Security Administration.

Your Committee notes that the nominee has served in government, performing well for over 25 years. The nominee expressed to the Social Security Administration that he has the time and interest to serve on the Social Security Board of Directors, and is concerned with the issues facing the Administration. At the hearing the Social Security Administration endorsed this nomination, and requested that the nominee be confirmed as soon as possible to allow the Board of Directors to meet with a full Board. The nominee is well qualified and is also distinguished for his hard work and integrity. The Committee further notes that during its review it found there was no conflict of interest or other issue that would prevent the nominee from serving on the Board of Directors for the FSM Social Security.

Upon a extensive review of the nominee and his qualifications your Committee is satisfied that the nominee is fit for service as a member of the Board of Directors for the Social Security Administration, and believes it is in the best interests of our nation that the above named nominee be confirmed as soon as possible. Therefore, your Committee on Health & Social Affairs recommends that Mr.

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Mathew Yamada Chigiyal be confirmed as a member of the Board of Directors for the Social Security Administration.

Your Committee on Health & Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-111, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Ferny S. Perman

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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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/s/ Alik L. Alik
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