

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-70

RE: C.R. NO. 19-88/EX AFF

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. JOHN FRITZ  
TO SERVE AS THE POSITION OF THE FEDERATED  
STATES OF MICRONESIA AMBASSADOR  
PLENIPOTENTIARY TO JAPAN.

NOVEMBER 17, 2015

The Honorable Wesley Simina  
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Third Special Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R.  
No. 19-89, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. JOHN  
FRITZ TO SERVE AS THE POSITION OF THE AMBASSADOR  
PLENIPOTENTIAR OF THE IN JAPAN.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On August 28, 2015, the President, through Presidential  
Communication No. 19-135, transmitted to Congress  
Congressional Resolution No. 19-89. The said resolution is  
the nomination of Mr. John Fritz to serve as the FSM  
Ambassador Pleniponteniary to Japan. Attached with P.C.  
No. 19-135 is the resume of Mr. John Fritz.

Your Committee held a hearing on the said resolution on  
November 5, 2015, at the FSM Embassy in Tokyo, Japan. Your

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Committee consisted of Vice Chairman Robson U. Romolow, members David W. Panuelo, Victor Gouland and staff Alik Jackson. Witnesses included Mr. Renster Andrew, Mr. Vincent Sivas and the nominee.

Vice Chairman Romolow chaired the hearing and greeted the nominee. He then gave the nominee an opportunity to comment on his nomination. The nominee welcomed the members and staff of your Committee on External Affairs. He indicated that as evident at the FSM 29<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration, which was held on the night of November 4, 2015 in Japan, the relationship between the FSM and Japan was proven when all walks of life participated at the event. The nominee further assured the Committee that the Embassy will continue its utmost work that was given to them. They will continue to do that and also seek guidance from Congress on the direction to take.

Your Committee inquired of the nominee whether he is running for Governor for the State of Chuuk. The nominee commented that it is an interest that he has, which is an interest he carried for several years, but he is not certain when he is going to file his petition. He stated that he respected the President's decision in nominating him again to the position of the FSM Ambassador to Japan.

Your Committee thanked the nominee and recommended that he continue to offer his services and his good work for the people of Micronesia.

Your Committee is mindful of the need for continuity in the operation of the FSM Embassy in Japan. The confirmation of the current nominee contributes substantially to that continuity. It is therefore imperative that the nominee be confirmed quickly to keep the mission operational.

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Your Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the nominee. There is no further need to do so at this time. Your Committee has not heard anything that would cast doubt on the performance of the nominee. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends Mr. John Fritz be confirmed as the FSM Ambassador Plenipotentiary to Japan.

Your Committee wishes to offer these amendments to C.R. No. 19-88 to read as follows:

1. Title, line 1, after "as the", delete "~~position of~~".
2. Page 2, line 17, delete "Second Regular", and insert "Third Special" in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-88, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 19-88,C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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