

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-72

RE: C.R. NO. 19-89/EX AFF

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. RENSTER P.  
ANDREW TO SERVE AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION  
OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AT THE  
EMBASSY IN 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. RENSTER  
P. ANDREW TO SERVE AS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION OF THE  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AT THE EMBASSY IN  
JAPAN.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On August 31, 2015, the President, through Presidential  
Communication No. 19-134, transmitted to Congress  
Congressional Resolution No. 19-89. The said resolution is  
the nomination of Mr. Renster P. Andrew to serve as the  
Deputy Chief of Mission of the Federated States of  
Micronesia at the FSM Embassy in Japan. Attached with P.C.  
No. 19-134 is the resume of Mr. Renster P. Andrew.

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Your Committee held a hearing on the said resolution on November 5, 2015 at the FSM Embassy in Tokyo, Japan. In attendance were Vice Chairman Robson U. Romolow, members David W. Panuelo, Victor Gouland and staff Alik Jackson. The nominee was present at the hearing.

Vice Chairman Robson Romolow chaired the hearing and greeted the nominee. He then gave the nominee an opportunity to comment on his nomination. The nominee greeted the members and staff. He commented that he is still interested to serve the Nation as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy in Japan.

Your Committee inquired of the nominee about his length of service at the FSM Embassy in Japan. The nominee explained that he served as the DCM for almost fourteen years. He went on to say that when he first started at the Embassy, he had to bring his family to Japan and try to adjust to the life there. At first, it was difficulty, but later on he managed to establish himself. Your Committee commented that the nominee's service at the Embassy is quite long, and asked whether he prefers to be posted somewhere. The nominee commented that he surely would take the opportunity if he will be nominated elsewhere.

Your Committee asked how he was approached to take the position of the DCM. The nominee explained that there was some indication. However, when the President came to Japan for the PALM meeting, he discussed with the nominee the possibility of submitting his nomination as DCM at the Embassy to Congress. He said that the President commented he wanted to maintain those who were serving the Nation at the Embassy. So the nominee became aware that the President would submit his name.

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

The nominee was given a last opportunity to comment on his nomination. The nominee thanked the Committee and indicated that he will continue to strive as he works in the diplomatic area, especially at the FSM Embassy in Japan.

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.

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 reconfirmed, and so recommends Mr. Renster P. Andrew be reconfirmed as the DCM of the Embassy in Japan.

Your Committee wishes to offer an amendment to C.R. No. 19-89 to read as follows:

1. Page 2, line 1, 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. 19-89, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 19-89,C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Robson U. Romolow  
Robson U. Romolow, vice chairman

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

Victor V. Gouland, member

/s/ Berney Martin  
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/s/ Bonsiano F. Nethon  
Bonsiano F. Nethon, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo  
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