

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-75

RE: C.R. No. 19-107/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. KANDHI
A. ELIEISAR TO SERVE AS THE FSM DCM IN
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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. 19-107, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR.
KANDHI A. ELIEISAR TO SERVE AS THE FSM DEPUTY
CHIEF OF MISSION TO THE EMBASSY IN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AT WASHINGTON, D.C.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On September 1, 2015, the President through Presidential
Communication No. 19-151 transmitted Congressional
Resolution No. 19-107 to Congress. The said resolution is
the nomination of Mr. Kandhi A. Elieisar to serve as the
Deputy Chief of Mission to the FSM Embassy in Washington,
D.C. Attached with P.C. No. 19-151 is the resume of Mr.
Kandhi A. Elieisar.

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Your Committee conducted a hearing on the nomination of Mr. Kandhi A. Elieisar on October 7, 2015, at the Consulate General Office in Honolulu, Hawaii. In attendance were Chairman Paliknoa K. Welly, Vice Chairman Robson U. Romolow, members David W. Panuelo, Victor Gouland, Vice Speaker Berney Martin and staff Alik Jackson and Lynn Narruhn. The witnesses included Foreign Service Officer Mr. Henry H. Shrew and the nominee.

Your Committee greeted the witnesses and thanked them for availing the Office for the hearing. Your Committee asked the nominee how he was approached to take the post.

The nominee thanked the Committee for travelling to Hawaii to conduct his confirmation hearing. He stated that he was informed, and expressed his willingness to serve as the DCM at the FSM Embassy in Washington, D.C., especially during this time because of our relationship with the United States under the Amended Compact. The nominee also appreciated the gravity of the position of which the President has entrusted him and nominated him to. He conveyed to the Committee that it is a position that he wholeheartedly accepts. He was confident of his ability to perform the role based on his prior experience.

Your Committee also inquired, if confirmed, he would be managing the Office, but under the Ambassador. The nominee explained that the current position he is now serving compliments the work of the FSM Embassy in Washington, D.C. In this regard, working under the Ambassador is a matter that he currently practiced. So his nominated position is a complimentary and not an adversarial one.

Your Committee further inquired of the nominee if he understands that by confirming him to the position, he will notch somebody who is very knowledgeable, especially with the relationship between the United States and the FSM.

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The nominee is fully aware of the situation, but the decision rests with the President and Congress.

Your Committee gave the nominee final comment on his nomination. The nominee stated that around fifty thousand FSM citizens are currently residing in Hawaii and the Office is bombarded with the services it renders to these citizens. So, if confirmed, will leave the Office with a lot of satisfaction of his services, but a little remiss of not finishing a four year service in Hawaii.

Your Committee is satisfied with the qualifications, experience, and dedication of the nominee. Mr. Elieisar is currently the Consul General at the Consulate General Office in Honolulu, Hawaii. He previously served as the Assistant Secretary for Asia, Pacific, Africa and Multilateral Affairs with the Department of Foreign Affairs, and has served with the Department for a total of twenty years.

Your Committee wishes to offer an amendment to the resolution as follows:

1. Page 2, line 3, delete "Second Regular", and insert "Third Special" in lieu thereof.

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CONCLUSION

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-107, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 19-107,C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Paliknoa K. Welly
Paliknoa K. Welly, chairman

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

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

Victor V. Gouland, member

/s/ Berney Martin
Berney Martin, member

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

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