

S.C.R. No. 13-52

SEPTEMBER 3, 2003

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to which was referred C.R. No. 13-20, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MRS. BEAULEEN CARL-WORSWICK TO SERVE AS CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.”,

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On July 16, 2003, by Presidential Communication No.13-29, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia submitted the nomination of Mrs. Beaulen Carl-Worswick to the Congress for confirmation. Mrs.

Carl-Worswick has been nominated by the President to serve as Chief Public Defender of the Federated States of Micronesia, a position she has held for the past four (4) years.

Your committee held a hearing on September 2, 2003, to consider the nomination. Witnesses called to appear before your committee included the nominee, the President's representative, interested postal staff from both the headquarters and State offices of the Chief Public Defender, and interested members of the public. Your committee also sought the comments of each State's Governor, Legislature, State Attorney General and Chief of Police, Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, and others. All written comments received were unanimous in their support for the nominee.

As noted above, Ms. Carl-Worswick has held the position of Chief Public Defender for the past 4 years. During that time, she has proven herself to be more than capable, both as an attorney and an administrator, never shirking from the many challenges facing her organization. In these difficult financial times, she has found ways to "do more with less", and has sought out more creative, efficient and effective ways of ensuring that those who come before her office receive proper legal representation. This is not to say that more is not needed; rather, your committee believes the nominee has a proven, successful track record and believes that, if confirmed, she will continue to do a more than adequate job. As reported by the President's representative, the nominee enjoys the full support of the President. A copy of the nominee's resume is attached for your reference.

Your committee recommends the following technical amendment to C.R. No. 13-20:

1. Page 1, line 2 - delete "First" and insert "Second" in lieu thereof.

With this amendment, your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 13-20 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 13-20, C.D.1.

Signed by Senators Halbert, Kansou, Alik, Asugar, Peyal, Fritz and Christian