

S.C.R. NO. 13-57

SEPTEMBER 4, 2003

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 13-25, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. IGNATIUS MANGLAY TO SERVE AS THE MEMBER REPRESENTING YAP STATE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 'HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.'",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On July 18, 2003, after consultation with the Governor of the State of Yap, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia submitted the nomination of Mr. Ignatius Manglay to the Congress for confirmation.

See Presidential Communication ("P.C.") No. 13-33. Mr. Manglay, who currently serves as the Budget Officer for Congress, has been nominated by the President to serve as the Yap State representative on the newly-created National Government Employees' Health Insurance Plan ("NGEHIP") Board of Directors. See P.L. No. 12-77, codified at 52 FSMC ch.4.

Your committee held a public hearing on August 29, 2003 to consider Mr. Manglay's nomination. Witnesses called before your committee included the nominee, the President's representative, representatives of the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs, interested members of the public, and others.

As noted above, the NGEHIP Board of Directors is a newly-created board established to "oversee the [NGEHI]Plan and the assets of the Employees' Health Insurance Fund." 52 FSMC sec. 407(1). Appointed members serve for a period of three years, except that initial appointments to the Board are to be for staggered" terms. Id. at sec. 407(3).

The nominee testified that, although he has limited experience with the NGEHIP, he is willing to serve on the Board as the Yap State representative. According to the President's representative, the nominee has the full

support of the President. A copy of the nominee's background information is attached for your reference. On September 4, 2003, your committee learned from Presidential Communication No. 13-56 that Mr. Manglay is being nominated to serve for a term of 2 years.

Based on the information received at the hearing and in writing, and given your committee's personal knowledge of the nominee's work, your committee recommends confirmation of Mr. Ignatius Manglay to a term of 2 years as a member of the NGEHIP Board of Directors. Your committee is confident he will bring much-needed financial discipline to the Board.

Because your committee disfavors lengthy nomination resolutions, and because there are some technical errors in the resolution transmitted by the Executive, your committee recommends the following amendments to C.R. No. 13-25:

1. Title, line 4 - delete "Program" and insert "Plan" in lieu thereof.
2. Page 1 - delete lines 1 through 15 in their entirety.
3. Page 1, line 16 - delete the comma (",").
4. Page 1, line 16 - after the first "the" insert "Thirteenth".
5. Page 1, line 17 - after "that the" insert "Congress hereby gives its advice and consent to the".
6. Page 1, line 18 - delete "is hereby confirmed" and insert "to serve as the Yep State representative on the National Government Employees' Health Insurance Plan Board of Directors for a term of two years" in lieu thereof.
7. Page 2, line 4 - delete "Program" and insert "Plan" in lieu thereof.

With these amendments, your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 13-25 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 13-25,
C.D.1.

Signed by Senators Moses, Aritos, Halbert, Nelson, Phillip, Kansou and Peyal