

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-26

RE: C.R. NO. 14-9/WM

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF
NICK L. ANDON

MAY 23, 2005

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Fourteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Regular Session, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.R. No. 14-9, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. NICK ANDON TO
BE A MEMBER OF THE COMPACT MANAGEMENT BOARD.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your committee is very aware of the qualifications and accomplishments of Mr. Andon. The Thirteenth Congress approved of Mr. Andon's nomination as Secretary of Finance and Administration less than two years ago, in which position Mr. Andon continues to serve. Your committee refers you to SCR No. 13-53 prepared by this committee on the extensive review process it undertook and its positive conclusions about Mr. Andon. The members of your committee feel that they have become very familiar with the excellent qualities of Mr. Andon in the past two years and do not believe that any further hearings are required.

In addition to the comments found in the S.C.R. No. 13-53, your committee recognizes the valuable experience Mr. Andon has gained in overseeing the Department of Finance and Administration of the National Government. Deep knowledge of the financial affairs of the nation is very important as it pertains to the oversight of compact implementation and in dealing with JEMCO. Your committee also recognizes that Mr. Andon has represented the Federated States of Micronesia at several JEMCO meetings and his role in the negotiations of the amended Compact and the ongoing implementation of its provisions. Your committee also notes that Mr. Andon has had broad experience in public administration.

Given the extensive experience of Mr. Andon and his direct exposure to

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and current knowledge of the challenges facing the Compact Management Board, your committee believes that he is well suited to represent the National Government on the Compact Management Board.

Your Committee on Ways and Means is, therefore, in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 14-9, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

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