

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-30

RE: C.R. NO. 14-13/R&D

SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS

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 Resources and Development (R&D), to which was referred C.R. No. 14-13 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. AKILLINO H. SUSAIA
TO BE THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the nominee to this very important position. Your Committee notes that this nominee is the current Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure and has held the position since 2002. In addition, he has had a long career with the Pohnpei State government in a variety of positions including General Manager of the Pohnpei Port Authority, Budget Officer for the Legislative Branch and Legislative Aide.

The nominee holds a Masters in Public Administration.

Your Committee notes that the witnesses at the hearing held on Saturday, May 21, 2005 were generally supportive of the nomination. A number of witnesses also indicated that in view of the long period during which the Department has had no permanent head, it was important for the nominee to be confirmed by Congress during this May Session.

On this basis, your Committee finds that the nominee has the experience and qualifications necessary for the duties of this extremely important position.

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Your Committee on Resources and Development therefore recommends that Congress adopt C.R. No. 14-13 and confirm Mr. Susaia to the position of secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Manny Mori
Manny Mori, chairman

/s/ Ramon Peyal
Ramon Peyal, vice chairman

/s/ Alik L. Alik
Alik L. Alik, member

Peter M. Christian, member

/s/ Dion G. Neth
Dion G. Neth, member

/s/ Simiram Sipenuk
Simiram Sipenuk, member

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