

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-33

RE: C.R. NO. 14-17/T&C

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF MR. YATILMAN AS
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

MAY _____, 2005

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation and Communications, to which was referred C.R. No. 14-17, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. ANDREW YATILMAN TO BE THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE."

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The nomination of Mr. Andrew R. Yatilman was transmitted to Congress via Presidential Communication No. 14-15. This communication outlines Mr. Yatilman's qualifications to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure of the Federated States of Micronesia and seeks Congress's advice and consent on the nominee.

The written information provided to your Committee in Presidential Communication 14-15, which included a copy of Mr. Yatilman's resume, reveals that Mr. Yatilman has served as an Assistant Principal of Xavier High School for two years, as Yap State Health Planner and Statistic Coordinator for three years, as Assistant Director for the Yap State Department of Health Services for eight years, as Yap State Lieutenant Governor for four years, and most recently, as General Manager for the Yap Visitors Bureau since 2003. Mr. Yatilman started his education at Satawal Elementary School and transferred to Outer Islands High School in the State of Yap. He attended Xavier High School from 1977 to 1980. He did his undergraduate studies at the University of Guam, Mangilao where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration. He received a Certificate of Public Health Policy and Planning at the University of Hawaii. Mr. Yatilman served as a member of the State of Chuuk Scholarship Board from 1986 to 1988, as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Yap State Public Service Corporation from 1996 to 1999, as member of the College

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of Micronesia Board of Regents, as a member of National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA), as the Treasurer of the College of Micronesia Land Grant Program, and as Vice Chairman of the FSM Visitors Board.

Your Committee held a public hearing on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the nomination of Mr. Yatilman. All the cabinet members of the President were in attendance during the public hearing and showed overwhelming support for the nomination. The majority of the witnesses from the Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure also showed strong support for the nomination. Senator Resio Moses commented that the overwhelming support by the cabinet members and the staff of the Department are unsubstantive to convince him that the nominee qualifies for the cabinet post.

Your Committee agrees that Mr. Yatilman has the necessary credentials to make a good Secretary for the Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Your Committee on Transportation and Communications is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 14-17 and recommends its adoption.

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Respectfully submitted,

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