STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-37

RE: C.R. NO. 14-5/J&GO

SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE FSM

SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations ("J&GO"), to which was referred C.R. No. 14-5, entitled:

> "A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. CAMILLO NOKET TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The nomination of Mr. Camillo Noket was transmitted to Congress via Presidential Communication No. 14-10. This nomination is for the position of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Although Mr. Noket has never obtained a law degree, he has had an extremely distinguished legal career in the FSM spanning 25 years. During that time he has held positions as an associate justice of the Chuuk State Supreme Court, the Attorney General of the FSM and as Directing Attorney for the MLSC's Chuuk office.

Your Committee has solicited comments from the National and State Governments and from lawyers practicing in the FSM. The responses we have received have been, almost without exception, extremely positive. The consultation we have conducted suggests that Mr. Noket is a highly competent lawyer who is diligent and maintains high ethical standards in his practice of the law.

On September 15, 2005, your Committee held a hearing on this matter. The witnesses at the hearing, including representatives from the Department of Justice, all spoke in favor of the nomination.

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Your Committee considers that Mr. Noket is suitable for this very important position.

However, your Committee recommends the following technical amendment to Resolution No. 14-5:

1. Page 1, line 11, delete "First" and insert "Second" in lieu thereof.

As amended herein, your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 14-5 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 14-5, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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