

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-155

RE: C.R. NO. 15-156/HESA

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO FSM SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

OCTOBER 02, 2008

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Fifteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Regular Session, 2008

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs (HESA), to which was referred C.R. No. 15-156, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. ILAI D. ABRAHAM TO BE A MEMBER ON THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The nomination of Mr. Ilai D. Abraham to the FSM Social Security Board (the "Board") was transmitted to Congress via Presidential Communication No. 15-256, which included the nominee's resume.

Currently, the nominee is a member of the Kosrae State Legislature. He has served as a Senator during the 2nd Kosrae State Legislature from 1980 to 1985. He also served as a Senator for the 8th and 9th Kosrae State Legislatures from 2003 to 2008. If confirm, Mr. Abraham will replace Mr. Yosiwo P. George who is the former Board member representing the State of Kosrae.

Your Committee held a public hearing on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 to review three nominations to the Board, including this one. At the public hearing your Committee asked the Administrator whether he knew the nominee. The administrator testified that he is not very familiar with the nominee, and cannot contribute much to the discussion on the nomination. He further indicated that because Mr. Yosiwo George did not attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, and such absences were considered unexcused absences, his membership on the Board is no longer legally recognized pursuant to law. Hence, after the Administrator consulted the President on the vacated position on the Board for Kosrae State, the President submitted Mr. Abraham's nomination to Congress.

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Your Committee learned that the leadership of Kosrae State is very confident that the good Senator will represent Kosrae's interest well in the FSM Social Security Board.

Your Committee would like to make one amendment to the resolution as follows:

1. Page 1, line 12 - delete "four", and insert "three," in lieu thereof.

The purpose of this amendment is to correct the term limit a member may serve on the board of the FSM Social Security Board pursuant to subsection 701 of Title 53 of the FSM Code.

Your Committee on Health Education and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 15-156, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 15-156, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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