

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-156

RE: C.R. NO. 15-151/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. 15-151, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR.CHARLES L. CHIENG 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. Charles Chieng to the FSM Social Security Board (the "Board") was transmitted to Congress via Presidential Communication No. 15-246.

Your Committee agrees with President Mori that Mr. Chieng's re-nomination should be considered favorably. Mr. Chieng has served on the Board since the Board was first created in 1988. He is the most senior member of the Board and has valuable experience to offer to the Board. He is currently working as the Director of the Yap Community Action Program.

Your Committee held a public hearing on Tuesday, October 1, 2008 to review three nominations to the Board, including this one. At the public hearing your Committee discussed this re-nomination and received comments and a positive recommendation from the Administrator of the FSM Social Security Administration. The Administrator testified that he is in full support of the re-nomination of Mr. Chieng and that he does not want to lose Mr. Chieng as a Board member. He indicated that Mr. Chieng has contributed significantly to the betterment of the Social Security Administration and that he is the most senior and most experienced member of the Board, as such, he is an extremely valuable resource to the Board and the Administration. The Administration confirmed also that Mr. Chieng is indeed willing and able to continue to serve as a member of the Board.

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Your Committee is confident that if re-appointed, Mr. Chieng will continue to serve this nation well in his role as the Yap representative to this 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. 15-151, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 15-151, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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