

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16-94

RE: C.R. NO. 16-104/R&D

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF MR. ALANSO CHOLMAY AS THE MEMBER OF THE  
NATIONAL OCEANIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FROM CHUUK

JULY 31, 2010

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker, Sixteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Fourth Special Session, 2010

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources and Development, to which was referred  
C.R. No. 16-104, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. ALANSO CHOLMAY TO  
BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NORMA).",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The nomination of Mr. Alanso Cholmay to be a member of the board of  
the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) was  
transmitted to Congress via Presidential Communication No. 16-248.  
Mr. Cholmay was recommended by the Governor of the State of Chuuk to  
serve on the NORMA Board. The current member representing the State of  
Chuuk on the NORMA Board is Mr. Romio Osiena whose term will expire in  
August this year. This nomination is to replace Mr. Osiena

The resume of Mr. Cholmay revealed that he was an administrative  
officer for the Northern Namoneas Authority, Chuuk State (1981-1983),  
an Executive Director for the Northern Namoneas Development Authority,  
Chuuk State (1983-1993), a Manager for J&B Enterprises, Chuuk State  
(1992-1993), an Administrative Officer for the Chuuk Public Utility  
Corporation (1993-1994), the Director for the Department of  
Transportation, Chuuk State (2000-2001), a Representative, House of  
Representatives, Chuuk State Legislature (2002-2004), and currently a  
Senator, Chuuk State Legislature. Mr. Cholmay graduated at Truk High

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School in Weno, Chuuk State in 1976 and did his undergraduate studies at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho in 1980. Other work experience include Vice Chairman of the Chuuk Private Industries Council (1983-1986), Chairman of the Chuuk State Foreign Investment Board (1985-1993), Chairman of the Board of Education, Chuuk State (1997-2005) and Councilman, Weno Municipality (1982-2000).

Your committee conducted a public hearing on the nomination on July 30, 2010. According to the President emissary, the Governor of Chuuk State the Honorable Wesley Siminia has recommended the nominee to serve on the NORMA Board representing Chuuk State. Your committee expressed concerns that policy makers are being nominated to serve on the NORMA Board, for instance the current board member representing Kosrae and now this nominee. Your committee inquired with the staff of NORMA whether they did not see any potential conflict for Senators sitting on the board given the fact that states are after the revenue from fishing licenses. Patricia Jack commented that the staff has no problem with the current member on the NORMA Board representing Kosrae State who is also a Senator.

On July 30, the nominee sent a letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Resources and Development. In this letter, the nominee wishes to state for the record that he is willing to serve our nation as a member of the NORMA Board. In his letter, he commented that those who represent our nation in implementing the policies relating to the resources found in our waters must handle their responsibilities and duties with great care to ensure sustainability of the stocks found in our waters. If he is confirmed, he will try his best to serve with other members of NORMA Board and the Congress to protect the promises of the future for our people now and in the future.

Your Committee on Resources and Development is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 16-104 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. 16-104.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Tony H. Otto  
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