STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-62

RE: C.R. NO. 18-46/H&SA

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. NAKAMA SANA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER ON THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert Speaker, Eighteenth Congress Federated States of Micronesia Second Regular Session, 2013

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health & Social Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 18-46, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. NAKAMA SANA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER ON THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee lauds the good work that the Social Security Administration has done to ensure that the citizens of our Nation receive benefits necessary to sustain them in their old age or times of disability. In order to continue its work with competence and efficiency the Administration needs to have a complete Board of Directors with skilled members. Your Committee believes that the nominee has the appropriate knowledge and background to work on the important issues facing the Administration at this time.

The Committee held a hearing regarding the confirmation of this nominee on September 27, 2013. The Office of the

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President and the Social Security Administration were represented, as well as, the nominee. All witnesses spoke positively on the nominee's behalf.

Your Committee notes that the nominee has served Chuuk State and the FSM governments in the areas of finance and accounting for over 30 years. As a part of the nominee's vast experience he has held the positions of Director of Treasury for Chuuk State and has been an auditor for the FSM Public Auditor's Office. He has accumulated exactly the type of finance and accounting expertise that would most assist the Administration as it attempts to strike a fair and prudent balance between delivering necessary benefits and ensuring the long-time viability of the program. The Administrator for the Social Security Administration endorses this nomination, and requests that the nominee be confirmed as soon as possible to allow the Board of Directors to meet with a full Board.

Upon a extensive review of the nominee and his qualifications your Committee is satisfied that the nominee is fit for service as a member of the Board of Directors for the Social Security Administration, and believes it is in the best interests of our country that the above named nominee be confirmed as soon as possible. The Committee has also reviewed the letter of recommendation for the nominee from the Governor of Chuuk, and is satisfied that both the State and National Government endorse this nominee. Therefore, your Committee on Health & Social Affairs recommends that Mr. Nakama Sana be confirmed as a member of the Board of Directors for the Social Security Administration.

Your Committee on Health & Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 17-46, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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