

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-62

RE: C.R. NO. 20-94/H&SA

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. NENA C. NED  
TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATED STATES  
OF MICRONESIA SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES, REPRESENTING KOSRAE STATE.

MAY 24, 2018

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Twentieth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Fourth Regular Session, 2018

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was  
referred C.R. No. 20-94, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. NENA C.  
NED TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF  
MICRONESIA SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
REPRESENTING THE STATE OF KOSRAE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee held a hearing on May 22, 2018, the  
witnesses present included: the nominee, Mr. Nena C. Ned,  
representatives from the Federated States of Micronesia  
Social Security, and the President's Chief of Staff.

Your Committee recognizes the importance of having a  
diverse set of professional skills represented on the FSM

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Social Security Board of Trustees, particularly as the administration faces challenging times ahead. The welfare and sustainability of the program for future generations depends on decisions that will be made in the next few years.

In order to ensure the delivery of quality services and financial viability the policies and administration of the FSM Social Security Administration must be reviewed and maintained by an efficient Board of Trustees. The nominee's background in law enforcement and administration in our judicial system would be a valuable asset in the evaluation of legal issues and administration policies. Although the nominee has not worked directly in finance he has familiarized himself with Social Security issues over the years through previous service on the FSM Social Security Board. The representative from the FSM Social Security Administration stated that during his previous service he was vice chairman and then chairman, and that the nominee's service was very excellent. Although the Administrator of the Program was unable to attend the hearing he sent a written communication giving his full support of the nominee. The nominee stated that he has a willingness to serve and study any new issues in detail.

The nominee is well known for his many years of faithful service at the State Government level. This nominee is dedicated, competent and has great integrity. All witnesses and the Committee have confidence in his ability to succeed as a member of the FSM Social Security Board of Trustees. The Representative from the Program stated that the nominee's prior experience would be an asset to the Board of Trustees. The President's Office stated that the President regards the nominee highly, and it was with the nominee's excellent reputation in mind that he asked the nominee if he was willing to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees.

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The Committee notes that the FSM Social Security Board of Trustees lacks a quorum and can not conduct business at this time. Therefore, action on nominations to this Board deserve urgent attention.

For above reasons, your Committee requests that this nominee be confirmed as a member of the Federated States of Micronesia Social Security Board of Trustees at the earliest possible convenience.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 20-94, and recommends its adoption, in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ferny S. Perman  
Ferny S. Perman, chairman

/s/ Alik L. Alik  
Alik L. Alik, vice chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
Tiwiter Aritos, member

/s/ Florencio S. Harper  
Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo  
David W. Panuelo, member

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
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/s/ Derensio S. Konman  
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