

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-70

RE: C.R. NO. 20-96/T&C

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JOLDEN J.  
JOHNNYBOY

JULY 03, 2018

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Twentieth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Third Special Session, 2017

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your committee on Transportation and Communication to which  
was referred C.R. 20-96, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JOLDEN  
J. JOHNNYBOY TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF THE  
TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATION AUTHORITY OF THE  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee held a hearing on July 2, 2018. The  
witnesses present included: the nominee, Mr. Jolden J.  
Johnnyboy, the Secretary of the Department of  
Transportation, Communications, & Infrastructure, Lukner B.  
Weilbacher, Aaron L. Warren, Project Coordinator,  
Department of Transportation, Communication, &  
Infrastructure and Leo Falcom, Chief of Staff of the Office  
of the President.

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Your Chairman began the hearing by sharing his confidence in the Secretary's recommendation of the nominee. The Secretary shared that the nominee is qualified for the position and has extensive experience. The Secretary shared his confidence that the nominee will perform well if confirmed to the position.

Mr. Warren also shared his confidence in the nominee. He indicated he has been working alongside the nominee over the past few months and he feels confident in his abilities to the perform the duties of the job.

Mr. Falcom then spoke of the challenges that will be faced in this new position. He shared that the President's Office believes that there will be an overall benefit to the telecom services in the FSM when this position is filled and the office is functioning. Mr. Falcom referenced the length of service of Mr. Johnnyboy and indicated his support for the nomination.

The nominee shared that he believes this role will primarily be to support the CEO of the newly formed regulatory body. He believes that he will be able to work under the direction of the CEO and together with the consultants and advisors throughout the process.

Vice Speaker Moses expressed that he has worked in the past with the nominee and he shares the confidence of others with this appointment.

There was discussion regarding how the office will function and Mr. Warren testified that the office is independent and will have a 3-member board. Initially, there will only be 2 members and the CEO will have the final say on decisions. Mr. Warren also pointed out that the regulatory board will not develop national policy, but rather will follow the direction of the President in this area.

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The nominee is well known to your Committee, and his many years of faithful government service is also well known. This nominee is dedicated, competent and has great integrity. All witnesses and the Committee have confidence in his ability.

The Committee was very impressed with the nominee's testimony and endorsements by the witnesses during the hearing. In light of the positive comments by the witnesses and the lack of any negative comments regarding this individual, your Committee requests that this nominee be confirmed as a member of the Office of the Telecommunication Regulation of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Your Committee on Transportation and Communication is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 20-96 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 20-96, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Alik L. Alik, vice chairman

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

/s/ Ferny S. Perman  
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/s/ Dion G. Neth  
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/s/ Wesley W. Simina  
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
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