

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-04

RE: SCOCC&EI/C.R. NO. 23-53

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. ANDREW
YATILMAN AS THE SECRETARY OF DECEM

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses
Speaker, Twenty-Third Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Regular Session, 2023

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Special Committee on Environment, Climate Change and
Emergency Management to which was referred C.R. No. 23-53,
entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. ANDREW
ROBERT YATILMAN TO SERVE AS THE SECRETARY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT (DECEM) OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee had a discussion about the qualifications of
the nominee. It is your committee's opinion there is no
question that the nominee is qualified for this position. He
is the first and so far only Secretary of the Department of
Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management. Before
that he was the Director of the then-Office of Environment,
Climate Change and Emergency Management. He was the lead for

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technical negotiations at the Climate Change negotiations that resulted in the Paris Agreement in 2015. Recently President Simina asked the nominee to staff him to the United Nations General Assembly which resulted in a major speech on climate change by President Simina.

That being said your Committee is nevertheless concerned at the seeming lack of progress within the FSM of climate change activities, especially adaptation at the local level. If confirmed your committee hopes that the nominee would pay attention to these matters.

Your committee believes the nominee is qualified and recommends approval by Congress of his nomination.

CONCLUSION

Your Special Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Issues is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 23-53 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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