

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-05

RE: C.R. NO. 23-12/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JACKSON T.  
SORAM TO SERVE AS THE FSM AMBASSADOR  
EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE U.S.  
IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

JULY 14, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R.  
No. 23-12 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR.  
JACKSON T. SORAM TO SERVE AS THE FEDERATED STATES OF  
MICRONESIA AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND  
PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee is mindful of the need for continuity in the  
operations of its overseas diplomatic offices. This is  
particularly true for our Nation's embassy in the United States.  
The United States is a very close partner. The conclusion of  
our bilateral agreement with the U.S., the 2023 Amended Compact,  
will continue to generate additional work in this embassy as it  
goes into force. As much as possible nominations to this  
embassy should contribute substantially to positive continuity

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in our Nation's relationship with the U.S. at this time. Ambassadors, are the top management and deal with the highest policy level decision making, and therefore, it is important that this position is also filled with an individual who has integrity and the highest level of competence.

The nominee is well known to your Committee for his dedication to excellence during his long career in the field of diplomacy and international relations. The nominee has served in the capacity of Deputy Chief of Mission to the United States in Washington D.C., and served with distinction in that capacity. The President recommended the nominee and has stated that he is highly qualified to fill the role of Ambassador to the United States.

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of this nominee extensively at the time of his initial confirmation as Deputy Chief of Mission to the United States in Washington, D.C. There is no further need to do review at this time. The President in his transmission letter with the nomination praised the nominee and stated that it would be in the best interests of the Federated States of Micronesia to have him confirmed.

During the recently conducted FY24 budget hearing in May for the Department of Foreign Affairs, your Committee had the opportunity to speak with the Department regarding this nominee. The Department of Foreign Affairs stated his performance during his tenure has been excellent. The Committee is satisfied with the nominee's performance and the overall professional abilities. Your Committee also defers to the President and the Department of Foreign Affairs as to the decision to nominate this individual to this post. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes that the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends that Mr. Jackson T. Soram be confirmed as the FSM Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America in Washington, D.C.

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Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 23-12, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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