

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-18

RE: C.R. NO. 23-35/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. LORIN S.
ROBERT AS THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R.
No. 23-35 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. LORIN S.
ROBERT TO SERVE AS THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee emphasizes the importance of the position of the
Secretary of Foreign Affairs. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs
is a critical member of the leadership of our National
Government, and is the Nation's authority on international
policy and affairs. In order for our nation to maintain good
leadership, it must be represented by a strong, competent
individual, one with great personal integrity. The Secretary of
Foreign Affairs must have the skills and knowledge to discuss
and negotiate all issues involving the Federated States of

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Micronesia at the highest international level. Your Committee believes it would be in the best interests of the Nation if the individual in this position had many years of positive foreign affairs experience.

During the hearing and deliberations regarding this nominee's first nomination as Secretary, your Committee reviewed the qualifications of this nominee extensively. In the years since the nominee has only expanded his long list of impressive credentials. There is no need for further review at this time.

During his nearly 40 years of service with the Department of Foreign Affairs he has demonstrated the ability to work closely with several presidents and many diverse administrations. He has shown his ability to execute the tasks assigned to him with skill. The nominee has previously served as Secretary of Foreign Affairs for many years. He has the knowledge and experience regarding our Nation's foreign and domestic policies, and current international issues that are essential to represent the Federated States of Micronesia.

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. Lorin S. Robert be confirmed as the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 23-35, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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