

HESA

ELEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1999

C.R. NO. 11-17

A RESOLUTION

Confirming the nomination of Dr. Rufino Mauricio to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs.

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Congress of the Federated States
2 of Micronesia, First Special Session, 1999, that the Congress hereby
3 gives its advice and consent to the nomination of Dr. Rufino
4 Mauricio to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health,
5 Education and Social Affairs; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
7 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of
8 Micronesia and to Dr. Rufino Mauricio.

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10 Date: 7/08/99

Introduced by:


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(by request)



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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 11-41

JULY 31, 1999

RE: C.R. NO. 11-17

The Honorable Jack Fritz
Speaker, Eleventh Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Special Session, 1999

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs (HESA), to which was referred C.R. No. 11-17, entitled:

C.R. No. 11-17, "A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DR. RUFINO MAURICIO TO SERVE AS DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On June 30, 1999, Presidential Communication No. 11-23 was transmitted to Congress nominating Dr. Rufino Mauricio for the position of Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs. The law requires that the President's nominee for this position be confirmed by Congress.

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs held a joint hearing on the nomination of both the Secretary and Deputy Secretary on 14 July 1999. In attendance at that meeting was Dr. Mauricio, the nominee, as well as most of the staff from the Department; Dr. Pretrick, the nominee for the position of Secretary of the Department and representatives from other National Government departments.

Your committee has reviewed the nominee's curriculum vitae and recognizes the academic achievements and contributions made by the nominee in his chosen field of Anthropology and his experience to date as the National Government's Staff Archaeologist.

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The staff who attended in support of the nominee agreed through a spokesperson that they believed the nominee was most suitably qualified to perform the management and leadership role required of the Deputy Secretary in the field of Education.

Your committee raised its concern with the nominee, in relation to the appropriateness of removing someone with highly specialized knowledge and skills from his current position to a position requiring different and more general management skills. The members queried whether the Nation could afford to lose the skills of a Staff Archaeologist who is also an FSM citizen when there were other individuals that may be suitable for the position of Deputy Secretary.

In response, Dr. Pretrick stated that the Department includes the Office of Archives and Historical Preservation, where Dr. Mauricio is currently employed as Staff Archaeologist, and that having Dr. Mauricio in the position of Deputy Secretary would allow his skills to be utilized more broadly by the Department than is presently the case.

Your committee also highlighted their concerns that the educational sector continues to suffer major and basic problems. Such problems cited include reliance on out of date educational materials because of the lack of alternative texts, and the lack of libraries in the outer islands of some States. One member referred to comparative test results of FSM students in ESL, which showed that FSM students scored lower than students from mainland China. Such results are of great concern to this committee and demand a concerted response by all those in leadership positions within the States, National Government and educational sector.

The President's representative confirmed that the President has chosen the best person available for the position, a nominee in whom he has trust, and is confident will perform the tasks required of the position.

The nominee was afforded an opportunity to present his view as to the role of the Deputy Secretary. He stated that he believed the holder of the position of Deputy Secretary should have broad skills and knowledge, rather than just a narrow experience in the field of Education. He stated that he is suitable for the position on a number of levels. Firstly, he has successfully completed the whole educational process from first grade to Doctorate level and therefore has a personal appreciation of the process and the difficulties involved for our students. He has also been involved in both academia and teaching and has acquired managerial experience as a consequence of his current position within the National Government. He believes that he is seen as a role model for our students and is known for having attained a Doctorate.

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In terms of his vision for Education in the FSM, he stated that he agrees with the Mission Statement. Nevertheless, he felt that students should be entitled to a choice of what courses to study and that such choices should be broader than just enabling people to acquire sufficient skills to enter the workforce. He said that the goal of education should include making the person "a better person", whether or not he or she finds a job. He does not think that cultural values should be disrespected or devalued in the process of educating students for jobs or encouraging their participation in the market economy through agricultural pursuits.

Members also highlighted to the nominee that the Deputy Secretary position would entail a decrease in his salary level as the proposed FY 2000 budget provides that the annual rate for the position holder is \$25,000. The nominee confirmed that he was aware of that fact. Dr. Pretrick stated that a legal interpretation would be sought as to whether that would be the case in Dr. Mauricio's circumstances.

Your committee has some reservations as to the practicality of expecting Dr. Mauricio to be in a position to be called on as an archaeologist or anthropologist in circumstances where a full time leader is required to work with the State Directors coordinating and facilitating the implementation of the Mission Statement, relating to education, throughout the Nation.

Your committee has reviewed the testimony and other relevant information, including the nominee's curriculum vitae which is attached herewith and forms a part of this report.

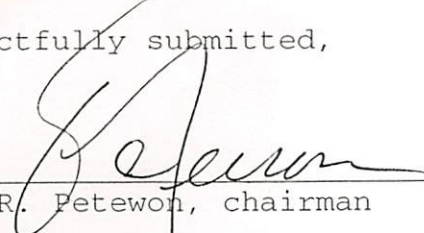
Notwithstanding the concerns raised during the hearing, your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 11-17 and is therefore pleased to recommend its adoption. Your committee encourages the nominee to work towards fulfilling the goals of the Mission Statement, by closely liaising and coordinating with each of the State Directors of Education and other stakeholders in the educational sector.

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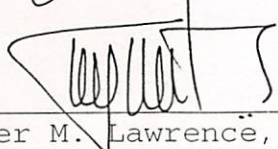
Respectfully submitted,



John R. Petewon, chairman

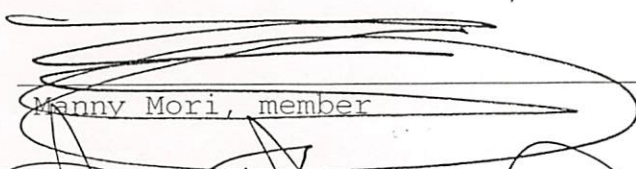


Jacob Nena, vice chairman



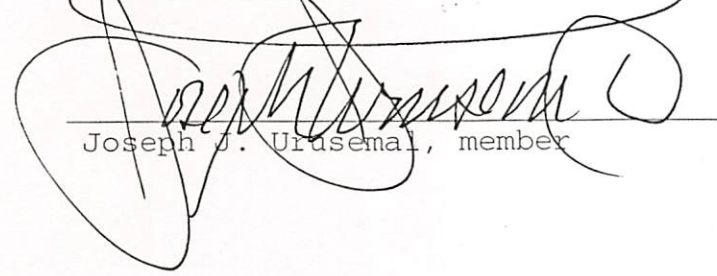
Wagner M. Lawrence, member

Simeon R. Innocenti, member



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Peter M. Christian, member



Joseph J. Urusemal, member

RUFINO MAURICIO

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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION: Ph.D. Anthropology 199
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, OR

M.A. Anthropology 198
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, OR

B.S. Anthropology 197
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, OR

A.S. Education 197
COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA, Pohnpei, Micronesia

Related Course Work
BROOKLYN COLLEGE, CUNY, New York, NY 1976-7
EAST-WEST CENTER, University of Hawaii, HI 1971-7

HONORS: Council for Minority Education Award for Graduate Student 198
• Micronesian origin
Graduate Teaching Fellowship - Homer Barnett Fellowship 1987-8
L.S. & D.S. Cressman Prize - Department of Anthropology 198

AREAS OF INTEREST:

Archaeology
• Pacific prehistory • Focus of research: Micronesia
• Ethnoarchaeology • Chiefdom development in Polynesia and Micronesia

Cultural Anthropology
• Pacific ethnology • Oral traditions
• Cultural change • Language and cognition
• Folklore • Ethnohistory of Micronesia

CURRENT EXPERIENCE: Staff Archaeologist, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA 1993-Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, OR

Instructor 1987-
• Team-taught The Pacific Islands Studies Seminar (Anth. 507) with Dr. William S. Ayres, 1993 and taught Introduction to Anthropology (Anth. 107), 1992.
• Assisted Dr. David Eisler and Dr. William S. Ayres with teaching the Pacific Island Studies Course (Anth. 407/507), 1992.

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TEACHING
EXPERIENCE
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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, ORInstructor

1987

- Sole instructor for Pacific Perspectives: Micronesia Through Time (Anth. 310) and Prehistory of Oceania (Anth. 410), 1987.

Graduate Teaching Fellowship

Department of Anthropology

1981-82, 1986, 1987

- Assisted Dr. Melvin C. Aikens and Dr. William S. Ayres with teaching of Introduction to Archaeology (Anth. 107).
- Assisted Dr. Richard Chaney with teaching Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Anth. 120).
- Assisted Dr. Carol Silverman teaching Women and Culture (Anth. 310), 1987.

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE:

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, OR

Language Consultant

1991

- Worked for the American English Institute and the Yamada Center.
- Assisted in the production of audio tapescripts, video scripts, and a text of Pohnpeian language used for instructional purposes at the University of Oregon.
- The project was undertaken in collaboration with Maradel Gale, Sydney Kinneman, Ray Petersen, and the Pacific Studies Program.

Research Assistant/Graduate Teaching Fellowship

International Studies Program

1983-84

- Responsible for course development of Pacific Island Studies.

Language Consultant

Linguistics Department

1984

- Assisted Dr. Collette Craig as a Pohnpeian language consultant.

FIELD
RESEARCH:Field Technician

INFOTECH, Eugene, OR

1992-93

Consultant

ODYSSEY FILM PRODUCTION, Portland, OR

1993

- Served as consultant for educational film on Nan Madol archaeology and Pohnpeian culture.

Director

SALAPWUK PROJECT - UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

1984

- Surveyed the historic and cultural resources of Pohnpei State, Federated States of Micronesia under the supervision of Dr. William S. Ayres.
- The field work was a component of the Micronesian Resources Survey project of the Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation.

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FIELD
RESEARCH
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Director/Co-Director

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POHNPEI INVESTIGATION

Summers 1979-81, 1984, 1987

- Co-directed archaeological investigation of Pohnpei, Micronesia with Dr. William S. Ayres in 1984.
- Directed the investigation in 1987.

Field Reconnaissance/Excavation

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

1979

- Worked under the direction of Dr. Rick Minor and Dr. Kathy Toepel.

LABORATORY
EXPERIENCE:

Laboratory Technician

INFOTECH, Eugene, OR

1992-93

- Worked under the supervision of Dr. Robert Bryson.

Laboratory Analysis

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON 1977-79, 1982

- Analyzed and processed artifacts from Camas Valley and Lake Apert, Oregon under the direction of Dr. Richard Pettigrew (1982).
- Performed lab analysis and catalogued stone tools from the Great Basins under the supervision of David Cole (1977-78).
- Inventoried, catalogued and displayed cultural materials (ethnographic collection from the Pacific Islands and North America) at the Museum of Natural History under the supervision of David Cole (1978-79).

Laboratory Analysis/Cataloguing

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

1977, 1979-81

- Analyzed and catalogued artifacts from Pohnpei, Micronesia (1979-81).
- Served as physical anthropology lab assistant to Dr. Geraldine Moreno-Black (1977).

PUBLICATIONS: "A History of Pohnpeian History or *Poadoapoad*: Description and Explanation of Recorded Oral Traditions." *Pacific History: Papers from the 8th Pacific History Conference*, edited by Donald H. Rubinstein. Guam: University of Guam Press. 1992.

Pacific Basin and Oceania. World Bibliographic Series, vol. 70. Oxford: Clio Press, Ltd. (with Dr. Gerald Fry). Annotated Analytical Bibliography, 468 pp. 1987.

"Stone Adzes from Pohnpei, Micronesia." *Archaeology in Oceania*, 22 (1): 27-31 (with Dr. William S. Ayres). 1987.

"Peopling of Pohnpei Island: Interpretation of Migration, Dispersal and Settlement Themes in Clan Narratives." *Man and Culture in Oceania*, 3: 47-72. 1987.

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PAPERS &
REPORTS:

"Archaeology, Oral History, and Historic Preservation." Presented at the Micronesian Resources Survey Symposium (with Dr. William S. Ayres). Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference, Charleston, South Carolina. March, 1991.

"Salapwuk Archaeology: 1989 Survey of Historic and Cultural Resources of Pohnpei State." Final Report submitted to Pohnpei State Historic Preservation Office and to the Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation. Saipan. March, 1990.

"Ethnoarchaeological Observations of Pohnpei Chiefdoms." Interim Report submitted to the Pohnpei State Historic Preservation Committee and the Trust Territory Historic Preservation Office. Micronesia. March, 1986.

"Pohnpei Prestige Fish as Archaeological Remains." Prepared for publication (with Dr. William S. Ayres and Osamu Kataoka). 1986.

"Ponape Water Systems Survey." Historic Sites, Archaeological Survey and Impact Assessment. Report submitted to the Federated States of Micronesia (with Dr. William S. Ayres). Micronesia. 1984.

"Nan Madol Archaeology: 1981 Survey and Excavations." Micronesian Archaeological Survey Reports (Ponape Archaeological Survey Reports, 81-2). Saipan: Historic Preservation Office. 1982.

AFFILIATIONS: Executive Director, Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation Present
Member, Nan Madol Foundation Board of Directors Present
Associate Member, Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society 1989-Present
President, Anthropology Association of Graduate Students, U of O 1987-88
Member, Pohnpei State Panel of Historic Preservation Review Board 1987

GRANTS: Sigma Xi Grant-In-Aid of Research 1987
· Given in support of dissertation research on the development of chiefdom on Pohnpei Island, Micronesia.
Historic Preservation Program Grant - Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 1984
· Grant used for the research on ethnoarchaeological observations of Pohnpeian chiefdoms.

REFERENCES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST

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