

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-206

RE: C.R. NO. 19-321/EDUCATION

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. KEMBO MIDA, JR.,
AS THE CHUUK STATE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FEDERATED
STATES OF MICRONESIA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP BOARD.

JANUARY 31, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Regular Session, 2017

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred C.R. No.
19-321, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. KEMBO
MIDA, JR., TO SERVE AS THE CHUUK STATE REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA NATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP BOARD.",

begs leave to report as follows:

For some time your Committee has worked to introduce a more
efficient and standardized system for the award of our
National scholarships. During the May 2016 Regular Session
the Congress passed C.B. No. 19-03, which established a
formal National Scholarship Board. Congressional Bill No.
19-03 has since been signed by the President and passed
into law as Public Law No. 19-90. It is the nomination of
one of the first members to the first National Scholarship
Board that is the subject of this report.

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Your Committee has long understood the importance of the efficient implementation of reasonable and fair standards in the award of our National scholarships, and it is important that members of the National Scholarship Board are able to operate at the highest levels when dealing with financial awards affecting the future of our students. It is especially important to have members of the first National Scholarship Board who can develop, implement and maintain the efficient and skilled administration of the scholarship awards.

On January 30, 2017, your Committee held public hearing regarding the nomination of Mr. Kembo Mida, Jr., for the Chuuk State Representative for the National Scholarship Board. Present at this hearing were the Acting Secretary of the Department of Education and his key staff, representatives from the Department of Justice, and the Department of Finance and Administration, as well as, the Office of the President.

The nominee to serve as the representative from Chuuk, Mr. Mida, has previously served on the President's Scholarship Board. Mr. Mida is a well respected attorney, and served with distinction in his previous capacity on the Board. The nominee is well known to the Committee. All of the witnesses at the hearing on Mr. Mida's nomination spoke highly of him, and endorsed his nomination. Due to the short notice given for this hearing the nominee was unable to attend the hearing in person.

Mr. Mida is known for his personal integrity and work ethic. He has been recommended by both the Governor of Chuuk State and the President. A letter of recommendation from the Governor of Chuuk has been attached for review. Your Committee has not received any subsequent communication from any individual or organization that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of this nominee. Further your Committee defers to the President and the Governor of Chuuk State as to the decision to put

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forward this nominee. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes this nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends that Mr. Kembo Mida, Jr., be confirmed as the Chuuk State representative on the National Scholarship Board of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Your Committee on Education is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-321, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
Joseph J. Urusemal, chairman

Esmond B. Moses, vice chairman

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

/s/ Bonsiano F. Nethon
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/s/ Ferny S. Perman
Ferny S. Perman, member

/s/ Wesley W. Simina
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/s/ Paliknoa K. Welly
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