

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-08

RE: C.R. NO. 20-03/H&SA

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. KOSAK M.
KELLER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATED
STATES OF MICRONESIA SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD
OF TRUSTEES.

MAY 29, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 20-03, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. KOSAK
M. KELLER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATED STATES
OF MICRONESIA SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee held a hearing on May 24, 2017, the
witnesses present included the nominee, Mr. Kosak M.
Keller, representatives from the Federated States of
Micronesia Social Security Board, including the
Administrator and his key staff, and the representative
from the President's Office.

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Your Committee recognizes the importance of having a diverse set of professional skills represented on the FSM Social Security Board of Trustees, particularly as the Administration faces challenging times ahead. The welfare and sustainability of the program for future generations depends on decisions that will be made in the next few years.

In order to ensure the delivery of quality services and financial viability, the policies and administration of the FSM Social Security Administration must be reviewed and maintained by an efficient Board of Trustees. The nominee's background in law enforcement and administration in our judicial system would be a valuable asset in the evaluation of legal issues and administration policies. Although the nominee has not worked directly in finance or the Social Security Administration he has familiarized himself with Social Security issues over the years by reviewing the court cases involving Social Security matters, and through his service in the National Government. The nominee stated that he has a willingness to serve and study the issues in detail.

The nominee is well known to your Committee, and his many years of faithful service at the National Government are also well known. This nominee is dedicated, competent and has great integrity. All witnesses and the Committee have confidence in his ability to succeed as a member of the FSM Social Security Board of Trustees. The Administrator of Social Security stated that the nominee's background would be an asset to the Board of Trustees and as the nominee will soon be eligible to receive Social Security benefits he could relate to the needs and concerns of other recipients as a peer.

The Committee reiterates that it was very impressed with the nominee's responses and endorsements by the witnesses

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during the hearing and his impeccable qualifications. In light of the overwhelmingly comments by the witnesses, and lack of negative comment regarding this individual, your Committee strongly requests that this nominee be confirmed as a member of the Federated States of Micronesia Social Security Board of Trustees at the earliest possible convenience.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-163, and recommends its adoption, in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ferny S. Perman
Ferny S. Perman, chairman

/s/ Alik L. Alik
Alik L. Alik, vice chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, member

Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo
David W. Panuelo, member

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
Joseph J. Urusemal, member

/s/ Derensio S. Konman
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