

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-51

RE: C.R. NO. 20-67/R&D

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF MR. PETER GARAMFEL TO SERVE AS A  
MEMBER ON THE NORMA BOARD REPRESENTING YAP  
STATE

FEBRUARY 05, 2018

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Twentieth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Third Regular Session, 2018

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources and Development, to which was referred  
C.R. No. 20-67, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. PETER  
GARAMFEL TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE NATIONAL OCEANIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NORMA)  
REPRESENTING YAP STATE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On December 4, 2017, the President via Presidential Communication No.  
20-154, transmitted the nomination of Mr. Peter Garamfel to Congress.  
Your Committee conducted a public hearing on Congressional Resolution  
No. 20-67 on February 2, 2018. Witnesses included the Executive  
Director Eugene Pangelinan, Deputy Director Mathew Chigiyal, Brad  
Phillip (NORMA); Alisa Takesy and Valentin Martin from the Department  
of Resources and Development, Assistant Attorney General Johnson  
Asher, and Pelsesar Petrus from the President's office.

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Chairman David W. Panuelo opened the hearing and welcomed the witnesses. He then asked Executive Director Pangelinan to explain to the Committee some of the accomplishment of the nominee when he was a board member. Mr. Pangelinan explained that nominee was a very active member of the Board. He understands very well the sub regional and international fisheries obligations of the FSM. The nominee is currently the General Manager for the FSM Telecom, Yap branch office. He is also a member of the Board of Director of the FSM Petroleum Corporation.

Currently, the nominee's term is expired and he can be reappointed pursuant to the new amendment to the law, which created the Board of Directors of NORMA. Your Committee asked whether the nominee is currently serving on any Yap State boards. The Executive Director Pangelinan stated that he is not.

Executive Director Eugene Pangelinan expressed his full support on the nomination of Mr. Peter Garamfel. He indicated that as the Executive Director of NORMA, he plans to ask the Board to come up with a strategic plan, particularly on the business side and the revenue side.

Your Committee wishes to offer the following amendment to the resolution as follows:

1. Page 1, line 15, delete "and" and insert "now, therefore," in lieu thereof.
2. Page 1, lines 19 and 20, delete them in their entirety.
3. Page 2, line 1, delete "therefore,".
4. Page 2, line 3, delete "Third Special Session, 2017", and insert "Third Regular Session, 2018" in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on Committee on Resources and Development is, therefore, in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 20-67, and recommends its adoption in the form attached as C.R. No. 20-67, C.D. 1.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David W. Panuelo  
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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Victor V. Gouland  
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Isaac V. Figir, member

/s/ Derensio S. Konman  
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/s/ Esmond B. Moses  
Esmond B. Moses, member

/s/ Alik L. Alik  
Alik L. Alik, member