

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-52

RE: C.R. NO. 20-71/R&D

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF MS. YUGO NAKASONE TO SERVE AS
A MEMBER ON THE NORMA BOARD REPRESENTING
POHNPEI 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. 20-71, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MS. YUKO
NAKASONE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NORMA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
REPRESENTING POHNPEI STATE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On December 6, 2017, the President via Presidential Communication No. 20-166, transmitted the nomination of Ms. Yugo Nakasone to Congress. Your Committee conducted a public hearing on Congressional Resolution No. 20-71 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 she was a board member. Mr. Pangelinan explained that the nominee's term was expired. But, with the new amendment to the law creating the Board of Directors of NORMA, the nominee is eligible to serve on the Board. He explained that the nominee comes from the private sector. She is fluent in the Japanese language, which is an advantage for the Board during bilateral negotiations with the Japan fishing companies. She is also a councilwoman for the Kolonia Town Government. She is an active member of the business community in the state of Pohnpei, in which she had always questioned the numbers from our economists.

Executive Director Eugene Pangelinan expressed his full support on the nomination of Ms. Yugo Nakasone. 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 "Third Special Session, 2017", and insert "Third Regular Session, 2018" in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on Resources and Development is, therefore, in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 20-71, and recommends its adoption in the form attached as C.R. No. 20-71, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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

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