

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-99

RE: C.R. NO. 15-104/R&D

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF MR. RICKY CARL AS THE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FROM POHNPEI

APRIL 01, 2008

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker, Fifteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Fourth Special Session, 2008

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources and Development, to which was referred C.R. No. 15-104, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. RICKY CARL TO BE A MEMBER ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NORMA).",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The nomination of Mr. Ricky Carl was transmitted to Congress along with one other Presidential nominations on February 14, 2008 by Presidential Communication No. 15-136. Biographical information concerning Mr. Carl's qualifications was provided to this Committee in the form of a "resume" on March 20, 2008. A public hearing was held on March 28, 2008.

Presidential Communication 15-136 urges Congress to favorably consider this nomination as a member of the NORMA "Board of Directors." The resume outlines Mr. Carl's qualifications.

At the outset it is noted 24 FSMC 201 requires that all nominations for membership on NORMA receive the advice and consent of Congress. One member from each State must be appointed by the President "in consultation with the Governor." The proposed Resolution provided by the President recites that Mr. Carl is nominated as the Pohnpei representative but nothing appears in PC No. 15-136 to indicate what "consultation", if any, has occurred with Governor Ehsa or former Governor David. Unlike previous draft resolutions submitted by the President, there is no recitation that the Governor of the State of Pohnpei has recommended Mr. Carl.

The written information provided to your Committee subsequent to Presidential Communication 15-136 reveals that Mr. Carl has an associate of science degree from the College of Micronesia in accounting and a bachelor of science degree in the field of political

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science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. In addition, he completed training in the law of the sea at the University of Wollongong, Center for Maritime Policy and in foreign policy affecting international, regional and national security and cooperation.

Other relevant training includes conferences on illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing activities; environment conservation and sustainable financing; Micronesian Challenge planning; and participation as a member of the FSM delegations to the United Nations Convention on climate change. He is a member of the Micronesian Island conservation organization and the Pohnpei Invasive Species Task Force.

Mr. Carl's employment experience includes work as Assistant Clerk of Court with the Pohnpei State Supreme Court, as Special Assistant to the Pohnpei Attorney General and most recently as the Finance and Policy Advisor-Asia Pacific for the Nature Conservancy, Micronesia Program. It is specifically noted that Mr. Carl's duties with the Pohnpei Attorney General's Office included management of the Marine Conservation/Enforcement Unit which included the prosecution of fishing violations and oversight of Pohnpei conservation and enforcement operations.

Your Committee held a public hearing on, March 28, 2008 for the purpose of reviewing and discussing all of the President's nominations to NORMA, of which Mr. Carl's nomination was one. At the outset, Chairman Neth stated that he had confirmed independently that the President's Office had conferred with the Governor of the State of Pohnpei prior to the submission of the nomination for advice and consent.

According to the Executive Director of NORMA, Bernard Thoulag, Mr. Carl's background with the Pohnpei State Government and more recently with the Nature Conservancy and his education and experience in various aspects of the fisheries enforcement and conservation will enable the nominee to perform the responsibilities of NORMA membership well. He expressed his belief that the nominee can make a positive and enlightened contribution to the work of the Authority and expressed his support for the nomination.

Your Committee agrees that Mr. Carl's educational and working and experiences together with his strong interest in conservation and

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environmental issues should make him an asset to the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority.

Your Committee on Resources and Development is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 15-136 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Setiro Paul  
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