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S.C.R. No. 13-12  
Date: 3/10, 2023  
RE: L.R. No. 13-15

Committee on Resources and Development  
(R&D)

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The Honorable Semeon J. Phillip  
Speaker,  
13<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature  
Tofol, Kosrae FM 96944

Dear Speaker Phillip,

Your Committee on Resources and Development (R&D), reports on L.R. No. 13-15 entitled,

***“Consenting to and confirming to the nomination of Mr. Rolner L. Joe to serve as the Director of the Department of Resources and Economic Affairs.*”**

COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Your Committees on Resources & Development met in an Executive meeting on March 03, 2023 to discuss actions to be taken on the subject matter on L.R. No. 13-15.

COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

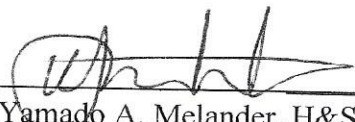
The purpose of this resolution is clearly stated in its title.

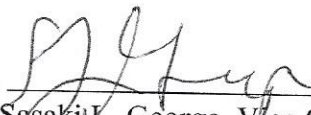
During the Executive Meeting on March 03, 2023, the members discussed the information retracted from the public hearing prior to the Executive meeting, as follows:

1. The first witness to show up on the Public Hearing was Governor Palik. During discussions, the committee learned that there were three (3) candidates for the directorship of the Department of Resources and Economic Affairs. One of the candidates, namely Robert Taulung turned down the request while the other one—Paul Hadick was not on island, leaving only the selected candidate who has also showed interests in the position. Based on interests, as well as work history, the nominee was selected. Governor Palik was also motivated to seek a new Director for the Department of Resources and Economic Affairs, due to the disappointments of the Foreign Investors on island.

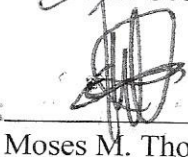
2. Division heads of the Department of Resources and Economic Affairs also appeared for questioning after Governor Palik. During discussions, each division head shared their needs and challenges, and how they would work as a team to support the nominee. During their past experiences, the division heads also mentioned their expectations which includes the following:
  - a. Good communication system to unite the divisions to work as a team to help the economic growth and development of the State.
  - b. Build in relationship with other countries to support economic development
  - c. Understands Foreign Investment regulations and can deal with Foreign Investors.
  - d. Others
3. The nominee—Rolner Joe came last for the public hearing. The committee learned that the nominee was motivated to support the local fisheries and agriculture. The nominee also mentioned some of his plans to support and work with the communities, to build in relationships to other countries to help with the economic growth, or even to seek other funds to build in new programs or to expand the existing programs in the department. Therefore, with the aforementioned findings, the Committee on Resources and Development recommends the reporting out of this resolution.

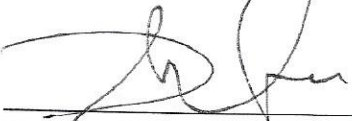
Respectfully submitted,


  
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