

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-01

RE: C.R. NO. 23-09/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JEEM S. LIPPWE
TO SERVE AS THE PERMENENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
FSM TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK.

JULY 14, 2023

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses
Speaker, Twenty Third Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Special Session, 2023

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R.
No. 23-09 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JEEM
S. LIPPWE TO SERVE AS THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO THE UNITED
NATIONS IN NEW YORK.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee stresses our Nation's commitment to the United
Nations and the international rule of law process. It is
important to continue to operate its overseas diplomatic mission
to the United Nations with efficiency, integrity and the highest
levels of expertise.

The Permanent Representative, as the face of our Nation to the
United Nations and the world, plays an extraordinarily important
role in the high-level international policy discussions.

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Therefore, an extended period of service for someone who is long serving at the United Nations, one that has already forged strong relationships with his international counterparts, and has an in-depth knowledge of the relevant policy issues, would be in the best interests of our Nation.

The nominee has served successfully in multiple capacities in our overseas mission in New York. He is well known for his diplomatic skill. The nominee is currently acting as the head of our mission to the United Nations in New York. It is in the best interests of our Nation that the nominee be allowed to continue using his extensive knowledge of the United Nations and the relevant policy issues.

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of this nominee at the time of his initial confirmation. The Committee has not received any subsequent communication that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of the nominee. During the Committee's recent FY24 budget hearing it had a chance to speak with the leadership at the Department of Foreign Affairs. The nominee's performance throughout his service in New York was considered very good. Further, your Committee defers to the President and the Department of Foreign Affairs as to the decision to nominate the individual to this post. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes that the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends that Mr. Jeem S. Lippwe be confirmed as the FSM Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 23-09, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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