

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-22

RE: C.R. NO. 23-54/T&C

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. CARLSON D.
APIS TO SERVE AS THE SECRETARY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS
AND INFRASTRUCTURE

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses
Speaker, Twenty-Third Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Regular Session, 2023

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation and Communications, to which was referred C.R. No. 23-54, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR.
CARLSON D. APIS TO SERVE AS THE SECRETARY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS &
INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

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On August 21, 2023, the President submitted the nomination of Mr. Carlson D. Apis through Presidential Communication No. 23-102, which contains the said resolution and the resume of the nominee.

On Monday, September 18, 2023, your Committee conducted a public hearing on C.R. No. 23-54, which is the nomination of Mr. Carlson D. Apis to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Chairman Victor V. Gouland opened the hearing and greeted the nominee and the witnesses. He explained to the nominee and the witnesses that the main reason why he called for the confirmation hearing of the nominee is to know why the President has nominated the nominee and whether the witnesses support the nominee. Most of the witnesses that attended the hearing voiced out their strong support for the nominee.

In the Presidential Communication No. 23-102, the President indicated that the nominee's professional experience and educational background makes him a suitable candidate. In President's view, the nominee will be a key asset in implementing priority projects of his administration through the Department.

The nominee was given an opportunity to comment on his nomination. Mr. Apis informed the Committee that he is still willing to serve the National Government as the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure.

Your Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the nominee. Your Committee has not heard anything that would cast doubt on the performance of the nominee. Absent any indication to the contrary, your Committee believes the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends Mr. Carlson D. Apis be confirmed

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to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Transportation,
Communications and Infrastructure.

Your Committee on Transportation and Communication is in accord
with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 23-54, and recommends
its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Victor V. Gouland
Victor V. Gouland, chairman

In-coming member, vice chairman

/s/ Quincy Lawrence
Quincy Lawrence, member

/s/ Marlynn Abello-Alfonso
Marlynn Abello-Alfonso, member

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
Joseph J. Urusemal, member

/s/ Robson U. Romolow
Robson U. Romolow, member

Florencio S. Harper, member