



TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS

Federated States of Micronesia



Senator Peter M. Christian

SUMMARY

DOB: October 16, 1947
State of Pohnpei | 4yrs/at-large
8th President of the FSM '15
1st CFSM thru 14th; 16th-18th; 21st -

COMMITTEES

Chairman: Resources and Development
Member: External Affairs; and Ways & Means.

The Honorable Peter M. Christian, is the four year, at-large representative of the State of Pohnpei to the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia. He is the Chairman of the Congressional Standing Committees on Resources and Development with membership on the committees of External Affairs and Ways & Means.

Christian is a career politician with over 45 years in service to the people of Pohnpei State and to the Nation as a whole. He was first elected as a representative to the district legislature, then to the Congressional Body and then seated to the highest office in the Nation, as the President of the FSM.

On May 11, 2015, Christian was sworn in as the Eight President of the FSM and completed one term.

Following his term, Christian returned to the FSM Congress in 2019, as Pohnpei State's at-large four-year representative. He is currently the most senior Member of the Congress having been a public servant for over 30 years and concurrently holds the record as the youngest elected member of the national body, having been elected to the First FSM Congress in 1979 at the young age of 32. And for the next 30yrs Christian maintained his seat as representative of Pohnpei State's Congressional Election District

Three to the FSM Congress, then Pohnpei State's at-large/four-year Senator. Senator Christian's political career was however set in motion long before the FSM Congress.

Christian started his public service as the Employment Service Officer for the then Ponape District in 1970. A year later he was promoted to Ponape Field Service Officer for which he travelled extensively throughout Micronesia and the Pacific region on behalf of the District.

Christian's political career began during the formative stages of the Federated States of Micronesia. In 1975, he was elected as representative of Kolonia Town to the Ponape District Legislature and maintained his seat throughout the transition from Trust Territory to the new Federated States of Micronesia.

In 1979, Christian was among the fourteen members elected to the First Congress of the new constitutionally established nation of the Federated States of Micronesia. He represented Pohnpei State's Congressional Election District Three to the First FSM Congress and maintained his seat for the next 28 years.

During the reorganization of the 13th FSM Congress in 2003, Christian was elected to the Speakership becoming the fourth person seated as Speaker of the National Body. In 2005, he was again selected to the Speakership for the 14th FSM Congress.

In the 2007 Congressional race, he lost the bid for Pohnpei's at-large or four-year seat but could not retire to private life as he was quickly nominated by the FSM President and confirmed by the FSM Congress to head the National Department of Resources and Development in 2008. Christian held his position as Secretary of the Department until the special election in 2009 where he was won the at-large or four-year seat for State of Pohnpei to the 16th Congress.

Throughout his public career, Christian maintained an active role in the local communities and the international arena as it pertains to the development of the FSM. Among his notable roles is that of the Chief Negotiator for the Amended Compact of Free Association with the United States of America. Christian also chaired the FSM Task Force which eventuate the replacement of Exxon Mobil Corporation and with the Nation's own FSM Petroleum Corporation.

Senator Christian is a Pohnpei native, born on October 16, 1947. He is a graduate of Xavier High School and a recipient of the 1968 East-West Center Scholarship to the University of Hawaii following Xavier. He is married to former Maurina Weilbacher and they have two children and several grandchildren.