

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-07

RE: C.R. NO. 23-13/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. FRANCIS ANEFAL
TO SERVE AS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION TO THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

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. 23-13 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. FRANCIS
ANEFAL TO SERVE AS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION TO THE
FSM EMBASY IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee stresses our Nation's need to continue to operate
its overseas diplomatic mission with efficiency, integrity and
the highest levels of expertise. The Deputy Chief of Missions
is in charge of day-to-day operations and citizen outreach,
which is particularly important given the number of students
that attend higher education in China. Therefore, an extended
period of service for a good DCM, one that has already forged
strong relationships with his Chinese counterparts, and has an
in-depth knowledge of the relevant policy issues, would be in
the best interests of our Nation.

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The nominee has served very successfully as the DCM to China. He is well known for his Chinese language ability and knowledge of diplomatic and Chinese government systems. It is in the best interests of our Nation that the nominee be allowed to continue using his extensive knowledge of the People's Republic of China 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 during the past four years was considered very good. Further, your Committee defers to the President and the Department of Foreign Affairs as to the decision to maintain the nominee in his post. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes that the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends that Mr. Francis Anefal be confirmed as the FSM Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission in the People's Republic of China.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 23-13, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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