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July 3, 2024

Standing Comm. Report No. 11-99
Re: Resolution No. 11-78

adopted 7/5/24

The Honorable Nicholas Figirlaarwon
Speaker
Eleventh Legislature of the State of Yap
Second Regular Session, 2024

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred Resolution No. 11-78, entitled:

> "A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING VITUS FONEG AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of the resolution is expressed in its title.

On June 13, 2024 Governor Charles Chieng transmitted to the Legislature for consent, his nomination for Vitus Foneg for Director of the Office of Administrative Services (Gov. Comm. No. 11-243). Your Committee on Finance was assigned the communication. In his transmittal, the Governor also attached Mr. Foneg's resume. On July 2, 2024, Resolution No. 11-78 was introduced, by request, by Floor Leader Ted Rutun to confirm the nomination and it was also referred to this Committee.

Your Committee held a public hearing for the nomination on June 19, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Legislative Chamber. The following witnesses were present:

1. Vitus Foneg
2. Governor Chieng
3. Chief of Personnel, OAS
4. Director of Public Works and Transportation
5 Treasurer, OAS
6 Terrence Fong, YSL

The hearing started with opening remarks from the Governor speaking on behalf and for his nomination, citing his vast experience in the private sector as well as his experience working in R&D for Commerce as well as his current employment with the National Government in the Office of Statistics. Governor feels that the experience Mr. Foneg had gained working with sets of data and information would be beneficial to the role of Director of OAS, if confirmed. Governor further clarified that the need for this Director is a must as it has been vacant.

Your Committee has brought up the current concerns and immediate challenges facing the Office, which includes, but is not limited to the obscure FMIS, late audits, slow payments, limited cash flows, problematic draw-downs, delayed minimum wage implementation, outdated PSS, non-working archives, etc. The nominee, while not fully aware of the issues pending, re-stated his willingness to work with the Governor and render whatever assistance he can provide. He assured this Committee of his commitment to the work and looks forward, if confirmed, to working with the Cabinet and Governor to review and address these issues.

Your Committee has reviewed the nomination of Mr. Vitus Foneg, and we have concurred with Governor's nomination, as the position has been vacant for an extended period. Thus, your Committee after review, is in accord with the purpose and intent of Resolution No. 11-78, and recommends its adoption in its original form.

Respectfully submitted,

Pius Talimeisei - Chairman — 7-05-24 Date

Anne-Marie Laamar - Vice Chairman — Date

Ted Rutun - Member — 7/5/24 Date