

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
of the  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Summary Journal

Twenty-Second Day  
Monday, November 8, 1976

(1) The Constitutional Convention of the Northern Mariana Islands was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

The Honorable Lorenzo I. Guerrero, President, presided.

(2) A moment of silent prayer was observed.

(3) The Convention Secretary called the roll. There were 37 Delegates present. Delegates Daniel Castro and Jose Mafnas were absent. No Delegates were excused. A quorum was present.

(4) ADOPTION OF THE JOURNAL

Floor Leader Rasa moved for the adoption of the Summary Journal of the 19th Day. The motion was seconded.

The Convention Secretary reported that there were two corrections to be made to the Journal. On the second page, sixth paragraph, it should reflect that Delegate Borja's motion to amend the main motion carried. On the third page at the top, before Delegate Diaz withdrew his motion, it should reflect that Delegate Gregorio Calvo made the following statement: "The Rota Delegation is willing to stay and work over the weekend, so they should not again be accused of delaying the work of the Convention. I would like this to be reflected on the record."

Motion to adopt the Summary Journal of the 19th Day carried.

(5) COMMUNICATIONS - None.

(6) COMMITTEE REPORTS

Acting Chairman Palacios reported that the Committee on Personal Rights & Natural Resources had completed their work on "Eminent Domain" and he was pleased to submit the Committee's Report and Recommendation No. 6. He asked that the matter be calendared for consideration of the Committee of the Whole at the earliest possible time.

Acting Chairman Prudencio Manglona reported that the Committee on Governmental Institutions was still working on the matter of "Executive Branch."

Chairman Fitial reported that the Committee on Finance, Local Government and Other Matters was presenting their Committee Report and Recommendation No. 7, regarding "Oath of Office." He asked that the matter be calendared for consideration of the Committee of the Whole. He also reported that the Committee had begun discussion on the draft language of the Constitutional provision regarding "Local Government."

(7) INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF PROPOSALS

Chairman Fitial asked that Committee Recommendation No. 7, regarding "Oath of Office," be placed on the calendar for First Reading and consideration of the Committee of the Whole.

Acting Chairman Palacios asked that Committee Recommendation No. 6 from the Committee on Personal Rights & Natural Resources, regarding "Eminent Domain," be placed on the calendar for consideration of the Committee of the Whole on First Reading.

(8) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF PROPOSALS - None.

(9) INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Delegate Ramon Villagomez introduced and read the text of Resolution No. 5.

The Convention Secretary pointed out that there was a typographical error in the spelling of "effectiveness." President Guerrero suggested that the introducer and Secretary get together to correct the error.

(10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

(11) SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY - None.

(12) GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY - None.

(13) MISCELLANEOUS

Delegate Ramon Villagomez asked that the Convention recognize the presence in the gallery of Senator Manuel Muna from Saipan, Senator-Elect Pedro Guerrero from Saipan, and all other visitors present in the Convention Hall.

The President asked that the Convention recognize the presence, also, of Vice-Speaker of the Municipal Council, Mr. Plasido Tagabuel.

(14) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Fitial announced that the Committee on Finance, Local Government and Other Matters would be meeting immediately following the session in their usual place.

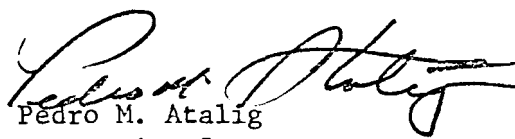
Acting Chairman Palacios announced that the Committee on Personal Rights & Natural Resources would be meeting right after the session at the Committee's office.

Acting Chairman Manglona announced that the Committee on Governmental Institutions would be meeting, also, immediately following the session.

Floor Leader Rasa moved that the Convention recess until two o'clock the following afternoon. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Convention recessed at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Pedro M. Atalig  
Convention Secretary