

SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

June 18 - July 17, 1985

- I. President - Delegate Herman T. Guerrero
- II. 1st Vice President - Delegate Vicente M. Calvo  
2nd Vice President - Delegate David M. Cing  
3rd Vice President - Delegate Maria T. Pangelinan
- III. Floor Leader - Delegate Juan T. Lizama
- IV. Convention Secretary - Delegate William B. Nabors
- V. Substantive Committees:

Committee on Governmental Institutions

- 1. Delegate Juan T. Lizama - Chairman
- 2. Delegate Jesus P. Mafnas - Vice Chairman
- 3. Delegate Felicidad T. Ogumoro
- 4. Delegate Benusto R. Kaipat
- 5. Delegate Vicente M. Calvo
- 6. Delegate David M. Cing
- 7. Delegate Alonzo Igisomar

Committee on Personal Rights/Natural Resources

- 1. Delegate Esteven M. King - Chairman
- 2. Delegate Joaquin A. Tenorio - Vice Chairman
- 3. Delegate Aniceto H. Mundo
- 4. Delegate Ramon G. Villagomez
- 5. Delegate Karl T. Reyes

Committee on Finance & Other Matters

- 1. Delegate Lorenzo I. Guerrero - Chairman
- 2. Delegate Rita H. Inos - Vice Chairman
- 3. Delegate James M. Mendiola
- 4. Delegate David L. Igitol
- 5. Delegate Maria T. Pangelinan
- 6. Delegate Ignacio Villanueva

Committee on Local Government

- 1. Delegate Paul A. Manglona - Chairman
- 2. Delegate William S. Torres - Vice Chairman
- 3. Delegate William B. Nabors
- 4. Delegate Luis M. Limes
- 5. Delegate Francisco Tomokane

APPROVED:

Herman T. Guerrero

Date:

6/20/85

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A VERY HEAVY WORKLOAD WHEN THE CONVENTION STARTS FORMAL CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS, PROPOSALS, RECOMMENDATIONS, ETC. SO I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO ADVISE ~~THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION~~ ME WHENEVER THEY HAVE A COMMITTEE REPORT OR ANYTHING THEY WOULD LIKE PUT ON THE AGENDA.

PURSUANT TO RULE 23,

THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES WILL THEN BE ABLE TO FIX THE AGENDA FOR EACH DAY IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE CAN ~~BE~~ CONDUCT ~~OUR~~ BUSINESS IN AN ORDERLY MANNER AND CONSIDER RELATED ISSUES AT THE SAME TIME. OTHER <sup>OTHER</sup> ~~THAT'S~~ NOT ON THE AGENDA FOR A PARTICULAR DAY ~~NEED~~ NECESSARY BUSINESS CAN BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE CONVENTION BY MOTION FROM THE FLOOR.

I AM VERY PLEASED THAT THE DELEGATES APPROVED A COMMITTEE STRUCTURE THIS MORNING TO DO THE SUBSTANTIVE WORK ~~OF~~ OF THE CONVENTION. PURSUANT TO RULES 29 AND 27, I WILL NOW APPOINT THE CHAIRMEN, VICE-CHAIRMEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE SUBSTANTIVE COMMITTEES.

MAKING

FELLOW DELEGATES, APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEES IS A DIFFICULT TASK. I SPENT MANY HOURS CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE DELEGATES, ALONG WITH THE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE OF EACH DELEGATE. UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE. BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE NOW HAVE A COMMITTEE STRUCTURE THAT WILL ALLOW US TO WORK TOGETHER AND THOUGHFULLY DELIBERATE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. WE <sup>ARE</sup> CHARGED WITH CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE COMMONWEALTH CONSTITUTION. THIS IS SIGNIFICANT, FOR THE MEANING OF COMMONWEALTH IS WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON ~~WEAR~~ WELFARE OF ALL THE PEOPLE. I LOOK FORWARD NOW TO OUR ALL JOINING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF ~~OPEN-MINDEDNESS~~ OPEN-MINDEDNESS TO ACCOMPLISH OUR TASK FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF COMMONWEALTH <sup>REGARDLESS</sup> ~~REGARDLESS~~ OF POLITICAL PARTY, ISLAND, ETHNIC GROUP, OR ANY OF THE OTHER ~~SMALL THINGS~~ MANY OTHER THINGS WHICH DIVIDE US. THANK YOU.

1. At Comm. Rpts. - Floor Leader move  
unanimous <sup>consent</sup> to suspend the order of the  
Day to move to General orders of the Day (h) to consider Nabors motion relative  
to committee structure. appeal

2. Nabors - moves under 66(a) to  
suspend 68(a) for purpose of  
amending ~~rule 28~~ (Committees)

DECISION

(a) Point of order!

State your point.  
(not 24 hrs.)

(b) Point is not well-taken

Rule does not specify 24 hrs., only one  
day notice.

(c) Further discussion? (on Nabors' motion)

(1) Appeal

[allow discussion, each delegate  
can speak only once] 64

"Shall the ruling of the chair stand as the  
judgment of the Convention?" 64

All in favor - aye

Opposed - nay

"The ruling stands"

(d) Discussion on Nabors' motion

(1) Move the previous question (second)  
non-debatable

(2) Shall we end debate and vote on ~~the~~ Nabors' motion?

Aye - yes

3. *Mangona - motion to amend rule 29  
on committees (states how)*
  - a) *Discussion*
  - b) *Vote*

I AM VERY PLEASED THAT THE DELEGATES APPROVED A COMMITTEE STRUCTURE THIS MORNING TO DO THE SUBSTANTIVE WORK ~~OF~~ OF THE CONVENTION. PURSUANT TO RULES 29 AND 27, I WILL NOW APPOINT THE CHAIRMEN, VICE-CHAIRMEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE SUBSTANTIVE COMMITTEES.

MAKING

FELLOW DELEGATES, APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEES IS A DIFFICULT TASK. I SPENT MANY HOURS CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE DELEGATES, ALONG WITH THE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE OF EACH DELEGATE. UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE. BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE NOW HAVE A COMMITTEE STRUCTURE THAT WILL ALLOW US TO WORK TOGETHER AND THOUGHFULLY DELIBERATE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. WE <sup>ARE</sup> CHARGED WITH CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE COMMONWEALTH CONSTITUTION. THIS IS SIGNIFICANT, FOR THE MEANING OF COMMONWEALTH IS WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON ~~WEAR~~ WELFARE OF ALL THE PEOPLE. I LOOK FORWARD NOW TO OUR ALL JOINING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF ~~OPEN-MINDEDNESS~~ OPEN-MINDEDNESS TO ACCOMPLISH OUR TASK FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF COMMONWEALTH <sup>REGARDLESS</sup> ~~REGARDLESS~~ OF POLITICAL PARTY, ISLAND, ETHNIC GROUP, OR ANY OF THE OTHER ~~SMALL THINGS~~ MANY OTHER THINGS WHICH DIVIDE US. THANK YOU.