

REPORT TO THE CONVENTION BY THE
COMMITTEE ON PERSONAL RIGHTS & NATURAL RESOURCES

Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 15 Defeated by Vote of the Whole
on Sunday, 7/7/85

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The Committee's recommended constitutional amendment would eliminate the current six election districts on Saipan for members of the House of Representatives and have Saipan's representatives elected at-large. It would also delete Section 11 of the Schedule on Transitional Matters, which describes Saipan Election Districts, as this section would be obsolete.

It is the view of your Committee that at-large election of members of the House of Representatives would 1) ensure that the most capable, best qualified people available take seats in the lower house, 2) enlarge the choice afforded the voters by giving all the voters the chance to vote for all of the candidates running on Saipan, and 3) foster an attitude of promoting the common welfare of all the people of the Commonwealth, as well as each municipality, among our elected representatives.

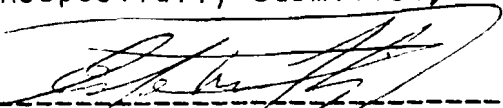
With the advances that have been made in transportation, communications, and sophistication in the Commonwealth during the past seven years, it is now possible for elected representatives to deal with problems affecting any and all villages on Saipan, not only one precinct; telephone services and the news media are now well developed. Too much concentration on every detail of the needs of an individual precinct often can mean that insufficient attention is paid to Commonwealth-wide needs.

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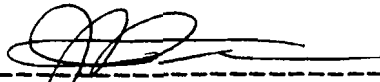
Defeated 7/7/85 (Sunday)

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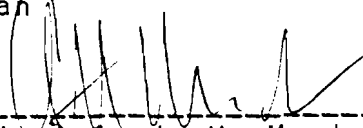
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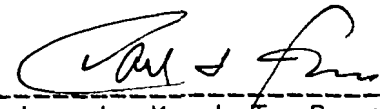
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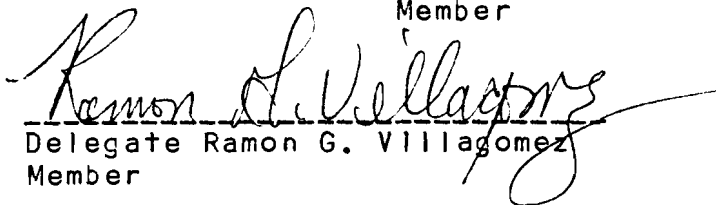
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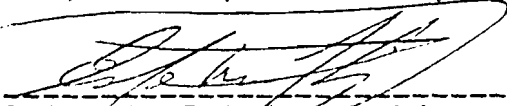
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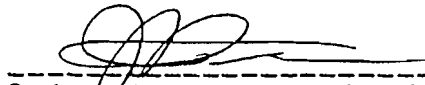
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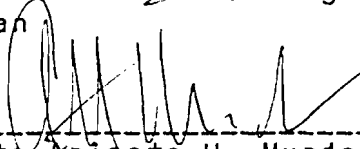
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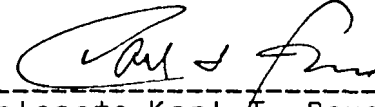
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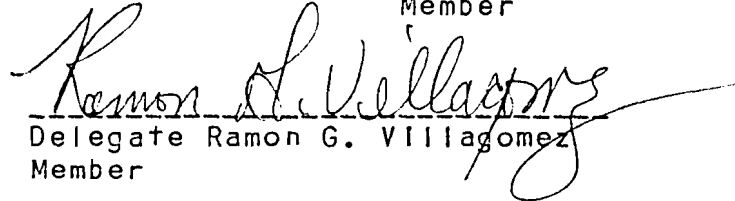
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SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1985

COMMITTEE RECOMENDATION NO. 15

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To amend Section 3(b) of Article II relating to composition of the House of Representatives and to delete Section 11 of the Schedule on Transitional Matters relating to Saipan Election Districts.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

Upon ratification pursuant to Section 5 of Article XVIII of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution and Public Law No. 4-30, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is amended as follows:

- 1 I. Effective as of the first regular general election
2 following ratification, Section 3(b) of Article II is
3 amended to read:
4 "b) For purposes of electing representatives, Rota
5 shall constitute one district, Tinian and Agulguan shall
6 constitute one district, and Saipan and the Islands north
7 of it shall constitute one district. The legislature may
8 change the number and boundaries of these districts only
9 pursuant to its duties under section 4 of this article.
10 When the population of the Islands north of Saipan equals
11 or exceeds the number of persons represented by any member
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15 II. Effective as of the first regular general election
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