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Legal Opinion No. 34

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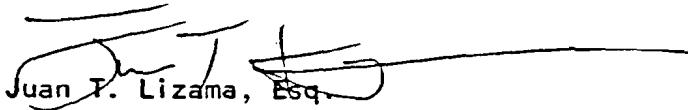
MEMORANDUM

To : Attorney General
From : Chairman, Committee on Governmental Institutions
Subject: Delegate Proposal No. 198-85

Please review as soon as practicable the attached Delegate Proposal No. 198-85.

We need to know whether the concerns raised by the proposal are adequately provided for under our present criminal code.

Thank you for your assistance.


Juan T. Lizama, Esq.

xc: Con-Con President

A PROPOSAL

To amend Article II of the Northern Marianas Constitution
by adding a new Section 15 relating to punishment of
nonmembers.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 "Section 15. Punishment of Nonmembers. Each house may
 2 punish by fine, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days,
 3 any person not a member of either house who shall be guilty
 4 of disrespect of such house by any disorderly or contemptuous
 5 behavior in its presence or that of any committee thereof;
 6 or who shall, on account of the exercise of any legislative
 7 function, threaten harm to the body or estate of any of the
 8 members of such house; or who shall assault, arrest or detain
 9 any witness or other person ordered to attend such house, on
 10 the witness' or other person's way going to or returning
 11 therefrom; or who shall rescue any person arrested by order of
 12 such house.

13 Any person charged with such an offense shall be informed
 14 in writing of the charge made against the person and have
 15 opportunity to present evidence and be heard in the person's
 16 own defense."

18 Date: 6/26/85

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