

SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
of the
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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SUMMARY JOURNAL

Tuesday, July 9, 1985

Twenty-second Day

The session for the 22nd day of the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention was called to order at 3:15 p.m., by President Herman T. Guerrero, with all 24 members present. The Summary Journal for the 21st Day (7/8/85) was adopted by a voice vote. Communication No. 8 "From the Representative to the United States re inquiries relayed to Washington regarding Representative's position" was received. Legal Opinion No. 10, regarding Delegate Proposal No. 75-85 (Mayor's Subpoena Power) and Legal Opinion No. 17 re Per Diem for Rota and Tinian Delegates were also received. The Committees on Governmental Institutions and Local Government offered no reports. Vice Chairman Rita Inos of the Committee on Finance and Other Matters read Committee Recommendation Nos. 23 and 24, the first concerning a new section for Article X re Real Property Tax and the second concerning a new section to Article II re Legislative Budget Ceiling. Personal Rights and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Esteven King read Committee Recommendation No. 19, (Section 2, Article XII re Permanent and Long-Term Interests in Real Property); No. 20, (Section 2, Article XII re Acquisition); No. 21, (Section 11, Article I re Abortion); and No. 22 (Section 1, Article XIII re Eminent Domain Power). The proposals will be calendared for consideration by the Committee of the Whole July 10, 1985.

No proposals were offered for Second and Final Reading. No Resolutions were introduced or referred. There was no Unfinished Business or Special Orders of the Day.

Under General Orders of the Day, Committee Recommendation (CR) No. 18 from the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources was brought up for consideration by the Committee of the Whole for First Reading. The proposal as presented would change the day for the regular general election from Sunday to Saturday. At 3:24 p.m., the Convention dissolved into a Committee of the Whole by voice vote to consider CR No. 18. President Guerrero requested that Delegate Paul Manglona (Rota) chair the Committee of the Whole.

At 3:54 p.m., the session was reconvened, with President Guerrero returning to the chair. CR No. 18 passed on First Reading by a unanimous voice vote.

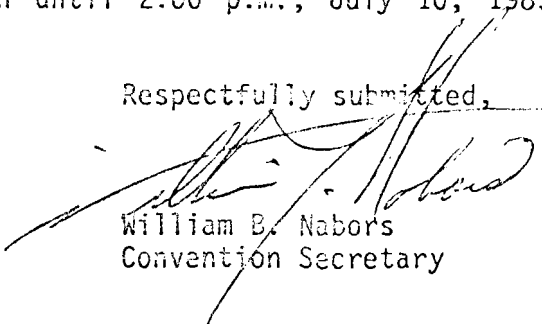
In Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Maria Pangelinan protested a quote from Delegate Lorenzo Guerrero in the Pacific Daily News (July 8, 1985) expressing his belief that there would not be sufficient votes at the Convention to pass a constitutional ban on gambling. Delegate Guerrero said he had not read the article in question, but did not intend his view to pre-determine the actions of any members of the Convention.

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Delegate Ramon Villagomez expressed concern about the referral of a resolution introduced by the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources. After some further discussion, Delegate Aniceto Mundo expressed concern that with only 8 working days left for the Convention, only two of the four standing committees have submitted reports.

After announcements of public hearings and other matters, a motion was made and passed at 4:24 p.m., to adjourn until 2:00 p.m., July 10, 1985 at the House of Taga.

Respectfully submitted,



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