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REPORT TO THE CONVENTION BY THE  
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Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 37

The Committee on Governmental Institutions recommends that the Convention adopt the attached constitutional amendment with respect to limiting any proposed annual budget to the level of revenue anticipation.


The amendment recommended by the Committee will require that the level of anticipated revenue should be determined by the Executive branch for purposes of developing an annual budget for submission to the legislature. Presently, the legislature may approve an annual budget based on only its own determination of anticipated revenue irrespective of the executive branch's determination.

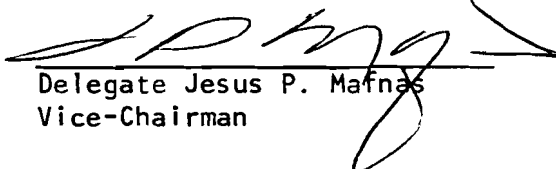
Over the past years, the Commonwealth government has been faced with a continuing shortage of funds. The Governor's estimated figures of total revenues have been increased significantly without adequate support that such additional revenues would and/or could be realized. Moreover, the Commonwealth has experienced time and time again the inability of the Legislature to agree with itself on the total estimated resources and revenues available for appropriation. Surely, without Delegate Proposal No. 99-85, it is very likely that the Legislature may continue to appropriate more expenditures than the amount of revenue estimated as being available from existing resources.

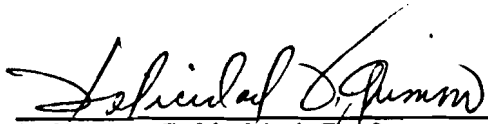
Delegate Proposal: The Committee considered Delegate Proposal No. 99-85.

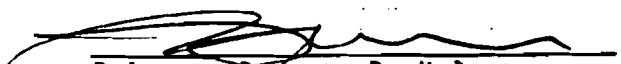
The Committee urges all delegates to support the Committee's recommended constitutional amendment.

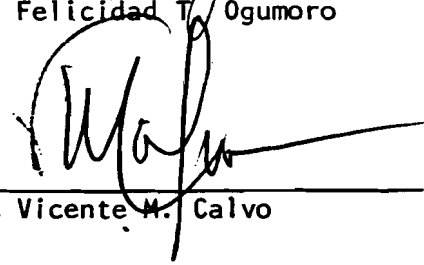
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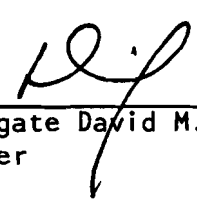
  
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deferred by COW  
on 7/13/85

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A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To amend Section 9(a) of Article III of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution relating to Executive Functions.

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 to read as follows:

1 Effective upon ratification, Section 9(a) of Article III is amended to  
2 read:  
3 "Section 9: Executive Functions.  
4 "a) The governor shall submit to the legislature a proposed  
5 annual budget for the following fiscal year. The proposed budget  
6 shall describe anticipated revenues of the Commonwealth and  
7 recommend expenditures of Commonwealth funds. The anticipated  
8 revenues shall not be increased by the legislature without the  
9 consent of the governor. In preparing the proposed budget, the  
10 governor shall consider submissions made by the mayors of Rota,  
11 Saipan, Tinian and Agulguan, and the islands north of Saipan as  
12 to the budgetary needs of those islands and by the executive  
13 assistant appointed under section 18 of this article. The  
14 governor's submission to the legislature with respect to the  
15 budget shall state the governor's disposition of the budgetary  
16 requests contained in these submissions and may include  
17 recommended legislations with respect to taxation. If the budget  
18 is approved by the legislature, the governor may not reallocate  
19 appropriated funds except as provided by law. If a budget is not  
20 approved before the first day of the fiscal year, appropriations  
21 for government operations and obligations shall be at the level

1 for the previous fiscal year.

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