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Subject: Committee Recommendation 39

Your Committee on Governmental Institutions recommends that the Convention meeting in Committee of the Whole adopt the attached proposed constitutional amendment with respect to conduct of members of the legislature.


Your Committee's recommendation will broaden the scope of Section 15 of Article II and will better assure proper conduct by members of the legislature. This recommendation also conforms with the advice of counsel given in Legal Opinion No. 22.

Delegate Proposal:

Your Committee considered Delegate Proposal Nos. 58-85, 60-85 and 200-85 and believes that this proposed amendment is the best constitutional approach to the concerns raised.

Therefore, your Committee urges all delegates to support the attached committee recommendation.

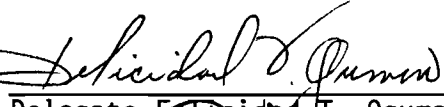
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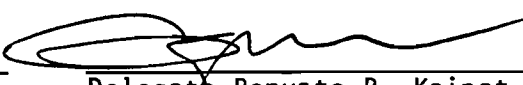
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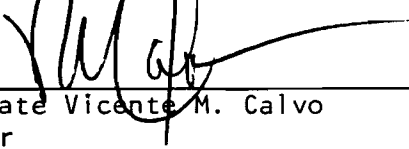
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A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To amend Section 15 of Article II of the Northern Marianas Constitution relative to conduct of members of the legislature.

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 15 of Article II is amended to read:
 2 "Section 15: Conduct of Members. A member of the legislature who has
 3 a financial, private or personal interest in a bill before the legislature
 4 shall disclose that interest and may not vote on the bill. The offense of
 5 corrupt solicitation of members of the legislature, and any occupation or
 6 practice of solicitation of such members to influence their official action,
 7 shall be defined by law and shall be punished by fine and imprisonment. The
 8 legislature shall enact a comprehensive code of conduct for its that includes
 9 a definition of proper conduct of members with conflicts of interests and a
 10 definition of the proper scope of debate in the legislature."

*Defeated by
Vote of the Whole
7/3/85*

~~COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS~~