

SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
of the  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
Convention Hall - House of Taga  
Saipan, CM 96950

SUMMARY JOURNAL

Thursday, July 11, 1985

Twenty-fourth Day

The session for the 24th Day of the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention was called to order at 1:28 p.m., by President Herman T. Guerrero with 23 members present. Delegate Ramon Villagomez was excused and later arrived at the session hall. The Summary Journal for the 23rd Day (July 10, 1985) was adopted by a voice vote. Communication No. 10, concerning a public hearing on Rota and Communication No. 11 which comprised comments from Washington Representative Froilan Tenorio concerning a proposed amendment affecting his office were accepted. Legal Opinion No. 32 on the legality of a proposed anti-abortion amendment was received.

The Committee on Finance and Other Matters offered no report. Chairman Juan Lizama of the Committee on Governmental Institutions read Committee Recommendations Nos. 36, 37, 38 and 39. The first concerns the legislative veto, the second "executive functions," the third involves conditions for expulsion of legislative members and the fourth conduct of members of the legislature. Chairman Esteven King of the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources read Committee Recommendations Nos. 17 and 35. The first concerns "ratification of amendments," the second "qualification of voters." Chairman Paul Manglona of the Committee on Local Government read CR No. 40, which concerns corporations as described in Article XII and Committee Recommendation No. 41, which concerns local government. The proposals will be calendared for consideration by the Committee of the Whole, July 12, 1985.

There were no items for Second and Final Reading.

At 1:45 p.m., a motion was made that the Convention resolves into Committee of the Whole. Delegate Luis Limes was appointed by the Chair to preside.

At 4:24 p.m., it was moved that the Committee rise and report on CR Nos. 10, 12, and 25. Chairman Limes reported to the Convention on the results of the Committee of the Whole. On a voice vote, all three reports were adopted on First Reading.

Shortly thereafter, the session resumed. At 4:33 p.m., a motion was made to again resolve into a Committee of the Whole to discuss CR No. 26 (Washington Representative). President Guerrero requested that Delegate Ignacio Villanueva preside, that debate be limited to one hour and that President Guerrero be allowed to address a substitute to the proposal following debate on the first proposal.

At 6:05 p.m., it was moved that the Committee rise and report on CR No. 26. Chairman Villanueva reported to the Convention on the results of the Committee of the Whole, which defeated the proposal and the substitute. The action of the Committee was accepted on a voice vote. Consideration on the

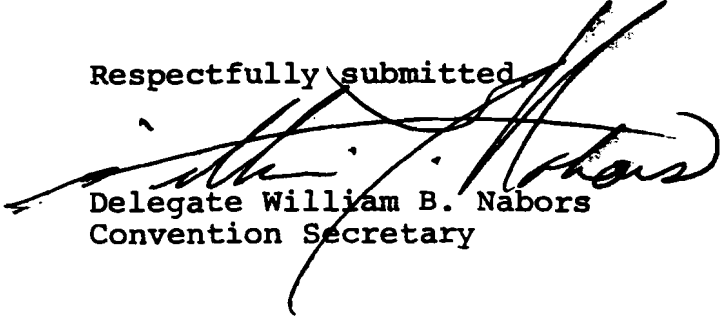
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remainder of Committee Recommendations were scheduled for Friday, July 12, 1985 under Unfinished Business.

In Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Esteven King apologized for statements made during the Committee of the Whole debate, but said he was upset because results of the public hearing on the matter were ignored. Delegate Jesus Mafnas asked that a transcript of the debate be transmitted to the Commission on Federal Laws. Delegate Mafnas also objected to Chairmen of Convention Committees signing reports and then attacking them on the floor. Delegates Aniceto Mundo and Paul Manglona registered displeasure with Communication No. 10. Delegate Lizama objected to the earlier comments by Delegate Mafnas about Committee Chairmen attacking reports. Delegate Kaipat said dispute over reports was "healthy." Delegate Lorenzo Guerrero showed the proposed new Official Seal and Flag of the Commonwealth. Delegate Ignacio Villanueva apologized for limiting debate during the Committee of the Whole deliberations, but noted the hour limitation was exceeded by 30 minutes despite his efforts.

Following Announcements, a motion was made and passed at 6:20 p.m., to adjourn until 1:00 p.m., July 12, 1985 at the House of Taga.

Respectfully submitted



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