

SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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REPORT TO THE CONVENTION BY THE
COMMITTEE ON PERSONAL RIGHTS & NATURAL RESOURCES

Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 2/

Your Committee believes abortion should be illegal under the Northern Marianas Constitution because:

- 1) it is immoral;
- 2) it can become a matter of convenience to protect undisciplined lifestyle;
- 3) it can be construed as murder; and
- 4) it violates the sanctity of life.

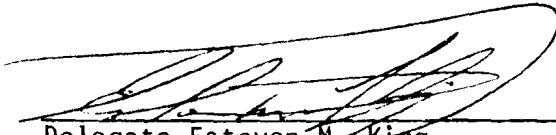
The Committee agrees, however, that in some excruciating circumstances abortion may be necessary or preferable to the delivery of the body, such as for medical reasons, in the case of rape or in consideration of the mental condition of the mother. For these reasons, the Committee recognizes that legislation can best address when or where to make exceptions to the prohibition of abortion.

Delegate Proposals

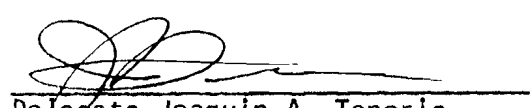
The Committee carefully considered Delegate Proposal Nos. 14 and 19 and decided to make abortion prohibited except as provided by law. The Legislature process can better deal with when to make exceptions. The main intent of both proposals, in the opinion of the Committee, is covered by the revised wording.

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

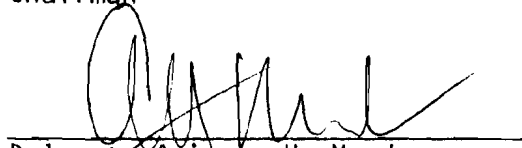
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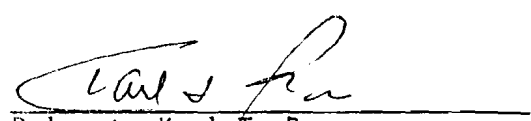
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SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1985

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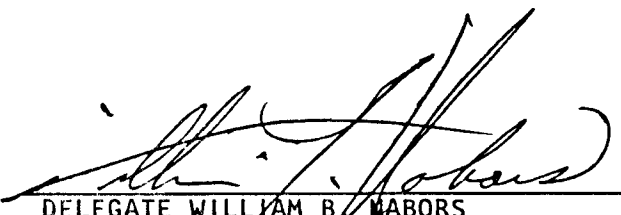
PROPOSED FLOOR AMENDMENT TO CR NO. 21 -- ABORTION.

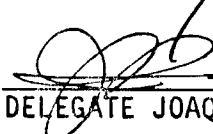
"Section 11: Abortion. No abortion shall be performed in any public medical facility during the first trimester unless the pregnancy results from rape, incest or the mother's life is threatened."

Date:

7-12-85

Offered by:


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*Defeated on
7-21-85*