

SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
of the  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
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TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

Saturday, July 13, 1985

The Second Constitutional Convention of the Northern Mariana Islands was called to order at 1:27 p.m., Saturday, July 13, 1985, in the Convention Hall - House of Taga, San Vicente, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Herman T. Guerrero, President, presided.

A moment of silent prayer or meditation was observed.

The Convention Secretary called the roll, and 22 delegates were present. Delegates Pangelinan and Villagomez were absent.

President H. Guerrero: We have a quorum and a majority to conduct the Order of Business. Floor Leader Lizama?

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

Floor Leader Lizama: Mr. President, I move that we adopt the Twenty-Fifth Day's Summary Journal.

Delegate Mendiola seconded the motion.

President H. Guerrero: It has been moved and seconded to adopt the Summary Journal for Friday, July 12, 1985. Discussion?

There being no discussion, the motion to adopt the Twenty-Fifth Day's Summary Journal was carried by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Comm. No. 16, from the Acting Executive Director, Marianas Visitors Bureau, re Civil Service Commission. (Ref: CR No. 25)

Comm. No. 17, from the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, re Civil Service Commission. (Ref: CR No. 25)

Legal Opinion No. 34, from Assistant Attorney General Eric S. Smith, re Delegate Proposal No. 198-85, entitled: "To amend Article II of the Northern Marianas Constitution by adding a new Section 15 relating to punishment of nonmembers."

Legal Opinion No. 35(1), from Assistant Attorney General Eric S. Smith, re Delegate Proposal No. 184-85, entitled: "To add a new Section to Article III to prohibit wage discrimination and require divestiture of government-owned residential housing."

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Legal Opinion No. 35(2), from Assistant Attorney General Eric S. Smith, re Delegate Proposal No. 298-85, entitled: "To add a new Section and subsections (a), (b), and (c) to Article I of the Northern Marianas Constitution to safeguard against rampant alienation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

Legal Opinion No. 36, from Assistant Attorney General Eric S. Smith, re Committee Recommendation 27.

President H. Guerrero: In front of you are Communication No. 16 from the Acting Executive Director of the Marianas Visitors Bureau regarding Civil Service Commission, concerning Committee Recommendation No. 25; and also Communication No. 17 from the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority concerning Civil Service Commission on Committee Recommendation No. 25; Legal Opinion Nos. 34, 35, and 36.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee Recommendation No. 45, from the Committee on Governmental Institutions, recommending for adoption of Delegate Proposal Nos. 7-85 and 23-85, entitled: "To amend Section 2 of Article III of the Northern Marianas Constitution relating to Qualifications of the Governor."

Committee Recommendation No. 46, from the Committee on Governmental Institutions, recommending for adoption of Delegate Proposal No. 183-85, entitled: "To amend Article III, Section 4 to limit the Governor to two terms in office."

Committee Recommendation No. 47, from the Committee on Governmental Institutions, recommending for adoption of Delegate Proposal Nos. 145-85 and 146-85, entitled: "To amend Section 7 of Article III of the Northern Marianas Constitution relating to succession to the Governorship and Lieutenant Governorship."

Committee Recommendation No. 48, from the Committee on Governmental Institutions, recommending for adoption of Delegate Proposal Nos. 172-85, 286-85 and 308-85, entitled: "To add a new Section to Article III to guarantee the independence of boards and commissions."

President H. Guerrero: Chairman Lizama?

Chairman Lizama: Mr. President, the Committee on Governmental Institutions has four committee recommendations to submit: Committee Recommendation Nos. 45, 46, 47 and 48.

President H. Guerrero: Thank you. Are there any other committee recommendations? Chairman King?

Chairman King: Thank you, Mr. President. There's no committee recommendation from the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources.

President H. Guerrero: Chairman Manglona?

Chairman Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Local Government has no report today. Thank you.

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President H. Guerrero: Chairman Guerrero?

Chairman DL. Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Finance and Other Matters, likewise, has no written report to this Convention.

President H. Guerrero: Thank you. I call on Chairman Lizama to read Committee Recommendation Nos. 45, 46, 47 and 48 and we will consider it as First Reading. Please read the titles.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERRAL OF PROPOSALS

Committee Recommendation No. 45: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE III OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTION RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR.", for First Reading.

Committee Recommendation No. 46: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 TO LIMIT THE GOVERNOR TO TWO TERMS IN OFFICE.", for First Reading.

Committee Recommendation No. 47: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND SECTION 7 OF ARTICLE III OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTION RELATING TO SUCCESSION TO THE GOVERNORSHIP AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNORSHIP.", for First Reading.

Committee Recommendation No. 48: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO ARTICLE III TO GUARANTEE THE INDEPENDENCE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.", for First Reading.

Chairman Lizama: Mr. President, Committee Recommendation No. 45 is a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Section 2 of Article III of the Northern Marianas Constitution relating to qualifications of the Governor. Committee Recommendation No. 46 is a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article III, Section 4 to limit the Governor to two terms in office. Committee Recommendation No. 47 is a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Section 7 of Article III of the Northern Marianas Constitution relating to succession to the governorship and lieutenant governorship. And Committee Recommendation No. 48 is a proposed constitutional amendment to add a new section to Article III to guarantee the independence of boards and commissions.

(At this point, Delegate Pangelinan took her seat.)

President H. Guerrero: Thank you. We will move on. There is no Second and Final Reading; there is no Introduction of Resolutions and Referrals; no Unfinished Business; no Special Orders of the Day. We are now down on General Orders of the Day.

(At this point, Delegate Villagomez took his seat.)

SECOND AND FINAL READING

None

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INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND REFERRALS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

None

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee Recommendation No. 17, from the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources, recommending for adoption of Resolution No. 6-85, Committee Draft 1: "A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE TO AMEND SECTION 19 OF PUBLIC LAW 4-30 RELATING TO RATIFICATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS."

Committee Recommendation No. 21: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ADD A NEW SECTION IN ARTICLE I TO MAKE ABORTION ILLEGAL IN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS."

Committee Recommendation No. 35: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE VII OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTION RELATING TO QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS."

Committee Recommendation No. 36: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO ARTICLE II TO AUTHORIZE LEGISLATIVE VETO OF CERTAIN TYPES OF EXECUTIVE ACTS."

Committee Recommendation No. 37: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND SECTION 9(a) OF ARTICLE III OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CONSTITUTION RELATING TO EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS."

Committee Recommendation No. 38: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND SECTION 14(a) OF ARTICLE II REGARDING THE VOTE REQUIRED TO EXPEL A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE."

Committee Recommendation No. 39: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND SECTION 15 OF ARTICLE II OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE."

Committee Recommendation No. 40: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND SECTIONS 5 AND 6 OF ARTICLE XII OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTION TO PREVENT CORPORATIONS FROM FRAUDULENTLY QUALIFYING AS PERSONS OF NORTHERN MARIANAS DESCENT."

Committee Recommendation No. 41: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REPEAL SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 6 OF ARTICLE VI AND SECTIONS 17(a) AND (b) OF ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND TO PROPOSE NEW SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 6 OF ARTICLE VI AND SECTION 17(a) AND (b) OF ARTICLE III RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT."

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Committee Recommendation No. 42: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO GAMBLING IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS."

Committee Recommendation No. 43: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTION TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE TO INCLUDE A NEW OFFICIAL SEAL AND FLAG OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS."

Committee Recommendation No. 44: "A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 10 RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY POWERS."

Delegate Nabors: Mr. President, point of privilege.

President H. Guerrero: Secretary Nabors?

Delegate Nabors: Thank you. Mr. President, as the introducer of Resolution No. 6-85 regarding ratification of amendments, upon receipt of the Staff Counsel's legal opinion and because of the lateness of time in which the Legislature might act on the subject, I respectfully request that Resolution No. 6-85 be withdrawn or filed.

Delegate DL. Guerrero seconded.

President H. Guerrero: If there is no objection, so ordered. Committee Recommendation No. 17 is withdrawn from consideration definitely. Floor Leader Lizama?

Floor Leader Lizama: Mr. President, I move that we resolve into a Committee of the Whole at this time to go into the committee recommendations.

Delegate Mendiola seconded the motion.

President H. Guerrero: It has been moved and seconded to resolve into a Committee of the Whole. Discussions?

There being no discussion, the motion to resolve into a Committee of the Whole was carried by voice vote.

The Convention resolved into a Committee of the Whole at 1:35 p.m.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Convention reconvened its plenary session at 4:10 p.m.

President H. Guerrero: The Convention is now back to session. I call on Delegate Ogumoro.

Delegate Ogumoro: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee of the Whole deliberated on Committee Recommendation Nos. 21, 35, 36 and 37 and have taken the following actions: On Committee Recommendation No. 21, your Committee voted to adopt that. Committee Recommendation 35 was also adopted. On Committee Recommendation 36, adoption was also taken. Now, the Committee of the Whole voted to defer action on Committee Recommendation No. 37. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

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Floor Leader Lizama seconded the motion.

President H. Guerrero: It has been moved and seconded to adopt Committee Recommendation Nos. 21, 35 and 36 as adopted by the Committee of the Whole and recommending also that Committee Recommendation No. 37 be referred. At least 21, 35 and 36 will be considered as First Reading. Discussions?

There being no discussion, the motion was carried by voice vote.

President H. Guerrero: Yes, Delegate Mafnas.

Delegate Mafnas: Mr. President, so that we can see the sunset, I would like to move that we recess until seven o'clock.

Delegate Mendiola seconded the motion.

President H. Guerrero: It has been moved and seconded to recess until seven o'clock.

There being no discussion, the motion was carried by voice vote.

The Convention recessed at 4:12 p.m.

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The Convention reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

President H. Guerrero: The session is back to order. Floor Leader Lizama?

Floor Leader Lizama: Mr. President, I move that we resolve into a Committee of the Whole.

Delegate Mendiola seconded the motion.

President H. Guerrero: It has been moved and seconded to resolve into a Committee of the whole. Discussions?

There being no discussion, the motion was carried by voice vote.

The Convention resolved into a Committee of the Whole at 7:22 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Convention reconvened its plenary session at 8:33 p.m.

President H. Guerrero: The session is now in order. Delegate Reyes?

Delegate Reyes: Mr. President, the Committee of the Whole deliberated on Committee Recommendation Nos. 38, 39 and 40. Committee Recommendation No. 38, a proposal relative to a spelling of a legislative member, has been adopted. Committee Recommendation No. 39, relative to the conduct of a legislative member, is defeated. Committee Recommendation No. 40, to amend Sections 5 and 6 of Article XII of the CNMI Constitution regarding corporations, has been adopted. I move, Mr. President, that the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

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Delegate Nabors seconded the motion.

President H. Guerrero: Before we entertain the motion, can you restate your statement that Committee Recommendation No. 40 was adopted, the substitute version not the original version?

Delegate Reyes: Mr. President, Committee Recommendation No. 40 on corporations, as amended, as substituted rather, has been adopted.

President H. Guerrero: Thank you. It has been moved and seconded to adopt Committee Recommendation No. 38 which was adopted; Committee Recommendation No. 39 which was defeated; and Committee Recommendation No. 40, the substitute version, was adopted. Discussions? Delegate Villagomez?

Delegate Villagomez: Mr. President, at the time that the Committee of the Whole deliberated on Committee Recommendation No. 40, the question was raised--what would be the effect of this amendment to those existing corporations now which are partially owned by persons of Northern Marianas descent and partially owned by persons who are not of Northern Marianas descent. During the discussions, it was agreed upon by the delegates and it is the intent of the Convention that those corporations which now owned land in the CNMI and which corporations are owned part by non-Northern Marianas descent will maintain their ownership on the land that they own prior to the effective date of this amendment but that they may not own land after the effective date of this amendment unless they conform with this amendment. Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: Is there a unanimous consent on the statement by Delegate Villagomez so it can be incorporated as part of the report?

Delegate Nabors: No objection.

President H. Guerrero: Delegate King, are you objecting?

Delegate King: No. I second it.

President H. Guerrero: It wasn't a motion; I was only asking. If there is no objection, so ordered. Any further discussions?

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt the Committee of the Whole's report and consider Committee Recommendation Nos. 38 and 40 as First Reading was carried by voice vote.

President H. Guerrero: Can we have a recess of, like five minutes?

Delegate King: Yes.

Delegate Villanueva: Yes.

President H. Guerrero: Recess for five minutes.

The Convention recessed at 8:37 p.m.

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The Convention reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

President H. Guerrero: The session is now reconvened. Where is our Floor Leader? Secretary Nabors?

Secretary Nabors: Mr. President, I move that we resolve into a Committee of the Whole.

Delegate Manglona seconded the motion.

President H. Guerrero: It has been moved and seconded to resolve into a Committee of the Whole. Discussions?

There being no discussion, the motion was carried by voice vote.

The Convention resolved into a Committee of the Whole at 8:50 p.m.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Committee of the Whole recessed at around 11:00 p.m. and will continue its plenary session the next day, Sunday, July 14, 1985, at 4:00 p.m.

The Convention reconvened its plenary session at 4:16 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 1985.

President H. Guerrero: The 26th Day's Plenary Session is back to order. I call on Delegate Tenorio to report on the findings of the Committee of the Whole in reference to Committee Recommendation Nos. 41, 42, 43 and 44.

Delegate Mafnas: That's correct; and 31.

President H. Guerrero: And 31.

Delegate Tenorio: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee of the Whole deliberated on Committee Recommendation Nos. 41, 42, 43 and added also Committee Recommendation No. 31. Committee Recommendation No. 41 was adopted as incorporated. There are other languages to be incorporated into the Committee Recommendation. And also, in conjunction with this Committee Recommendation, Committee Recommendation No. 31 was included with the condition to consider Committee Recommendation 41 for Second and Final Reading. And if Committee Recommendation 41 is adopted, Committee Recommendation 31 shall be withdrawn. If Committee Recommendation 41 is defeated, Committee Recommendation 31 will be considered. Committee Recommendation No. 42 was adopted as amended. Committee Recommendation No. 43 was also adopted as amended. And Committee Recommendation No. 44 was adopted. Thank you, Mr. President.

President H. Guerrero: Is there a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole?

Floor Leader Lizama: I so move.

Delegate Tenorio seconded the motion.



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President H. Guerrero: It has been moved and seconded to adopt Committee Recommendation Nos. 31, 41, 42, 43 and 44. Discussions? Secretary Nabors?

Secretary Nabors: Thank you, Mr. President. I believe our chairman has a motion that was also adopted by the Committee of the Whole concerning the consideration of Committee Recommendation No. 40.

President H. Guerrero: What are you talking about?

Secretary Nabors: There was a motion that was made and adopted by the Committee of the Whole that Committee Recommendation No. 40 would incorporate all suggested amendments.

Delegate Tenorio: It's No. 41.

Secretary Nabors: No. 41, excuse me, and that those amended versions will be distributed by tomorrow afternoon and that Committee Recommendation No. 41 will be calendared for discussions on Tuesday morning.

Delegate Villagomez: That's correct.

Delegate Tenorio: I believe that's correct. I stand corrected.

Secretary Nabors: Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: Yes, Delegate Mafnas.

Delegate Mafnas: Mr. President, that was not a motion; it was a suggestion.

President H. Guerrero: It was a suggestion.

Delegate Tenorio: It was a motion. May I please, Mr. President?

President H. Guerrero: Yes, Delegate Tenorio.

Delegate Tenorio: Yes, Delegate Nabors moved to incorporate all of the suggestions from the delegates into Committee Recommendation No. 41, to distribute copies to all the delegates on Monday afternoon, and to calendar Committee Recommendation No. 41 on Second and Final Reading as the first order of business on Tuesday morning. That was passed. Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: Also, just a point of clarification. Since 31 was not actually authorized to be considered and there was no unanimous consent to suspend the rules to entertain 31, I think we will just sort of let it go for now. Delegate Mafnas?

Delegate Mafnas: Mr. President, I think Recommendation No. 31 was incorporated in a motion to adopt Recommendation 41.

President H. Guerrero: So 31 was incorporated in 40.

Delegate Mafnas: Yes. The motion to adopt 41 was amended to include No. 31 and this was seconded and adopted and there was no opposition.

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President H. Guerrero: Okay. Are there any further discussions?  
Chairman Manglona?

Chairman Manglona: Mr. President, during the Committee of the Whole's discussions on Committee Recommendation No. 42 regarding gambling, majority of the delegates agreed that gambling is a local matter and there was a lengthy discussion on this so that we eliminate this committee recommendation because the majority of the delegates believe that this committee recommendation is not necessary because the present law allows us to do it. Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: Are there any further discussions?

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt the Committee of the Whole's recommendations was carried by voice vote.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

President H. Guerrero: We are now under Miscellaneous Business. Delegate Nabors?

Delegate Nabors: Mr. President, there are a number of priority proposals that are still in the committees and I would like to find out if we can have all those stuff out of the committees by early tomorrow. Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: Delegate Manglona?

Delegate Manglona: Is this Miscellaneous Business, Mr. President?

President H. Guerrero: Yes.

Delegate Manglona: Yes, I would like to refer to Committee Recommendation No. 28. This is on Clean and Healthful Environment. Everybody was concerned about this committee recommendation, especially the delegates from Tinian. They are saying that there are a lot of military maneuvering in Tinian and they are afraid about the noise of the airplanes. And all of these will indirectly affect also the people of Saipan because when they fly to the airport, they will somehow fly over Saipan. I want to, I guess, emphasize the importance of this recommendation also for the people of Rota. As Delegate Kaipat mentioned, constructions sometimes caused a lot of unnecessary and harmful--I emphasize "harmful" noise. A person about a year ago or two was suing a construction company for about \$3 million because this construction company was making a lot of noise, unnecessary, harmful noise near his property. They were dynamiting the underwater. So he is suing IBC Construction Company for this unnecessary noise. So for that reason, I feel it is very important. This person was going insane and he is suing this company \$3 million because he is going insane and I feel sorry for this guy because I can see even right now. The other day we received Communication No. 10 from this guy and I wish you disregard that communication. It's coming from this guy and I feel that he needs help right away. Thank you.

Delegate Cing: Can I see that?

President H. Guerrero: You have a copy of that letter.

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Delegate Manglona: It's Communication No. 10. I wonder what dishevel that cause this guy to write this letter. Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: Thank you, Delegate Manglona. Delegate King?

Delegate King: Just to make correction on Delegate Manglona's statement. The Tinian people are not afraid of the noise but they just don't want to have that kind of noise that is beyond all noises. So we are not afraid.

President H. Guerrero: Are there any other miscellaneous business? If none, I would like to recommend that we entertain Committee Recommendation No. 14. If there is no objection from the floor, I would like to pull Committee Recommendation No. 14 for further consideration in view that we might not be able to finish between now and Wednesday.

Delegate Nabors: Objection.

President H. Guerrero: Objection?

Delegate Nabors: Yes, because we discussed that once and there are people who said that only 30 days.

President H. Guerrero: Delegate Guerrero?

Delegate DL. Guerrero: Mr. President, the Committee on Finance and Other Matters's recommendation on that particular resolution was introduced before this Convention and was defeated; so therefore, should we have to reconsider it, we have to reintroduce that resolution because the Convention itself disapproved that.

Delegate Cing: Privilege.

President H. Guerrero: Yes, Delegate Cing.

Delegate Cing: Privilege, Mr. President.

President H. Guerrero: I already recognized you. Please proceed.

Delegate Cing: Yes, I was with Delegate Guerrero at that time when we were the victims of this. As of now, as I look at all the delegates, I think most of us here have mental fatigue because we are rushing this Convention according to the public law that we have to finish it within a period of 30 days. I think if we have to bring this up again, it is going to create chaos among us. We have to do something to rectify this problem. I think we can do it by some other means. I myself missed my family and my island already but I will not leave this Convention until we finish with our work here. Thank you.

(Laughter)

President H. Guerrero: Delegate Torres?

Delegate Torres: Thank you, Mr. President. I sympathize with Delegate Cing. I think that one of the major reasons for rejecting the resolution at that time was strictly tactical so that we can get things out of the committees. Now, we are becoming more realistic. I think the Chair

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should entertain an extension of not more than one week so that we can deliberate constructively on Second and Final Reading and not rush to judgment on critical issues just because we missed our families, we missed our girl-friends, we missed our girls at the bars, and we missed our other kids. Let's be serious about a possible extension. I am not suggesting that we should necessary extend but consider the possibility for it. Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: Yes, Delegate Nabors.

Delegate Nabors: I would like to move that we reconsider Resolution 14.

Delegate King seconded the motion.

President H. Guerrero: I was only asking for unanimous consent. If there is no objection, we can recall and put it in the calendar for discussions on the 27th day session which would convene probably after we come back from dinner. Does anybody have any objection? I can assure you that at the rate we are going that during Second Reading, some of these proposals will never make it to Second Reading, and it's the privilege of the Chair to decide which one comes first. Yes, Delegate Mafnas.

Delegate Mafnas: Mr. President, I respect the privilege of the Chair but the Chair is one. So those that were finished on First Reading, put them on the calendar. Don't exercise your powerful privilege. Thank you. If I may, I was one of the opponents of the extension of time. Delegate Torres was right that it was to get the machine rolling. Moreover, the resolution that was introduced was asking for definite extension of time and it was not asking that just in case we run out of time, we would like the time be extended. I would support. I know there are important amendments that have been adopted on the First Reading. I would support an extension of time as suggested for one week or not to exceed ten days if we ran out of time. So I am with you, Mr. President, on that. Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: Delegate Tenorio?

Delegate Tenorio: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm rather disturbed that the statement made by Delegate Mafnas and Delegate Torres, I did not vote on that resolution because I knew that it was tactful. I voted on that resolution....

Delegate Mafnas: Point of information, Mr. President.

President H. Guerrero: Delegate Tenorio, I need to recognize Delegate Mafnas. State your point, Delegate Mafnas.

Delegate Mafnas: Point of information or clarification. I was talking for myself and I wasn't talking on behalf of Delegate Tenorio. Thank you.

Delegate Tenorio: Thank you, Delegate Mafnas. With all due respect, I did not vote on that resolution because I felt that it was tactful. I voted because that was my believe that we did not need the time at the very moment that we were discussing the resolution. Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: Delegate Guerrero, you had your hand up?

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Delegate DL. Guerrero: Mr. President, you know, when a committee report is out to this Convention, at that particular point in time the delegates of the Convention could easily come up with suggestions to amend that resolution to make it at least alive up till today. Now we start feeling the tremendous amount of work that this Convention is facing. I, for one, have no reservation to reconsider that resolution but the majority delegates of this Convention voted against it, and I must say that maybe only three or maybe five of us voted for that resolution. Now everybody feels the bulk of work that we have that we have to consider or recall that resolution to reconsider it for an extension of time. Now should this Convention feel that we need additional days, let's do it without any waste. My very concern at that time was that the delegates themselves should we stop the clock to finish all the workload of this Convention that we are facing, the delegates can afford themselves. But my very concern and the committee's concern is the staff of this Convention, how we are going to manage and pay them. So now we start realizing that the committee's recommendation may be right at that time should this Convention took it into consideration. Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: Thank you. Delegate Cing?

Delegate Cing: Thank you, Mr. President. For the benefit of the Convention, I will withdraw my intention. But I would like the record to show that we three were right: Delegate Nabors, Delegate Guerrero and Delegate Cing were right when they introduced this as a safeguard resolution. Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: I'll call first Delegate Manglona.

Delegate Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. It seems the past 27 days we have been complaining about the Legislature's inaction and that is why we are coming up with all these amendments. Now in a few days, we are going to be inaction also because of their work to allow us only 30 days. I say forget the Legislature and let that disease not come to this Convention. I am not afraid of what the public will say that we didn't finish our job in 30 days. There are a lot of amendments here and I don't like telling some individuals not to make amendments. That is healthy. If the people are making amendments, that means they are thinking about the proposals. They have some concerns and that is why I feel we need additional time. I don't like to do rush work. I want to think out every proposal and I want to know every detail in every proposal as much as possible. Right now, we are all in a rush; we are going to be working late at night and we are going to be all confused. Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: Delegate Kaipat?

Delegate Kaipat: Thank you, Mr. President. I think we only have 72 hours before the time is up, three days, and the mental-physical strength would decrease the capacity of the thinking process. So I think we should be very specific by giving us at least ten days more to go over the proposals that we already passed on First Reading and on the few that will arrive for First Reading. So I think we should work in the morning, afternoon and evening but take off at night so that we can be correct of thought process to regain or open up again the next morning. This way, by refreshing in the morning, we can probably do a better job instead of rushing the next seven days. Thank you, Mr. President.

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President H. Guerrero: Delegate Tenorio?

Delegate Tenorio: Thank you, Mr. President. My statement, I hope, is not being misconstrued. I have no objection to reconsidering the resolution. I just made that statement because I firmly believe that I voted on the merit of the resolution and not because of other reasons. Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: Delegate Lizama?

Delegate Lizama: Mr. President, if I may ask the drafter of the resolution to consider the possibility that after 30 days we will recess for a couple of days and then come back for a period of five to ten days.

Delegate Igitol: Objection.

President H. Guerrero: I believe that should be entertained too if we take it up under the General Orders of the Day on the 27th day. Yes, Delegate Igitol.

Delegate Igitol: How many more proposals have to be introduced or have not yet been introduced by the standing committees?

President H. Guerrero: I don't know how many more committee recommendations that the committees are planning of submitting. Delegate King?

Delegate King: Three more.

President H. Guerrero: Three more? Finance and Other Matters?

Delegate DL. Guerrero: We have about five more. We already introduced those in today's session.

President H. Guerrero: Chairman Lizama?

Chairman Lizama: If I am not mistaken, I believe, Mr. President, it's about seven to ten.

Chairman Manglona: I have one more.

President H. Guerrero: One more?

Chairman King: Point of clarification. Can I expedite that by filing it?

(Laughter)

President H. Guerrero: Delegate King, I believe you are bringing up a very a very sensitive subject and that is the Marianas Public Land Corporations issue.

Chairman King: But you are really concerned about the time and I can save the time by filing it.

Delegate Igitol: My point, Mr. President, is that to see how many more proposals have not yet been introduced so that we can intelligently predict inclusive the Second Reading so that one can discuss whether to extend the days or not.

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Delegate Lizama: Question, Mr. President.

President H. Guerrero: Delegate Lizama?

Delegate Lizama: What about the journals? Are they going to be able to be finished by the last day of this Convention?

President H. Guerrero: Journal Clerk, where are you?

Journal Clerk: I'm on the 15th Day's Journal.

President H. Guerrero: Do you think we can finish it?

Journal Clerk: No, not by the last day of the Convention.

Delegate Lizama: If they are not finished on time, I wonder whether....

Delegate DL. Guerrero: We can pass a resolution to accommodate that.

Delegate Lizama: Maybe we could pass a resolution; that's right. Thank you for the assistance, Delegate Guerrero. It shows the experience in life.

President H. Guerrero: Let's go to announcements.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

President H. Guerrero: Any announcements? The Chair would like to...  
Do you have any announcement to make, Delegate King?

Delegate King: No; I just want to listen to you.

President H. Guerrero: Thank you, Delegate King. The Chair would like to even recommend that probably we would adjourn at seven o'clock and come back and entertain the Order of Business for the 27th Day which at the moment we have six committee recommendations for submission. Committee Recommendation Nos. 10, 12, and 38 will be considered for Second and Final Reading. Under the General Orders of the Day, we will entertain 45, 46, 47 and 48.

Delegate Nabors: May I, Mr. President? I would like to recommend that we come back at seven and receive the committee recommendations and discuss Resolution 14 only.

Delegate Lizama: I second to that.

Delegate Manglona: Objection. There are more proposals to be considered on First Reading.

President H. Guerrero: I forgot to include Committee Recommendation No. 14 into this one but it will come first over the others.

Delegate Nabors: I think we ought to resolve that issue and get it down to the Legislature first thing in the morning and see what their reaction is going to be, and let's get some rest because I'm tired.

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Delegate Manqlona: Objection. If they don't approve that resolution, we are going to lose tonight, so we still have to go on. Thank you.

President H. Guerrero: The Chair also is recommending that probably we will have to stop the clock.

Delegate Igitol: We don't have enough time.

President H. Guerrero: Anyway, that is the announcement.

Floor Leader Lizama: Mr. President, for Second Reading this evening, Committee Recommendation Nos. 10, 12, and 38; would there be any for First Reading?

President H. Guerrero: Yes. There are six. They are 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54. That would be Committee Recommendations, First Reading, and General Orders where we will consider 45, 46, 47 and 48. This 45 is in reference to qualifications of the Governor; 46 is joint election of the Governor and Lt. Governor; 47 is succession to Governor and Lt. Governor; and 48 is independence of boards and commissions. Now, we are finished with announcements and the Chair is ready to entertain adjournment.

Floor Leader Lizama: Mr. President, I move that we recess until....

President H. Guerrero: Oh, excuse me. I was informed and asked to extend an invitation. I understand that the Susupe Fiesta starts at six o'clock at the District 2 Community Hall, so everyone is invited from up here. Please continue.

Floor Leader Lizama: Mr. President, may I then move that we recess until 8:30 p.m.? Eight o'clock, Mr. President, so there would be a compromise.

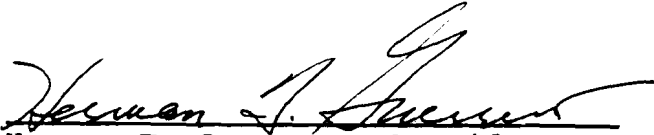
Delegate Nabors seconded the motion.


President H. Guerrero: It has been moved and seconded to recess until eight o'clock tonight.

There being no further discussion, the motion to recess was carried by voice vote.

The Convention adjourned at 4:46 p.m. and to reconvene at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 1985.

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