

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

SUMMARY JOURNAL

Saturday, July 13, 1985

The 26th Day session of the Convention was called to order at 1:25 p.m., July 13, 1985, with President Herman T. Guerrero presiding. All 24 members were present. On a voice vote, the Summary Journal for the 25th Day was adopted. Communications Nos. 13 and 14 were received, the first being from the Acting Executive Director of the Marianas Visitors Bureau concerning a civil service proposal and the second from the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority on the same matter. Legal Opinions Nos. 34, 35, and 36 were received.

The Committees on Finance and other Matters, Local Government and Personal Rights and Natural Resources offered no reports. Chairman Juan Lizama of the Committee on Governmental Institutions read Committee Recommendations Nos. 45, 46, 47 and 48. The first concerns "Qualifications of the Governor," the second "Joint Elections of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor," the third "Succession to the Governor and Lieutenant," and the fourth adds a new section to Article III concerning the "Independence of Boards and Commission." The proposals were to be calendared for consideration by the Committee of the Whole on July 14, 1985.

There were no items for Second and Final Reading. There was no Introduction of Resolutions. There was no Unfinished Business and there was no Special Orders of the Day.

At 1:31 p.m., Floor Leader Lizama moved that the Convention resolve into a Committee of the Whole and President Guerrero asked Delegate Felicidad Ogumoro to preside, with the Committee to consider Committee Recommendations (CR) Nos. 21 (Abortion), 35 (Qualification of Voters), 35 (Legislative Veto), and 37 (Executive Functions). Committee Recommendation No. 17 was withdrawn.

At 4:06 p.m., Delegate Jesus Mafnas moved that the Convention recess until 7:00 p.m.

At 7:19 p.m., the Convention reconvened with President Guerrero at the Chair. The body immediately resolved into a Committee of the Whole, with Delegate Karl Reyes chairing the Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole consider Committee Recommendations Nos. 38, 39 and 40, covering, in that order, Expulsion and Conduct of Members of the Legislature and CNMI Corporations.

At 8:29 p.m., it was moved that the Committee rise and report. Chairman Reyes reported that CR No. 39 had been accepted, CR No. 39 adopted, as amended, and CR No. 38 rejected. CR Nos. 37 and 40, as amended, were adopted by the Convention on First Reading.

At 8:47 p.m., the session reconvened after a brief recess and immediately resolved into a Committee of the Whole, with Delegate Joaquin

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Tenorio presiding at the request of the President. Remaining General Orders of the Day for consideration were CR Nos. 41 (Local Government), 42 (Prohibition on Gambling), 43 (Official Flag, Seal and Languages), and 44 (Governor's Emergency Powers).

At 9:30 p.m., the Committee of the Whole recessed for the night, to resume at 9:30 a.m., July 14, 1985.

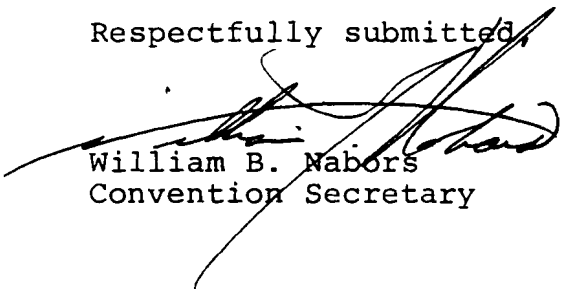
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At 12:27 p.m., the Committee of the Whole recessed until 2:00 p.m. At 2:20 p.m., the Committee of the Whole reconvened, with Delegate Tenorio again in the Chair. At 4:11 p.m., it was moved that the Committee rise and report. Chairman Tenorio reported that CR No. 41 was adopted with CR No. 31 (Resident Department Heads) depending on the outcome of the Second Reading. CR Nos. 42 and 43 were adopted, as amended. CR No. 44 was adopted. The Committee's actions were adopted by the Convention on First Reading on a voice vote.

In Miscellaneous Business, Delegate William Nabors requested that all "Priority items be reported out of Committee by Monday. Delegate Paul Manglona and Delegate Esteven King offered comments related to Communication No. 10. President Herman T. Guerrero proposed that Resolution No. 14 urging a legislative extension of the Convention be revived during the 27th Day Session. President Guerrero warned that many of the proposals being considered by the Convention would not reach final action without more time. He said that House Speaker Vicente Sablan had been informed of the situation.

At 4:39 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn until 8:00 p.m., July 14, 1985 at the House of Taga.

Respectfully submitted,


William B. Nabors
Convention Secretary