

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

SUMMARY JOURNAL

Sunday, July 14, 1985

Twenty-seventh Day

The 27th Day session of the Convention was called to order at 8:22 p.m., July 14, 1985, with President Herman T. Guerrero presiding. Twenty-two (22) members were present. Delegates Villagomez and Kaipat were excused. On a voice vote, the Summary Journal for the 26th Day was adopted. Communication No. 15 from the Executive Director of the Mariana Islands Housing Authority concerning inclusion of MIHA under the Civil Service Commission's authority was received.

There was no report from the Committee on Local Government. Chairman Lorenzo Guerrero of the Committee on Finance and Other Matters read Committee Recommendations 49 and 50. The first is a constitutional prohibition against public debt and the second concerns a "balanced budget and executive functions." Chairman Esteven King of the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources read Committee Recommendation No. 51 concerning the Marianas Public Land Corporation, which is the work of that Committee and the Committee on Governmental Institutions. Chairman Juan Lizama of the Committee on Governmental Institutions read Committee Recommendations Nos. 52, 53, and 54. The first concerns legislative sessions; the second and third concern the composition of the Senate and House of Representatives. The proposals were to be calendared for consideration by the Committee of the Whole on July 15, 1985.

Committee Recommendations (CR) Nos. 10, 12, and 38 were calendared for Second Final Reading. CR No. 10, concerned "Other Government Employment," CR No. 12, the "Salary for the Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs" and CR No. 38 sets a three-fourths (3/4) vote requirement for the expulsion of members of the legislature. All received majority approval on roll call votes. (CR 38 was the subject of a technical amendment).

At 9:05 p.m., Delegate Juan Lizama moved that the Convention resolve into a Committee of the Whole to Consider the remaining General Orders of the Day, with Delegate William Nabors to chair. These consisted of CR No. 45, setting qualifications for the office of CNMI governor, CR No. 46, concerning the joint election of the governor and lieutenant governor, CR No. 47 on succession to the governor and lieutenant governor and CR No. 48 on independence of boards and commissions.

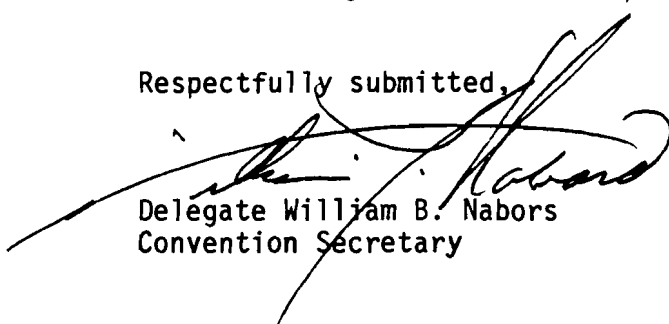
At 10:06 p.m., it was moved that the Committee rise and report. Chairman Nabors reported that all the Committee Recommendations considered were adopted on voice votes, as amended. The Committee's actions were adopted by the Convention on First Reading on a voice vote.

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In Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Esteven King complained that the Convention chambers "smell." He did not elaborate on the source or nature of the smell. President Guerrero agreed with Delegate King, noting that the spray can of room deodorant in his office at the session hall had already been exhausted. Members also noted the presence of Congressman Pedro Nakatsukasa and Lt. Governor Tenorio's assistant, Brenda Tenorio.

At 10:18 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn until 1:00 p.m., July 15, 1985 at the House of Taga.

Respectfully submitted,



Delegate William B. Nabors
Convention Secretary