

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

SUMMARY JOURNAL

Monday, July 15, 1985

Twenty-eighth Day

The 28th Day session of the Convention was called to order at 1:29 p.m., with President Herman T. Guerrero presiding. All 24 members were present. On a voice vote, the 27th Day Summary Journal was adopted.

There were no Communications. There were no Committee Recommendations or Reports. There was no Introduction and First Reading and Referral of Proposal.

There were 14 proposals for Second and Final Reading, but Secretary William Nabors asked that Committee Reports Nos. 19 (Permanent and Long-Term Interests in Real Property) and No. 20 (Acquisition) be deferred.

CR No. 23 concerning taxes on real property was taken up on the floor. After discussion, the proposal passed 24-0 as amended by Delegate Maria Pangelinan. CR No. 28 "Clean and Healthful Environment" was discussed and passed, 24-0. CR No. 29 concerning uninhabited islands was discussed and passed 23-1. CR No. 30 ("Code of Ehtics") was taken up, discussed and passed 22-2. CR No. 32 concerning resignation from public office was taken up, discussed and passed 19-5. CR No. 33, relating to "Public Purpose" was taken up, discussed and passed 24-0. CR No. 34 concerning the Public Auditor was taken up, discussed and passed 23-1. CR Nos. 36 (Legislative Veto) and 40 (Corporations and Enforcement) were deferred. CR No. 44 concerning "Governor's Emergency Powers" was taken up, discussed and passed 24-0. CR No. 47 concerning succession to the "Governership and Lieutenant Governership", was taken up, discussed and passed 22-2. CR No. 48 concerning "independence of boards and commissions" was taken up, discussed and passed as amended on a 19-4 vote.

At 5:45 p.m., a motion was made and seconded that the Convention recess until 7:30 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., the Convention reconvened, with President Guerrero in the chair. There was no Introduction of Resolutions, no Unfinished Business and no Special Orders of the Day. At 8:03 p.m., the body resolved into a Committee of the Whole, with Delegate Paul Manglona to chair, with the Committee to consider Report Nos. 49, (Prohibition Against Public Debt) 50, (Balanced Budget) 51, (Marianas Public Land Trust) 52 (Legislative Sessions) and 53 and 54 (Composition of the House and Senate).

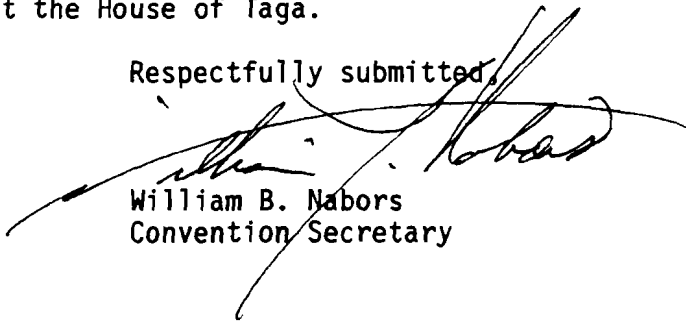
At 10:48 p.m., it was moved that the Committee rise and report. Chairman Manglona reported that CR Nos. 49, 50, 53, and 54 and passed. CR Nos. 51 and 52 passed as amended. The Committee's actions were adopted by the Convention on First Reading on a voice vote.

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In Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Villagomez advocated using Chamorro during future sessions, instead of English. Delegate Lizama noted the presence of one (1) member who is not fully fluent in Chamorro and members of the press. Delegate Mafnas said he would speak in Chamorro during the next session. Delegate Villanueva asked that an interpreter be appointed for Delegate Nabors. Delegate Kaipat said he would speak in Carolinian during the next session. Delegate Pangelinan also commented on the language situation. Delegate King proposed (in Chamorro) that Chamorro be made the official language of the Constitutional Convention. Delegate Ogumoro expressed concern that important proposals are still in committee and raised the possibility that the legislature might not grant an extension to the Convention.

After announcements, a motion was made and seconded at 11:00 p.m. to adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 16, 1985 at the House of Taga.

Respectfully submitted,



William B. Nabors
Convention Secretary