

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

SUMMARY JOURNAL

Tuesday, July 16, 1985

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The 29th Day session of the Convention was called to order at 10:56 a.m., with President Herman T. Guerrero presiding. All 24 members were present. On a voice vote, the Verbatim Journals for the 12th and 14th Days were adopted. The Summary Journal for the 28th Day was adopted, after Delegate Esteven King successfully amended his remarks in Miscellaneous Business.

Six legal opinions for the Attorney General's Office, collectively known as Legal Opinion No. 25 on "Residency, Domicile and Citizenship" were received as was Communication No. 16 from Senator Benjamin T. Manglona, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs/Chairman, Rota Legislative Delegation, concerning proposals on the powers of island mayors and municipal councils. Delegate Vicente Calvo registered objections to Communication No. 16.

There were no reports from the Committees on Governmental Institutions or Local Government. Chairman Esteven King of the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources read Committee Report No. 8, a resubmission to the Committee concerning the victims of crimes. Chairman Lorenzo Guerrero of the Committee on Finance and Other Matters read CR No. 55, which adds a new section to the Schedule on Transitional Matters concerning legislative action. The proposals will be calendared for consideration by the Committee of the Whole on July 17, 1985.

Delegates took up CR No. 41, concerning local government. Delegate Ramon Villagomez introduced sixteen (16) proposed amendments. A 15 minute recess was called at 11:15 a.m. Members of the Saipan delegation met to discuss the matter. The recess was extended several times during the day. At 7:41 p.m., the session resumed, with President Guerrero in the chair. Delegate Villagomez withdrew his original floor amendments to CR No. 41 and substituted new amendments. On a 24-0 vote, the delegates approved CR No. 41. CR No. 52 concerning legislative sessions was taken up, discussed and passed 24-0. CR Nos. 53 and 54, concerning, respectively, the composition of the Senate and the House were taken up and passed with no discussion, 24-0. CR No. 51, concerning the Marianas Public Land Trust was taken up, discussed and passed 20-4. CR No. 20, (Acquisition) was deferred, to be taken up July 17, 1985.

At 8:35 p.m., there was a 15 minutes recess.

As Second and Final Reading continued, Committee Recommendation (CR) Nos. 36, (Legislative Veto) 49, (Debt Prohibition) 40, (Corporations) 19, (Interests Real Property) 35, (Qualification of Voters) and 27, (Citizenship) were deferred. CR No. 50 (Balanced Budget) passed 24-0. CR No. 43 (Official Flag, Seal and Languages) was taken up, discussed and passed as amended 23-1. CR No. 37 which had been calendared had already been incorporated in CR No. 50, so it was not acted on.

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Following Second and Final Reading, the rules were suspended for a Supplemental Order of Business. Nine (9) Committee Reports were offered for Introduction. Governmental Institutions Committee Chairman Juan Lizama read CR Nos. 56, (Attorney General) 57, (Women's Affairs) 58, (Judicial Branch) 61, (Legislative Bureau). Finance and Other Matters Committee Chairman Lorenzo Guerrero read CR No. 59, (Uniform Fiscal Management Policy). Personal Rights and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Esteven King read CR Nos. 60, (Marianas Public Land Corporation) and 62, (Permanent Residency in CNMI). CR No. 63, (Appropriation Bills and 64, (Education) were also introduced. The proposals will be calendared for consideration by the Committee of the Whole on July 17, 1985.

There were no further matters for Second and Final Reading or Resolutions for Introduction. There was no Unfinished Business or Special Orders of the Day. There were no General Orders of the Day.

Under Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Villagomez complained a story on Saipan Cable TV inaccurately reflected his comments on use of the Chamorro language at the Convention. Delegate Villagomez also said comments by Delegate Nabors in a Cable TV interview were incorrect. Delegate Manglona praised passed CR No. 41 as "an important event" in the CNMI. Delegate Lizama read a letter to the editor. Delegate King noted an error in CR No. 29.

In announcements, President Guerrero announced the House of Representatives had approved an extension of the Convention.

At 11:00 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn until 10:00 a.m., July 17, 1985.

Respectfully submitted,


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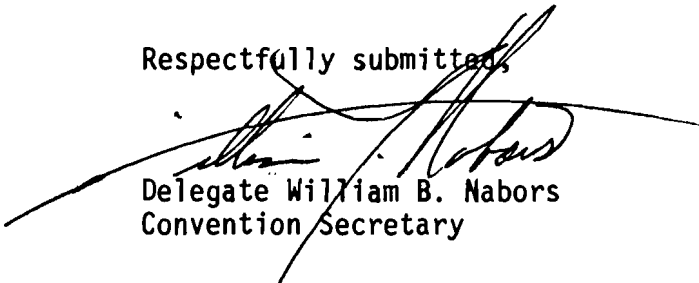
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