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REPORT TO THE CONVENTION BY THE
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Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 56

The Committee on Governmental Institutions recommends to the Convention adoption of the attached constitutional amendment with respect to the Attorney General.

The Committee concluded that an appointed Attorney General is far more practical as compared to an elective one. An appointed Attorney General is considered by the Committee to be the best available way of obtaining the most qualified individual.

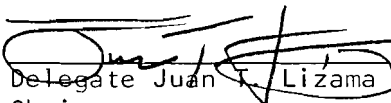
The Committee felt that the Attorney General should be given as much flexibility in making his professional judgement on matters pertaining to the enforcement of laws in the Commonwealth. Also it is necessary that there be provided a strict structure procedure for the process of his removal from office.

Delegate Proposals:

The Committee considered Delegate Proposals Nos. 28-85, 34-85, 105-85, 116-85, and 138-85.

The Committee strongly urges all Convention delegates to support this Committee recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

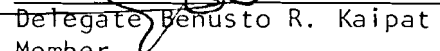


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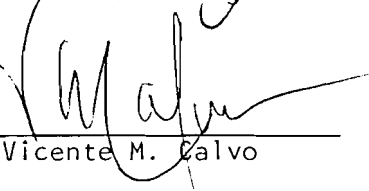
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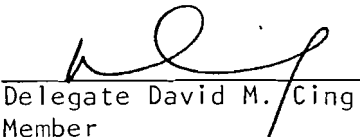
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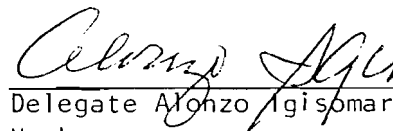
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PASSED SECOND AND FINAL READING ON JULY 18, 1985

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19 Adopted, as amended, by the Committee of the Whole and the
20 Convention on July 17, 1985.
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