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REPORT TO THE CONVENTION BY THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 55

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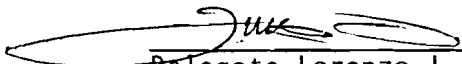
Your Committee on Finance and Other Matters hereby recommends with respect to delegate proposals referred to the Committee and determined to be matters that would be more appropriately addressed by the Commonwealth Legislature.

The Committee notes with great concern the past performance of the legislature with regards to Constitutional mandates requiring it to enact laws to implement provisions of the Constitution.

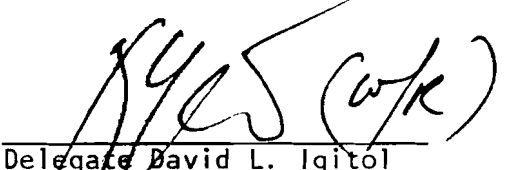
In light of the foregoing, your Committee has amended Section 5, Article XVIII by adding provisions which would require the legislature to enact laws on the subjects contained in the Committee Draft Recommendation within a year from the effective date of the amendment. The Governor shall issue executive orders on any subject which the legislature has failed to act within 180 days of the deadline imposed under subsection (a).

Your Committee on Finance and Other Matters urges all delegates to support the Committee's Constitutional amendment.

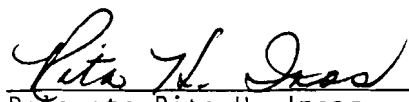
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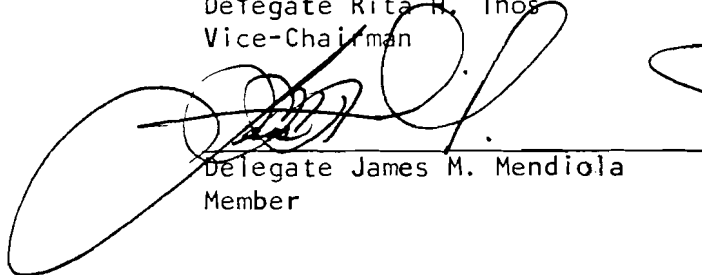
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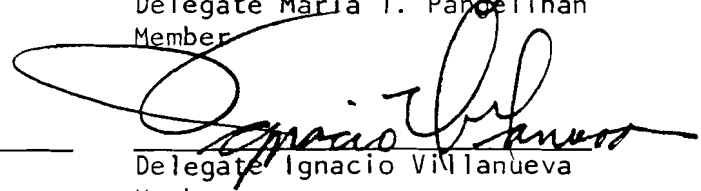
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Deferred action by COW 7/17/85

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To add a new Section to the Schedule on Transitional Matters relating to Legislative Action Required.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

Upon ratification pursuant to Section 5 of Article XVIII of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution and Public Law No. 4-30, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is amended as follows:

1. Effective upon ratification, a new Section is added to the Schedule on Transitional Matters to read:

"Section _____. Legislative Action Required.

(a) Within one year from the effective date of this amendment, the legislature shall enact laws on the following subjects:

(1) Comprehensive public bidding procedures for goods and services required by the government.

(2) Entertainment Expenses.

(3) Require that public offices shall be located in government facilities.

(4) Five years annual appropriations limitation.

(5) Employment ceiling in government.

(6) To define state of emergency.

(7) Compensation of resident department head.

(9) Business gross revenue tax surcharge to finance public education.

(10) Master Plan and Socio-economic Development Plan.

(b) If the legislature fails to act under subsection (a), within 180 days, the Governor shall issue executive orders with the effect of law on those subjects upon which the legislature has failed to act."

Withdrawn by COW on F&OM 7/28/85