

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

SUMMARY JOURNAL

Saturday, July 20, 1985

Thirty-third Day

The session for the 33rd Day of the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention was called to order at 9:59 a.m., by President Herman T. Guerrero. Nineteen (19) members were present; Delegates Villagomez, Pangelinan, Igisomar, Tomokane, and Lorenzo Guerrero were absent. The 32nd Day Summary Journal was adopted by voice vote, as were the Verbatim Journals for the 15th, 16th, and 17th Days.

There were no Communications. There was no Introduction and First Reading of Referral of Proposals.

At 10:05 a.m., the Convention resolved into a Committee of the Whole with Delegate Juan Lizama to chair. The Committee was to consider Committee Recommendation (CR) Nos. 57, (Women's Affairs) 55, (Transitional Matters) 65, (Composition of the Senate and House of Representatives) and 66, (Civil Service/Retirement Fund). CR No. 66 was added to the printed agenda.

At 11:54 a.m., the Committee of the Whole recessed until 2:00 p.m.

At 2:16 p.m., the Committee of the Whole resumed deliberations.

At 3:55 p.m., it was moved and seconded that the Committee rise and report. Chairman Lizama reported the CR No. 57 was adopted as amended, CR No. 55 was withdrawn, CR No. 65 was adopted and CR No. 66 was adopted. The Convention accepted the report of the committee on a voice vote. There was a brief recess.

At 4:16 p.m., the Convention resumed. There were no General Orders of the Day. There were a total of 17 proposals (3 were added) for Second and Final Reading.

CR No. 63, (Appropriate Bills) passed on a 17-0 vote with seven (7) absent; CR No. 64, (Education) passed, as amended, on a 15-0 vote with nine (9) absent; CR No. 57, (Women's Affairs) passed on a 15-2 vote with seven (7) absent; CR No. 55, (Transitional Affairs) was withdrawn; CR No. 65, (Composition of the Senate and House of Representatives) failed on a 12-6 vote with six (6) absent; CR No. 51, (Marianas Public Land Corporation) was reconsidered and passed, as amended on an 18-0 vote with six (6) absent. CR No. 16, (Ratification of Amendments) was not reconsidered, and CR No. 40, (Corporations) was deferred.

CR No. 20, (Acquisition) was deferred; CR Nos. 35 and 27, (Qualifications of Voters and Citizenship) were both withdrawn from reconsideration. CR No. 20, (Resident Representative) was reconsidered and a substitute recommendation passed on a 18-0 vote with six (6) absent. CR No. 42, (Gambling) did not meet sufficient votes for reconsideration; CR No. 41, (Local Government) was reconsidered and passed, as amended, 18-0 with six (6) absent. CR No. 66, (Civil Service/Retirement System) was passed, as amended, on an 18-0 vote, with six (6) absent.

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Delegate Ogumoro moved that CR No. 27, (Citizenship) be reconsidered July 21, 1985.

In Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Villanueva objected to CR No. 27 being brought up again, complaining that he was being "mentally molested" by its opponents. Delegate Igitol inquired about the possibility of a secret ballot on the abortion issue. Delegate Torres announced he wanted to introduce a new proposal. Under Suspension of the Rules, Delegate Torres read, for purposes of Introduction, a proposal "To establish an Office of Indigenous Affairs in the Executive Branch."

In other Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Mafnas noted that Delegate Manglona left the session hall after the vote was taken on CR No. 41. Delegate Nabors criticized the "deplorable" absenteeism at the Convention. Delegate Tomokane suggested that those absent might be writing more proposals. President Herman Guerrero also said he was disappointed by the absences. Delegate Cing suggested that those on hand are the "heroes of the NMI." Delegate King complained that he had not been called on to speak during the session. President Guerrero apologized for any problem in recognizing Delegate King.

At 8:32 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the Convention until 1:00 p.m., July 21, 1985.

Respectfully submitted,



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