

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

SUMMARY JOURNAL

Sunday, July 21, 1985

Thirty-fourth Day

The session for the 34th Day of the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention was called to order at 1:48 p.m., by President Herman T. Guerrero. Twenty-two members were present. Delegates Juan Lizama and Maria Pangelinan were absent. Delegate Mendiola was named Acting Floor Leader. The Summary Journal for the 33rd Day (July 20, 1985) was adopted by a voice vote.

There were no Communications. There were no Committee Recommendations/Reports. There was (at this time) no Introduction and First Reading or Referrals of Proposals.

There were five (5) matters for consideration on Second and Final Reading or on Reconsideration. Committee Recommendation (CR) No. 19, (Permanent and Long Term Interest; Real Property) was taken up, considered and approved, as amended, on a 17-5 vote, with two (2) absent. CR No. 58, (Judicial Branch) was taken up, considered and adopted 22-0, with two (2) absent. CR No. 40, (Corporations) had been scheduled for Reconsideration, but failed to muster enough votes. There were also not enough votes for Reconsideration of CR No. 20, (Acquisition). CR No. 21, (Abortion) was taken up, considered and passed on a 18-4, with two (2) members absent.

In Introduction of Resolutions and Referrals, Chairman Lorenzo Guerrero introduced a resolution submitting the Convention proposals to the Legislature. Another resolution requests waiver of errors in Con-Con procedures under Rule of Procedures. Another resolution provides for approval of the Summary and Verbatim Journals of the Convention. A resolution expressing appreciation to the Governor, Legislature and others for assistance to the Convention was also introduced. CR No. 67, (Fees for Non-Resident Workers) was also introduced.

There was no Unfinished Business.

In Special Orders of the Day, CR No. 57, (Women's Affairs) was withdrawn from reconsideration 65, (Composition of House of Representatives and the Senate) was withdrawn from reconsideration.

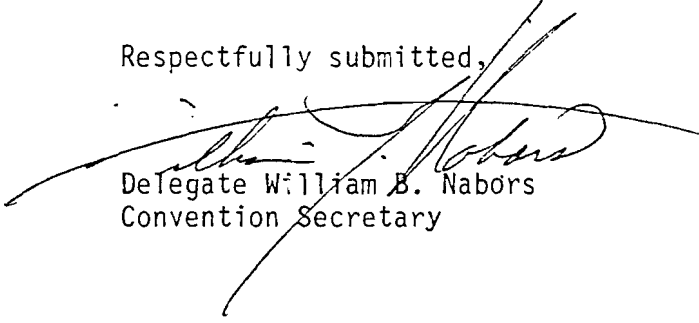
There were no General Orders of the Day.

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In Miscellaneous Business, in response to a question by Delegate Mafnas, President Guerrero said CR Nos. 64 and 27 would be considered on the final day and that then the work of the Convention would be "packaged" and that it would be turned over to the Governor at a possible signing ceremony, not yet scheduled. President Guerrero proposed a function of some kind for the evening to mark the end of the Convention. President Guerrero asked that debate on proposals on the final day be limited to one hour each in the interest of concluding the business of the Convention. Delegate Nabors expressed "displeasure" that Governor Tenorio hasn't provided a reception for the Convention delegates. President Guerrero and Delegate Manglona said the Governor had expressed concern that such a function would make it appear he was lobbying the members. Delegate Reyes expressed further opposition to the real estate (condominium) measure passed during the session. Delegate Kaipat expressed pleasure with the action of the Convention on abortion. Delegate Villanueva thanked his colleagues for passing the measure on the property tax.

At 7:58 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn until 9:00 a.m., at the House of Taga.

Respectfully submitted,



Delegate William B. Nabors  
Convention Secretary