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TO: President

FROM: Chairman, Committee on Finance & Other Matters

SUBJECT: Delegate Proposals

Your Committee on Finance and Other Matters is pleased to submit for inclusion in the Convention's Resolution on Legislative Matters the following delegate proposals:

- 1. 6-85 To amend the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands by adding a new section thereto to require public bidding for all goods, services, materials and personal property needed by the Commonwealth Government.
- 2. 108-85 To amend Article X of the Northern Marianas Constitution to add a new Section 5 relating to Entertainment Expenses.
- 3. 119-85 To promote private sector development in the Northern Marianas.
- 4. 132-85 To add a new "Section 5" to Article X of the Northern Marianas Constitution to proscribe deficit-financing in the public sector throughout the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- 5. 160-85 To amend Section 12 of Article III of the Northern Marianas Constitution to conform with a proposed amendment to Section 6 of Article XII of the same.

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- 6. 165-85 Establishing Constitutional requirement for locating all public offices.
- 7. 196-85 To exempt from all forms of Commonwealth taxes all fishing and farmers cooperatives in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.
- 8. 223-85 To add a new Section to Article X relative to the employment of nonresident workers.
- 9. 229-85 Proposal regarding mutual federal consultation on matters involving the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- 10. 264-85 To amend Article II of the Constitution to limit for the next five(5) years of total annual appropriations made by the legislature to an amount not to exceed the total annual appropriations as of October 1, 1986. Before expiration of an appropriations limitation, the legislature shall enact a new five(5) year annual appropriations limitation.
- 11. 266-85 To amend Article III, Section 13 to grant the Board of Education the authority to levy a business gross revenue tax surcharge of up to one percent solely for the purpose of financing public education.
- 12. 273-85 To amend the Constitution to provide that as of January 1, 1986 the number of alien workers and investors, excluding tourists, in any island shall not exceed more than twenty-five percent of the total number of persons counted in the last decennial census as residents of that particular island.
- 13. 292-85 To add a new Article to the Constitution of the Northern Marianas relating to the Master Plan and Socioeconomic Development Plan for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- 14. 313-85 To amend Article X to add a new Section of the Northern Marianas Constitution relating to Taxation and Public Finance.

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Your Committee has determined that these proposals are more appropriate subjects of legislation and respectfully request that the legislature address the concerns raised by these proposals.

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