

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

SUMMARY JOURNAL

Saturday, July 6, 1985

The session for the 19th day of the Constitutional Convention was called to order at 10:13 a.m., by President Herman T. Guerrero. Twenty-three members were present; Delegate Jesus P. Mafnas was excused due to illness. The summary journal for July 7, 1985 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

The Convention received Legal Opinion No. 24 regarding "Eligibility to Vote and Hold Elected Office." Delegate Ramon G. Villagomez of Saipan noted for the record that he disagreed with the opinion, but did not elaborate.

The Committees on Local Government, Governmental Institutions, and Finance and Other Matters had no reports to offer. The Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources submitted its Committee Recommendation (CR) Nos. 15 and 16 relating to Section 3(b) of Article II (Composition of the House of Representatives) and Section 5(a) of Article XVIII (Ratification of Proposed Constitutional Amendments) respectively which were accepted by the Chair. The Chair requested Chairman Esteven King of Personal Rights and Natural Resources Committee to read the title of CR No. 15 and CR No. 16 for First Reading. The Chair informed the Delegates that CR No. 15 and CR No. 16 will be placed in the calendar for consideration on Sunday, July 7.

After discussion of miscellaneous business and announcements, the Convention adjourned at 10:35 a.m., until 3:00 p.m., Sunday, July 7, 1985.

Respectfully submitted,


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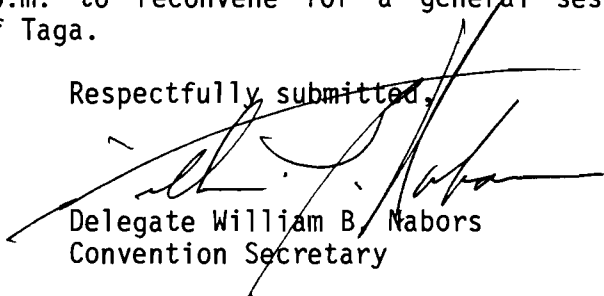
Twentieth Day

The 20th day session of the Second Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention was called to order July 7, 1985 (Sunday) by President Herman T. Guerrero at 3:18 p.m. All 24 members were present. The Summary Journal for July 6, 1985 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote. The four convention committees had no reports to offer. There were no introductions of proposals. Shortly after the session convened, the body dissolved into a Committee of the Whole (by voice vote) to discuss Committee Recommendations (CR) 15 and 16 which had been submitted by the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources. President Guerrero appointed Delegate Maria Pangelinan of Saipan to chair the Committee of the Whole. Committee Report 15 involved Section 3(b) of Article II which concerns the composition of the House of Representatives. The change would have eliminated the present six (6) Saipan legislative districts specified by the Constitution in favor of a single legislative district. The effect would be to make voting for House seats on Saipan "at-large". Committee Recommendation 16 involved Session 5 (a) of Article XVIII which concerns ratification by the voters of constitutional amendments proposed by a future Constitutional Convention. The effect would be to allow a special election to be set to consider the proposals, rather than requiring that they be considered at the time of the next scheduled general election.

After the deliberation of the Committee of the Whole, the session reconvened with President Herman T. Guerrero returning to the Chair. Delegate Maria T. Pangelinan reported that the Committee of the Whole rejected CR No. 15 and adopted CR No. 16. The motion to adopt the Committee of the Whole recommendation and to consider CR No. 16 on First Reading carried by voice vote.

In miscellaneous business, Delegate William Nabors of Tinian complained about poor attendance at public hearings by various department heads and other public officials, saying witnesses had been "cavalier" both about appearing and submitting information. Both Delegate Nabors and Delegate Lorenzo Guerrero threatened to use subpoena powers of the Constitutional Convention, should the situation continue. President Guerrero said that a letter being prepared to Governor Tenorio would request that the officials be requested to more fully cooperate with the Constitutional Convention. Following announcements, the session adjourned at about 6:13 p.m. to reconvene for a general session at 2 p.m., July 8, 1985 at the House of Taga.

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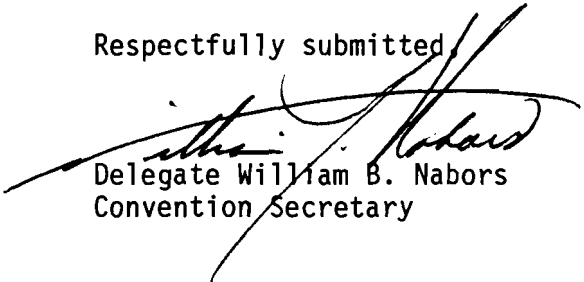
Twenty-first Day

The session for the 21st day of the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention was called to order at 2:20 p.m., by President Herman T. Guerrero. The Verbatim Journal for the 10th Day and the Summary Journal for the 20th Day (7/7/85) were adopted by voice vote. No communications were received. The Committees on Governmental Institutions, Finance and Other Matters and Local Government offered no reports. Delegate Esteven King of Tinian, Chairman of the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources submitted Committee Recommendation (CR) No. 18, concerning Section 1, Article VIII which would change the day for the regular general election from Sunday to Saturday. CR No. 18 was introduced for consideration on First Reading.

On Second and Final Reading, CR No. 16 was brought up for consideration. Floor Leader Juan Lizama proposed an amendment to CR No. 16 which would require that voters have no less than 60 days to consider proposed future constitutional amendments and no more than a year. The amendment also would require that the proposals be considered at special elections during that period. The existing constitutional language requires that the proposals be considered at a general election and that voters have no less than sixty-days (60) to consider the measures. Some were concerned that proposals would then have to wait two years for the next general election. CR No. 16 proposed that the legislature be allowed to set special elections to consider future constitutional proposals. After discussion of the Lizama's amendment, debate was ended and the amendment was rejected on a 19-5 vote. After further discussion of CR No. 16, the measure passed on a 20-3 roll call vote.

There was no Unfinished Business, no Special Orders of the Day, no General Orders of the Day and no Miscellaneous Business. After announcements of public hearings, a motion was made and passed at 3:14 p.m., to adjourn until 3:00 p.m., July 9, 1985 at the House of Taga.

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Tuesday, July 9, 1985

Twenty-second Day

The session for the 22nd day of the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention was called to order at 3:15 p.m., by President Herman T. Guerrero, with all 24 members present. The Summary Journal for the 21st Day (7/8/85) was adopted by a voice vote. Communication No. 8 "From the Representative to the United States re inquiries relayed to Washington regarding Representative's position" was received. Legal Opinion No. 10, regarding Delegate Proposal No. 75-85 (Mayor's Subpoena Power) and Legal Opinion No. 17 re Per Diem for Rota and Tinian Delegates were also received. The Committees on Governmental Institutions and Local Government offered no reports. Vice Chairman Rita Inos of the Committee on Finance and Other Matters read Committee Recommendation Nos. 23 and 24, the first concerning a new section for Article X re Real Property Tax and the second concerning a new section to Article II re Legislative Budget Ceiling. Personal Rights and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Esteven King read Committee Recommendation No. 19, (Section 2, Article XII re Permanent and Long-Term Interests in Real Property); No. 20, (Section 2, Article XII re Acquisition); No. 21, (Section 11, Article I re Abortion); and No. 22 (Section 1, Article XIII re Eminent Domain Power). The proposals will be calendared for consideration by the Committee of the Whole July 10, 1985.

No proposals were offered for Second and Final Reading. No Resolutions were introduced or referred. There was no Unfinished Business or Special Orders of the Day.

Under General Orders of the Day, Committee Recommendation (CR) No. 18 from the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources was brought up for consideration by the Committee of the Whole for First Reading. The proposal as presented would change the day for the regular general election from Sunday to Saturday. At 3:24 p.m., the Convention dissolved into a Committee of the Whole by voice vote to consider CR No. 18. President Guerrero requested that Delegate Paul Manglona (Rota) chair the Committee of the Whole.

At 3:54 p.m., the session was reconvened, with President Guerrero returning to the chair. CR No. 18 passed on First Reading by a unanimous voice vote.

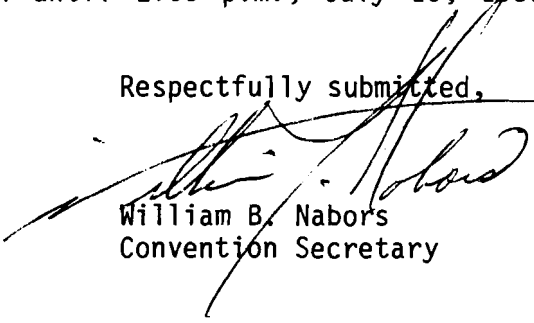
In Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Maria Pangelinan protested a quote from Delegate Lorenzo Guerrero in the Pacific Daily News (July 8, 1985) expressing his belief that there would not be sufficient votes at the Convention to pass a constitutional ban on gambling. Delegate Guerrero said he had not read the article in question, but did not intend his view to pre-determine the actions of any members of the Convention.

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Delegate Ramon Villagomez expressed concern about the referral of a resolution introduced by the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources. After some further discussion, Delegate Aniceto Mundo expressed concern that with only 8 working days left for the Convention, only two of the four standing committees have submitted reports.

After announcements of public hearings and other matters, a motion was made and passed at 4:24 p.m., to adjourn until 2:00 p.m., July 10, 1985 at the House of Taga.

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Wednesday, July 10, 1985

Twenty-third Day

The session for the 23rd day of the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention was called to order at 2:24 p.m., by President Herman T. Guerrero with all 24 members present. The Summary Journal for the 22nd Day (July 9, 1985) was adopted by a voice vote. Communications were received concerning overtime compension, and Public Laws 4-45 and 3-42, both titled "Nuclear and Chemical Free Zone." Legal Opinions 27, 28, 29, and 30 were received, concerning "rights gained by an alien who has been permitted to vote in an election," "submission of budget by the mayor of the island to the legislature," "voting in an election as qualification," and "veto authority". Legal Opinion No. 32 concerning abortion has been assigned to the Governor's Special Legal Advisor.

At 2:37 p.m., the Convention took a 5 minute recess to distribute Committee recommendations and a supplemental Order of Business. At 2:41 p.m., the session resumed.

The Committee on Local Government offered no report. Chairman Juan Lizama of the Committee on Governmental Institutions read Committee Recommendation Nos. 25, 26, 31, and 32. The first proposal establishes the Civil Service Commission in a separate article in the Constitution, the second adds a new section concerning the Resident Representative to the United States, the third adds Section 17 (b) to Article III concerning Public Office. Chairman Esteven King of the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources read Committee Recommendation Nos. 27, 28, and 29. The first would change the definition of citizenship in the "Schedule on Transitional Matters," the second would incorporate the right to a "clean and healthful environment in the Constitution and the third would expand the number of islands which will remain uninhabited for conservation and other purposes. Chairman Lorenzo Guerrero of the Committee on Finance and Other Matters read Committee Recommendation Nos. 30, 33, and 34. The first concerns inclusion of a "Code of Ethics" in Article XVII, the second a statement of "Public Purpose in Article X and the third concerned a change in Article III concerning the Public Auditor. The proposals will be calendared for consideration by the Committee of the Whole, July 11, 1985.

In Second and Final Reading, the delegates took up CR No. 18 which would amend Section 1, Article VIII to hold regular general elections on Saturday rather than Sunday. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the proposal passed 23-1.

At 2:50 p.m., Delegate Maria Pangelinan moved that the Convention resolve into a Committee of the Whole. Delegate Juan Lizama was appointed by the chair to preside.

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At 5:45 p.m., Delegate Maria Pangelinan moved that the Committee Rise and Report. President Guerrero resumed the chair and invited Assistant Secretary of the Interim for Territorial and International Affairs Richard Montoya to address the delegates.

Secretary Montoya announced the signing earlier in the afternoon of a 7-year agreement between the CNMI and the United States for financial assistance under the Covenant totalling \$228 million.

Following the speech by Assistant Secretary Montoya, at 5:53 p.m., Chairman Lizama reported to the Convention on the results of the Committee of the Whole. On a voice vote, CR Nos. 19 and 20 were adopted on First Reading as amended.

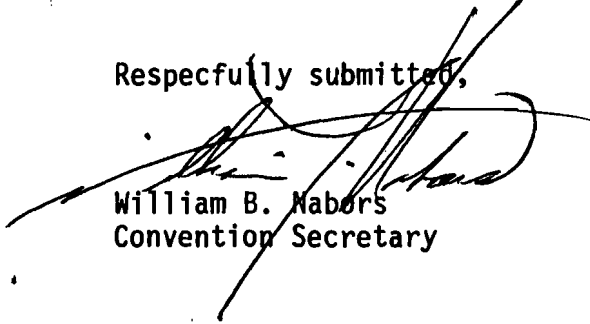
At 5:58 p.m., on a motion by Delegate Ramon Villagomez, the Convention recessed until 7:30 p.m.

The session resumed at 7:45 p.m., and President Herman T. Guerrero presiding. Delegate William Nabors moved again to resolve to a Committee of the Whole, with the Chair appointing Delegate David Cing to preside.

At 10:24 p.m., the Committee of the Whole rose, with President Guerrero resuming the chair. Delegate Cing reported the results of the Committee of the Whole. CR No. 22 (Long-term Interest in Real Property) was recommitted back to Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources, No. 23 (Property Tax Referendum) was adopted on First Reading and CR No. 24 (Legislative Budget Ceiling) was also adopted on First Reading, all by voice vote.

In Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Rita Inos congratulated Delegate David Cing for his performance as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole. After announcements of public hearings and other matters, a motion was made and passed at 10:30 p.m., to adjourn until 1:00 p.m., July 11, 1985 at the House of Taga.

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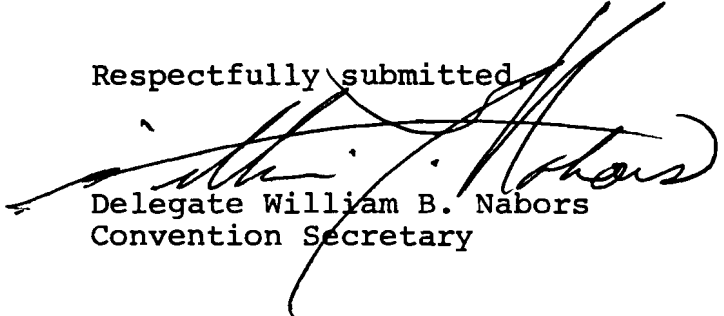
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July 12, 1985

remainder of Committee Recommendations were scheduled for Friday, July 12, 1985 under Unfinished Business.

In Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Esteven King apologized for statements made during the Committee of the Whole debate, but said he was upset because results of the public hearing on the matter were ignored. Delegate Jesus Mafnas asked that a transcript of the debate be transmitted to the Commission on Federal Laws. Delegate Mafnas also objected to Chairmen of Convention Committees signing reports and then attacking them on the floor. Delegates Aniceto Mundo and Paul Manglona registered displeasure with Communication No. 10. Delegate Lizama objected to the earlier comments by Delegate Mafnas about Committee Chairmen attacking reports. Delegate Kaipat said dispute over reports was "healthy." Delegate Lorenzo Guerrero showed the proposed new Official Seal and Flag of the Commonwealth. Delegate Ignacio Villanueva apologized for limiting debate during the Committee of the Whole deliberations, but noted the hour limitation was exceeded by 30 minutes despite his efforts.

Following Announcements, a motion was made and passed at 6:20 p.m., to adjourn until 1:00 p.m., July 12, 1985 at the House of Taga.

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Friday, July 12, 1985

Twenty-fifth Day

The session for the 25th Day of the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention was called to order at 1:27 p.m., by President Herman T. Guerrero with all 24 members present. The Summary Journal for the 24th Day (July 11, 1985) was adopted by a voice vote as was the Verbatim Journal for the 11th Day (June 28, 1985).

Communication No. 12 from "Convention Consultant" concerning Legal Opinions Nos. 7 and 9 was received as well as Legal Opinion No. 31 on Delegate Proposal No. 186-85 (Enactment of Legislation). A courtesy copy of House Bill No. 165 reference the NMI Criminal Code was also received.

The Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources offered no report. Chairman Lorenzo Guerrero of the Committee on Finance and Other Matters read Committee Recommendations Nos. 42 and 43. The first would add a prohibition on gambling to the Constitution and the second establishes an official CNMI Flag, Seal and Languages. Chairman Juan Lizama of the Committee on Governmental Institutions read Committee Recommendation No. 44 which would amend Section 10 to Article II concerning the Governor's emergency powers. The proposals will be calendared for consideration by the Committee of the Whole on July 13, 1985.

There were no items for Second and Final Reading. There were no Resolutions or Referrals.

At 1:34 p.m., a motion was made that the Convention resolve into a Committee of the Whole to consider Committee Recommendations Nos. 27, 28 and 29 which were calendared as Unfinished Business. President Guerrero requested that Delegate Rita Inos chair the Committee of the Whole.

At 5:43 p.m., it was moved that the Committee of the Whole rise and report on Committee Recommendations Nos. 27, 28 and 29. Chairman Inos reported that Committee Recommendations Nos. 27 and 28 passed, as amended, and Committee Recommendation No. 29 was adopted. On a voice vote, all three recommendations were adopted on First Reading. A motion was made and passed at 5:48 p.m., to recess until 7:30 p.m.

At 7:44 p.m., the Convention reconvened with President Herman T. Guerrero presiding. It was immediately moved that the Convention resolve into Committee of the Whole with President Guerrero to chair.

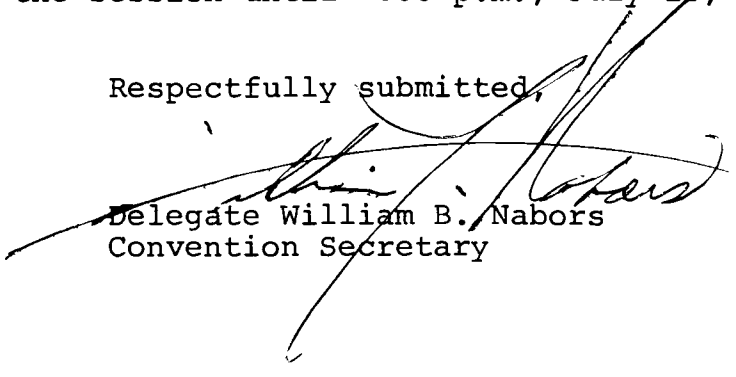
At 11:05 p.m., it was moved that the Committee rise and report on Committee Recommendations Nos. 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34. President Guerrero reported that Committee Recommendations Nos. 30 and 32 passed. Committee

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Recommendation No. 31 concerning Delegate Proposal No. 215-85 which jointly referred to Committee on Governmental Institutions and Local Government was deferred until Committee on Local Government submit its committee recommendation, and Committee Recommendations Nos. 33 and 34 passed, as amended. The reports considered by the Committee were adopted on First Reading by a voice vote, with the exception of CR No. 31.

At 11:10 p.m., it was moved and seconded to suspend action on further items of business and to adjourn the session until 1:00 p.m., July 13, 1985 at the House of Taga.

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Saturday, July 13, 1985

The 26th Day session of the Convention was called to order at 1:25 p.m., July 13, 1985, with President Herman T. Guerrero presiding. All 24 members were present. On a voice vote, the Summary Journal for the 25th Day was adopted. Communications Nos. 13 and 14 were received, the first being from the Acting Executive Director of the Marianas Visitors Bureau concerning a civil service proposal and the second from the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority on the same matter. Legal Opinions Nos. 34, 35, and 36 were received.

The Committees on Finance and other Matters, Local Government and Personal Rights and Natural Resources offered no reports. Chairman Juan Lizama of the Committee on Governmental Institutions read Committee Recommendations Nos. 45, 46, 47 and 48. The first concerns "Qualifications of the Governor," the second "Joint Elections of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor," the third "Succession to the Governor and Lieutenant," and the fourth adds a new section to Article III concerning the "Independence of Boards and Commission." The proposals were to be calendared for consideration by the Committee of the Whole on July 14, 1985.

There were no items for Second and Final Reading. There was no Introduction of Resolutions. There was no Unfinished Business and there was no Special Orders of the Day.

At 1:31 p.m., Floor Leader Lizama moved that the Convention resolve into a Committee of the Whole and President Guerrero asked Delegate Felicidad Ogumoro to preside, with the Committee to consider Committee Recommendations (CR) Nos. 21 (Abortion), 35 (Qualification of Voters), 35 (Legislative Veto), and 37 (Executive Functions). Committee Recommendation No. 17 was withdrawn.

At 4:06 p.m., Delegate Jesus Mafnas moved that the Convention recess until 7:00 p.m.

At 7:19 p.m., the Convention reconvened with President Guerrero at the Chair. The body immediately resolved into a Committee of the Whole, with Delegate Karl Reyes chairing the Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole consider Committee Recommendations Nos. 38, 39 and 40, covering, in that order, Expulsion and Conduct of Members of the Legislature and CNMI Corporations.

At 8:29 p.m., it was moved that the Committee rise and report. Chairman Reyes reported that CR No. 39 had been accepted, CR No. 39 adopted, as amended, and CR No. 38 rejected. CR Nos. 37 and 40, as amended, were adopted by the Convention on First Reading.

At 8:47 p.m., the session reconvened after a brief recess and immediately resolved into a Committee of the Whole, with Delegate Joaquin

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Tenorio presiding at the request of the President. Remaining General Orders of the Day for consideration were CR Nos. 41 (Local Government), 42 (Prohibition on Gambling), 43 (Official Flag, Seal and Languages), and 44 (Governor's Emergency Powers).

At 9:30 p.m., the Committee of the Whole recessed for the night, to resume at 9:30 a.m., July 14, 1985.

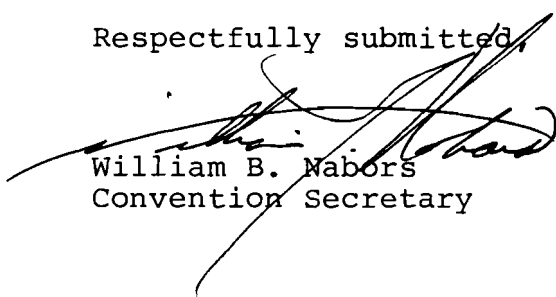
At 9:47 p.m., July 14, 1985, the Committee of the Whole reconvened, with Delegate Tenorio again in the Chair.

At 12:27 p.m., the Committee of the Whole recessed until 2:00 p.m. At 2:20 p.m., the Committee of the Whole reconvened, with Delegate Tenorio again in the Chair. At 4:11 p.m., it was moved that the Committee rise and report. Chairman Tenorio reported that CR No. 41 was adopted with CR No. 31 (Resident Department Heads) depending on the outcome of the Second Reading. CR Nos. 42 and 43 were adopted, as amended. CR No. 44 was adopted. The Committee's actions were adopted by the Convention on First Reading on a voice vote.

In Miscellaneous Business, Delegate William Nabors requested that all "Priority items be reported out of Committee by Monday. Delegate Paul Manglona and Delegate Esteven King offered comments related to Communication No. 10. President Herman T. Guerrero proposed that Resolution No. 14 urging a legislative extension of the Convention be revived during the 27th Day Session. President Guerrero warned that many of the proposals being considered by the Convention would not reach final action without more time. He said that House Speaker Vicente Sablan had been informed of the situation.

At 4:39 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn until 8:00 p.m., July 14, 1985 at the House of Taga.

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Sunday, July 14, 1985

Twenty-seventh Day

The 27th Day session of the Convention was called to order at 8:22 p.m., July 14, 1985, with President Herman T. Guerrero presiding. Twenty-two (22) members were present. Delegates Villagomez and Kaipat were excused. On a voice vote, the Summary Journal for the 26th Day was adopted. Communication No. 15 from the Executive Director of the Mariana Islands Housing Authority concerning inclusion of MIHA under the Civil Service Commission's authority was received.

There was no report from the Committee on Local Government. Chairman Lorenzo Guerrero of the Committee on Finance and Other Matters read Committee Recommendations 49 and 50. The first is a constitutional prohibition against public debt and the second concerns a "balanced budget and executive functions." Chairman Esteven King of the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources read Committee Recommendation No. 51 concerning the Marianas Public Land Corporation, which is the work of that Committee and the Committee on Governmental Institutions. Chairman Juan Lizama of the Committee on Governmental Institutions read Committee Recommendations Nos. 52, 53, and 54. The first concerns legislative sessions; the second and third concern the composition of the Senate and House of Representatives. The proposals were to be calendared for consideration by the Committee of the Whole on July 15, 1985.

Committee Recommendations (CR) Nos. 10, 12, and 38 were calendared for Second Final Reading. CR No. 10, concerned "Other Government Employment," CR No. 12, the "Salary for the Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs" and CR No. 38 sets a three-fourths (3/4) vote requirement for the expulsion of members of the legislature. All received majority approval on roll call votes. (CR 38 was the subject of a technical amendment).

At 9:05 p.m., Delegate Juan Lizama moved that the Convention resolve into a Committee of the Whole to Consider the remaining General Orders of the Day, with Delegate William Nabors to chair. These consisted of CR No. 45, setting qualifications for the office of CNMI governor, CR No. 46, concerning the joint election of the governor and lieutenant governor, CR No. 47 on succession to the governor and lieutenant governor and CR No. 48 on independence of boards and commissions.

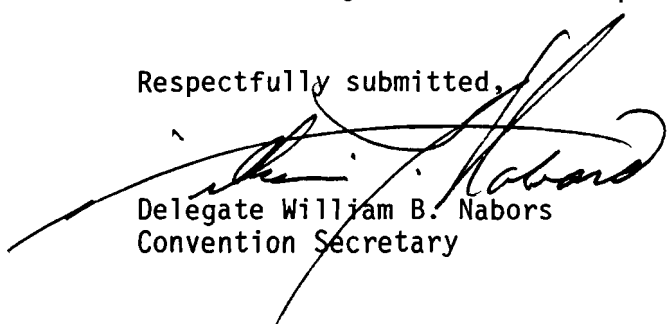
At 10:06 p.m., it was moved that the Committee rise and report. Chairman Nabors reported that all the Committee Recommendations considered were adopted on voice votes, as amended. The Committee's actions were adopted by the Convention on First Reading on a voice vote.

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In Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Esteven King complained that the Convention chambers "smell." He did not elaborate on the source or nature of the smell. President Guerrero agreed with Delegate King, noting that the spray can of room deodorant in his office at the session hall had already been exhausted. Members also noted the presence of Congressman Pedro Nakatsukasa and Lt. Governor Tenorio's assistant, Brenda Tenorio.

At 10:18 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn until 1:00 p.m., July 15, 1985 at the House of Taga.

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Monday, July 15, 1985

Twenty-eighth Day

The 28th Day session of the Convention was called to order at 1:29 p.m., with President Herman T. Guerrero presiding. All 24 members were present. On a voice vote, the 27th Day Summary Journal was adopted.

There were no Communications. There were no Committee Recommendations or Reports. There was no Introduction and First Reading and Referral of Proposal.

There were 14 proposals for Second and Final Reading, but Secretary William Nabors asked that Committee Reports Nos. 19 (Permanent and Long-Term Interests in Real Property) and No. 20 (Acquisition) be deferred.

CR No. 23 concerning taxes on real property was taken up on the floor. After discussion, the proposal passed 24-0 as amended by Delegate Maria Pangelinan. CR No. 28 "Clean and Healthful Environment" was discussed and passed, 24-0. CR No. 29 concerning uninhabited islands was discussed and passed 23-1. CR No. 30 ("Code of Ehtics") was taken up, discussed and passed 22-2. CR No. 32 concerning resignation from public office was taken up, discussed and passed 19-5. CR No. 33, relating to "Public Purpose" was taken up, discussed and passed 24-0. CR No. 34 concerning the Public Auditor was taken up, discussed and passed 23-1. CR Nos. 36 (Legislative Veto) and 40 (Corporations and Enforcement) were deferred. CR No. 44 concerning "Governor's Emergency Powers" was taken up, discussed and passed 24-0. CR No. 47 concerning succession to the "Governership and Lieutenant Governership", was taken up, discussed and passed 22-2. CR No. 48 concerning "independence of boards and commissions" was taken up, discussed and passed as amended on a 19-4 vote.

At 5:45 p.m., a motion was made and seconded that the Convention recess until 7:30 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., the Convention reconvened, with President Guerrero in the chair. There was no Introduction of Resolutions, no Unfinished Business and no Special Orders of the Day. At 8:03 p.m., the body resolved into a Committee of the Whole, with Delegate Paul Manglona to chair, with the Committee to consider Report Nos. 49, (Prohibition Against Public Debt) 50, (Balanced Budget) 51, (Marianas Public Land Trust) 52 (Legislative Sessions) and 53 and 54 (Composition of the House and Senate).

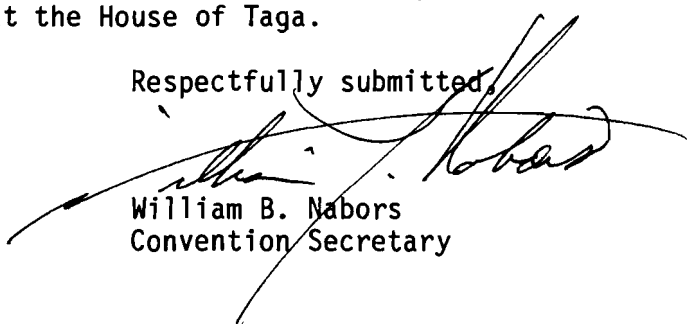
At 10:48 p.m., it was moved that the Committee rise and report. Chairman Manglona reported that CR Nos. 49, 50, 53, and 54 and passed. CR Nos. 51 and 52 passed as amended. The Committee's actions were adopted by the Convention on First Reading on a voice vote.

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July 15, 1985

In Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Villagomez advocated using Chamorro during future sessions, instead of English. Delegate Lizama noted the presence of one (1) member who is not fully fluent in Chamorro and members of the press. Delegate Mafnas said he would speak in Chamorro during the next session. Delegate Villanueva asked that an interpreter be appointed for Delegate Nabors. Delegate Kaipat said he would speak in Carolinian during the next session. Delegate Pangelinan also commented on the language situation. Delegate King proposed (in Chamorro) that Chamorro be made the official language of the Constitutional Convention. Delegate Ogumoro expressed concern that important proposals are still in committee and raised the possibility that the legislature might not grant an extension to the Convention.

After announcements, a motion was made and seconded at 11:00 p.m. to adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 16, 1985 at the House of Taga.

Respectfully submitted,



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SUMMARY JOURNAL

Tuesday, July 16, 1985

Twenty-ninth Day

The 29th Day session of the Convention was called to order at 10:56 a.m., with President Herman T. Guerrero presiding. All 24 members were present. On a voice vote, the Verbatim Journals for the 12th and 14th Days were adopted. The Summary Journal for the 28th Day was adopted, after Delegate Esteven King successfully amended his remarks in Miscellaneous Business.

Six legal opinions for the Attorney General's Office, collectively known as Legal Opinion No. 25 on "Residency, Domicile and Citizenship" were received as was Communication No. 16 from Senator Benjamin T. Manglona, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs/Chairman, Rota Legislative Delegation, concerning proposals on the powers of island mayors and municipal councils. Delegate Vicente Calvo registered objections to Communication No. 16.

There were no reports from the Committees on Governmental Institutions or Local Government. Chairman Esteven King of the Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources read Committee Report No. 8, a resubmission to the Committee concerning the victims of crimes. Chairman Lorenzo Guerrero of the Committee on Finance and Other Matters read CR No. 55, which adds a new section to the Schedule on Transitional Matters concerning legislative action. The proposals will be calendared for consideration by the Committee of the Whole on July 17, 1985.

Delegates took up CR No. 41, concerning local government. Delegate Ramon Villagomez introduced sixteen (16) proposed amendments. A 15 minute recess was called at 11:15 a.m. Members of the Saipan delegation met to discuss the matter. The recess was extended several times during the day. At 7:41 p.m., the session resumed, with President Guerrero in the chair. Delegate Villagomez withdrew his original floor amendments to CR No. 41 and substituted new amendments. On a 24-0 vote, the delegates approved CR No. 41. CR No. 52 concerning legislative sessions was taken up, discussed and passed 24-0. CR Nos. 53 and 54, concerning, respectively, the composition of the Senate and the House were taken up and passed with no discussion, 24-0. CR No. 51, concerning the Marianas Public Land Trust was taken up, discussed and passed 20-4. CR No. 20, (Acquisition) was deferred, to be taken up July 17, 1985.

At 8:35 p.m., there was a 15 minutes recess.

As Second and Final Reading continued, Committee Recommendation (CR) Nos. 36, (Legislative Veto) 49, (Debt Prohibition) 40, (Corporations) 19, (Interests Real Property) 35, (Qualification of Voters) and 27, (Citizenship) were deferred. CR No. 50 (Balanced Budget) passed 24-0. CR No. 43 (Official Flag, Seal and Languages) was taken up, discussed and passed as amended 23-1. CR No. 37 which had been calendared had already been incorporated in CR No. 50, so it was not acted on.

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July 16, 1985

Following Second and Final Reading, the rules were suspended for a Supplemental Order of Business. Nine (9) Committee Reports were offered for Introduction. Governmental Institutions Committee Chairman Juan Lizama read CR Nos. 56, (Attorney General) 57, (Women's Affairs) 58, (Judicial Branch) 61, (Legislative Bureau). Finance and Other Matters Committee Chairman Lorenzo Guerrero read CR No. 59, (Uniform Fiscal Management Policy). Personal Rights and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Esteven King read CR Nos. 60, (Marianas Public Land Corporation) and 62, (Permanent Residency in CNMI). CR No. 63, (Appropriation Bills) and 64, (Education) were also introduced. The proposals will be calendared for consideration by the Committee of the Whole on July 17, 1985.

There were no further matters for Second and Final Reading or Resolutions for Introduction. There was no Unfinished Business or Special Orders of the Day. There were no General Orders of the Day.

Under Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Villagomez complained a story on Saipan Cable TV inaccurately reflected his comments on use of the Chamorro language at the Convention. Delegate Villagomez also said comments by Delegate Nabors in a Cable TV interview were incorrect. Delegate Manglona praised passed CR No. 41 as "an important event" in the CNMI. Delegate Lizama read a letter to the editor. Delegate King noted an error in CR No. 29.

In announcements, President Guerrero announced the House of Representatives had approved an extension of the Convention.

At 11:00 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn until 10:00 a.m., July 17, 1985.

Respectfully submitted,



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SUMMARY JOURNAL

Wednesday, July 17, 1985

Thirtieth Day

The 30th Day session of the Convention was called to order at 11:14 a.m., July 17, 1985, with President Herman T. Guerrero presiding. All 24 members were present. On a voice vote, the 29th Day Summary Journal was adopted. Communication No. 17, a letter from Ms. Bobbie J. Lynch concerning abortion, was received.

The Committees on Local Government, Personal Rights and Natural Resources, Government Institutions, and Finance and Other Matters offered no recommendations or reports.

There was no Introduction and First Reading or Referrals of Proposals.

Immediately after this, the Rules were suspended to move to General Orders of the Day, with the reports to be entertained four at a time by a Committee of the Whole.

At 11:19 a.m., the Convention recessed until 1:00 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., the Convention reconvened and shortly thereafter resolved into a Committee of the Whole, with Delegate David Igitol to chair.

At 4:36 p.m., it was moved that the Committee rise and report. Chairman Igitol reported that CR No. 8, concerning victims of crimes passed as amended. CR No. 55 (Transitional Matters) was deferred by request of Chairman Lorenzo Guerrero. CR No. 57 (Women's Affairs) was moved down on the calendar. CR No. 56 (Attorney General) was passed as proposed. CR No. 58 (Judicial Branch) was passed.

After adopting the proposals in the committee report on First Reading, the Convention recessed until 7:00 p.m.

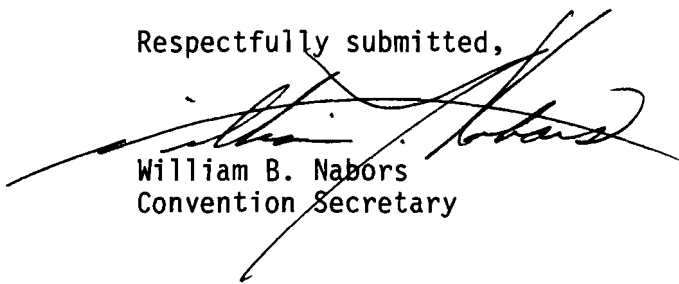
The session resumed at 7:39 p.m., with President Guerrero in the chair and immediately resolved into a Committee of the Whole, with Delegate Francisco Tomokane to chair.

At 11:06 p.m., it was moved that the Committee rise and report. A substitute amendment to CR No. 59 (Uniform Fiscal Management Policy) passed as further amended by the Committee. CR No. 60 concerning the Marianas Public Land Corporation was adopted. CR No. 61 which would create a legislative bureau was adopted. A substitute for CR No. 62 (Permanent Residency in the CNMI) was adopted. The Convention then adopted the proposals on First Reading.

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JULY 17, 1985

There was no Miscellaneous Business or Announcements. At 11:11 p.m., it was moved and seconded that the Convention adjourn until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 18, 1985.

Respectfully submitted,



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SUMMARY JOURNAL

Friday, July 19, 1985

Thirty-second Day

The session for the 32nd Day of the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention was called to order at 9:23 a.m., by President Herman T. Guerrero. Nineteen members were present. Delegates Alonzo Igisomar, Juan Lizama, Maria Pangelinan, Ramon Villagomez and Ignacio Villanueva were absent. Delegate James Mendiola was named by the Chair as the Acting Floor Leader.

The Summary Journal for the 31st day (July 18, 1985) was adopted on a voice vote.

There were no Communications. There were no Committee Recommendations or Reports. There was no Introduction and First Reading of Proposals and Referrals.

On Second and Final Reading, a total of eight matters were to be considered, including Committee Report No. 36, concerning legislative vetos, which was added to the agenda. Committee Recommendation (CR) No. 19 (Permanent and Long-Term Interests; Real Property) was taken up and discussed at some length, but was deferred for the second time. CR No. 62 was taken up, discussed and passed on a 19-0 vote, with 5 absent. CR Nos. 27 (Citizenship) and 35 (Voter Qualifications) were deferred in view of the absence of Delegate Ramon Villagomez who had proposed them. CR No. 24 (Legislative Budget Ceiling) was taken up, considered and passed 19-0, with 5 absent. CR No. 59 (Uniform Fiscal Management) was taken up, considered and passed 19-0, with 5 absent. CR No. 60 (Marianas Public Land Corporation) was taken up, considered and passed 19-0, with 5 absent. CR No. 36 (Legislative Veto) was taken up, considered and filed on a voice vote.

At 1:00 p.m., the Convention recessed until 7 p.m.

At 7:44 p.m., the Convention resumed, with President Guerrero in the Chair. CR No. 27 was taken up, considered and passed on a 14-3 vote, with 7 absent. CR No. 35 was taken up, considered and placed on file by a 9-8 vote, with 7 absent.

At 9:23 p.m., the Convention recessed briefly and at 9:58 p.m., the Convention resumed.

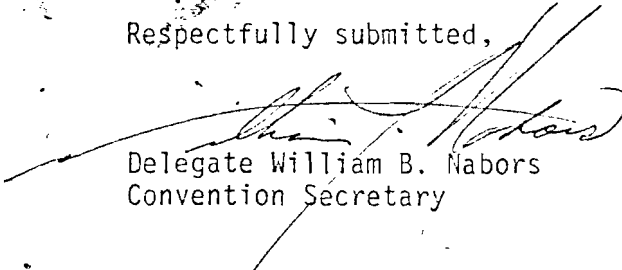
There was no introduction of Resolutions and Referrals.

At 10:00 p.m., Delegate Nabors moved that the Convention resolve to a Committee of the Whole to consider matters of Unfinished Business. Delegate Aniceto Mundo was asked to chair.

2ND CON-CON SUMMARY JOURNAL --31ST DAY
JULY 18, 1985

At 5:56 p.m., the Convention adjourned until 8:30 p.m., July 19, 1985 at
the House of Taga.

Respectfully submitted,



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SUMMARY JOURNAL

Thursday, July 18, 1985

Thirty-first Day

The session for the 31st Day of the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention was called to order at 10:05 a.m., by President Herman T. Guerrero. Twenty-two (22) members were present; Delegates Maria Pangelinan and Juan Lizama were excused. The Summary Journal for the 30th Day (July 17, 1985) was adopted by a voice vote.

There were no Communications. There were no Committee Recommendations/Reports. There was no Introduction and First Reading or Referral of Proposals.

On Second and Final Reading, a total of 16 matters were to be considered. CR No. 20 (Acquisition) was taken up, discussed and approved 20-0, with four (4) members absent. CR No. 56 (Attorney General) was taken up, discussed and approved on a 20-1 vote, with three (3) members absent. CR No. 36 (Legislative Veto) was deferred. CR No. 42, which did not appear on the original agenda, was taken up. Delegate Bill Nabors offered a substitute amendment to CR No. 42. Following discussion of the Nabors amendment, it was approved by a 12-7 vote. Delegate Ramon Villagomez offered an amendment to the report, which passed by a 19-2 vote, with 3 members absent. Following that vote, the Convention recessed at 12:50 p.m., until 2:30 p.m.

At 2:45 p.m., the session resumed. After further discussion of the effect of the Villagomez amendment to CR No. 42, which had passed prior to lunch, the proposal received Second and Final Reading by a 19-2 vote, with 2 members absent. CR No. 61 (Legislative Bureau) was taken up, discussed and passed on a 23-0 vote with one (1) member absent. CR No. 8 (Victims of Crimes) was taken up, discussed and passed on a 23-0 vote, with one (1) member absent. CR No. 25 (Civil Service Commission) was taken up, discussed and passed on a 23-0 vote, with one (1) member absent. CR No. 49 (as amended; Public Debt) was taken up, discussed and passed on a 20-2 vote with two (2) members absent. CR No. 40 (Corporations) was taken up, discussed and passed (in substitute form) on a 21-2 vote, with one (1) member absent.

At 5:47 p.m., under suspension of the rules, Governmental Institutions Committee Chairman Juan Lizama read CR No. 65 for Introduction. It will be calendared for July 19, 1985. Delegate Lizama moved to reconsider CR No. 26 (Washington Rep.) on July 20, 1985. Similar reconsideration motions were made by Delegate Paul Manglona on CR No. 41 and by Delegate Felicidad Ogumoro on CR No. 40.

In Miscellaneous Business, Delegate Luis Limes reminded members of the dedication of the Carolinian Utt at 3:00 p.m., on Friday, July 19, 1985. Delegate Jesus Mafnas asked for a list of proposals passed and pending. Delegate King urged an evening session. He received no support.

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July 19, 1985

At 11:38 p.m., it was moved and seconded that the Committee rise and report. Chairman Mundo reported that the Committee had given First Reading passage to CR No. 63 (Appropriations Bills) and CR No. 64 (Education) was amended. The Convention on a voice vote adopted the report of the Committee.

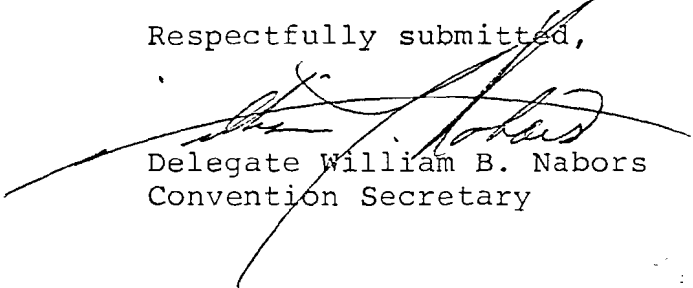
The Convention moved to Miscellaneous Business. Delegate Nabors asked the Committees to report what matters still remained with them. The Governmental Institutions Committee is considering a proposal on retirement, and the Local Government is considering a name change from "Rota" to "Luta". Delegate Rita Inos said members of the Finance and Other Matters Committee would brief delegates on matters remaining with that Committee on request.

Delegate Igitol reported that he and Finance Director Tomas Aldan had agreed that Proposals 316 and 317 should be withdrawn.

Delegates Tomokane, Nabors and Torres announced that Convention action on CR Nos. 35, 27 and 51 (respectively) would be reconsidered under Convention rules on July 22, 1985. President Guerrero asked that the matters be reconsidered on Saturday, July 20, 1985.

At 11:58 p.m., the Convention adjourned until 9:a.m., July 20, 1985 at the House of Taga.

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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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JULY 20, 1985

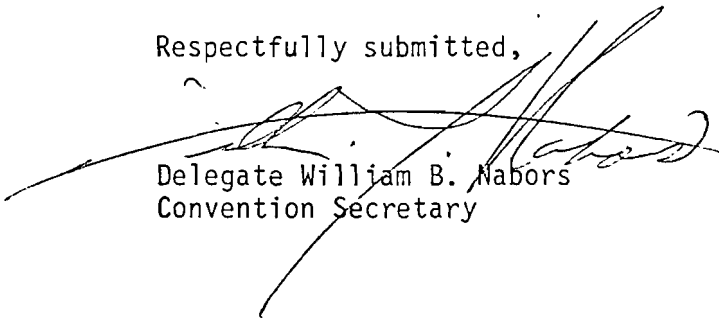
Delegate Ogumoro moved that CR No. 27, (Citizenship) be reconsidered July 21, 1985.

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.

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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.

2ND CON-CON SUMMARY JOURNAL -- 34TH DAY
JULY 21, 1985

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,



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