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REPORT TO THE CONVENTION BY THE  
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Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 45

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The Committee on Governmental Institutions recommends to the Convention adoption of the attached proposed constitutional amendment. The amendment is with respect to the age and residency qualification of persons who may hold the office of governor.

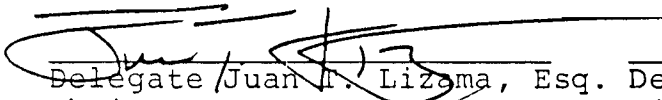
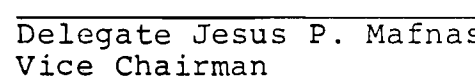
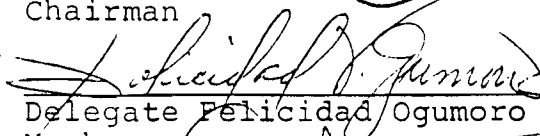
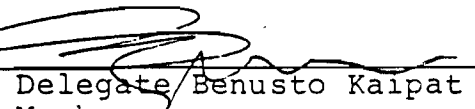
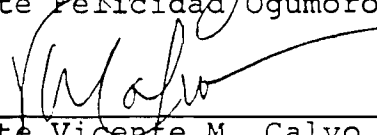
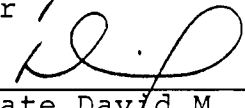
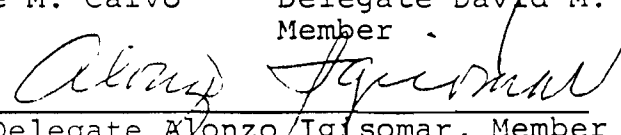
The Committee's recommended constitutional amendment will increase the age requirement from thirty (30) years to thirty-five (35) years and the residency requirement from seven (7) to ten (10) years.

The increase in the age requirement will assure that individuals with more practical and academic experience would hold the office of governor. The increase in the residency requirement will insure that persons holding the office of governor will have attained a greater opportunity to understand the strength, potentials and needs of the Commonwealth.

Delegate Proposals: Your Committee considered Delegate Proposal Nos. 7-85 and 23-85 and believes that this amendment is the better approach to addressing the concerns raised.

Your Committee urges all the Convention Delegates to support the recommendation to adopt the attached proposed constitutional amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 46

Your Committee on Governmental Institutions recommends that the Convention meeting in Committee of the Whole adopt the attached constitutional amendment relative to joint election of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

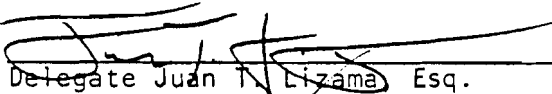
The reason for decreasing the "term" from three to two terms is to open the door for our young educated generation to participate fully in our governmental function.

Quite a good number of our university graduates currently working in other fields such as law, political science, and public administration are potential candidates for such positions.

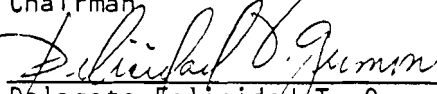
Delegate Proposals: The Committee considered Delegate Proposal No. 183-85.


The Committee strongly urges all Convention Delegates to support this recommended constitutional amendment.

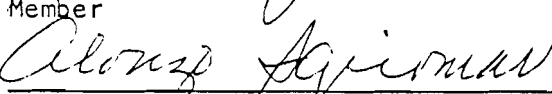
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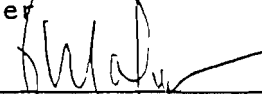
  
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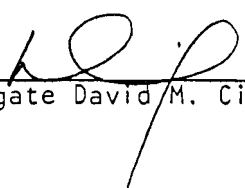
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Delegate David M. Cing, Member

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A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To amend Article III, Section 4 to limit the Governor to two terms in office.

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 to read as follows:

1 I Effective upon ratification, Section 4, Article III is amended to read:

2 "Section 4. Joint Election of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

3 The governor and lieutenant governor shall be elected at large within  
4 the Commonwealth for a term of office of four years. The governor and  
5 lieutenant governor shall be elected jointly with each voter casting  
6 a single vote applicable to both offices. No person shall be elected  
7 governor more than <sup>twice</sup> ~~twice~~, and no person who has held the office of  
8 governor for more than two years of a term to which some other person  
9 was elected governor shall be elected governor ~~more than once.~~

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Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 47

The Committee on Governmental Institutions recommends to the Convention adoption of the attached Constitutional amendment with respect to succession to the governorship.

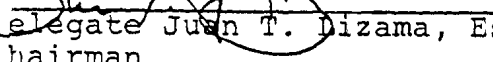
The Committee's recommended Constitutional amendment will clarify succession to the governorship in case of removal, death or resignation of the Governor.

The recommended Constitutional amendment is necessary since the existing provision does not indicate who succeeds the Lieutenant Governor if he becomes Governor, or who succeeds whom if both the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor concurrently are removed, dead, or resigned. The chain of succession should pass down to elected officials.


Delegate Proposals: The Committee considered Delegate Proposals Nos. 145-85 and 146-85.


The Committee strongly urges all Convention delegates to support this recommended Constitutional amendment.

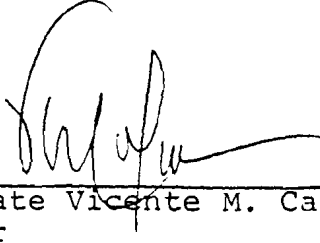
Respectfully submitted,

  
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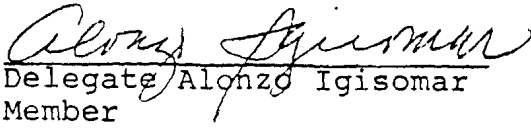
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Delegate Alonzo Igisomar  
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A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To amend Section 7 of Article III of the Northern Marianas Constitution relating to succession to the Governorship and Lieutenant Governorship.

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 to read as follows:

1 Effective upon ratification, Section 7 of Article III is amended to read:

2 "Section 7. Succession to the Governorship and Lieutenant  
3 Governorship. In case of the removal, death or resignation of the  
4 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor shall become Governor and the  
5 President of the Senate shall become Lieutenant Governor. In the  
6 offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor are both vacant, the  
7 President of the Senate shall become acting governor and the Speaker  
8 of the House shall become acting lieutenant governor. An acting  
9 governor or lieutenant governor who assumes office when more than  
10 one year remains in the term may, serve only until a governor or  
11 Lieutenant governor is chosen in a special election provided by law."

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Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 48


The Committee on Governmental Institutions recommends that the Convention adopt the attached constitutional amendment with respect to executive appointment of members to vacant seats on boards and commissions.

The Committee's recommended constitutional amendment will clarify appointment, reappointment and removal of members of boards and commissions.


Delegate Proposals: The Committee considered Delegate Proposals Nos. 172-85, 286-85 and 308-85.


The Committee strongly urges all delegates to support this recommended constitutional amendment.

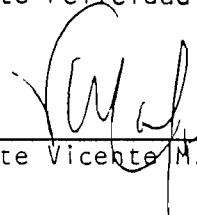
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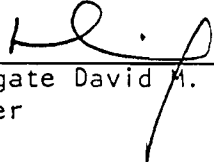
  
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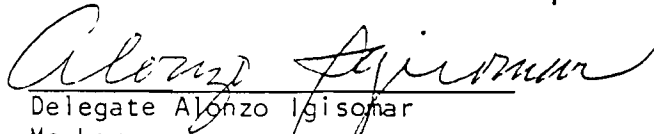
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Member

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To add a new Section \_\_\_\_\_ to Article III to guarantee the independence of boards and commissions.

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 to read as follows:

1 I Effective upon ratification, a new Section \_\_\_\_\_ to Article III is added to read:

2           "Section \_\_\_\_\_, Boards and Commissions. In every case where the  
3 governor appoints a board or commission to perform a regulatory or  
4 administrative function or direct the activities of an agency, authority,  
5 or public or quasi-public corporation in the performance of a regulatory  
6 or administrative function, the members of such board or commission  
7 shall be independent and may be removed only on grounds of gross neglect  
8 or dereliction of duty, breach of fiduciary duty, conviction of a felony,  
9 or mental or physical incapacity. Upon expiration of the term of a  
10 member of a board or commission, such person shall cease to be a member  
11 unless reappointed in the manner prescribed by law. The governor shall  
12 make appointments within thirty days to fill vacant seats on the board  
13 or commission. This section <sup>may</sup> ~~shall~~ not apply to boards and commissions  
14 that serve a purely advisory function or, except to the extent specifically  
15 required by federal law, to boards and commissions created to comply  
16 with federal law."

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

Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 49

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The Committee on Finance and Other Matters recommends that the Convention meeting in Committee of the Whole adopt the attached recommendation with respect to operating deficits of the Commonwealth Government.

The Committee's recommended constitutional amendment addresses the matter of operating deficit and not public debt. Section 4, Article X of the Constitution prohibits public indebtedness for operating expenses of the government.


The intent of Delegate Proposal No. 268-85 has been incorporated in the Committee's amendment. The Committee recommendation adds three new sentences to Section 4 which would require the legislature to adopt a seven (7) year plan to liquidate the government operations deficit incurred since the inception of the Commonwealth Government. The deficit is estimated at \$15 million up through fiscal year 1985.

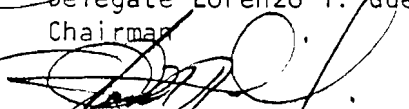
The plan will require the government to repay the EDFL, CIP, and retirement fund contributions it has "borrowed" to fund government operations. If the legislature fails to act, a citizen may have the court impose a debt retirement plan on the government.

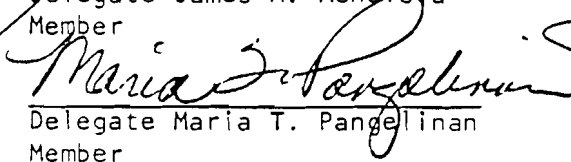
The Committee recommendation also would require the government to retire in a succeeding fiscal year any future operations deficits.

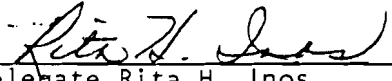
Your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of Delegate Proposal No. 268-85 and recommends its passage on final reading in the form attached hereto on Committee Draft 1.

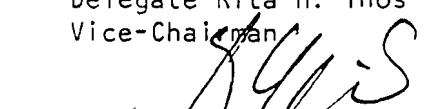
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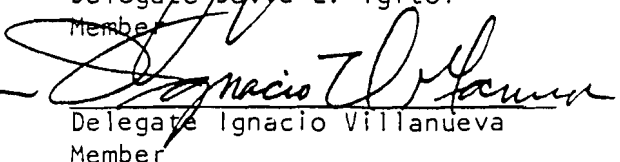
  
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Delegate Ignacio Villanueva  
Member



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A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To amend Article X, Section 4 to add the prohibition against public debt.

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 to read as follows:

1 Effective upon ratification, Section 4, Article X is hereby amended  
2 to read:

3 "Section 4: Public Debt Limitation. Public indebtedness  
4 other than bonds or other obligations of the government payable  
5 solely from the revenues derived from a public improvement or  
6 undertaking may not be authorized in excess of ten percent of  
7 the aggregate assessed valuation of the real property within  
8 the Commonwealth. Public indebtedness may not be authorized  
9 for operating expenses of the Commonwealth government or its  
10 political subdivisions. Before January 1, 1987, the legislature  
11 shall adopt a seven-year plan in which the government operations  
12 deficit through fiscal year 1985 shall be retired. If the  
13 legislature fails to adopt or adhere to the plan, any person  
14 may bring an action to require the government to reallocate its  
15 expenditures in accordance with a court ordered plan. If an  
16 operating deficit is incurred in future fiscal years, the govern-  
17 ment shall retire the deficit during the succeeding fiscal year."

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

Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 50

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-The Committee on Finance and Other Matters recommends that the Convention meeting in Committee of the Whole adopt the attached recommendation with respect to the Commonwealth budget and the governor's annual report to the legislature.

The proposed amendment would clarify the existing provision of the Constitution regarding the Commonwealth budget and at the same time expand on the matters to be included in the governor's annual report to the legislature.

Under Section 1 of the proposed amendment, the governor would be required to submit and the legislature to approve a balanced budget for the Commonwealth Government in every fiscal year. A balanced budget means revenues are at least equal to outlays. To ensure a balanced budget, the Committee incorporated provisions of Delegate Proposal No. 99-85 and your Governmental Institutions Committee's findings and recommendations. Delegate Proposal No. 99-85 will require that the level of anticipated revenue should be determined by the Executive Branch for purposes of developing an annual budget for submission to the legislature. Presently, the legislature may approve an annual budget based on only its own determination of anticipated revenue irrespective of the executive branch's determination.

Over the past years, the Commonwealth government has been faced with a continuing shortage of funds. The Governor's estimated figures of total revenues have been increased significantly without adequate support that such additional revenues would and/or could be realized. Moreover, the Commonwealth has experienced time and time again the inability of the legislature to agree with itself on the total estimated resources and revenues available for appropriation. Delegate Proposal No. 99-85 will prevent the legislature from appropriating funds in excess of the amount of revenue estimated as being available from existing resources.

The budget shall set forth the program priorities and detailed budget justification for all branches of the government, including boards, commissions, bureaus, and public corporations,

provided that the inclusion of the budget programs of public corporations in the annual budget submission is for information and oversight purposes only.

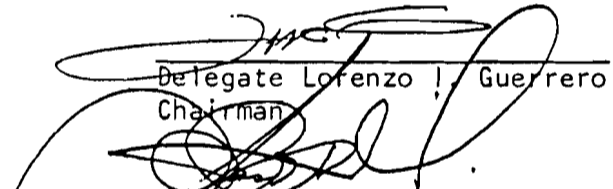
The requirement that the budget be submitted to the legislature no later than ten months (and eight months if there is a change in administration) prior to the beginning of each fiscal year has been deleted in order to conform to the federal budget deadlines. These budget deadlines are addressed in I CMC, Division 7, Section 7201.

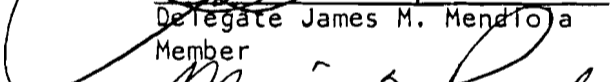
On the governor's annual report to the legislature, the Committee added a provision which would require the governor to include in his annual address to the legislature, a comprehensive annual financial report prepared in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The financial report shall be due within one hundred twenty (120) days from the close of the fiscal year.

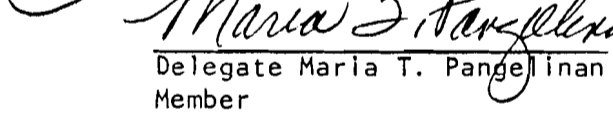
The Committee believes that the proposed amendment requiring a balanced budget sets the Commonwealth in the right financial course. The annual report offers the public an opportunity to grasp a vision of the whole picture of what the government has done and what it intends to do.

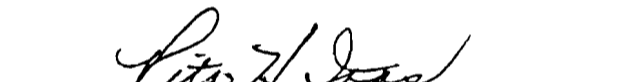
Your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of Delegate Proposal No. 85-85 and 99-85 and recommends its passage on final reading in the form attached hereto as Committee Draft 1.

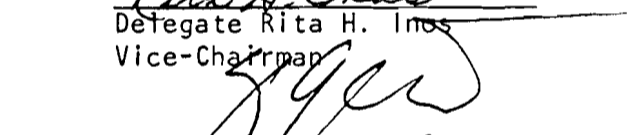
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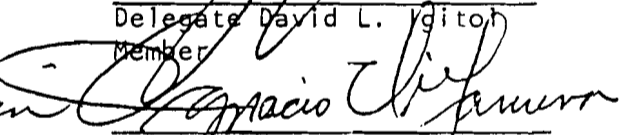
  
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A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To amend Section 9(a) and (b) of Article III of the Northern Marianas Constitution to mandate a balanced budget for the CNMI Government in every fiscal year.

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 to read as follows:

1 Effective upon ratification, Section 9(a) and (b) of Article III is  
2 amended to read:

3 "Section 9. Executive Functions.

4 (a) The governor shall submit to the legislature a  
5 proposed annual balanced budget for the following fiscal year.  
6 The proposed balanced budget shall describe anticipated  
7 revenues of the Commonwealth and recommend expenditures of  
8 Commonwealth funds. The anticipated revenues shall not be  
9 increased by the legislature without the consent of the  
10 governor. In preparing the proposed balanced budget, the  
11 governor shall consider submissions made by the mayors of Rota,  
12 Saipan, Tinian and Aguiguan, and the islands north of Saipan  
13 as to the budgetary needs of those islands and by the executive  
14 assistant appointed under section 18 of this article. The  
15 governor's submission to the legislature with respect to the  
16 budget shall state the governor's disposition of the budgetary  
17 requests contained in these submissions and may include  
18 recommended legislation with respect to taxation. If a balanced  
19 budget is approved by the legislature, the governor may not  
20 reallocate appropriated funds except as provided by law. If a  
21 balanced budget is not approved before the first day of the

1 fiscal year, appropriations for government operations and  
2 obligations shall be at the level for the previous fiscal  
3 year.

4 (b) The governor shall report at least annually to the  
5 legislature regarding the affairs of the Commonwealth and new  
6 measures that are necessary or desirable. The report shall  
7 include a comprehensive annual financial report prepared in  
8 accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting  
9 principles."

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REPORT TO THE CONVENTION BY THE  
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS

AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON PERSONAL RIGHTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Subject: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION NO. 51

Your Committee on Governmental Institutions and your Committee on Personal Rights and Natural Resources recommend that the Convention meeting in the Committee of the Whole adopt the attached proposed constitutional amendment with respect to the Marianas Public Land Trustee.

The proposed constitutional amendment recommended by your Committees would increase the number of trustees of MPLT from three (3) to five (5) at the same time as the constitutional restriction on the types of investments that the trust can make are lifted.

Currently, MPLT is only permitted to invest in obligation of the United States government. Your Committees feel that a broaden viewpoint and a larger group of directors is needed when the Trust starts considering more risky investments.


Delegate Proposals: Your Committees considered Delegate Proposal Nos. 11-85, 87-85, 133-85, 155-85, and 277-85 and concluded that the change included in the attached Committee Recommendation is the only one required at this time.

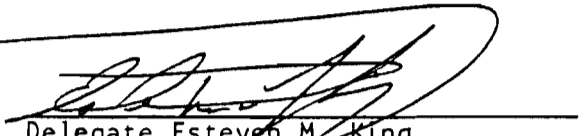
Therefore, your Committees strongly urge all delegates to support the attached Committee Recommendations.

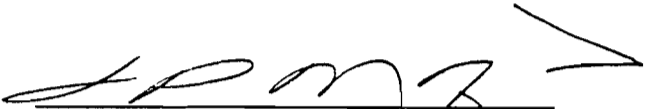
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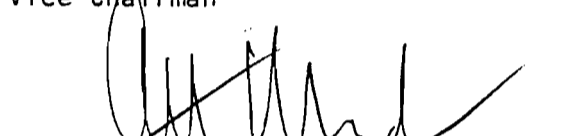
  
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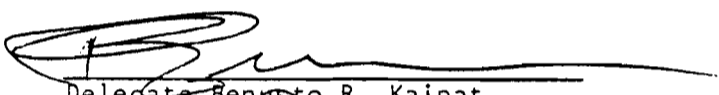
  
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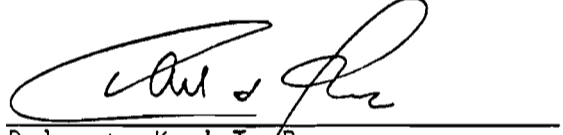
  
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A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To amend Article XI, Section 6(a) to provide for an increase in the number of trustees of the Marianas Public Land Trust from three to five.

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 I. Effective upon ratification, Section 6(a) of Article XI is amended to  
2 read:

3 "a) The trust shall have three trustees appointed by the governor  
4 with the advice and consent of the senate; provided that ten years  
5 after the effective date of this Constitution, the number of trustees  
6 shall be increased to five."  
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Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 52

Your Committee on Governmental Institutions recommends that the Convention delegates, meeting in Committee of the Whole, adopt the attached constitutional amendment with respect to specifying the maximum number of days the legislature is to meet in regular and other sessions.

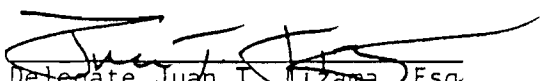
Your Committee's recommended constitutional amendment will allow for a reduction in the general operational costs of the legislature, will provide members and committees more time to consider matters appropriate for legislation, and will improve the function of government. The recommended amendment will assure a more worthy stewardship of government funds and restrict opportunities to delay and postpone action on bills pending in either house.

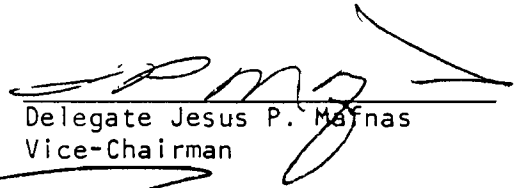
Your Committee did not agree with the phrase "continuous days" but believes the more appropriate phrase should be "consecutive days" and recommends including the latter to clarify the intent of the language set forth in the amendment.


Delegate Proposals: The delegate proposals referred to this Committee with respect to duration of session for the legislature are Delegate Proposal Nos. 46-85, 9-85, and 248-85. Your Committee's recommendation for adoption carries the full intent of these delegate proposals.

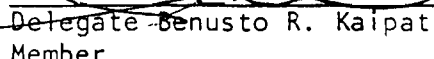
Therefore, your Committee strongly urges that all Convention delegates give their support to this recommended constitutional amendment.

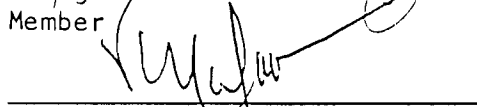
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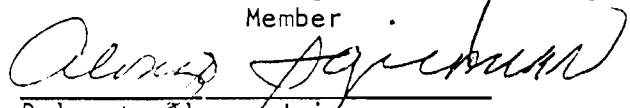
  
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A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To amend Section 13 of Article 11 of the Northern Marianas Constitution relating to sessions.

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 1. Effective upon ratification, Section 13 of Article 11 of the Northern Marianas  
2 Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 13: Sessions. The legislature shall meet for organizational  
4 purposes on the second Monday of January in the year following the regular  
5 general election at which members of the legislature are elected and shall  
6 be a continuous body for the two years between these organizational  
7 meetings. Each house shall meet in regular sessions for no more than  
8 ~~forty-five consecutive~~ <sup>90</sup> days each year and may be convened at other times  
9 for not more than ten consecutive days upon request by its presiding officer  
10 or by the governor. When meeting pursuant to a call by the governor, the  
11 legislature shall consider only those subjects described in the call."

*60 days before April 1 and 30 days after July 31 of each calendar year*

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Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 53

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Your Committee on Governmental Institutions recommends that the Convention, meeting in Committee of the Whole, adopt the attached constitutional amendment with respect to requiring a candidate for the house of senate to be a registered voter in the senatorial district where he is a candidate.

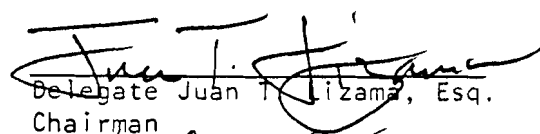
Your Committee's recommended constitutional amendment would ensure a closer interaction between the candidate and the people of the senatorial district in which he seeks office, and it would encourage the candidate to be more informed of the needs and interests of the people in his senatorial district.

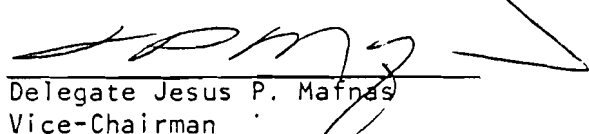
Your Committee finds that the proposed amendment will help to assure better communication between the candidate and the people in the senatorial district and will contribute to a more efficient, relevant, people oriented government.

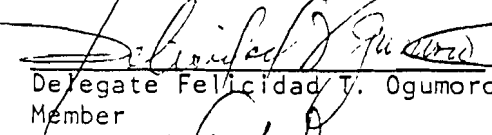
Delegate Proposal: The only delegate proposal relating to residence requirements of a candidate for the senate referred to your Committee on Governmental Institutions was Delegate Proposal No. 201-85. The Committee's recommendation carries the full intent of that delegate proposal.

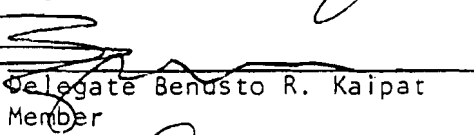
Therefore, your Committee urges that the Convention delegates provide unanimous support and endorsement to the attached recommendation for amendment to the Constitution.

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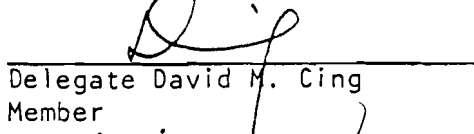
  
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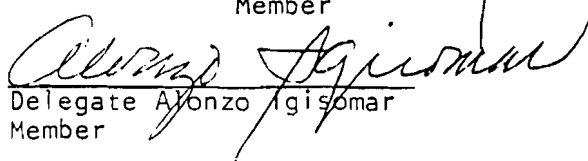
  
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A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To amend Section 3 of Article II of the Northern Marianas Constitution  
by adding a new "subsection (d)" relating to Composition of the House of

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Subject: Committee Recommendation No. 54

Your Committee on Governmental Institutions recommends that the Convention, meeting in Committee of the Whole, adopt the attached constitutional amendment relative to requiring a candidate for the house of representatives to be a registered voter of the election precinct where he is a candidate.

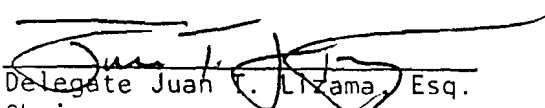
Your Committee's recommended constitutional amendment would ensure a closer interaction between the candidate and the people of the election precinct in which he seeks office, and it would encourage the candidate to be more informed of the needs of the people of his election precinct.

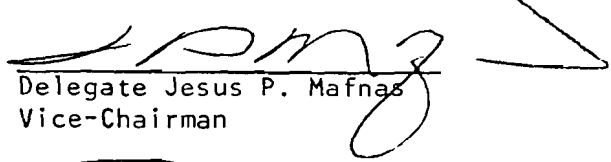
Your Committee finds that the proposed amendment will help to assure better communication between the candidate and the people in the precinct and will contribute to a more efficient government.


Delegate Proposal: Your Committee considered Delegate Proposal No. 213-85 and the recommendation presented in this Committee Report supports the full intent of the delegate proposal.

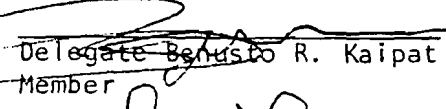
Therefore, your Committee strongly urges all Convention delegates to support the attached Committee recommendation for amendment to the Constitution.

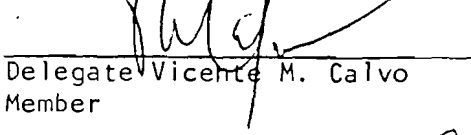
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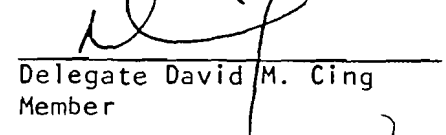
  
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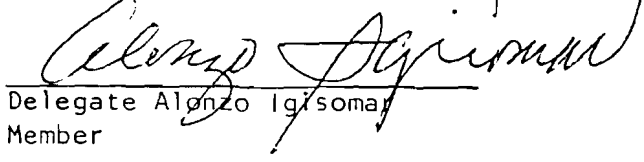
  
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