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PRESIDENT GUERRERO: The third session of the Third Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention is hereby called to order.

Please stand for a moment of silence.

(A moment of silence was had.)

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you.

Convention Clerk, roll call, please.

(The Convention Clerk called the roll, and all Delegates were present.)

CONVENTION CLERK: Mr. President, we have all 27 Delegates present.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you.

Now, the adoption of the Journal. I call on the Floor Leader.

DELEGATE HOCO: Mr. President, I would like to move for the adoption of Tuesday, June 5th's journal.

(The motion was seconded.)

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: For the Summary Journal?

DELEGATE HOCO: Mr. President, we have approved the

Summary Journal yesterday. Now, we are moving for the adoption of the Daily Journal.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: For the first day, Monday?

DELEGATE HOCOG: The first day.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: It has been moved and seconded to approve the first day, Monday's Daily Journal of the Convention.

Discussion?

DELEGATE VILLAGOMEZ: Mr. President, I have a note to you and copies to Mr. Zimmerman regarding a minor correction on page 33.

After my statement, I remember somebody seconded my motion. I want to include that portion. I think this is verified by Delegate Manglona. He seconded it. I withdrew it, but I want the record to indicate that my motion was seconded.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Okay. Any other discussion?

Delegate Manglona.

DELEGATE MANGLONA: Yes, Mr. President.

I supported the approval of the first day of the Daily Journal. However, I would like to just remind the Chair that per your instruction yesterday, any member may feel free to make any modifications within 24 hours.

I want to inform the Chair that I made some modifications, and I only hope that that will be approved.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Yes.

Any other discussion?

If not, those in favor of the motion to adopt the first day Daily Journal of the Convention please say "Aye."

(Voices responded.)

Those opposed, say "Nay."

(No voices responded.)

Motion carried.

(The motion carried.)

DELEGATE HOCOG: I would like, Mr. President, to move for the adoption of Tuesday's Summary Journal.

(The motion was seconded.)

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: It has been moved and seconded to adopt the Summary Journal for the second day of the Convention.

Discussion?

If not, those in favor of the motion say "Aye."

(Voices responded.)

Those opposed, say "Nay."

(No voices responded.)

Motion carried.

(The motion was carried.)

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Again, I would like to remind the members that you have 24 hours to review the second day Daily Journal that has been provided to you.

Again, address any corrections or changes to our counsel, Bernard Zimmerman.

We move on to the next order of business, report of

committees.

Before I do that, I would like to inform the members that I have, pursuant to our rules, I have appointed the leadership of the Convention.

In addition to the Floor Leader, I have made the following appointments:

The first one is the First Vice President, Justo S. Quitugua representing the Senatorial district of Rota.

The Second Vice President, Delegate David Q. Maratita representing the second Senatorial district of Tinian.

The Third Vice President representing the third Senatorial district of Saipan and the Northern Islands is Delegate Frances LG. Borja.

In addition to that, I have appointed John Oliver Gonzales to be the Secretary of the Convention.

Pursuant to the rules, again, I have made the following appointments for chairs of the four substantive committees:

The Chair for the Committee on Land and Personal Rights is Delegate Jose R. Lifoifoi.

The Chair for the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance is Delegate Tomas B. Aldan.

The Chair for the Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government, Delegate Felix R. Nogis.

The Chair for the Committee on Judiciary and other

Elected Offices, Delegate Henry U. Hofschneider.

Pursuant to the reports of the Committee of Organization and Procedures on the assignment of proposals -- Convention Clerk, have we provided copies to the Delegate the Referral of Delegate Proposals to Substantive Committees? Is it in their packages? Can we make it available to all the Delegates, please?

CONVENTION CLERK: No, it's not part of the package.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: It's going to be passed out. It's basically all of the proposals that we officially introduced yesterday and their assignments to their respective substantive committees.

Delegate Villagomez.

DELEGATE VILLAGOMEZ: Mr. President, has the Committee on Organization leadership finished the committee assignments?

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: We're getting close to finishing it, Delegate Villagomez.

DELEGATE VILLAGOMEZ: May I follow?

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Yes, please.

DELEGATE VILLAGOMEZ: Mr. President, during the Pre-Con there was a consensus that each Delegate submit their preferred committees to the Con-Con.

I hope that you seriously consider my request to be in the respective committee that -- of course, that's your prerogative, but I would appreciate if you could consider me in

Land and Executive.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you, Delegate Villagomez.

Basically, the Chair is not the only one that makes the decisions. It's the Committee on Organization and Procedures.

We will certainly take that into account. Unfortunately, sometimes everybody wants to be on a certain committee, and we might have to move people around to balance things out.

Thank you for showing us your interest, and it will be taken into consideration.

You have in front of you the committee assignments of proposals.

At this time, I would like to move on to the next item in our order of business. That's the introduction of Delegate proposals.

Any Delegate proposals to be introduced today?

No?

DELEGATE FLEMING: Yes.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Delegate Fleming.

DELEGATE FLEMING: Thank you, Mr. President.

I have several proposals to submit this morning. They're all numbered. I grouped them together so it's easier for the clerk.

My first one is Delegate Proposal 221 amending Article I, section 9.

Delegate Proposals 223, 224, 225, 228, 229, 230, 231, and 233 all amend Article II, sections 2(c), 3, 4, 8, 10, 13, 14, and 16, which affect the legislative branch.

Then, I have Delegate Proposals 234, 235, 236, 238, 239, 240, and 242 amending article III, sections 5, 8, 9, 12, 19, 21, and 20, which affect the executive branch.

Delegate Proposal 227 amends Article VII, section 3, which affects the eligibility to vote.

Delegate Proposals 246, 247, and 248 amend Article V, sections 3 and 7, which affects the office of Washington representative.

Delegate Proposals 252 and 254 amend Article X, sections 1 and 8, which affects public finance.

Delegate Proposal 255 is an additional provision under Article XIII adding a section 3, which would affect public lands.

Delegate Proposals 256 and 257 amend Article XI, sections 4 and 5, which affects public lands.

Delegate Proposals 258 and 259 amends Article XII, sections 4 and 6, which affects land alienation.

Delegate Proposal 262 amends Article XVIII, section 1, which affects Constitutional amendments.

Delegate Proposal 263 adds an additional provision

under Article X regarding taxation.

Delegate Proposals 264 and 265 amend Article XV, section 1, which affects the Department of Education.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Delegate Aldan, you had your hand up.

DELEGATE VICENTE ALDAN: Mr. President, I have only two proposals.

One I submitted to our legal counsel. It does not have a number yet.

The other one is a new proposal covering proposed bids and change orders in the Commonwealth, which is a change in the rule.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: You are officially introducing those today?

DELEGATE VICENTE ALDAN: Yes.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Any other proposals to be introduced?

If not, I have a couple of other proposals. One is that Saipan have a true local government. This is a proposal submitted by the Mayor of Saipan, which was submitted as a courtesy to be put before the delegates.

The other one is to provide additional protection for the Northern Marianas College. It itemizes the things they want to do. This is a proposal from the Board of Regents of the

Northern Marianas College, and was submitted as a courtesy to be put before the Delegates.

I want to make sure that everyone understands these proposals come in at the request of the people that proposed them. I do not endorse the proposals. I'm putting them forth as President so the Delegates can argue and debate on the issues.

If we don't have any other proposals to introduce, let's move to the "Motions and Resolution."

Delegate Marian Aldan-Pierce.

DELEGATE ALDAN-PIERCE: Mr. President, I have a resolution that I would like to introduce.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Please proceed.

DELEGATE ALDAN-PIERCE: I would like to read it. It's a Constitutional Convention Resolution, and I would like to read it.

"A Constitutional Convention Resolution to express the appreciation of the Third Constitutional Convention to the House, Senate, and the Legislative Bureau for the generous use of the House Chamber and legislative office space to meet the needs of the Convention.

WHEREAS, The Third Constitutional Convention for the Northern Mariana Islands has been entrusted by Public Law 9-18 with

important responsibilities relating to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands; and --"

DELEGATE HOCOG: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Yes.

DELEGATE HOCOG: We can excuse Delegate Aldan-Pierce from reading the content of the Resolution.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Just read the title.

DELEGATE ALDAN-PIERCE: I read the title. I want to point out that it was signed by 24 Delegates.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you.

Any other resolutions to be introduced?

Delegate Mendiola.

DELEGATE JAMES M. MENDIOLA: I have a resolution. It is a Constitutional Convention Resolution to mourn the late Representative Jesus P. Mafnas upon the occasion of his untimely demise and to express sympathy and condolences to his bereaved family.

This is introduced by all of the Delegates of the Third Constitutional Convention.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you.

DELEGATE HOCOG: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Yes.

DELEGATE HOCOG: If there is no objection from the

members, I would like to move for these two resolutions to be considered in today's order of business.

(All agreed.)

DELEGATE MANGLONA: Point of order.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: State your point, Delegate Manglona.

DELEGATE MANGLONA: I would like to suspend the rules of the Convention to properly place the resolutions.

DELEGATE HOCOG: Mr. President, I will suspend the necessary rules as soon as we get down to adopting the resolutions.

At this point in time, we have unfinished business. We can take that up under "Unfinished Business" for the adoption of the two resolutions just introduced.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Perhaps, Mr. Floor Leader, it still might be in order to take it up at this time.

DELEGATE HOCOG: If that is the case, Mr. President, I would like to suspend Rule 62, subsection A, and all pertinent rules governing the placing and adopting of resolutions as part of today's order of business.

(The motion was seconded.)

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Okay.

DELEGATE MANGLONA: Ready for the question.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Those in favor of suspending the necessary rules to enter the two resolutions that have been introduced today, please say "Aye."

Those opposed, say nay.

Motion carried.

(The motion was carried.)

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Mr. Floor Leader.

DELEGATE HOCOG: I believe it will be in order now, Mr. President, to adopt Resolution No. 1 thanking the House, Senate, and the Legislative Bureau.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Is that a motion?

DELEGATE HOCOG: It's a motion for adoption.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Is there a second?

(The motion was seconded.)

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: It has been moved and seconded to adopt the first resolution thanking the House of Representatives and the Senate for allowing us to conduct the Convention in their chamber.

Discussion?

If there is no further discussion, those in favor of the motion, please say "Aye."

(Voices responded.)

Those opposed, say "Nay."

(No voices responded.)

Motion carried.

(The motion was carried.)

DELEGATE HOCOG: Mr. President, I would like to move to adopt Resolution No. 2 to mourn the late Representative Jesus P.

Mafnas upon the occasion of his untimely demise and to express sympathy and condolences to his bereaved family.

(The motion was seconded.)

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: It has been moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2, to mourn the late Representative Jesus P. Mafnas upon the occasion of his untimely demise and to express sympathy and condolences to his bereaved family.

Discussion?

Delegate Villagomez.

DELEGATE VILLAGOMEZ: Mr. President, I recommend that after passage of this resolution we formally present the resolution to the family in a formal session.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Good suggestion.

Delegate Lillian Tenorio.

DELEGATE TENORIO: Could we get copies of the resolutions, please.

CONVENTION CLERK: We're making them.

DELEGATE HOCOG: Move for short recess.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Short recess.

(A recess was taken from 10:29 A.M. to 10:40 A.M.)

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: I hereby reconvene the session.

Have the Delegates had the opportunity read the Convention Resolution No. 2?

Mr. Floor Leader.

DELEGATE HOCOG: Ready for the question.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: If there is no further discussion, those in favor -- excuse me.

Delegate Tenorio, do you have any question?

DELEGATE TENORIO: No. I want to point out, Mr. President, that the resolutions, if possible, should be numbered before the copies are passed out.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you.

If there is no further discussion, those in favor of adopting Convention Resolution No. 2 please say "Aye."

(Voices responded.)

Those opposed, say "Nay."

(No voices responded.)

Motion carried.

(The motion was carried.)

DELEGATE MANGLONA: Point of privilege.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: State your privilege.

DELEGATE MANGLONA: Mr. President, I would ask for the unanimous consent of the Delegates to all rise for a moment of silent prayer in honor of this great man.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Please rise.

(A moment of silence was had.)

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Delegate Igitol.

DELEGATE IGITOL: I would request that we present these two resolutions tomorrow morning in session before we start;

that we invite the wife of the late Vice Speaker and the Speaker tomorrow.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Perhaps, we can do that.

DELEGATE HOCOG: No objection.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: If there is no objection, so ordered. We can do that tomorrow.

DELEGATE VILLAGOMEZ: Thank you, Mr. President.

DELEGATE TAITANO: In light of this resolution, there is a mass tomorrow in honor of the Vice Speaker at 4:00 P.M. at the Crystal Light Church. For those who want to attend the mass tomorrow, it's at 4:00 P.M.

DELEGATE JUAN S. TENORIO: Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Yes, Delegate Juan Tenorio.

DELEGATE JUAN S. TENORIO: I checked with the Speaker, and the last rosary will be tomorrow. I think both families will be busy tomorrow.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: That's correct. It might not be very appropriate for tomorrow.

Since I don't intend to call a session on Friday, let me arrange for it early next week. I think they're still very busy with the rosaries and so forth. Since the end of the rosary is tomorrow, it's better that we do it next week.

Delegate Villagomez.

DELEGATE VILLAGOMEZ: Thank you.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Let's move on to the next order of

business? Any Unfinished Business?

We don't have any Special Orders of the Day or General Orders of the Day.

Item 11, I have a few announcements that I would like to make.

One announcement is that we're moving the mailboxes for the Delegates. I'm going to put them where the Vice Speaker's office is so it's closer to the Chamber and it's accessible to the members as they come in.

Also, we're going to put the coffee over there so we don't have to walk all the way to the back.

The Legislative Bureau, as well as the Senate leadership, have asked that we refrain from using the parking space in the back. It's bottlenecked. It's better if we park on the side, as well as up here, rather than in the back. I ask all members to respect that parking space for the nine Senators.

I have officially already made the appointments for the Committee on Organization and Procedures. I would like to meet with them immediately after the meeting so that legal counsel can brief them. Once the appointment of the committee members is done, the committee assignments will be made and they can proceed with the Delegates' proposals.

The other thing is that some members have brought to my attention that proposals they have introduced, or formally filed with the Convention, that should have been included in the

package are not there.

I apologize for any proposals that were left out. If you think that there are proposals that were left out, please let us know and we'll include them with today's Journal, and they will be referred to the appropriate substantive committee.

[The proposals of Delegate Tomas Aldan were omitted inadvertently from the package introduced on June 6, 1995. They are introduced and attached.]

[The proposals of Delegate David Q. Maratita were omitted inadvertently from the package introduced on June 6, 1995. They are introduced and attached.]

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Any other announcements or miscellaneous business?

Let me recognize Delegate Lifoifoi.

DELEGATE LIFOIFOI: Mr. President, on behalf of your Committee on Lands and Personal Rights, it will be a privilege and honor to invite Delegate Carlos Camacho and Delegate Benjamin Manglona to be part of this committee, your Committee on Land and Personal Rights.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Delegate Manglona.

DELEGATE MANGLONA: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

First, I want to thank my fellow Delegate,

Speaker Lifoifoi, for permitting me to serve with him on his committee.

I have three items that I wish to attach on under miscellaneous business.

First, I would like to congratulate the other officers that you have just appointed, Mr. President. I feel that all of those people are capable people of providing leadership to our convention, and I will assure each of them that I will extend my full support.

Secondly, I would like to also request that in addition to the Committee of Land and Personal Rights, I would like to ask the Chairman of the Executive Branch and Local Government if I may be included as a committee member on that committee.

Third, at this moment, I would like to touch on a very sensitive issue that is so dear to the heart of the people of Rota, as well as the people of Tinian.

I'm referring to the article today in the Marianas Variety regarding the suggestion made by our Governor that he would like to recommend, or suggest, that perhaps Rota, Tinian, and part of the precinct in San Antonio be made one seat to represent these three areas.

Mr. President and fellow Delegates, I would ask for your support for this not to happen. We don't want to turn the clock back to the old Trust Territory days. This has been that

experience during those days.

I don't see anything wrong with accommodating our poor people of Rota, our poor people of Tinian, by allowing at least one seat in the House of Representatives.

I think this system is working. I don't think there is anything to fear to our most populated island, Saipan, because regardless of the combination with one seat from Rota and Tinian, it would never, and I will use the words again, never control the political process in the House.

I will respect whatever our Saipan Delegates may decide to do. Either they wish to increase it to whatever number, or decrease it in the interest of saving costs. I will assure the Delegates in this Convention that I will support them whatever decision they will make in this regard provided that we continue to maintain one seat each for our sister, or neighboring islands, of Rota and Tinian.

I would like to call upon our good Governor to unite our people together in all of our islands, especially now at the beginning of this third convention.

This is the time to start talking about unity. This is the right time to start talking about harmony. This is the right time to start talking about uniting our people together.

It has always been the dream in my political career that started 35 years ago that I hope before I die that the

dreams of the people in Rota and Tinian will be fulfilled of seeing to it that some day there will be a realization among our people, among our elected leaders, that there is only one Marianas, one voice and one people.

Regardless of where we came from, we will embed that feeling deep in our hearts so that we can unite our people together to share the resources of our Commonwealth as one people, one Commonwealth.

I would like to solicit the support and understanding of my fellow Delegates that before I die, permit me to fulfill that dream. I have served and worked for government more than 35 years.

I have always said in Rota and Tinian that we will follow whatever direction that will come out of our central government, either the laws that we pass, the Constitution that we pass or adopt, or the regulations and rules that may be prescribed.

Put that down to the lower level in Rota and Tinian. We'll follow it. We are one Commonwealth; but let's at least have an understanding that there is nothing wrong with permitting those people on their own island to exercise and discharge the delivery of public service on their own unique and simple ways so that those people in the island will not fight, will not quarrel, but will have a complete unity among themselves. And at the same time, we follow budgetary

allocations given by a central government, passed by our legislature; we follow laws and Commonwealth policies and regulations that are issued by our executive branch and let them make sure that they will enforce that down in their respective areas and try to assist them on technical matters if they have problems in terms of running their local affairs down there.

This is the kind of feeling I would like to sell to our people. We're not trying to sell how we run the central government. All we are saying is give us the chance to live in our own modest, simple way.

Please, I would like to call upon our governor that it is time to start talking about unity. It is time for all our leaders to unite our islands. It is time for all of us to work in harmony, especially now as we begin this Convention.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you, Delegate Manglona. Thank you for your comments. I have not seen the paper, but we have not received any proposals of this kind from the executive branch, so I cannot comment at this time.

At this time, I would like to recognize Delegate Donald Mendiola.

DELEGATE MENDIOLA: Thank you, Mr. President.

I would like to comment on Delegate Manglona's comment on the unity of the government. I was touched.

This was a short speech regarding the 35 years of

governmental public service in which he attempted to unify all three separate islands.

I feel that these 35 years would have at least come to accomplish that, to fulfill the dream, prior his departure on a certain preplanned, but unforeseen date.

I really do hope that we do unify, we all unite, as we all should. But to unify, to unite, is not to work separately and to assume that the presumptuous group or the presumptuous island would be understanding on that part. They have to on a sub area mind their own affairs without our having to be involved with it.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you, Delegate Mendiola.

Delegate Nogis.

DELEGATE NOGIS: Yes, Mr. President.

In regard to my colleague, Delegate Manglona's request to be on the committee, I think given his vast experience, I have no objection for him to be a part of it.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you. The Committee on Organization and Procedures will have to make that decision.

Any other comments?

Delegate Dr. Aldan.

DELEGATE VICENTE ALDAN: Mr. President, regarding committee assignments, as emphasized by our colleague, Jack

Villagomez, I would like to express my desire to serve on the Committee on Land, if it is okay with the Chairman, Delegate Lifoifoi and, hopefully, an assignment, also, on the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you.

Delegate Maritita.

DELEGATE MARATITA: Mr. Chairman, I wanted to express, also, a concern about the article that appeared in today's paper, the Marianas Variety.

And to insure that we become aware of this, as far as the composition of the Lower House is concerned, I think we could address this during this Convention, insuring that, at least, the lone seat of Rota and Tinian be maintained as far as representation in the Lower House.

I think the article stated that there is nothing in the Covenant that specifies how the composition of the Lower House would be created.

For the past 18 years, we have had this representation from Rota and Tinian, guaranteed to be at least one seat.

Prior to that, during the District Legislature, we have also had a representative, at least one each from Rota and Tinian.

We would like to take this opportune time for us, barring any delineation as to a requirement of a representative

from Rota and Tinian, we could take that up now during this Convention. I think it's proper, and we should address that before we lose time.

Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you.

Delegate Villagomez.

DELEGATE VILLAGOMEZ: Mr. President, I want to congratulate the officers, the Vice President, Secretary, and the Chairmen. As I stated earlier, I pledge my support.

I only ask that you allow us every opportunity to participate. I ask my colleagues, fellow Delegates, to please look at the merits of my proposals. If you feel that they're worthy, there is assurance for protection of our people and the government. Please consider them as you deliberate. I will take every opportunity to assist the leadership.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you.

Let me recognize Delegate Camacho.

DELEGATE CAMACHO: (Statements not made in English.)

I was attending another hearing next door regarding medical referrals, and I was late. But when I came in I heard my name mentioned, Mr. President, and I wasn't sure what it was for, but from consultation with my colleagues here, Delegate Semen and Delegate Quitugua, indicated I heard that Delegate Lifoifoi, the Chairman, I may be one of the candidates

for his committee.

Mr. President, I want to say that I'm honored to be considered for that committee. I want to assure the chairman that I do will do my best to help, to be a productive member, and also to bring out the various aspects of the area where I will be working, if I am confirmed as a member of this committee.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Before I recognize Delegate San Nicolas, I mentioned yesterday that I was going to introduce the staff.

These are primarily the staff who carried over from the Pre-Convention Committee.

As you know, we have Alicia Guerrero, who is serving as the Convention Clerk. We have Jose Cruz in the back. He is an Administrative Assistant. Those are the only two that are being paid out of Convention funds. The others are from the various government agencies.

We have Mr. Atalig, from the Management and Budget office. We have Reina Kluge from the Commonwealth Port Authority, and Mr. Edwin Cruz from Tinian Municipal Counsel.

We have Frank Rosario from CPA serving as our public information officer.

You know our legal team. We have Howard and Deanne as the lead counsel. We have Justice Dela Cruz and our counsel,

Bernard Zimmerman.

We have Mr. Les Martin, our court reporter.

We have a couple of legal administrative staff, two ladies, Pamela Carlson and Mary Andress.

DELEGATE TAITANO: Don't forget Mr. Steve Kililderman.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Yes. And our able staff, Steve Kililderman, who is assisting us.

Basically, this is the staff of the Convention.

If anybody thinks we have other staff, I'm not aware of other staff. Sometimes they do come in.

Also, there is from the Management and Budget, Marissa Munia. That is about it.

From time to time we get people from the different offices. We cannot prevent the offices from taking their staff back.

There are people that I wanted to work for us from the other government offices, but that is subject to the discretion of the directors or secretaries.

Delegate Villagomez.

DELEGATE VILLAGOMEZ: Mr. President, I want the Delegates to recognize the presence of our former Congressman, John Tenorio, and, of course, our former Congressman, Greg Sablan, the director of the Legislative Bureau, and a great golfer, Mr. Pete Tenorio,

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: I will recognize

Delegate San Nicolas.

DELEGATE SAN NICOLAS: Thank you Mr. President. I congratulate all the new officers.

At yesterday's meeting, I have to admit that because of the obvious confusion, there were people that I met that felt that with this type of rhetoric, if such confusion lingers, the result of this Convention will not be as good.

I can tell you, Mr. President, that I can go back to that same person who told me those words yesterday, as a result of what I saw today, because of the unity I can see present today, because we are not putting political lines in front of us and we want to insure that the interests of the people are the things before us, I can go to that same person and tell her that that is not going to be the end result.

I want to ask my fellow Delegates: Let us continue in this spirit of unity. Let us continue to share our ideas. Let us continue to be open minded. We need to do that. We must do that for our people.

Let us not let a person -- Chamorro, Carolinian, a person from the Marianas, or outside -- sitting in here or watching the news in the media say we are here for ourselves, strictly for ourselves. Let them say we are here united for this mandate of change we promised. Let's us do that for them.

Once again, thank you very much. I'm very humbled and very gratified at the spirit of unity that I see today.

I pray to almighty God that we continue in that.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you, Delegate San Nicolas.

Before we adjourn, I want to mention that the assignments to the substantive committees will be posted sometime today. I suggest that you check the mailbox in the back when it's moved over there.

The other thing is that I received a letter from the Mayor of the Northern Islands suggesting some changes to the Constitution. I am giving it to the legal counsel to look at it. Perhaps, I'll introduce it as a proposal for the Delegates to consider.

Delegate Hocog.

DELEGATE HOCOG: Thank you, Mr. President.

I heard everyone speak about unity. For the information of the Delegates, I would like to mention that it is I, Delegate Manglona, and former Governor Camacho who started the concept of unity.

I would like to address the word with a long lasting definition of united together.

Just this morning, Mr. President, it has come to my attention that there is some concern by the Delegates that the majority of the leadership are composed of what we might call the Governor's strongmen.

I wish to let everyone know, and I'm speaking on

behalf of myself and not to insinuate any other names, but I want to share this, Mr. President, that the Governor has his own agenda. I have my own agenda.

I need not agree with the Governor, and I want the Delegates to know that. Let's stop these insults. If you are one of them, I ask that we stop this.

I cannot agree, Mr. President, that the Governor will dictate to me. Even my father, we have differences. But with all due respect, I have to give him my respect, not necessarily that we agree on the issues.

The Governor has nothing to do with this Con-Con delegation. He's not part of it. It's incumbent upon the Delegates to work a workable document that will insure a workable function for each of the respective government branches, legislative, executive, and others.

We talk unity. I pledge my support for unity. Let's not be insulting one another, how they conceive an image. I respect and am glad that they consider me the strongman of the Governor. I did not know that, but I'm thankful.

But let's work together. Mr. President, once again, unity is started by Delegate Camacho, Delegate Manglona, and myself.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Delegate Donald Mendiola.

DELEGATE DONALD MENDIOLA: (Statements not made in English.)

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Thank you.

I want to make sure for the record that for the Governor, perhaps, I might be the most highly suspect.

(Statements not made in English.)

I want the record to show the Governor does not tell me what to do for the Convention.

I hope that when we talk about unity, we take that into consideration, that the Governor is not telling me what to do, despite the fact that I work for him.

He has his own views. I have my own views. The people voted for me. I need to carry that fiduciary responsibility.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

DELEGATE HOCOG: I would like to move for adjournment subject to approval of the Chair.

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Before I do that, please check your mailbox this afternoon, perhaps after lunch, and you'll see the committee assignments.

DELEGATE TAITANO: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: Yes.

DELEGATE TAITANO: Do you have an office where I can see you?

PRESIDENT GUERRERO: I'm trying to clean up the Vice Speaker's office and, perhaps, move over there for the time being. I intend to be working out of that office from today on.

We have a motion on the floor. Those in favor of the motion say "Aye."

(Voices responded.)

Those opposed, say "Nay."

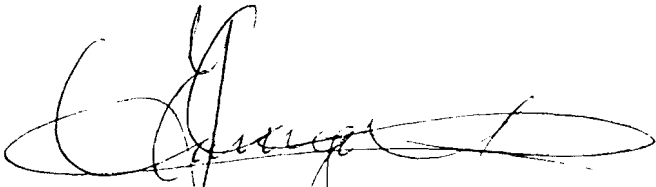
(No voices responded.)

Motion carried.

Meeting is adjourned.

(The Convention recessed subject to call at 11:19 A.M.)

Respectfully submitted,



Convention Secretary