

THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

SUMMARY JOURNAL

Fifteenth Day  
Monday, June 19, 1995

1. Call to Order: The session was called to order by the President at 1:30 p.m. at the Chambers of the House of Representatives, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature.

2. Preliminary Matters: The President announced that the Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government would meet after the Plenary Session.

3. Roll Call: A roll call by the Convention Clerk showed 25 delegates present and 2 absent.

4. Adoption of Journals: The Daily Journals of the Third through the Thirteenth days were adopted. The Summary Journals of the Third day and the Eleventh Day were adopted.

5. Reports of Committees: The President reported that the Committee on Organization and Procedure had scheduled public hearings for all committees on Rota on June 28-29, 1995 and on Tinian on July 7-8, 1995. The Convention will be in recess on July 1-4, 1995.

Chairman Lifofoi of the Committee on Land and Personal Rights reported that the Committee intended to hold further public hearings on Articles XI and XII in Garapan and perhaps other villages.

Chairman Aldan of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance reported that the Committee would hold a public hearing on the Legislative Branch at 1:30 p.m. on June 22, 1995 and would hold a public hearing on Rota on June 29, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Aldan announced the calendaring today of Committee Report #1 on Article VII: Eligibility to Vote; Report #2 on Article VIII: Elections; and Report #3 on Article XXI: Gambling.

Chairman Nogis of the Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government reported on the progress that the Committee is making on Article III.

Chairman Hofschneider of the Committee on Judicial Branch and Other Elected Offices reported that a Committee report on Article IV would be issued soon and that a public hearing was scheduled on June 21, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. to consider Article XV: Education.

6. Introduction of Proposals: Delegates Villagomez, Maratita, Taitano, T. Aldan and Hocog introduced new proposals.

7. Motions and resolutions: Delegate Aldan-Pierce gave notice that she intended to move to

amend the rules to advance the cut off date for new proposals from July 10, 1995 to June 30, 1995. Delegate Tomas Aldan gave notice that he intended to move to amend Rule 6 to require that all trial amendments be approved by a simple majority. The Convention adopted Resolution No. 3, which urges the Senate to pass House Bill 9-408 providing for a special election for ratification of proposed amendments.

8. Unfinished business: None.

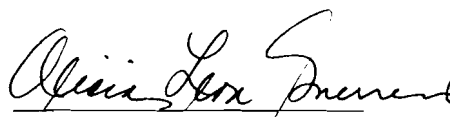
9. Special Orders of the Day: Report #1 of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance was calendared. Report #2 of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance was calendared. Report #3 of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance was calendared.

10. General Orders of the Day: Report #1 of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance was approved and reported to the Convention. Report #2 of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance was approved and reported to the Convention. Report #3 of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance was referred back to the Committee.

11. Announcements and Miscellaneous Business: Delegate Taitano reported on the victory by the CNMI baseball All-Stars in the Micronesia Mobil games. The President announced that all delegate proposals submitted to counsel have been processed and returned and that a list of all introduced proposals had been submitted. The President announced that the Dan Dan facilities remained available for meetings. The President announced that all original signed documents must be returned to the Convention Clerk for the set of materials that will be delivered to the Commonwealth Archivist. Delegate Hocog announced that the Rota and Tinian delegates would meet tomorrow at noon at the Dan Dan office to discuss their position on local government issues. Delegate Hofschneider announced that the Judiciary Committee would meet at the conclusion of the Plenary Session. Delegate Manglona expressed his support for Committee Report # 3 on gambling. Delegate Igitol suggested that the delegates assess themselves a sum to defray the cost of refreshments.

There being no further matters before the Convention, the Convention adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Convention Clerk