

THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

SUMMARY JOURNAL

Eighteenth Day
Thursday, June 22, 1995

1. Call to Order: The session was called to order by the President at 10:03 a.m. at the Chamber of the House of Representatives, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature.
2. Preliminary Matters: The President announced that the Plenary Session would conclude by noon to allow the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance to conduct a public hearing.
3. Roll Call: A roll call by the Convention Clerk showed 25 delegates present. Two delegates arrived late.
4. Adoption of Journals: The Daily Journals of the Fourteenth through the Sixteenth days were adopted. The Summary Journal of the Fifteenth day was adopted.
5. Reports of Committees: The President announced the schedule for the public hearings on Rota. The President announced that three committee members are necessary for a quorum for each public hearing and requested each Committee Chair to designate one or more delegates to prepare a summary of the testimony to be included in the Daily Journal. The President further announced that the Committee on Organization and Procedures has decided that there will be a first reading on all proposed amendments before there is a second reading of any proposed amendment.

Chairman Lifoifo of the Committee on Land and Personal Rights reported that the Committee has scheduled further public hearings on Articles XI and XII in Garapan on June 26, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. and in San Vicente on June 27, 1995 at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Aldan of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance reported that the Committee had almost finished its work on Article II and expected to finalize its report shortly after the public hearing.

Chairman Nogis of the Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government reported that the Committee is nearing completion of its work on Article III.

Chairman Hofschneider of the Committee on Judicial Branch and Other Elected Offices reported that the Committee has issued its report on Article IV and requested the calendaring today of the report.

6. Introduction of Proposals: Delegates Aldan-Pierce and V. Aldan introduced new proposals.

7. Motions and resolutions: Resolution No. 4, congratulating the CNMI Baseball All Star Team on winning the 1995 Mobil Games and thanking the team's sponsors, was passed. A motion to suspend the Convention rules to consider a motion to shorten the cut off date for delegate proposals was defeated.

8. Unfinished business: None.

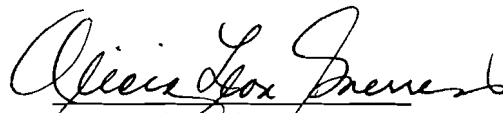
9. Special Orders of the Day: Report #3 of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance (Gambling) and Report #1 of the Committee on Judicial Branch and Other Elected Offices (Judicial Branch) were calendared for the Committee of the Whole. Report #1 (Article VII: Eligibility to Vote); Report #2 (Article VIII: Elections) and Report #3 (Article XXI: Gambling) of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance were calendared for the Convention's plenary session..

10. General Orders of the Day: The Convention resolved into a Committee of the Whole. Report #3 of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance was approved and reported to the Convention. Report #1 of the Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices was approved as amended and reported to the Convention. The plenary session approved amendments to Article VII, Article VIII and Article XXI on first reading. Report #1 of the Committee on Judiciary and other Elected Offices was calendared for first reading at the next plenary session.

11. Announcements and Miscellaneous Business: Delegate Lillian Tenorio spoke on the proposed amendment to Rule 6.

There being no further matters before the Convention, the Convention adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Convention Clerk