



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 617

Date: July 10, 1995

It is proposed that a constitutional amendment be prepared that does the following:

Provides for grand jury indictments.

[Note: Mr. Baka explains that currently except in federal court, there is no right to a grand jury in the CNMI. Instead of felony charges being commenced after a probable cause finding by one's peers in an "indictment", the decision here is made solely by a prosecutor in an "information. Establishing a grand jury system would ensure the participation of citizens in the decisions whether to prosecute.]

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Proposal received from HENRY BAKA, ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER and submitted as a courtesy for consideration by the delegates.)

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: None new

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None