

THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

SUMMARY JOURNAL  
Thirty-Ninth Day  
Thursday, July 13, 1995

1. Call to Order: The session was called to order by the President at 9:36 a.m. at the Chamber of the House of Representatives, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature.
2. Preliminary Matters: The President announced the plenary session would be over by about 11:30 a.m. as there were Committee meetings scheduled for the afternoon.
3. Roll Call: A roll call by the Convention Clerk showed 25 delegates present. One delegate was excused. One delegate arrived late.
4. Adoption of Journals: The Summary Journal of July 11, 1995 was adopted.
5. Reports of Committees: The President announced the schedule for upcoming plenary sessions and committee meetings.

Chairman Lifofoi of the Committee on Land and Personal Rights reported that the Committee has reexamined its report on Article XIV following the last session and is working on Article XI. A subcommittee has been appointed to consider which lands should be preserved from development.

Chairman Aldan of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance reported that the Committee has reexamined its report on Article II following the last session and is working on Article X.

Vice Chairman James Mendiola of the Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government reported that the Committee is continuing its work on Article III and has appointed a subcommittee to consider Article VI, Local Government.

Chairman Hofschneider of the Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices reported that the Committee has completed its work on Articles IV, V, IX and XX. A subcommittee has completed its work on Article XV, including an innovative approach to decentralizing the school system.

6. Introduction of Proposed Amendments: None.
7. Motions and Resolutions: Resolution No. 7 condemning the resumption by France of nuclear testing in the South Pacific was adopted.
8. Unfinished Business: None.

9. Special Orders of the Day: Report #3 (Civil Service) and Report #4 (Initiative, Referendum and Recall) of the Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices were calendared for the Committee of the Whole.

10. General Orders of the Day: The Convention resolved into a Committee of the Whole. Report #3 and Report #4 of the Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices were approved and reported to the Convention.

Articles II, III, section 16 (formerly Article XX), IX and XIV were calendared for first reading.

Articles II (as amended), III, section 16 (formerly Article XX), IX, and XIV were passed on first reading.

11. Announcements and Miscellaneous Business: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Convention Clerk