## THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

## SUMMARY JOURNAL Forty-Fourth Day Tuesday, July 18, 1995

1. <u>Call to Order</u>: The session was called to order by the President at 1:42 p.m. at the Chamber of the House of Representatives, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature.

2. <u>Preliminary Matters</u>: The President announced the plenary session is expected to conclude by 4:00 p.m. The subcommittee on public preserves will meet at MPLC at 5:00 p.m.

3. <u>Roll Call</u>: A roll call by the Convention Clerk showed 26 delegates present. One delegate was excused.

4. <u>Adoption of Journals</u>: The Daily Journals for July 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1995 were adopted. The Summary Journal of July 15, 1995 was adopted.

5. <u>Reports of Committees</u>: The President announced that Articles 6, 10,11, 12, 18, 19 and the Schedule on Transition have not yet been reported and asked the Committees to complete those reports for first reading this week. A draft of those portions of the Constitution which have been discussed on the floor has been circulated. A revised draft expected to contain all articles will be circulated early next week. The President also reported on detailed plans to translate the proposed amendments into Chamorro and Carolinian and to publicize the proposed amendments in the newspapers and on radio and television.

Chairman Lifoifoi of the Committee on Land and Personal Rights reported that the Committee has completed its work on Article 11 and is starting its last article, Article 12.

Chairman Aldan of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance reported that the Committee has almost completed its work on Article 10 and invited delegates to attend the next meeting on deficit reduction.

Chairman Nogis of the Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government reported that the Committee has completed a draft of Article 3, is working on Article 6 and has almost completed Article 19.

Chairman Hofschneider of the Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices reported that the Committee has nearly completed its work on Article 18 and asked that it be discussed by the Committee of the Whole. His Committee expects to have a report on Article 15 completed by Tuesday and summarized the changes the Committee proposed. His Committee is also working on a number of miscellaneous proposals.

6. Introduction of Proposed Amendments: Delegate Igitol introduced a proposed amendment.

7. Motions and Resolutions: Resolution No. 8, recognizing the fiftieth anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings and mourning the loss of life caused by World War II, was referred back to its proposer, who announced he would not reintroduce it.

8. Unfinished Business: None.

9. Special Orders of the Day: Report No. 6 of the Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices (Constitutional Amendment) was calendared for the Committee of the Whole.

10. General Orders of the Day: The Convention resolved into a Committee of the Whole.

Report No. 6 of the Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices, as amended, was approved and reported to the Convention.

11. Announcements and Miscellaneous Business: None,

There being no further matters before the Convention, the Convention adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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