

Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

Delegate Amendment No. 017

Date: July 21, 1995

ARTICLE AND SECTION TO BE AMENDED: Article XI

COMMITTEE ASSIGNED: Committee on Land and Personal Rights

It is proposed that the article passed on first reading be amended as follows:

Article XI, Section 5

c) The bureau may transfer a leasehold interest <u>of not more than fifteen hectares</u> in public lands for commercial or other purposes after reasonable notice, a solicitation for competing bids, and public hearing. A leasehold interest shall not exceed <u>twenty five</u> years including renewal rights and shall expire within three years if the commercial purpose is not accomplished. <u>An</u> <u>extension of not more than fifteen years may be given upon approval of three-fourths of the</u> <u>members of the legislature.</u> Leasehold interests of more than <u>one year</u>, or more than <u>200 square</u> <u>meters</u>, shall be submitted to the legislature. The legislature acting in a joint session may approve or reject, but may not alter, the lease presented by the bureau. If the legislature fails to act within sixty calendar days, the lease is deemed approved.

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