July 22, 1995

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAND AND PERSONAL RIGHTS ARTICLE XVI: CORPORATIONS, SECOND READING

The Committee presents the following report to the delegates with respect to the Article XVI: Corporations, on second reading.

<u>Delegate Proposals:</u> The Committee's Report No. 3 was prepared on July 5, 1995. There were no Delegate Proposals affecting Article XVI submitted after that time.

<u>Floor Discussion:</u> The Committee of the Whole discussed and approved Report No. 3 on July 6, 1995. On the same day, the Convention adopted Report No. 2 without amendments.

<u>Delegate Amendments:</u> There have been no Delegate Amendments pertaining to Article XVI.

<u>Committee Changes:</u> The Committee recommends no changes to Article XVI.

Respectfully submitted,

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Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention⁻²⁷⁹⁵-

Delegate Amendment No. 010

Date: July 21, 1995

ARTICLE AND SECTION TO BE AMENDED: Article X, new section

COMMITTEE ASSIGNED: Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance

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

Article X

Section 10: Limitation on actions

- a) Damages may not be recovered against the Commonwealth for more than \$100,000 except for actual damages incurred.
- b) Damages may not be recovered against a private party for more than \$100,000 except for actual damages incurred.

Submitted by:

Delegate VICENTE S. ALDAN

Notes: The legislative history would explain that if a plaintiff's actual lost earnings, medical bills, or other actual damages exceeded \$100,000, those damages could be recovered in full. This limitation is on punitive damages, pain and suffering damages, loss of consortium damages, and other similar damages that are not out-of-pocket costs or losses. Two separate sections have been provided, for actions against the government and private parties, in order that the legislative history be clear and in order that if one of the limitations falls in the courts, the other may survive. This has been placed in Article X with the provision on taxpayer actions.