THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

SUMMARY JOURNAL Fiftieth Day Monday, July 24, 1995

- 1. <u>Call to Order</u>: The session was called to order by the President at 1:38 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 would continue until the agenda is completed.
- 3. <u>Roll Call</u>: A roll call by the Convention Clerk showed 23 delegates present, 2 excused and 2 absent. Delegate Joe Lifoifoi was appointed temporary floor leader.
- 4. <u>Adoption of Journals</u>: The Daily Journals for July 21 and 22, 1995 were adopted. The Summary Journal of July 22, 1995 was adopted.
- 5. <u>Reports of Committees</u>: The President announced the schedule for upcoming daily committee meetings and announced that plenary sessions would be in the afternoon except on Saturday. The President announced the appointment of a Style Committee consisting of Delegates Seman (Chair), Borja, Gonzales and L. Tenorio and discussed the need for a post-convention committee.

Vice Chairman Aldan-Pierce of the Committee on Land and Personal Rights reported that the Committee has completed its final reports on the Preamble and Article 1 and requested that they be calendared for discussion and second reading.

Chairman Aldan of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance reported that the Committee has completed its final report on Article 2 and requested that it be calendared for discussion and second reading.

Chairman Nogis of the Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government reported that the Committee continues to deliberate on Article 3, section 17 and Article 6, scheduled for discussion today.

Chairman Hofschneider of the Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices reported that the Committee has reviewed proposed delegate amendments and expects to report tomorrow.

- 6. <u>Introduction of Proposed Amendments</u>: Delegates L. Tenorio, V. Aldan, Guerrero and Villagomez introduced proposed amendments.
- 7. Motions and Resolutions: None
- 8. Unfinished Business: None.

- 9. Special Orders of the Day: A discussion of Article 3, section 17, and Article 6 was calendared for the Committee of the Whole as recommended by the Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government. The Preamble, Article 1 and Article 2 were calendared for second reading.
- 10. <u>General Orders of the Day</u>: The Convention resolved into a Committee of the Whole. Delegate Bennet Seman was appointed Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

Article 3, section 17, and other issues relating to local government were discussed. The Reports of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Personal Rights on the Preamble and Article 1, second reading, were approved and reported to the Convention.

The Report of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance on Article 2 was tabled for discussion at the next session.

After the Committee of the Whole was dissolved, the Chair reported to the Convention the actions taken by the Committee of the Whole.

The Preamble was not passed on second and final reading. Article 1 (Personal Rights) was passed on second and final reading.

11. Announcements and Miscellaneous Business: None.

There being no further matters before the Convention, the Convention adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Convention Clerk