

THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

SUMMARY JOURNAL

Fifty-Fifth Day

Saturday, July 29, 1995

1. Call to Order: The session was called to order by the President at 1:51 p.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 consider several lengthy matters this afternoon.
3. Roll Call: A roll call by the Convention Clerk showed 23 delegates present, 2 excused and 2 absent.
4. Adoption of Journals: The Daily Journals for July 26 and 27, 1995 were adopted. The Summary Journal for July 28, 1995 was adopted.

5. Reports of Committees:

Chairman Lifofoi of the Committee on Land and Personal Rights reported that the Committee met today on Articles 12 and plans to meet tomorrow to complete its work. The Committee expects to have its report for second reading on Monday. The Chairman briefly reported on the changes being made to the final report.

Chairman Aldan of the Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance reported that his Committee had finished its work, except for the Schedule on Transition.

Chairman Nogis of the Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government reported that the Committee has finished a report on Article 3, section 17 and Article 6. The Committee has completed its final report on Articles 17 and 19 and they are ready.

Vice Chairman D. Mendiola of the Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices reported that the Committee has completed its work on Article 9 and Article 18 and they are ready for second reading.

6. Introduction of Proposed Amendments: Delegate T. Aldan introduced proposed amendments.

7. Motions and Resolutions: None

8. Unfinished Business: None.

9. Special Orders of the Day: Articles 6, 9, 12, 17, 18 and 19 were calendared for discussion by the Committee of the Whole. Articles 9, 17, 18 and 19 were also calendared for second reading.

10. General Orders of the Day: The Convention resolved into a Committee of the Whole. Delegate Villagomez was appointed Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government on Article 3, section 17, and Article 6 were approved and reported to the Convention. The Committee's reports on Articles 17 and 19, second reading, were approved and reported to the Convention.

The Report of the Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices on Article 9, as amended, second reading, and Article 18, as amended, second reading, were approved and reported to the Convention.

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

Article 6 passed on first reading.

Articles 9, as amended, 17, 18, as amended, and 19 were passed on second and final reading.

11. Announcements and Miscellaneous Business: The President encouraged all delegates to review the draft Analysis of the Constitution which was distributed to all delegates present.

The Committee on Land and Personal Rights will meet on Monday at 9:00 a.m. to continue discussion of Article 12. The Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance will meet on Monday at 8:30 a.m. to consider the Schedule on Transitional Matters. The Chairs and Vice Chairs of the other committees were invited to attend.

The next plenary session will commence at 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

There being no further matters before the Convention, the Convention adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Convention Clerk