



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

Delegate Proposal No. 433

Date: May 11, 1995

It is proposed that a constitutional amendment be prepared that does the following:

Provides for the prompt approval of the Commonwealth annual budget as follows:

(1) The Governor must submit the annual budget to the Legislature in sufficient time to complete the budget process before the end of the fiscal year.

(2) The House and Senate must act on the budget within 45 days of receiving it from the Governor.

(3) The Governor will have another 30 calendar days for his action or amendments.

(4) Failure to act at stage #2 or stage #3 will constitute an automatic approval or consent.

[Note: Mr. Jones urges that this amendment is required due to the recurring lack of an approved budget. Provision of essential services such as education, health, and public safety are seriously affected along with many other public services.]

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(Proposal received from DINO M. JONES and submitted as a courtesy for consideration by the delegates)

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. III, Sec. 9(a)

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None