



# Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 311

Date: May 30, 1995

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

If a balanced budget is not approved before the first day of the fiscal year:

1. If the projected revenues for the new fiscal year are equal to or more than the fiscal year just ended, the budget for each agency receiving an appropriation during the fiscal year just ended shall be at the same level of funding for the new fiscal year.

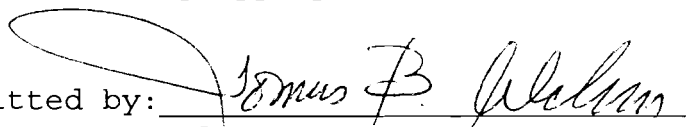
2. If the projected revenues for the new fiscal year are less than the fiscal year just ended, the shortfall shall be allocated to each activity funded during the fiscal year just ended based on the level of funding.

3. The Secretary of Finance and each person authorized to expend public funds shall be responsible for operating within the level of funding authorized.

4. All revenues in excess of the amount of the last appropriation shall remain in the general fund until appropriated by the legislature.

5. Within grade increases and merit increases shall not be retroactively applied in the event funding is later available, unless the legislature specifically appropriates funds for this purpose.

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

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None