



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 307

Date: June 1, 1995

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

Requires the Legislature to act only in joint session with respect to specified subjects, including --

- appropriations bills
- consideration of leases of public land
- receiving the annual reports of the Governor and the Washington Representative

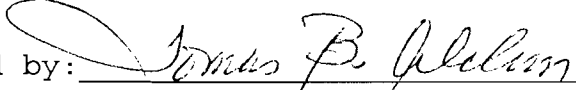
Provides that the Speaker of the House presides over joint sessions. If the Speaker is absent, the President of the Senate shall preside. If the President is also absent, the Floor Leader of the Senate shall preside, followed by the Floor Leader of the House.

Provides that passage of any measure required to be considered in a joint session requires a two thirds vote of those present.

Provides that in a joint session, a quorum is two-thirds of the members of the legislature with at least one member from Rota and one member from Tinian present.

Provides that a joint public hearing shall be conducted with respect to a proposed budget or proposed appropriations. The Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee shall preside, and the Chair of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee shall act as co-chair.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. II, Sec. 5, 13, 14

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None