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**FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM**

Thirty-Ninth General Session - 8 June 1970

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Minutes of the Thirty-Ninth General Session

The Thirty-Ninth General Session of the First Constitutional Convention of the Territory of Guam convened at Convention Headquarters on June 8, 1970 at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Antonio M. Palomo, President of the Constitutional Convention, presided.

PRAYER

The Chaplain offered the following prayer:

"In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray . . .
We humbly beseech your divine assistance, O God, that we may be sustained by your Charity and Justice, in our session this evening. Humans that we are, we sense to a great extent the capability of our potentials, please Lord, that each of us realize clearly the far-reaching results of the power entrusted to us, and that we may use them wisely and prudently for the good of your people now and in the future. You showed us, through your Son, Jesus Christ, how to season your almighty power by charity, mercy and justice. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, one with you and the Holy Spirit, grant us these that we ask of you. Amen.
In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

The Convention viewed the video tape made of the general sessions which will be shown to the public after the dissolution of the Convention.

ROLL CALL AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By direction of the President, the roll was called and the following delegates responded:

Tomas P. Mendiola	Jose L. Cepeda	Francisco R. Santos
Rufo L. Calvo	Pilar C. Lujan	Frank G. Lujan
David S. Terlajo	Betty S. Guerrero	James S. Brooks
Jose C. Quintanilla	Jose P. San Nicolas	Antonio M. Palomo
Charles F. Toves	Lorenzo T. Siguenza	Joseph F. Ada
Pedro A. E. Manibusan	Jose F. Bardinaz	Antonio A. Calvo
Joaquin G. Blaz	Gregorio N. Borja	Francisco B. Aguon

Absent:

Howard C. Strapp	Vicente M. Angoon	Joe T. San Agustin
Joe Nedeooy	Jesus S. Camacho	Enrique L.G. Urbalian
Jose B. Santos	Franklin J. Quitugua	Jose M. Carrido

Malcolm H. Merrill, Jr.	Joseph P. Cruz	Robert E. Leon Guerrero
William A. Flores	Joaquin V.B. Macabusan	Thomas T. Aguon
Theodore Nelson	Jose S. Lazara	Juan S. Blas
Jose R. Rivera	Adrian G. Sanchez	Gerardo C. Leon Guerrero

Excused: Enrique M.G. Urdaneta, Juan R. Rivera, Jose W. San Agustin

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the Thirty-Eighth General Session be approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

By direction of the President, the Administrative Secretary read letters from the following persons:

Mr. Jose R. Rivera, Secretary of the Interior - Walter J. Hickel, and Mrs. Sandra Wynn. (Copies of said letters are available at Convention Headquarters.)

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AND REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

By direction of the President, the Administrative Secretary gave the following proposition and resolutions first reading:

Proposition No. 63 introduced by the Executive Committee -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND PROPOSITION NUMBERS 51, 41, 28, 27B, 21A, 11A, AND REPEAL PROPOSITION NUMBER 8A.

Resolution No. 16, introduced by the Executive Committee -

RELATIVE TO URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CONSIDER AND ACT FAVORABLY ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Resolution No. 19, introduced by the Executive Committee -

RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONVENTION THAT STATEHOOD IS THE EVENTUAL POLITICAL STATUS CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.

Resolution No. 20, introduced by the Executive Committee -

RELATIVE TO URGING THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM TO ENDORSE THE CONVENTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Resolution No. 21, introduced by the Executive Committee -

RELATIVE TO URGING THE 10TH GUAM LEGISLATURE TO ENDORSE THE CONVENTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Resolution No. 22, introduced by the Executive Committee -

RELATIVE TO URGING THE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE TO ENDORSE AND SEEK ENACTMENT OF THE CONVENTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Resolution No. 23, introduced by the Executive Committee -

RELATIVE TO URGING THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS TO ENDORSE THE CONVENTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Resolution No. 24, introduced by the Executive Committee -

RELATIVE TO URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONVENTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Resolution No. 25, introduced by the Executive Committee -

RELATIVE TO COMMENDING THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR EXCELLENT WORK AND DEDICATION DURING HER TENURE.

Resolution Nos. 26 and 27, introduced by the Executive Committee -

RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE (Governor of Guam, 10th Guam Legislature) FOR ACTING FAVORABLY ON THE CONVENTION'S REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS AND EXTENSION OF ITS DISSOLUTION DATE.

Resolution Nos. 28 through 46, introduced by the Executive Committee -

RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO COMMISSIONER (each village commissioners) FOR ASSISTANCE RENDERED DURING THE CONVENTION'S PUBLIC HEARINGS.

Resolution Nos. 47 and 48, introduced by the Executive Committee -

RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE (University of Guam, 10th Guam Legislature) FOR ASSISTANCE RENDERED DURING THE CONVENTION'S SESSIONS.

Resolution Nos. 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 99, introduced by the Executive Committee -

RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO (Council of State Governments, Antonio B. Won Pat, National Municipal League, Public Administration Service, National Alliance of Businessmen, Henry D. Ilnicki, Meves M. Flores Memorial Library, The New York State Library, New York State Constitutional Convention, The University of Michigan, Dr. T. A. Darling) WHICH RENDERED ASSISTANCE TO THE CONVENTION BY FURNISHING ADVICE AND REFERENCE MATERIALS.

(Mr. Jose C. Quintanilla took "the chair".)

Mr. Antonio M. Palomo moved to suspend the rules to place Proposition No. 63 and Resolution Nos. 18 through 59 on the order of second reading. Seconded.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to said motion and it was determined in the affirmative, by unanimous consent.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Antonio M. Palomo gave a report from the Executive Committee explaining Proposition No. 63 and Resolution Nos. 18 through 59.

The Administrative Secretary read a letter from the Executive Committee reporting-out Resolution No. 17A.

Discussion was held on the Executive Committee report, and Mr. Frank G. Lujan requested the record show his objection to Mr. Palomo's motion to suspend the rules. Discussion continued on the report.

PROPOSITIONS ON SECOND READING

Resolution No. 25

Mr. Francisco R. Santos moved to suspend the rules to place Resolution No. 25 on the order of third reading and vote immediately. Seconded.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to said motion and it was determined in the affirmative, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Francisco R. Santos moved that said resolution be introduced by all delegates. Seconded.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to said motion and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of the delegates elected to the Convention and present voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Antonio M. Palomo moved to amend said resolution as follows:

Page 1, line 12, strike out the word "she" and insert the words "Mrs. Ruth Ann Gilliam", strike out the word "for" and insert the word "to". Seconded.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to said motion and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of the delegates elected to the Convention and present voting in favor thereof.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to final passage of Resolution No. 25 as amended and it was determined in the affirmative, by unanimous acclamation.

Resolution No. 25 was duly adopted.

Resolution No. 17A

Mr. Antonio M. Palomo moved to place Resolution No. 17A on the order of third reading. Seconded and discussion held thereon.

Mr. James S. Brooks moved to amend said resolution as follows:

Page 2, lines 28, 29, and 30. Beginning with the word "especially" on line 28, delete through line 30.

Seconded and discussion held thereon. Mr. Brooks withdrew his motion.

Mr. Antonio M. Palomo moved to amend said resolution as follows:

Page 2, line 28, strike out the words "the principal" and insert the words "a principal". Seconded.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to said motion and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of the delegates elected to the Convention and present voting in favor thereof. Discussion continued.

Mr. Lorenzo T. Siguenza moved to amend said resolution as follows:

Page 1, line 24, to Page 2, line 30, delete entirely.

Seconded and discussion held thereon. Mr. Siguenza withdrew his motion.

Mr. Gregorio M. Borja moved to amend said resolution as follows:

Page 2, line 27, strike out the words "although perhaps the most convenient site". Seconded.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to said motion and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of the delegates elected to the Convention and present voting in favor thereof. Discussion continued.

Mr. Joseph F. Ada moved to amend said resolution as follows:

Page 1, line 13, strike out the words "is to" and insert the word "might". Seconded.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to said motion and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of the delegates elected to the Convention and present voting in favor thereof. Discussion continued.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to the advancement of said resolution and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of the delegates elected to the Convention and present voting in favor thereof.

Ordered, That Resolution No. 17A be placed on the order of third reading.

Proposition No. 63

Mr. Antonio M. Palomo moved to place Proposition No. 63 on the order of third reading. Seconded and discussion held thereon.

Mr. James S. Brooks moved to amend Section 1 of Proposition No. 63 as follows:

Delete lines 4, 5 and 6 entirely and insert

"Page 1, line 12, delete entirely and insert the words "of the Executive and Legislative branches, and judges, whether elected or appointed."

Page 1, lines 13 through 15, delete entirely."

Seconded and discussion held thereon.

Mr. Joaquin G. Blaz moved to adjourn. Seconded.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to said motion and it was determined in the negative, a majority of the delegates elected to the Convention and present not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Francisco R. Santos moved to recess until Wednesday, June 10, 1970 at 7:00 p.m. Seconded.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to said motion and it was determined in the negative, a majority of the delegates elected to the Convention and present not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Gregorio M. Borja moved to recess until Thursday, June 11, 1970 at 7:00 p.m. Seconded.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to said motion and it was determined in the negative, a majority of the delegates elected to the Convention and present not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. James S. Brooks moved to place Proposition No. 63 in the inactive file. Seconded and discussion held thereon. Mr. Brooks withdrew his motion.

Mr. Antonio M. Palomo moved to delete Section 7 of Proposition No. 63. Seconded and discussion held thereon.

Mr. Joaquin G. Blaz moved to adjourn. Seconded.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to said motion and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of the delegates elected to the Convention and present voting in favor thereof.

The session adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Leonotia J. Miller
Leonotia J. Miller, Recorder

APPROVED BY
Jose C. Quintanilla
JOSE C. QUINTANILLA, VICE-PRESIDENT

Betty S. Guerrero
BETTY S. GUERRERO, SECRETARY