

FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM

Twenty-Ninth General Session - 13 April 1970

A G E N D A

1. Call to order
2. Prayer
3. Roll call and leave of absence
4. Approval of minutes of previous session (27th and 28th)
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 - a. Resolution No. 11
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 - g. Proposition No. 16, Legislative Organization Committee
 - h. Proposition No. 17, Education Committee
 - i. Proposition No. 18, Gubernatorial Powers Committee
 - j. Proposition No. 19, Gubernatorial Powers Committee
 - k. Proposition No. 20, Political Status Committee
 - l. Proposition No. 21, Legislative Powers Committee
 - m. Proposition No. 22, Legislative Powers Committee
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 - o. Proposition No. 24, Bill of Rights Committee
 - p. Proposition No. 25, Gubernatorial Powers Committee
 - q. Proposition No. 26, Political Status Committee
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 - s. Proposition No. 28, Legislative Powers Committee
 - t. Proposition No. 29, Bill of Rights Committee
 - u. Proposition No. 30, Legislative Powers Committee
 - v. Proposition No. 31, Taxation and Finance Committee
8. Reports of committees
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9. Propositions on second reading
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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH GENERAL SESSION

The Twenty-Ninth General Session of the First Constitutional Convention of the Territory of Guam convened at Convention Headquarters at 7:15 p.m., April 13, 1970. 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 . . .

O God of love and mercy we are grateful for all the blessings you have given us since the beginning of this Convention. We are again gathered this evening to exchange our views and our opinions that through the exchange of our ideas greater good may be enjoyed by your people in this territory. Grant us your guidance and assistance that our deliberations, this evening may not tax the well-being of all, rather, that the mutual exchange of our thoughts reflect well our good will for the benefit of all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen".

ROLL CALL AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Tomas F. Mendiola, Rufo L. Calvo, Jose C. Quintanilla, Joe Nededog, Vicente M. Angoco, Joaquin G. Blaz, Jose L. Cepeda, Franklin J. Quitugua, Joe T. San Agustin, Jose P. San Nicolas, Lorenzo T. Siquenza, William A. Flores, Jose R. Rivera, Gregorio M. Borja, Joseph B. Cruz, Francisco R. Santos, Frank G. Lujan, Jose S. Lizaman, James S. Brooks, Antonio M. Palomo, Adrian C. Sanchez, Joseph F. Ada, Tomas T. Aguon, Francisco B. Aguon.

Absent: Howard G. Trapp, David S. Terleje, Charles F. Toves, Jose B. Santos, Pedro A.E. Manibusan, Jesus S. Camacho, Pilar C. Lujan, Betty S. Guerrero, Enrique L.G. Untalan, Jose M. Garrido, Malcolm H. Merrill, Jr., Jose T. Barcinas, Theodore Nelson, Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Robert E. Leon Guerrero, Antonio A. Calvo, Juan G. Blas, Lorenzo C. Leon Guerrero.

A quorum was present. Mr. Juan G. Blas, Mrs. Betty S. Guerrero, Mrs. Pilar C. Lujan and Mr. Enrique L.G. Untalan were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the previous sessions (27th and 28th) be approved.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Joaquin G. Blaz spoke on the matter of quorum; he felt the Convention should take action on the consistent absent delegates.

Mr. Adrian Sanchez spoke in support of Mr. Blaz, and notified the Convention of his change of address.

Mr. Joseph F. Ada, Mr. Joe Nededog and Mr. Gregorio M. Borja also spoke in support of Mr. Blaz. All delegates mentioned above felt that something should be done about the lack of quorum.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSITIONS & RESOLUTIONS & REFERENCES TO COMMITTEE

By direction of the President, the Administrative Secretary gave Resolution No. 11 and Proposition Nos. 11 through 31 first reading.

Resolution No. 11, introduced by the Executive Committee -

RELATIVE TO COMMENDING MRS. MARY CRAGO FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICES AS A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF THE CONVENTION AND TO EXPRESS TO HER THE BEST WISHES OF THE DELEGATES UPON HER DEPARTURE.

Proposition No. 11, introduced by Jose L. Cepeda -

A PROPOSITION TO REPEAL AND REENACT SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 29 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO SET OUT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TERRITORY TO MAINTAIN A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Proposition No. 12, introduced by Francisco B. Aguon -

A PROPOSITION TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 29 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Proposition No. 13, introduced by Joe Nededog -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 9 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO RESTORE PREFERENCE IN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT TO THOSE OF GUAMANIAN ANCESTRY.

Proposition No. 14, introduced by Joe T. San Agustin -

A PROPOSITION TO REPEAL AND REENACT SUBSECTION (b) OF SECTION 29 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO CLARIFY THE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING EDUCATIONAL POLICY IN GUAM.

Proposition No. 15, introduced by Joseph F. Ada -

A PROPOSITION TO ADD SECTION 21-B TO THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO GRANT TO THE VOTERS OF GUAM THE RIGHTS OF INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL.

Proposition No. 16, introduced by Francisco B. Aguon -

A PROPOSITION TO ADD SECTION 6-A TO THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENT COMMISSIONER OF GUAM AND DEFINING HIS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

Proposition No. 17, introduced by Francisco B. Aguon -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND SUBSECTION (r) OF SECTION 5 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO INCREASE THE PERIOD OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Proposition No. 18, introduced by Francisco B. Aguon -

A PROPOSITION TO ADD SECTION 21-C TO THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM REQUIRING THE ADOPTION OF A CODE OF ETHICS.

Proposition No. 19, introduced by Francisco B. Aguon as Chairman of Committee on Gubernatorial Powers -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 19 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO REMOVE THE GOVERNOR'S VETO POWERS.

Proposition No. 20, introduced by Joe T. San Agustin -

A PROPOSITION TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 3 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO DECLARE GUAM A COMMONWEALTH.

Proposition No. 21, introduced by Francisco B. Aguon -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 12 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE LEGISLATURE BEFORE ANY BILL CAN BECOME LAW.

Proposition No. 22, introduced by Francisco R. Santos as Chairman of the Legislative Powers Committee -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 11 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO REMOVE THE TEN PER CENT LIMITATION OF PUBLIC INDEBTEDNESS.

Proposition No. 23, introduced by Antonio M. Palomo -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 3 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO REMOVE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FROM THE SUPERVISION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

Proposition No. 24, introduced by Antonio M. Palomo -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND SUBSECTION (u) OF SECTION 5 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO EXTEND TO GUAM THE TWENTY-FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH AMENDMENT REPEALS PROHIBITION BUT AUTHORIZES THE STATES TO ENACT THEIR OWN LAWS RELATIVE TO CONTROLLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Proposition No. 25, introduced by Antonio M. Palomo -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND THE FIFTH PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 6 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO STRENGTHEN THE POWER OF THE GOVERNOR IN CASES OF DISASTER, INVASION, AND THE LIKE, AND IN DECLARING MARTIAL LAW.

Proposition No. 26, introduced by Adrian C. Sanchez as Chairman of the Committee on Political Status -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 3 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO PROVIDE THAT THE POWERS GIVEN THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IN THE ORGANIC ACT RESIDE NOT IN THE SO-CALLED GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUT IN THE TERRITORY OF GUAM.

Proposition No. 27, introduced by Gregorio M. Borja -

A PROPOSITION TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (c) TO SECTION 13 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO ESTABLISH WITHIN THE LEGISLATURE THE OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN.

Proposition No. 28, introduced by Joaquin G. Blaz as Chairman of the Committee on Taxation and Finance -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 11 TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON PUBLIC INDEBTEDNESS OF GUAM BUT TO REQUIRE THAT NO PUBLIC INDEBTEDNESS BE INCURRED WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM BY WAY OF REFERENDUM.

Proposition No. 29, introduced by Joseph F. Ada as Chairman of the Committee on Bill of Rights -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 5 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO GUARANTEE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION.

Proposition No. 30, introduced by Francisco B. Aguon -

A PROPOSITION TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (a) TO SECTION 19 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM AND TO RENUMBER THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF SAID SECTION 19 TO BE SUBSECTION (b), TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATURE TO CONFINE EACH BILL EXCEPT APPROPRIATION BILLS TO ONE SUBJECT MATTER AND TO LIMIT APPROPRIATION BILLS TO APPROPRIATIONS ONLY.

Proposition No. 31, introduced by Joaquin G. Blaz as Chairman of the Committee on Taxation and Finance -

A PROPOSITION TO REPEAL SUB-ITEMS (1) AND (5) OF SUBSECTION (h) OF SECTION 31 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM, AND TO RENUMBER SUB-ITEMS (2), (3) AND (4) OF SAID SUBPARAGRAPH 1, 2, AND 3, RESPECTIVELY, AND TO AMEND RENUMBERED SUB-ITEM (3), TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL TAX MATTERS INVOLVING THE TERRITORIAL INCOME TAX BE LITIGATED BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. President, reporting for the Executive Committee, announced the appointment of Mr. Gregorio M. Borja as Chairman of the Municipal Government and Development Committee. He noted that Mr. Malcolm H. Merrill, Jr., will remain a member, but Mr. Borja will become Chairman.

Mr. President also announced the following replacements for Mr. Juan M. Tuncap:

Taxation and Finance Committee - - Gregorio M. Borja
Gubernatorial Powers - - - - - Joe Nededog
Legislative Organization - - - - - Francisco R. Santos

By direction of the President, the Administrative Secretary read the report of the joint-committee of Gubernatorial Powers and Taxation and Finance, and the reports of the Style and Drafting Committee.

Mr. President reminded the delegates that propositions submitted by delegates or committees must be introduced by April 20, 1970, and that committee reports must be submitted by April 20, 1970.

Mr. President pointed out the propositions that are over-lue from committees. (Proposition Nos. 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10).

Mr. Francisco R. Santos moved to suspend the rules to place Proposition Nos. 22 and 3 on the order of second reading. Seconded.

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

Ordered, That said propositions be placed on the order of second reading.

Mr. Jose R. Rivera moved to suspend the rules to place Resolution No. 11 on the order of second reading. Seconded.

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

Ordered, That said resolution be placed on the order of second reading.

Mr. Adrian C. Sanchez moved to suspend the rules to place Proposition No. 26 on the order of second reading. Seconded.

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

Ordered, That said proposition be placed on the order of second reading.

Mr. Joseph F. Ada moved to suspend the rules to place Proposition No. 16 on the order of second reading. Seconded.

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

Ordered, That said proposition be placed on the order of second reading.

Mr. Jose L. Cepeda moved to suspend the rules to place all propositions introduced on the agenda on the order of second reading. Seconded.

Discussion was held thereon.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to the advancement of said proposition and it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Jose L. Cepeda moved to suspend the rules to place Proposition No. 11 on the order of second reading. Seconded.

Discussion was held thereon.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to the advancement of said proposition and it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Joe T. San Agustin moved that "the chair" request the Convention Counsel to review the propositions introduced on the agenda, and all propositions relative to those placed on second reading be included 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.

Mr. President requested the Convention Counsel to review the propositions introduced on the agenda for those relative to the propositions placed on the order of second reading. Counsel determined the following be placed on the order of second reading.

Resolution No. 11
Proposition Nos. 2 and 2
Proposition Nos. 22 and 28

Proposition Nos. 26 and 20
Proposition No. 3
Proposition No. 10

PROPOSITIONS ON SECOND READING

By direction of the President, the Administrative Secretary gave Resolution No. 11 second reading.

Mr. Joe Nedelog moved to suspend the rules to place Resolution No. 11 on the order of third reading as amended and immediate action be taken.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to the advancement of and immediate action taken on Resolution No. 11 and it was determined in the affirmative, by unanimous consent.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to the adoption of Resolution No. 11 as amended and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of the delegates elected to the Convention and present voting in favor thereof.

Resolution No. 11 was duly adopted.

By direction of the President, the Administrative Secretary gave Proposition Nos. 6, 2, 22, 28, 26, 20, 3 and 10 second reading.

Mr. Francisco D. Aguon moved that Proposition No. 6 be substituted by Proposition No. 6-A. Seconded.

On Mr. Aguon's motion and by unanimous consent, Proposition No. 6 was substituted by Proposition No. 6-A.

Mr. James S. Brooks moved that Proposition No. 2 be placed in the inactive file.

On Mr. Brooks' motion and by unanimous consent, Proposition No. 2 was ordered to be placed in the inactive file.

Debate was held on Proposition No. 6-A.

Mr. James S. Brooks moved to amend Proposition No. 6 as follows:

Page 1, line 15, after the word "elected" insert the words "from a non-partisan ballot".
Page 1, line 19, strike out the word "four" and insert the word "eight".
Page 1, line 20, strike out the word "four" and insert the word "eight".

Motion seconded, and discussion held thereon.

Mr. Francisco R. Santos moved to amend Mr. Brooks' motion as follows:

Page 1, line 21, after the word "qualified" insert the sentence "No government comptroller may serve more than two consecutive terms".

Motion seconded, and discussion held thereon.

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

Debate was held on Proposition No. 6-A as amended.

Mr. Joseph B. Cruz moved to amend Proposition No. 6-A as follows:

- Page 2, line 2, strike out the word "two" and insert the word "ten".
- Page 2, line 3, strike out the words "a bona fide resident of Guam" and insert "natural born citizens of Guam".
- Page 2, line 5, strike out the word "twenty-five" and insert the word "thirty".

There was no second to said motion, Motion defeated.

Mr. Francisco R. Santos moved to amend Proposition No. 6-A as follows:

- Page 3, line 2, strike out the words "with the concurrence of the Governor".
- Page 3, lines 4 & 5, strike out the words "Comptroller General of the United States" and insert the words "District Court of Guam".
- Page, lines 9, 10 & 11, delete these lines entirely.
- Page 3, line 13, strike out the words "Comptroller General" and insert the words "District Court of Guam".
- Page 3, line 15, strike out the words "District Court of Guam" and insert the words "Court of Appeals of the United States".
- Page 3, line 23, after the word "Interior" insert the words "and to the people of Guam by publications of general circulation".

Motion seconded.

Mr. Jose C. Quintanilla, Vice-President, took the chair.

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. Frank G. Lujan moved to amend Proposition No. 6-A as follows:

- Page 2, line 7 through 16, beginning with the word "at" on line 7, delete through line 16 entirely.

Motion seconded.

Debate held on said motion.

Mr. Lujan withdrew his motion, with the unanimous consent of the Convention.

Mr. Gregorio M. Borja moved to amend Proposition No. 6-A as follows:

Page 2, line 2, strike out the word "two" and insert the word "five".

Page 2, line 3, strike out the words "and a certified".

Page 2, line 4, strike out the words "Public Accountant under the laws of Guam".

Page 2, line 5, strike out the word "twenty-five" and insert the word "thirty".

Motion seconded. Debate held on said motion.

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. James S. Brooks moved to amend Proposition No. 6-A as follows:

Page 2, line 35, strike out the words "the substantial federal revenues which are covered into" and insert the words "all monies".

Page 2, line 36, strike out the words "the treasury".

Motion 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. Adrian C. Sanchez moved to suspend the rules to place Proposition No. 6-A, as amended, on the order of third reading for immediate action. Seconded.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to the advancement of said proposition, and it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Francisco B. Agunon moved to suspend the rules and move to "Propositions on third reading" of the agenda. Seconded.

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

PROPOSITIONS ON THIRD READING

By direction of the President, the Administrative Secretary gave Proposition Nos. 1, 4-A and 5 third reading.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to the final passage of Proposition No. 1 and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the delegates elected to the Convention and present voting in favor thereof.

AYES 22
NOES 2

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Rufo L. Calvo, Jose C. Quintanilla, Joe Nederlog, Vicente M. Angoco, Joaquin G. Blaz, Jose L. Cepeda, Franklin J. Quitugua, Joe T. San Agustin, Jose P. San Nicolas, Lorenzo T. Siguenza, Jose R. Livera, William A. Flores, Gregorio M. Borja, Joseph G. Cruz, Frank G. Lujan, Jose S. Lizama, James S. Brooks, Antonio M. Palomo, Adrian C. Sanchez, Joseph F. Ada, Tomas T. Aguan, Francisco B. Aguan.

Those who voted in the negative were.

Tomas F. Mendiola, Francisco R. Santos.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to the final passage of Proposition No. 4-A and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the delegates elected to the Convention and present voting in favor thereof.

AYES 23
NOES 1

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Joaquin G. Blaz.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to the final passage of Proposition No. 5 and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of the delegates elected to the Convention and present voting in favor thereof.

AYES 24
NOES 00

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Tomas F. Mentiola, Rufo L. Calvo, Jose C. Quintanilla, Joe Nedellog, Vicente M. Angoco, Joaquin G. Blaz, Jose L. Cepelá, Franklin J. Quitugua, Joe T. San Agustin, Jose P. San Nicolas, Lorenzo T. Siguenza, William A. Flores, Jose R. Rivera, Gregorio M. Borja, Joseph B. Cruz, Francisco R. Santos, Frank G. Lujan, Jose S. Lizama, James S. Brooks, Antonio M. Palomo, Adrian C. Sanchez, Joseph F. Ada, Tomas T. Agoun, Francisco B. Agoun.

COMMITTEE NOTICES

Mr. Joe Nedellog announced that the Legislative Organization Committee will meet on Thursday, April 16, 1970, at 3:00 p.m., at Convention Headquarters.

Mr. James S. Brooks announced that the Committee on Style and Drafting will meet on Wednesday, April 15, 1970, at 5:15 p.m., at the Attorney General's Office.

Mr. Joseph F. Ada announced that the Bill of Rights Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 15, 1970, at 7:30 p.m., at Convention Headquarters.

On motion of Mr. Antonio M. Palomo, and by unanimous consent, the Convention recessed until 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 1970.

Recessed at 10:45 p.m.

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Twenty-Ninth General Session
April 16, 1970

The Twenty-Ninth General Session of the First Constitutional Convention of the Territory of Guam met pursuant to recess on Thursday, April 16, 1970, at 7:25 p.m., at Convention Headquarters. 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 ...
O Heavenly Father we acknowledge your supreme dominion over all creation. You are our Lord. We are grateful for the power you have given to all of us; we are grateful for all that you have given to man, things seen and unseen, for man to discover, to conquer, to use. Powerful and responsible through that we are, we still need your continued and sustaining assistance. Please accept our humble prayer and grant what we ask of you. In your love and kindness to mankind guide safely home the three courageous astronauts of Apollo 13, who braving the minute mysteries of outer space, ventured forth to explore for all of us what you have placed there for our benefit, for the enrichment of mankind. Grant to them, their families and all of us the strength that they as well as families and all of us the strength that they as well as us bear well the difficult challenges of our age and times. O loving Father, hear our prayers and that of the whole world for their sake, their families, in the Name of your Son, Our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen".

PROPOSITIONS ON SECOND READING

Mr. Adrian C. Sanchez moved to place Proposition No. 6-A on the order of third reading. Seconded.

Mr. Rufo L. Calvo moved to place Proposition No. 6-A on file until the next session. No second. Motion defeated.

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

Ordered, That said proposition be placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Francisco B. Aguon moved to place Proposition No. 22 in the inactive file. 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.

Ordered, That Proposition No. 22 be placed in the inactive file.

Debate was held on Proposition No. 28.

Mr. Joe T. San Agustin moved to amend Proposition No. 28 as follows:

Page 1, line 16, strike out the word "no".

Page 1, line 16, after the word "That" insert the words "the total annual debt service for".

Page 1, line 16, strike out the word "be".

Page 1, line 17, strike out the word "authorized" and insert the words "not exceed 10% of the total annual territorial expenditures for other public purposes".

Page 1, line 20, after the word "such" insert the word "excess".

Motion seconded and discussion held thereon.

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 the advancement of Proposition No. 28 as amended to the order of third reading and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of the delegates elected to the Convention and present voting in favor thereof.

Ordered, That said Proposition be submitted to the Committee Style and Drafting and placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Adrian C. Sanchez moved to suspend the rules to place Proposition No. 23 on the order of second reading. Seconded.

On Mr. Sanchez's motion, and by unanimous consent, Proposition No. 23 was placed on the order of second reading.

Mr. Joseph B. Cruz moved that Proposition No. 23 be placed in the inactive file. Seconded.

Discussion was held thereon.

Mr. Cruz withdrew his motion, with the unanimous consent of the Convention.

Debate was held on Proposition No. 23.

Mr. Jose R. Rivera took "the chair".

Mr. Adrian C. Sanchez moved to withdraw his motion to place Proposition No. 23 on second reading and place Proposition No. 26 on second reading.

Mr. President ruled that Mr. Sanchez's motion was out of order.

Mr. James S. Brooks appealed the ruling of "the chair".

The ruling of "the chair" was upheld.

Mr. Antonio M. Palomo moved that Proposition No. 23 be returned to the Political Status Committee. 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.

Ordered, That Proposition No. 23 be returned to Political Status Committee.

Debate was held on Proposition No. 3.

Mr. Francisco R. Santos moved to suspend the rules to place Proposition No. 3 on the order of third reading. Seconded.

Discussion held thereon.

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to said motion and it was determined in the negative.

Debate was held on Proposition No. 3.

Mr. James S. Brooks moved to amend Proposition No. 3 as follows:

Page 1, line 10, strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "fifteen".

Motion

Motion seconded, and debate held thereon.

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. Francisco R. Santos moved to place Proposition No. 3 as amended on the order of third reading. Seconded.

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

Ordered, That said proposition be placed on the order of third reading.

Debate was held on Proposition No. 10.

Mr. Joaquin G. Blaz moved to place Proposition No. 10 on the order of third reading. Seconded.

Discussion held thereon.


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

Ordered, That said proposition be placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. James S. Brooks moved to adjourn. Seconded.

Mr. President announced that a video tape will be made of the next session.

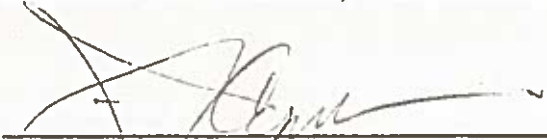
On Mr. Brooks' motion, and by unanimous consent, the Convention adjourned at 9:55 p.m.


Leonotia J. Miller
Recorder

APPROVED BY:



ANTONIO M. PALOMO, President



JOSE L. CEPEDA; Acting Secretary