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FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM

Twenty - Seventh General Session - 30 March 1970

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MINUTES OF MEETING

The Twenty-Seventh General Session of the First Constitutional Convention of the Territory of Guam convened at Convention Headquarters at 7:20 p.m., March 30, 1970. Mr. Antonio M. Palomo, President of the Constitutional Convention, presided. The meeting was called to order.

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... Almighty and eternal God, all power of governing and the rights of peoples are in your hand. Look kindly upon these delegates and grant them your assistance in the work they are to do this evening. May your spirit of charity be theirs so that what they will accomplish be according to your will. This we ask in the Name of your Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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:

Rufo L. Calvo, Jose C. Quintanilla, Joe Nededog, Vicente M. Angoco, Joaquin G. Blaz, Jose L. Cepeda, Joe T. San Agustin, Betty S. Guerrero, Lorenzo T. Siguenza, Jose R. Rivera, Gregorio M. Borja, Joseph B. Cruz, Francisco R. Santos, Frank G. Lujan, James S. Brooks, Antonio M. Palomo, Adrian C. Sanchez, Joseph F. Ada, Tomas T. Aguon, Juan G. Blas, Francisco B. Aguon.

Absent: Tomas F. Mendiola, Howard G. Trapp, David S. Terlaje, Charles F. Toves, Jose B. Santos, Pedro A. E. Manibusan, Franklin J. Quitugua, Pilar C. Lujan, Enrique L. G. Untalan, Jose M. Garrido, Jose P. San Nicolas, Malcolm H. Merrill, Jr., William A. Flores, Jose T. Barcinas, Theodore Nelson, Joaquin V. E. Manibusan, Jose S. Lizama, Robert E. Leon Guerrero, Antonio A. Calvo, Lorenzo C. Leon Guerrero.

A quorum was not present. By direction of the President, the Sergeant-at-Arms went for the absent delegates. The Sergeant-at-Arms returned with Jesus S. Camacho and a quorum was made. Mr. Robert E. Leon Guerrero was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the previous session be approved.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one exercised the privilege of the floor.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSITIONS & RESOLUTIONS & REFERENCES TO COMMITTEE

By direction of the President, the Administrative Secretary gave Proposition Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 first reading.

Proposition No. 7, introduced by Joe T. San Agustin -

A PROPOSITION TO ADD A NEW SECTION 21-B TO THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO AUTHORIZE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN THE TERRITORY OF GUAM.

Proposition No. 8, introduced by Joe T. San Agustin -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND SUBSECTION (c) OF SECTION 9 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO REQUIRE THE CONSENT OF THE LEGISLATURE TO ANY REORGANIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.

Proposition No. 9, introduced by Joaquin G. Blaz on behalf of the Taxation and Finance Committee -

A PROPOSITION TO AMEND SUBSECTION (p) OF SECTION 5 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO AUTHORIZE THE TAXATION OF NON-CHURCH RELATED ACTIVITIES OF CHURCHES AND OTHER SECTARIAN INSTITUTIONS.

Proposition No. 10, introduced by Joseph F. Ada on behalf of the Bill of Rights Committee -

A PROPOSITION TO ADD SUBSECTION (v) TO SECTION 5 OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM TO GUARANTEE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE RIGHT TO KNOW.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Health and Social Services Committee - Mr. Jose Cepeda reported that the Health and Social Services Committee met on March 26, 1970, to discuss Proposition No. 1, which was reported-out favorably.

Style and Drafting Committee - (A copy of the committee's report was distributed.)

Natural Resources Committee - Mr. Lorenzo T. Siguenza, in reference to Proposition Nos. 4 and 5, reported that the committee had made a study and the report is available at Convention Headquarters. Mr. Siguenza moved that Proposition Nos. 4 and 5 be included on the agenda for second reading. Seconded and carried.

PROPOSITIONS ON SECOND READING

By direction of the President, the Administrative Secretary gave Propositions 1, 4 and 5 second reading.

Mr. Jose Rivera moved that Proposition No. 1 be placed in the inactive file. Seconded.

Debate was held thereon.

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.

AYES 9
NOES 12

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Jose C. Quintanilla, Vicente M. Angoco, Jesus S. Camacho, Betty S. Guerrero, Jose R. Rivera, Francisco R. Santos, Frank G. Lujan, Juan G. Blas, Francisco B. Aguon.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Rufo L. Calvo, Joe Nededog, Joaquin G. Blaz, Jose L. Cepeda, Joe T. San Agustin, Lorenzo T. Siguenza, Gregorio M. Borja, Joseph B. Cruz, James S. Brooks, Adrian C. Sanchez, Joseph F. Ada, Tomas T. Aguon.

Mr. Jose Cepeda moved to place Proposition No. 1 on the order of third reading. 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.

AYES 16
NOES 5

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Rufo L. Calvo, Jose C. Quintanilla, Joe Nededog, Vicente M. Angoco, Joaquin G. Blaz, Jesus S. Camacho, Jose L. Cepeda, Joe T. San Agustin, Lorenzo T. Siguenza, Gregorio M. Borja, Joseph B. Cruz, James S. Brooks, Adrian C. Sanchez, Joseph F. Ada, Tomas T. Aguon, Francisco B. Aguon.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Betty S. Guerrero, Jose R. Rivera, Francisco R. Santos, Frank G. Lujan, Juan G. Blas.

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

Mr. Lorenzo T. Siguenza moved that Proposition No. 4 be placed on the order of third reading. Seconded.

Debate was held thereon.

Mr. Joe T. San Agustin moved to amend as follows:

Delete Section 2 in its entirety, and title be amended accordingly. (Page 1, lines 9 - 19) Seconded.

Debate was 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.

Said proposition having been amended,

Mr. President put the question whether the Convention would agree to the advancement of said proposition as amended 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 and submitted to the Committee on Style and Drafting.

Mr. Joe T. San Agustin moved that Proposition No. 5 be placed 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 and submitted to the Committee on Style and Drafting.

PROPOSITION ON SPECIAL ORDER OF SECOND AND THIRD READING

There were none.

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There were none.

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There were none.

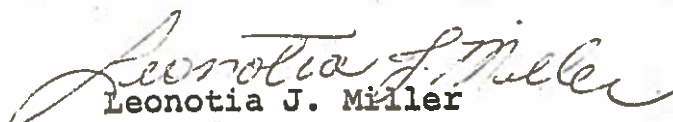
COMMITTEE NOTICES

Mr. James S. Brooks announced that the Committee on Style and Drafting will meet on Wednesday, April 1, 1970, at 5:15 p.m., at the Attorney General's office.

Mr. President announced that the Convention will meet every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m., at Convention Headquarters. Also, that the Executive Committee will meet every Monday at 12 noon, at Convention Headquarters.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.


Leonotia J. Miller
Recorder

APPROVED BY:


ANTONIO M. PALOMO, President


BETTY S. GUERRERO, Secretary