

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATURE POWERS

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Enrique L. G. Untalan, Vice Chairman  
Vicente M. Angoco, Member

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Mr. Untalan stated that they should study the ways and means to enhance Legislative Powers in making further policies and laws.

Mr. Santos stated that the Committee should go back and study the Organic Act and see what the members can incorporate. He asked Mrs. Ruth Gilliam to write a letter to the Legislative Reference Bureau in California and ask them whether they can furnish the Constitutional Convention here with their study on the constitution, emphasizing the part on legislative powers and the organization.

Another subject discussed was the filling in of vacancies. The question by Mr. Untalan was whether the Legislative body have the power to fill vacancies without any other election in the absence of one legislator. He also asked whether they have to wait until 3 people are absent before they can be filled. This subject will be discussed further on the next meeting.

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Mr. Santos stated that a policy will be established for every member to be present and that they should be prompt so the meeting can start at the exact time. By adhering to this policy, everyone can go home by 9:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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