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Jesus A. Sonoda	3
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Alonzo Igisomar	5
Miguel Kileleman	5
Oscar C. Rasa	5
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Jose R. Lifoifoi	6
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Misael H. Ogo	Rota

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Representative Alonzo Igisomar

Members: Senator Julian S. Calvo
Senator Herman R. Guerrero
Senator John U. Hofschneider
Representative Jose R. Lifoifoi
Representative Pedro T. Nakatsukasa
Representative Joaquin P. Villanueva

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THE SENATE
FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1978

FIRST DAY

Monday, January 9, 1978

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Senate of the First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, First Regular Session, 1978, was called to order at 2:35 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Susupe, Saipan, Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Erwin D. Canham, Temporary Chairman, presided.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Senate Clerk called the roll, and all nine members were present.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

"WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proclaimed the ninth day of January, 1978, as the effective date of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands; and,

"WHEREAS, the elected officials of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will take and subscribe the Oath of Office prescribed in the Constitution on that date; and,

"WHEREAS, it is necessary, desirable, and proper that there be an orderly process and procedure for the inauguration of the Senators and the Representatives of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature and for the organization of the two Houses and for the adoption of temporary rules;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE BY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION:

"Section 1.(a). The Senate and the House of Representatives shall convene in joint session for the purpose of the inauguration of the Senators and the Representatives on January 9, 1978, at 1:30 p.m. in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.

"(b). The Presiding Officer of the joint session shall be the Honorable Erwin D. Canham.

"(c). The Oath of Office prescribed in the Constitution shall be administered to the Senators-elect and to the Representatives-elect by Judge Smith.

"(d). The Oath shall first be administered en masse to the Senators-elect and immediately following to the Representatives-elect. In the event that a Senator-elect or a Representative-elect is unable to be present at the time and place prescribed above for the taking of the Oath, Judge Smith may administer the Oath to any such absent members-elect at any subsequent hour and place on Saipan January 9, 1978. Thereafter, any Senator-elect or Representative-elect who has not taken and subscribed to the Oath of Office prescribed in the Constitution may do so in the manner prescribed in the Constitution. Each Senator and Representative shall subscribe to the Oath immediately after taking it, and the copy of such subscription shall be filed with the Attorney General.

"(e). At the joint session the Presiding Officer may introduce distinguished guests, make and authorize the making by appropriate officials of brief remarks on this historic occasion, and no other business of the two Houses meeting in joint session shall be in order. At the conclusion of the inauguration and ceremonies attendant upon the inauguration of the Senators and the Representatives, the Presiding Officer shall dissolve the joint session.

"Section 2.(a). The Senate and the House of Representatives shall meet in the Senate Chamber and the House Chamber respectively on January 9, 1978 at 2:15 p.m. for their initial organizational meetings.

"(b). The temporary chairman of the Senate shall be the Honorable Erwin D. Canham. The temporary chairman of the House of Representatives shall be Roger St. Pierre, Esquire.

"(c). The respective temporary chairmen of the Senate and the House shall first invite the members present and the guests to join in a silent moment of prayer. Each chairman shall then determine the presence of a qucrum by calling the roll of the members.

"(d). The first order of business shall be the introduction and consideration of Concurrent Resolution 1 of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature which shall be considered without debate or amendment.

"(e). The second order of business shall be the election of a Speaker of the House of Representatives and of a President of the Senate. The election shall be decided by secret ballot without debate. Immediately upon the election of the Speaker and the President, respectively, each shall assume the duties of the Chair without delay.

"(f). The third order of business shall be the adoption of temporary rules. In the event that the members of the respective Houses are unable to agree on the temporary rules at the expiration of forty minutes of debate, the rules of the Congress of Micronesia not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands shall be used temporarily, and the Presiding Officer of the respective House shall appoint a committee of three members to consider further temporary rules and to report back to their respective House their recommendations.

"(g). The fourth order of business shall be the election of the other officers of the House of Representatives and of the Senate of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. In the event that either House has not adopted temporary rules establishing the officers of that House, it shall be in order nonetheless to elect the following officers: In the House of Representatives, a Vice Speaker and a Floor Leader; and in the Senate, a Vice President and a Floor Leader.

"(h). The fifth order of business shall be a motion to adjourn subject to the call of the Chair which motion shall be adopted without debate.

"Section 3. The Speaker and the President shall appoint a joint committee of notification, to consist of themselves, ex officio, the other officers, ex officio, and three Representatives and three Senators designated by the Speaker and the President respectively, to notify the Governor that the two Houses have been convened and are ready to perform their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Constitution.

"Section 6. This Concurrent Resolution 1 of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature shall be certified as to its adoption by the Senate and the House of Representatives by the respective Presiding Officers.

"Section 7. The staff of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature who were employed as of the day preceding the effective date of the Constitution shall serve as temporary staff of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature and such temporary appointments and any reappointment shall be done in a manner consistent with the Constitution and the Schedule on Transitional Matters.

"Section 8. The effective date of this Concurrent Resolution 1 is the time of the convening of the joint session prescribed in Section 1(a) of this Concurrent Resolution.

"Speaker, House of Representatives

"President, Senate

"MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

"We, the undersigned, Senators-elect and Representatives-elect to the NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE, in order to assure an orderly convening of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the historic and proud occasion of the inauguration of the members of the Legislature and the organization of the two Houses, and to assure that all requirements of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands and its Schedule on Transitional Matters are met, adopt the attached proposed Concurrent Resolution.

"HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Congressmen-elect	SENATE Senators-elect
Manases S. Borja	/s/ Julian S. Calvo
/s/ Jesus S. DL. Guerrero	/s/ Serafin M. Dela Cruz
/s/ Antonio S. Guerrero	/s/ Hilario F. Diaz
Alonzo Igisomar	/s/ Lorenzo I. Guerrero
Miguel I. Kileleman	/s/ Herman R. Guerrero
/s/ Serafina R. King	/s/ John U. Hofschneider
Jose R. Lifoifoi	/s/ Joseph S. Inos
Pedro T. Nakatsukasa	/s/ Benjamin T. Manglona
/s/ Misael H. Ogo	/s/ Pedro P. Tenorio
/s/ Oscar C. Rasa	
/s/ Jesus S. Sonoda	

Plasido M. Tagabuel

Felicidad Ogumoro

Joaquin P. Villanueva"

Senator Benjamin Manglona moved for the adoption of Concurrent Resolution No. 1; Senator Herman R. Guerrero seconded the motion, and the motion carried by voice vote.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Senator Hilario Diaz: Mr. Chairman, I hereby nominate Senator Herman R. Guerrero for President of the Senate.

Senator John U. Hofschneider seconded the nomination.

Senator Julian Calvo: I nominate Senator Larry I. Guerrero for President of the Senate.

Senator Benjamin Manglona seconded the nomination.

Senator S. Dela Cruz: Mr. Chairman, I nominate Senator Pete Tenorio for President.

Senator Pedro Tenorio declined his nomination.

Senator B. Manglona moved that the nominations be closed; Senator J. Calvo seconded the motion, and the motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman E. Canham: I believe that under the Concurrent Resolution which you have adopted, the selection is to be by a secret ballot. There are two nominations before you: Senator Herman R. Guerrero and Senator Lorenzo I. Guerrero. You have, I believe, pads before you. Would you kindly use them for your ballot and fold it and have the Clerk bring it here, or the Clerk, at your pleasure, can examine and tell you the ballots.

The results of the election for President are as follows: Senator L. I. Guerrero - five votes;Senator H. R. Guerrero - four votes. Senator Lorenzo I. Guerrero was elected President of the Senate. (Applause)

Chairman E. Canham: Senator Guerrero, you may resume the Chair.

President L. Guerrero took over the Chair.

President L. Guerrero: First of all, I would like to thank my colleagues for the vote of confidence you have given me and I'll fulfill my duty as your President-elect here in the Senate. The next order of our business is the adoption of our Temporary Rules of Procedure for the Senate. At this time, I would entertain a motion for it.

ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULES

Senator H. R. Guerrero moved for the adoption of the Temporary Rules; Senator B. Manglona seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.

ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS

President L. Guerrero: The next order of our agenda is the election of our Vice President for the Senate.

Senator B. Manglona: Mr. President, I move to nominate Senator Pedro P. Tenorio as Vice President of the Senate.

Senator J. Calvo seconded the motion.

Senator H. Diaz: Mr. President, I hereby nominate Senator Herman R. Guerrero for Vice President of the Senate.

Senator S. Dela Cruz seconded the nomination.

Senator J. Calvo moved that the nominations be closed; Senator B. Manglona seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.

President L. Guerrero: We are voting for Vice President of the Senate and the candidates are as follows: Senator Pedro P. Tenorio and Senator Herman R. Guerrero.

The results of the election for Vice President are as follows: Senator P. P. Tenorio - five votes; Senator H. R. Guerrero - four votes. Senator Pedro P. Tenorio was elected Vice President of the Senate. (Applause)

President L. Guerrero: Now we are voting for the Floor Leader.

Senator P. Tenorio: Mr. President, I nominate Senator Benjamin Manglona for Floor Leader.

Senator J. Calvo seconded the nomination.

Senator H. Diaz: I nominate Senator Herman R. Guerrero.

There was a second to the nomination.

Senator J. Calvo moved that the nominations be closed. There was a second to the motion, and the motion carried by voice vote.

President L. Guerrero: We are now voting for Floor Leader.

The results of the election for Floor Leader are as follows: Senator B. Manglona - five votes; Senator H. R. Guerrero - four votes. Senator Benjamin T. Manglona was elected Floor Leader of the Senate. (Applause)

President L. Guerrero: Gentlemen, that concludes the election of our officers for the Senate. At this time, I would like to entertain a motion for adjournment.

Senator H. Guerrero: I'll yield the Floor to Senator Manglona if he has anything to say.

Senator B. Manglona: No. It's just for a motion, Senator.

Senator H. Guerrero: Therefore, I move that the Senate recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

There were several seconds to the motion, and the motion carried by voice vote.

President L. Guerrero declared the Senate recessed at 2:50 p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Luis S. Camacho
Acting Senate Clerk
The Senate