

SIXTEENTH DAY

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Killion called the Fourth FSM Constitutional Convention to order at 10:47 a.m., Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

President Killion: I now call our session to order. May we stand for a moment of silent prayer.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

ROLL CALL

Chief Clerk Reyes called the roll, 22 delegates are present.

(Absent Delegate Mori and Delegate Fritz. Both are excused)

President Killion: Thank you Secretary. For the record, Delegate Mori and Delegate Fritz are hereby excused. So therefore, we have a quorum to transact business. Moving on to Item 4, Adoption of the Journal. Mr. Floor leader.

ADOPTION OF JOURNAL

Floor Leader Yatilman: Good morning, Mr. President and Good morning to everyone. Our recording system malfunctioned yesterday and so the Secretary and staff are working hard in consultation with those people who were speaking yesterday to reconstruct the Journal for yesterday's session. So, we need your cooperation as they come around to talk to you to at least get a gist of what your statements were yesterday. So, Mr. President, there is no Journal to adopt this morning. So, if I may move that we defer action until later, Mr. President.

Delegate Martin: Second.

President Killion: Thank you very much. It's been moved and seconded that we defer action on the Journal of yesterday's session. Any discussion? No

discussion, let's vote. All those in favor of the motion say Aye? All those opposed say Nay? Motion carried.

The motion carried by voice vote of Delegates.

President Killion: Moving on to Item No. 5.

Delegate Susaia: Mr. President.

President Killion: Yes, Delegate Susaia.

Delegate Susaia: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to make a motion for us to suspend the Order of Business from Item No. 5 and move all the way to Item No. 14.

Delegate Sitan: Second.

President Killion: I call for a short recess.

President Killion declared the Convention recessed at 10:52 a.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

RECESS

The Convention reconvened at 10:53 a.m.

President Killion: Our session is now back to order. Delegate Susaia.

Delegate Susaia: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to make an amendment to my motion to suspend the Order of Business from Item No. 5 to Item No. 11.

Delegate Martin: Second.

President Killion: Okay, it's been moved and seconded that we suspended the Items from Item No. 5 to Item No.11. Any discussion? It's understood that it's been explained. So, all those in favor of the motion say Aye? All those opposed say Nay? Motion carried.

The motion carried by voice vote of Delegates.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None

FIRST READING OF COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

None

SECOND READING OF COMMITTEE PROPOSALS.

None

FINAL READING OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

None

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

None

INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL OF DELEGATE PROPOSALS AND
RESOLUTIONS

President Killion: So now we are on Item No. 12. Chief Clerk.

Chief Clerk Reyes: For Item No. 12, for Introduction and Referral of Delegate Proposals and Resolutions, please refer to REFERRAL SHEET NO. 4-12.

President Killion: Okay, please note the referral sheet on that particular resolution or matter.

SPECIAL ORDERS

President Killion: Item No.13, Special Orders.

Chief Clerk Reyes: None, Mr. President.

President Killion: Thank you.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

President Killion: Miscellaneous Business. Does any Delegate have any Miscellaneous Business to discuss, to raise at this moment? I guess we're all happy and ...

Floor Leader Yatilman: Mr. President.

President Killion: Yes, Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Yatilman: Thank you, Mr. President. I know after the Plenary yesterday, the Officers met and I wonder whether the discussions that we had merits sharing with all Delegates or no?

President Killion: I move for a short recess.

President Killion declared the Convention recessed at 10:55 a.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

RECESS

The Convention reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

President Killion: Our session is now back to order. We are now on Miscellaneous Business. Yes, Chairman Sitan.

Delegate Sitan: Yes, I have one provided that Delegate Susaia doesn't have another.

President Killion: No, he can have another too.

Delegate Sitan: I think given that the Congress will have a Special Session on the 5th of March, I suggest that during that 5-day period, we focus on Committee Meetings. I want to thank our Legal Counsel for showing us, it takes us almost 5 days to work and get a proposal approved. Given that information, I think we should focus on Committee Meetings. Thank you.

President Killion: Thank you very much, Chairman Sitan for that comment. It is well taken. I think this is the way we're moving.

Delegate Susaia: President.

President Killion: Yes, Delegate Susaia.

Delegate Susaia: Thank you, Mr. President. I agree with the concern raised by Delegate Sitan provided that those 5 days, if our Legal Counsel can give her advice. It won't be counted as session days, right?

Say something. Don't just

President Killion: Now we're on session. Let's declare a short recess please.

President Killion declared the Convention recessed at 11:03 a.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

RECESS

The Convention reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

President Killion: Our session is now back to order. Any other Miscellaneous Business from Delegates? If none, Announcements?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any announcements from the Committee Chairs?

Delegate Sitan: Mr. President.

President Killion: Yes, Chairman Sitan.

Delegate Sitan: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I want to remind everyone that our hearing with Finance, MRA, NORMA and other relevant agencies from National Government, we will have it here, today at 2:30 p.m. Please be here. I also extended invitations to all Delegates to be here if you are available. Thank you.

President Killion: Thank you very much, Chairman Sitan. So 2:30 here? This place at 2:30 p.m. for your Committee on these matters.

Delegate Sitan: Yes, 2:30 p.m. here and I forgot one. Please make sure our staff call the Offices. Because I met one of those guys last night and he said, "He was not aware of it." Thank you.

President Killion: Okay, shall be noted and done. We'll call them to remind them. Short recess.

President Killion declared the Convention recessed at 11:08 a.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

RECESS

The Convention reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

President Killion: Now we're back to session, Chairman Sitan.

Delegate Sitan: Yeah, thank you very much. I want to announce that it's not 2:30 p.m., it's 1:00 o'clock. And we will look for some lunch to bring here.

President Killion: Okay. 1:00 o'clock has been clarified for the Committee on Public Finance, and it's going to be here. Hopefully some kind of lunch will be given; so, the staff should be working on that. Thank you. Any other announcements? Yes, Chairman Nabeyan.

Delegate Nabeyan: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Government Structures and Functions will not be meeting today. We will have our next meeting on Friday at the same time slot at 2:30 p.m. The new item on the agenda will be the proposals on the Office of the Independent Prosecutor. We will begin working on that and will also resume the pending work on all the business on our agenda. Thank you.

President Killion: Thank you very much, Chairman Nabeyan. So, your Committee on Government Structures and Functions is scheduled to meet on Friday at 2:30? Yes. Thank you very much. Any other announcements by any of the Chairs? Yes, Chairperson Sigrah.

Delegate Sigrah: Thank you very much, Mr. President. The Committee on General Provisions will meet tomorrow, Thursday, February 27th at 1:00 p.m. at the Congress Committee Hearing Room. We will be wrapping up our discussion of several proposals on the threshold issue and begin discussing any other proposals, which is about 10 or more that were referred to our Committee. So please come, we have arranged for our lunch tomorrow. Thank you.

President Killion: Thank you very much, Chairperson Sigrah. So tomorrow, Thursday at 1:00 o'clock Committee on General Provisions will meet here. Okay, any other announcements? Yes, Chairman Albert.

Delegate Albert: Your Committee on Civil Liberties will be meeting on Friday at 8:30 a.m. as usual. We will try to have our Legal Counsel provide us the amendments that we requested prior so we can review before the meeting. That's on Dual Citizenship. Thank you.

President Killion: Thank you very much, Chairman Albert. I presume that it's the usual 8:30 a.m. on Friday for the Committee on Civil Liberties and Customs. Okay, thank you. Any other announcements?

Delegate Palsis: Mr. President.

President Killion: Yes, Chairman Palsis.

Delegate Palsis: Yes, I am calling a short meeting for the Kosrae Delegation immediately after the session today. Thank you.

President Killion: Alright, it shall be noted. The Kosrae Delegation will meet immediately right after this morning session. Any others? If none, Mr. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Yatilman: Mr. President, I move that we adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Delegate Cantero: Second.

President Killion: It's been moved and seconded that we stand in recess until tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. If no objection, we shall be in recess. Thank you.

President Killion declared the Convention in recess at 11:13 a.m., until tomorrow, Thursday, February 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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