

**THIRD CHUUK STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**  
**Committee on Style & Arrangement**  
**Weno, Chuuk State**  
**Federated States of Micronesia**

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SCR No. : 3-34  
COMMITTEE : S & A  
DATE : 09/27/04

The Honorable Camillo Noket  
President  
Third State Constitutional Convention  
Weno, Chuuk State, FM 96942

Dear Mr. President:

Your Committee on Style and Arrangement, to which was referred Committee Proposal No.3-34;CD1, entitled:

"A COMMITTEE PROPOSAL amending Section Article V of the Chuuk State Constitution, by changing the bicameral Legislature to an unicameral legislature.",

begs leave to report as follows:

**I. RECOMMENDATION:**

Your Committee recommends that the Convention pass this Committee Proposal No. 3-34;CD1, in third and final reading, with all the changes made hereto, as shown on the proposal itself and designated as a Style and Arrangement Committee Draft One, which constitute the entire work on your Committee on this referenced proposal. It is also the recommendation of your Committee that this report is also adopted, as well.

**II. ANALYSIS:**

A. History.

This was originally Delegate Proposal No. 3-93, to change the current "two house" legislature into only "one House". In comparing this proposal with Committee proposal No. 3-27,CD3, the only difference is the way the members are elected, and a number of minor aspects of Article V on the

Legislative Branch, otherwise both of them seem to have a common purpose: reduce cost by down-sizing and other related matters.

#### B. Findings.

Your Committee, in its review of this proposal, has discovered a number of discrepancies that need clarity and structural arrangement in their grammatical forms. Some of them concern conformity in all their use throughout the Constitution, while some relate only to showing the intents of the proposals as passed by the Convention prior to transmission to your Committee on Style and Arrangement. Still others have to do with the proper use of phrases, words, and spellings which, if not corrected, could create substantial deviations from the original purposes and intents thereof. Finally, these changes being made herein are what your Committee feels the best it can come up with in doing its best for our Third Constitutional Convention, and for the people of Chuuk State, for a better future.

#### C. Amendments.

All of the changes discussed above are reflected on the proposal itself, which is attached hereto as Style and Arrangement Committee Draft One, or designated as SAD1, as follows:

- 1) Page 1, line 22, delete "(a)", as there is no subsection (b) in this proposal, so there should be no "(a)".
- 2) Page 1, line 23, page 4, line 22, page 8, line 18: capitalize "legislature" (as in Legislature);
- 3) Page 1, line 24, page 4 line 1: change "Senatorial Region" to "geographical region", to conform to usage elsewhere.
- 4) Page 2, line 7, insert comma after "Wonei"; line 11, capitalize satowan as in "Satowan:'
- 5) Page 3, line 18, change comma after "Speaker" to a period, as it is the end of the sentence.
- 6) Page 4, line 19, replace "S" to "subsection", because as a matter of style, symbols should not

be used in the place of words in a constitution; also, the words "these section" should be "this section" instead.

- 7) Page 4, line 16, and page 9, capitalize "constitution (with a capital "C"), to conform with style in the rest of the Constitution; line 31-32, replace "both of the presiding officers" with "Speaker", since this is a unicameral legislature, with only one presiding officer, the "Speaker";
- 8) Page 5, line 6, capitalize "commission", as in "Commission", as a proper name and for conformity with the rest of the Constitution; line 15, put a period after "commission" and add
- 9) Page line 11, delete comma after first "Legislature"; line 13, delete comma after "Legislature" as unneeded. line 21, delete "and", as no longer needed because of other changes; line 26, change "Legislature" No-to Legislature:". No as inadvertently omitted punctuation.

As started above, these changes are all reflected on the subject proposal itself, which is attached to this report for reference.

### III. CONCLUSION.

Your Committee recommends that this proposal with all these changes be passed in third and final reading, together with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

#### STYLE & ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE:

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