

**COMMITTEE
ON
CIVIL LIBERTIES AND TRADITIONS
THIRD CHUUK STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

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REF. DP.NO. 3-44**

The Honorable Camillo Noket
President, 3rd Constitutional Convention
Chuuk State Government
Weno, Chuuk State, FM 96942

Dear President Noket:

Your Committee on Civil Liberties and Traditions to which was assigned **Delegate Proposal No. 3-44** entitled:

"To amend Article XI of the Chuuk State Constitution, by adding a new Section 5 relating to the protection of intellectual property rights, to renumber the subsequent sections accordingly, to provide for a different way to recall elected officials."

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION

Your Committee is in full support of the delegate proposal as is now changed to **Committee Proposal No. 3-01**, and hereby recommends its passage as well as the adoption of this report. However, it should be noted that the attached proposal and the committee report were deferred for further action.

II. FINDINGS

The proposal is a new subject and is never a part of the state constitution. Its purpose is to safeguard the

intellectual property rights of individuals. Furthermore, it ensures that fair and just compensations are accorded to the owners for the uses of such rights.

Your committee finds it very necessary and truly essential for the state government to protect such rights of its citizens. The proposed intellectual property rights have the same fundamental principle as the doctrine of copyright and patent. The doctrine is acceptable worldwide and there is no reason for the state to act otherwise.

Your committee firmly believes that if we are to protect such rights, then individuals would be encouraged to explore deeper for new inventions, and intellectual property rights inherited from our ancestors would be fully secured and well respected. However, as this is a new idea and is a delicate matter, it should be more appropriate if its specific details are enacted through statute by the Legislature.

Last but not the least, as the committee proposal inserts a new section 5, then the subsequent sections are also affected. As such, the affected original sections t, 6 and 7 are hereby renumbered as sections 6, 7 and 8 respectively.

III. AMENDMENTS

Listed below are the committee's proposed amendments to the proposal. They are as follows:

1. In the title, line 2, insert "and" after the ",".
2. In the title, line 3, delete everything after the ",", except the "."
3. Page 1, line 1, change "IX" to "XI"
4. Page 1, line 5, add close quotation at the end of the "."
5. Page 1, line 6, add "Amendment." After "2", insert "hereby" after "are", and delete "accordingly" and in lieu thereof insert "as sections 6,7 and 8 respectively".

IV. CONCLUSION

