

An Alternative Approach to the Selection of Members and Directors. The United States Policy Statement would vest substantial control over the transfer and administration of the public lands in the District Legislature. We believe that the Legislature might properly delegate these powers to the corporation, with members and directors to be chosen in the manner described above.

However, the District Legislature is itself a democratically elected body representative of the people of the Marianas. Accordingly, it would also be appropriate to organize and structure the corporation around the Legislature. This could be done by providing that the members of the District Legislature shall constitute the entire membership of the corporation; this representative body of members could then in turn directly elect the board of directors of the corporation.

This procedure would be subject to the danger that a narrow majority of the Legislature could elect an entire slate of directors, thus preventing adequate minority representation on the corporation's board. This problem could be overcome by providing for cumulative voting such that any group of at least, for example, 20 percent of the Legislature could be certain of electing one director. An alternative approach would be to provide simply that every member of the Legislature would be both a member of