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Notes for Joint Drafting Committee Meeting

General

- timing of round
- results of Hawaii meeting
- EDLGP coming to Washington
- status of Joint Committee talks
- DistAd veto message
- Ex Order transferring land
- land negotiating committee report
- military retention land response

Items Worth Discussing in November 1 Joint Working Draft

- § 105(b) (mutual consent lists): further U.S. position?
- MPSC § 105(c) (method of giving mutual consent): acceptable?
- § 202 (U.S. approval of NMI Constitution): further U.S. position? (see also § 1003)
- § 203 (d) (NMI court system compatible): why need in view of supremacy clause?

- § 501 (a) (U.S. Constitution applicability):
why not drop references to Congressional power?
- § 502 (formula): further U.S. position on intra-Marianas matters or technical feasibility?
- § 503(a)(2) (fishing laws): U.S. confirm with customs that these are not picked up by formula because not applicable to Guam and so state in legislative history and we'll drop.
- § 504 (citizenship/nationality in re shipping/maritime laws): U.S. commit to seek legislation and handle problem and we'll drop.
- §§ 601, 602 (tax): response from Treasury? begin work on draft implementing bill for 602? time of effectiveness of 602?
- § 603 (b)(2) (customs): prepared to drop MPSC § 603(c) in view of explanation.
- § 603 (c) (NMI goods entering U.S. customs territory): MPSC wording acceptable?
- §605 (social security): further U.S. position promised.
- §606 (b) (limit on indebtedness): if U.S. takes our wording, we'll state in legislative history that such limits might be agreed to with respect to future multi-year periods of assistance.

- § 702 (c) (use federal funds to match): further U.S. position?

- Article VIII (Property): we have new discussion draft of Article, other than land alienation restraints and future U.S. acquisition.

- § 902 (consultation): U.S. response to our latest proposal?

- § 1001(b) (method of U.S. approval): ours OK if make clear enactment can be by joint resolution?

- § 1002 (establishment of Commonwealth): why need anything more than our § 1006, second sentence?

- § 1004 (effective dates): we have a revised draft with some technical wording changes and a few substantive changes.

Other

- HM and MSH meet Friday to implement agreements; another Joint Drafting Committee meeting next (Tuesday?)

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