

Planning for An
Initial Legislative
Program in the future
Marianas Commonwealth

- A. Review of current Trust Territory Code, Marianas laws and regulations to determine if they can be used on an interim basis, at least in part, by the new Commonwealth Government. The following factors must be considered:
1. Separation of Marianas from the remainder of the TTPI;
 2. New organization of Commonwealth Government;
 3. Applicability of Federal laws; and
 4. Adequacy of the TTPI Code, Marianas laws and implementing regulations.
- B. Identification and preparation of legislation necessary to implement the new Constitution, especially those laws required to create and fund the new agencies of government.
- C. Identification of other substantive areas of high priority where the drafting of initial legislative proposals for the new Legislature would be desirable. Careful consideration should be given, in light of the above studies, to subjects such as the following:
1. Law enforcement and criminal law;
 2. Taxation;
 3. Economic development (including foreign investment);
 4. Zoning and land use problems (including land alienation);
 5. Corporation law (including securities);
 6. Banking;
 7. Education;
 8. Housing and welfare programs; and
 9. Regulation of intra-Commonwealth transportation and commerce.

In each of these areas, sufficient study is required to enable a reasonable judgment to be made regarding (1) whether legislation in the area at the first session is either required or highly desirable; (2) if not, whether pre-existing law should be continued or some other interim measure adopted; and (3) if legislation is required, what alternative proposals should be presented to the members of the Legislature for their consideration.