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Committee on Governmental Institutions, Meeting No. 1

Time: 10:00 a.m., October 19, 1976  
Place: Keio Restaurant  
Present: All members, consultants Willens, Koffsky and Weisburd

After chairman Mafnas opened the meeting, Mr. Willens made various recommendations as to the Committee's method of proceeding. Delegate Calvo suggested that the Committee could dispose of its business more expeditiously if it divided itself into subcommittees. Delegate Cruz and Delegate Torres each responded that use of subcommittees would involve needless duplication. A motion was made and seconded that the Committee should, for the time being, meet as a whole. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee further agreed that the subjects within its jurisdiction should be treated in the order Washington Representative, Judicial Branch, Legislative Branch, Executive Branch. The consultants were directed to prepare a schedule of the Committee's work, allowing for completion of the Committee's assignment within three weeks, each of the briefing papers to be considered initially during the first ten days of this period, the remainder of the time being devoted to resolution of complex issues. It was also suggested that, as

the Committee reached decisions, draft language reflecting these decisions should be passed on to the Committee of the Whole. Chairman Mafnas asked the consultants to prepare an agenda for the discussion of Washington Representation. It was agreed to postpone discussion of public hearings and to dispense with the recording of minutes. The Committee then recessed, after agreeing to reconvene at 2 p.m., October 19, to begin consideration of Washington Representation.