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Agenda for Discussion of
Washington Representation in Committee
on Governmental Institutions

This agenda identifies the issues in outline form which should be considered by the Committee in discussing the subject of Washington representation for the new Commonwealth. The references are to the pages of Briefing Paper No. 6.

A. Should the Constitution create the office of resident representative of the Northern Marianas people in Washington, D.C.? (pp. 7-8.)

B. If so, what type of constitutional languages should be adopted?

Alternative 1: General provision permitting the legislature to establish the office of Washington representative? (pp. 8-9.)

Alternative 2: Specific provision creating the office of Washington representative and prescribing details about the office? (pp. 9-15.)

(a) How will the representative be selected?
(pp. 9-12.)

- (i) appointment by the governor;
- (ii) appointment by the governor with the advice and consent of the legislature;
- (iii) election by the legislature;
- (iv) popular election;

- (b) What will be the representative's term of office? (pp. 12-15.)
 - (i) a two-year term;
 - (ii) two-years subject to change by the legislature;
 - (iii) other than two-year term (subject to change or not);
- (c) What qualifications should be required of the representative? (p. 15.)
- (d) What duties should be assigned to the representative? (p. 15.)