

June 5, 1995

Memorandum for the Chair, Committee on Land and Personal Rights

From: Legal team

Re: Issues before the Committee with Respect to Article I,  
Personal Rights

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As of June 5, 1995, counsel had received 6 proposals to amend Article I dealing with personal rights. These proposals cover the following subjects:

1. Capital punishment: One proposal received by counsel suggests deleting the ban on capital punishment now included in Article I, Section 4(i). This would allow the legislature to impose capital punishment if it chose.

2. Quartering soldiers: One proposal received by counsel suggests expanding the protection against quartering soldiers in private homes to include militia as well as regular troops.

3. Abortion: Three proposals received by counsel suggest deleting the provision with respect to abortion on the ground that the Attorney General has reached the conclusion that it is unconstitutional.

4. Legislative: Counsel has suggested that some of the language in Article I, Section 9, with respect to a clean and healthful environment is legislative in nature and might be deleted.