

June 5, 1995

Memo for the Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected
Offices

From: Legal Team

Re: Issues before the Committee with respect to Article V,
Washington Representation

This memorandum lists the issues raised by Article V in order ranked by their apparent complexity or controversial nature, with the least complex and controversial first. The order also suggests issues that may logically flow one to another.

As of June 5, 1995, counsel had received 5 proposals to amend Article V.

The categories of issues are:

1. Termination of the office altogether: One proposal suggests phasing out the office of Washington Representative altogether.
2. Splitting the office: One proposal suggests splitting the office of the Washington Representative into two offices. The first would be a representative of the Executive Branch appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The second would be an elected representative if Congress ever authorizes a voting member or non-member delegate from the Commonwealth.
3. Appointed versus elected: Two proposals would change the Washington Representative from an appointed to an elected position.
4. Updating: There is transition language in the current provision that could be removed for updating reasons.