

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 XIV,  
Natural Resources

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This memorandum lists the issues raised by sections within Article XIV. As of June 5, 1995, counsel had received three proposals to amend Article XIII.

1. Jurisdiction over marine resources: One proposal suggests amending the provision with respect to the Commonwealth's jurisdiction over marine resources to delete the phrase "under United States law".

2. Exploitation of marine mineral resources: One proposal would vest in the Governor the authority to grant licenses or permission to mine or recover marine mineral resources off the shores of the Commonwealth, and would require the proceeds to be used for specified purposes.

3. Marine sanctuaries: One proposal would designate the Grotto and Bird Island as marine sanctuaries.