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- (2) Plenary sessions are scheduled for Monday morning and Thursday morning. This will help move amendments through the process. We think you may not want to schedule for the same day the discussion and vote (on first reading) in the Committee of the Whole and the following discussion (if any) and vote (on first reading) on the floor. We have scheduled those for different days to allow the delegates some time to think about the debates.
- (3) Committee meetings are scheduled in different time slots each day so no committee will have more meetings in less desirable time slots than any other committee.
- (4) Three public hearings are scheduled. The Judiciary Committee will be ready for a public hearing on education on Wednesday. This is a "preview" public hearing before the Committee has done any work on the article. The Legislative Branch Committee and Executive Branch Committees will be ready for hearings on Article 2 and Article 3 later in the week. They may not have completely finished their discussions on these issues, but they will be well enough along to shape the public hearings. Under this schedule, by the end of next week (the third week), each of the Committees will have had one hearing.

We also put together a draft schedule for the whole convention period, showing when articles are likely to come to the Committee of the Whole and to the floor.

- (1) The shaded rows show weekends and holidays when there will be no meetings or sessions. Note that after July 15, the schedule assumes that there will be Saturday sessions.

- (2) The first column on the left shows the date.
- (3) The second two columns show action by the convention -- first in the Committee of the Whole, and then in plenary session. We have assumed for scheduling purposes that it would be a good idea to schedule discussion of a particular article in the Committee of the Whole on one day, and discussion of that article for final vote on the floor at the next session so the delegates can have some time to think about the issues.
- We have assumed that the convention should pass everything on first reading before going to second reading on anything. This will obviate criticisms that anything was rushed through the convention.
 - We have assumed there would be one consolidated public hearing on Rota and Tinian, and perhaps one clean-up public hearing on Saipan, after the specialized hearings were over.
- (4) The last four columns show action by the four committees -- this is our current expectation of how long it will take the committees to move through their assignments. The notes in the blocks for each day do not denote meetings, just the fact that an article is still pending with the committee.

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

**All meetings are held in the House Chamber
unless otherwise announced by the Chair**

MONDAY, JUNE 19

Committee on Organization and Procedures meeting: 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Plenary session: 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Committee on Land and Personal Rights meeting: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government meeting: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government meeting: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Committee on Land and Personal Rights meeting: 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices meeting: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance meeting: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices **public hearing**: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon (first session), 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (second session)
[Location: Senate Chamber]

Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government meeting: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance meeting: 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Committee on Land and Personal Rights meeting: 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Committee on Organization and Procedures meeting: 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Plenary session: 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government **public hearing**: 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
[Location: Senate Chamber]

Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices meeting: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance meeting: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance **public hearing**: 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon
[Location: Senate Chamber]

Committee on Land and Personal Rights meeting: 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government meeting: 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

No meetings scheduled

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

No meetings scheduled

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DATE	CONVENTION PLENARY	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	COMMITTEE #1 LAND	COMMITTEE #2 LEGISLATIVE	COMMITTEE #3 EXEC/LOCAL	COMMITTEE #4 JUDIC/ELECT
JUN 5	OPENING DAY					
6	Speeches and proposals					Leadership Mtg.
7	Speeches and proposals		Leadership Mtg.	Leadership Mtg.	Leadership Mtg.	
8				Organization Mtg.	Organization Mtg.	Organization Mtg.
9						
10						
11						
12				Art. 7, 8, 21	Art. 3	Art. 4
13			Organization Mtg.	Art. 2	Art. 3	Art. 4
14			Art. 12	Art. 2	Art. 3	Art. 4
START FIRST READINGS						
15	Committee reports, motions	Art. 7, 8, 21	Art. 12	Art. 2	Art. 3	Art. 4
16			PUBLIC HEARING	Art. 2	Art. 3	Art. 5
17						
18						
19	Art. 7, 8, 21	Art. 4	Art. 12	Art. 2	Art. 3	Art. 5

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20			Art. 12, 13	Art. 2	Art. 3	Art. 5
21			Art. 12	Art. 2	Art. 3	PUBLIC HEARING
22	Art. 4	Art. 5	Art. 12	Art. 2	PUBLIC HEARING	Art. 15
23			Art. 12	PUBLIC HEARING	Art. 3	Art. 15
24						
25						
26	Art. 5	Art. 2	Art. 1, Preamble	Art. 10	Art. 3	Art. 15, 20
27			Art. 11	Art. 10	Art. 6	Art. 18
28			Art. 11	Art. 10	Art. 6	Art. 18
29	Art. 2	Art. 1, 12, 13, 15, 20, Preamble	Art. 11	Art. 10	Art. 6	Art. 18, 9
30	Art. 1, 12, 13, 15, Preamble	Art. 3, 18	Art. 11	Art. 10	Art. 6	Art. 9
JULY						
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5	PUBLIC HEARINGS - TINIAN					

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6	Art. 3	Art. 9, 10, 11	Art. 14, 16	Schedule	Art. 17, 19, 22	
7	PUBLIC HEARINGS - ROTA					
8						
9						
10	Art. 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18, Preamble	Art. 6, 17, 19, 22		Schedule		
CURRENT CUT-OFF DATE FOR DELEGATE PROPOSALS						
11						
12	Art. 6, 17, 19, 22	New/Other, Schedule				
13	New/Other, Schedule					
14	PUBLIC HEARINGS - SAIPAN					
START SECOND READINGS						
15		Art. 1, 2				
16						
17	Art. 1, 2					
18		Art. 3, 4, 5				
19	Art. 3, 4, 5					
20		Art. 6				

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21	Art. 6					
22	Art. 7, 8, 9, 10					
23						
24	Art. 7, 8, 9, 10					
25	Art. 11, 12, 13, 14					
26	Art. 11, 12, 13, 14					
27	Art. 15, 16, 17					
28	Art. 15, 16, 17					
29	Art. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22					
30						
31	Art. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22					
AUG 1	FINAL CONST.	FINAL CONST.				
2		Analysis				
3	ANALYSIS					
4	COMPLETION AND FINAL CEREMONIES					