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COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
SUMMARY OF ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLE XVII: OATH OF OFFICE

ARTICLE XVII: OATH OF OFFICE now reads:

Section 1:        Oath of Office.

All members of the legislature and officers and employees of the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions taking office shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation:

I do solemnly affirm (or swear) that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, the applicable provisions of the Constitution, laws and treaties of the United States of America, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties to the best of my ability (so help me God).

1. Should Article XXII: Official Seal, Flag, Language be consolidated with and made a part of this article, which would then be titled Commonwealth Unity.