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COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY OF ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLE XXII: OFFICIAL SEAL, FLAG,
LANGUAGE

ARTICLE XXII: OFFICIAL SEAL, FLAG, LANGUAGE now reads:

Section 1: Official Seal

The official seal of the Commonwealth shall consist of a circular field of blue having in its center a white star superimposed on a gray latte stone, surrounded by the traditional Carolinian mwaar consisting of the following flowers: langilang, flores de mayo (seyur) angagha, and teibwo, on the outer border, and the words encircling the mwaar, `Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' and `Official Seal'.

Section 2: Official Flag.

The official flag of the Commonwealth shall consist, on both sides of a rectangular field of blue, a white star in the center, superimposed on a gray latte stone, surrounded by the traditional Carolinian mwaar. The dimension of the flag, the mwaar, the star and latte stone shall be provided by law.

Section 3: Official Language.

The official language of the Commonwealth shall be Chamorro, Carolinian and English, as deemed appropriate and as enforced by the legislature. The legislature may provide that government proceedings and documents shall be in at least one of the three languages. This section shall not subject to judicial review.

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