

will also call the government executive and legislative branches to find other options to change the present tax

The former Chamber president made the motion after some members

ConCon delegates place panel work on high gear

WITH ONLY four weeks to go, Convention President Herman T. Guerrero has established a rigorous schedule for the Convention delegates.

"We must complete our work by August 4," said the President, "in order to satisfy the public and stay within the limited funds available to the Convention."

According to a news release, the Convention leadership has set three plenary sessions this week on Tuesday afternoon, Thursday morning and Saturday morning.

It has expected that at least four more articles will go before the Convention for discussion in the Committee of the Whole and possible First Reading.

One of these reports will propose a very substantial set of amendments involving the Commonwealth legislature - including reduction in size of both the Senate and the House Representatives and new system for allocating and controlling funds allocated to the legislature.

In addition to the plenary hearings, the committees will be very active. Two committees have five meetings set for the week; the other two committees have three meetings.

The Committee on Executive Branch and Local Government will be completing its initial review of Article III on the Executive Branch and turning to the issue of local

government. The Committee on Land and Personal Rights will be turning to the important issue relating to public land in the Commonwealth and the provisions of Article XI.

The Committee on Legislative Branch and Public Finance is turning to taxation and public finance and soliciting the views in a workshop session of some local experts in these areas.

The Committee on Judiciary and Other Elected Offices will be considering the views collected at the public hearings regarding education and searching for some common ground among the many different proposals on this issue.

Guerrero reported that the public hearings in Tinian last Friday-like the hearings in Rota the week before-were very successful.

Although relatively few witnesses appeared, they expressed a wide range of views regarding local government, education and other issues of concern to them.

The Mayors of Tinian and Rota expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to present their views directly to the delegates.

According to the ConCon President the hospitality and courtesy the Convention delegates received on both islands confirmed their conviction that "we are a united Commonwealth, notwithstanding the occasional differences among us."

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