

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES
PLENARY SESSION, 7/18

1. As to the schedule, our goal is to get all the articles to the floor on first reading this week, by the time we finish plenary session on Saturday. We have everything except Article 6, Article 10, Article 11, Article 12, Article 15, Article 19, and the Schedule on Transition calendared today, so COP urges the committees that are working on these articles to get them reported out. If you get stuck on one part of an article, you should report out the rest and let a special subcommittee work on the problem area. That way we won't hold up the whole convention.
2. The Constitution on First Reading is ready for you and has been passed out yesterday attached to Sunday's daily journal. This is an unofficial version just for the use of the delegates. It shows everything that has been before the Committee of the Whole, even if only for discussion. We will do another one after our session on Saturday that will hopefully have everything in it.
3. As to publication, COP has asked the Convention Secretary to get the Chamorro and Carolinian rough translations of the Constitution on First Reading ready this week. All three versions will be put in the newspapers. COP has also asked Delegate Gonzales and Delegate Tenorio to read the constitution, section-by-section, first in Chamorro and then in English on the television stations. The same tape will be played on the radio stations.

We will deliver copies of the Constitution on First Reading to the Legislature and to each of the Departments in the Executive Branch so no one can say they were not informed about what we are doing. We have been keeping the Acting Chief Justice up to date for the judicial branch and we will send him a copy as well. We will formally transmit the Constitution on first reading to all the Mayors and Municipal Councils. COP thinks this will be the best way to be sure everyone has a chance to comment.

COP has also asked Legal Counsel to organize a seminar with the College to get their input, and to present the Constitution to the Bar Association to get their comments. Any delegates who want to participate in those meetings are welcome.

We have decided not to have any formal public hearings. The public will be asked to contact the President or Convention Delegates with their comments. We don't have time to take off for three days for more public hearings. We will rely on the delegates to inform those from the general public who submitted proposals to them as to what happened to their ideas.

Thank you.