

a farce or tragedy, or, perhaps both.

James Madison

"The public has the right to investigate governmental records to insure correct and informative information. The public shall not investigate governmental records considered confidential by government officers (Governor, Attorney General, Judges, Legislature) if it will hamper or in anyway risk the public protection or safety."

Proposed revisions to the
Organic Act—by the students
of George Washington
High School—Jass 41

The constitutions of 32 states provide that the sessions of the legislature shall be open, but allow session behind closed doors for certain purposes. Idaho and New Mexico require the legislature to sit with open doors without exception. The remaining 16 states, including Hawaii, meet in open session as a matter of tradition, but no state has a constitutional requirement of open meetings applicable to any governmental body other than the legislature. However, at least 29 states have open meeting statutes applicable to state and local governmental bodies. 35 states, provide by statute for open public access to public records.

New expression freedoms
Hawaii Constitutional
Convention Studies

"To further the free interchange of opinion and general enlightenment, every Swedish citizen shall have free access to official documents... This right shall be subject only to such restrictions as are required out of consideration for the security of the realm and its relations with foreign powers, or in connection with official activities for inspection, control or other supervision, or for the prevention and prosecution of crime, or to protect the legitimate economic interests of the State, communities and individuals, or out of consideration for the maintenance of privacy, security of the person, decency and morality."

Swedish Constitution.

"Constitutional theory was that of an American who more concerned to act creatively than to delay timidly; constitutional law was the consequence of a consistent application of the principles of this theory to the problems of the new nation."

Alexander Hamilton and the
Constitution.

Section 1. All public hearings must be given a minimum of one week's notice through all available news media including respective district Commissioner(s).

Section 2. No 2 public hearings shall be held in the same village the same day.

Section 3. Change of scheduled public hearings can be made only through the approval of the Executive Committee provided adequate and proper notices are disseminated to the respective district.

Section 4. All public hearings shall be held in a Government building or in the most appropriate place.

Section 5. All public hearings held at night shall not be conducted beyond 12:00 midnight.

Section 6. The council as a whole and/or interested member delegates shall constitute the committee to hold public hearings--the chairman presiding shall be the Assistant Vice-President of the council.

over to the Executive Director for appropriate action.

Section 9. All public hearings shall be opened to the general public particularly residents of the municipality.

Agana	T	Oct 14	Th	Nov 6	W	Jan 8
Agana Heights	T	Oct 21	T	Nov 18	T	Dec 2
Agat	T	Oct 28	W	Nov 5	T	Dec 9
Asan	Th	Oct 2	M	Nov 10	M	Dec 29
Barrigada	W	Oct 22	Sun	Nov 23	Sun	Dec 21
Chalan Pago	W	Oct 15	W	Nov 12	M	Dec 15
Dededo	W	Oct 8	T	Nov 25	Th	Jan 16
Inarajan	Th	Oct 16	W	Nov 26	Th	Dec 18
Mangilao	T	Oct 23	M	Nov 24	Th	Dec 4
Merizo	F	Oct 3	Sun	Nov 16	Th	Dec 11
Mongmong	Th	Oct 30	Sun	Nov 9	W	Dec 17
Piti	Sun	Oct 5	F	Nov 7	T	Dec 30
Santa Rita	Sun	Oct 12	Sun	Nov 2	T	Dec 16
Sinajana	M	Oct 13	M	Dec 1	Sun	Jan 12
Talofoto	F	Oct 10	W	Nov 19	M	Jan 13
Tamuning	M	Oct 27	W	Dec 3	Th	Jan 7
Umatac	W	Oct 1	Th	Nov 13	Th	Jan 9
Yigo	W	Oct 29	W	Dec 10	Sun	Jan 5
Yona						

THIS SCHEDULE OMITTS:

- a. every first and third Monday
- b. November 27 (Thanksgiving)
- c. December 8 (Church holiday)
- d. December 23, 24, 25 (Christmas week)
- e. December 31 (New Year's Eve)
- f. January 1 (New Year's Day)
- g. November 11 (Veteran's Day)