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Mr. Hoke reported that he had discussed the matter with Mr. F. Gordon Wright, Chairman of the Association's Legislative Committee, and that the program of that committee involving sponsorship of the various so-called "Bar bills" had then been laid out and agreed upon and that it would be virtually impossible to include additional items at this time.

Reference is made to the recommendations contained in this Committee's 1946 report to the Association. It was concluded to implement the Committee's previous recommendations as follows:

a. Recommendation 1, concerning condemnation of the fee system, needed no implementation.

b. Recommendations 2, 3 and 4 having to do with the establishment of Municipal Courts in all county seats regardless of population, etc., and permitting a single individual to serve both as Municipal Judge and Probate Judge in any county were referred to Mr. S. B. Wennerberg for further study and report, particularly on constitutional grounds.

c. Recommendation 5 regarding changing the offense from a gross misdemeanor to a misdemeanor for driving after suspension of a driver's license was referred to Mr. A. M. Lystad for study and report.

d. Recommendation 6 regarding broadening the jurisdiction of Traffic Courts so as to handle even juveniles on traffic offenses was referred to the Minnesota State Safety Council, it being the understanding of this Committee that they have done considerable work on this problem.

e. Recommendation 7 having to do with the confidential nature of accident reports and permitting persons to testify from their recollection has been passed by the Legislature as Chap. 114, Minn. Laws, 1947. (H.F. 63).

The Committee also adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that this Committee go on record as endorsing and supporting the present proposed bill of the Minnesota State Highway Commission requiring applicants for drivers' licenses to submit to a compulsory examination into their fitness for receiving such a license.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

TO THE MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION:

Your Committee reports as follows:

Report

The 1946 annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws met at Philadelphia in October. The chief work of the meeting was discussion of the tentative drafts of various parts of the Uniform Commercial Code which were presented to it, in particular the draft of the Article dealing with Commercial Paper. The draft of this subject was presented largely by Mr. William L. Prosser of Minneapolis, who is the Reporter charged with its preparation. Drafts of parts of the Article on Investment Instruments and of certain matters relating to International Financial Transactions were also discussed.