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## REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE COMMITTEE

The following report is submitted by the undersigned as the members of the Municipal Code Committee, appointed by President Alfred M. Pence. The committee held its first meeting in the Cheyenne City Council Chambers at 10:00 A. M., April 11, 1950. Those present were: Alfred M. Pence, Clarence A. Brimmer, Jr., and R. Dwight Wallace. Absent: Chairman, William H. Brown, Jr., and Meyer Rankin. A second meeting of the committee was held at Buffalo, on August 31, 1950.

The members of the committee are city attorneys respectively of Casper, Rawlins, Cheyenne, Cody, and Evanston. The report therefore reflects the sentiment of these members from their practical experiences as city attorneys in their respective homes the status of the code respectively. The municipal government code as it now stands in this state requires extensive overhauling. Our present law provides for charter cities and provides for commission form of government cities. The present status of the law is confusing to say the least. It is therefore believed that a thorough and intensive overhaul is essential. This, however, can be accomplished only by the expenditure of substantial amount of time by one or more persons competent for the job. Some contact has been made with the League of Wyoming Municipalities and the League has indicated a willingness to assist financially in this task. Your committee suggests that the incoming President appoint a new committee to work with the League of Wyoming Municipalities to the end that this task be accomplished.

The committee also believes that the legislative committee should be asked to submit legislation that would assist the city of Laramie out of the difficulty of which it now finds itself, with respect to the sale of water. The Pacific Fruit Express desires to build a million dollar plant at Laramie, but can not do so until the city of Laramie can contract specific amount of water. The present law as interpreted by the Wyoming Supreme Court in the case of *Brown v. Cheyenne* precludes the city of Laramie from selling any but *surplus* water. It is believed that this obstacle can be overcome by legislative change.

Dated at Buffalo, Wyoming, this 31st day of August, 1950.

William H. Brown, Jr.  
Clarence A. Brimmer, Jr.  
George F. Guy  
Meyer Rankin  
R. Dwight Wallace.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF  
WYOMING STATE BAR

The undersigned, members of the Legislative Committee of the Wyo-