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Report of Legislative Committee

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REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee of the Wyoming State Bar, on examination of the Treasurer's Report dated August 1, 1955, and the books and records of the Treasurer in support of said report, finds that the report is correct and recommends that the report be approved.

Dated August 26, 1955.

Robert B. Laughlin, Chairman
Oscar E. Swan, Jr.
R. R. Bostwick

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Wyoming State Bar, held January 14 and 15, 1955, at the Supreme Court Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming, proposed legislation was recommended by the Association. All bills proposed by the Bar were drafted, sponsors obtained and introduced. Percentagewise, we have no complaint. Approximately 85% of the legislation proposed was passed.

Foremost among the proposed legislation was the Bill authorizing the compilation and publication of a Wyoming Digest. Probably no legislation was more important to the Wyoming lawyer than this publication. It will be a time saving device for every lawyer in the state.

The following amendments to the Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, were proposed:

- Section 1-606 relating to docket fees charged by the Clerk of the District Court.
The Bill passed and is now Chapter 21, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1955.
- Section 3-2604 relating to taking deposition of adverse party in civil actions for the purpose of discovery.
The Bill passed and is now Chapter 24, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1955.
- Section 3-4504 relating to "Homestead" raising the amount from \$2500.00 to \$4000.00.
The Bill passed and is now Chapter 33, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1955.
- Section 3-5001 relating to grounds of attachment by striking the amount of \$500.00 and inserting in lieu thereof \$1500.00.
The Bill passed and is now Chapter 77, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1955.
- Section 44-133 and Section 44-1202 relating to stockholders' meetings, and waiving notice in certain cases.
This Bill did not pass.

Section 44-1108 relating to the dissolution of corporations and distribution of proceeds on hand to the lawful owners of the shares of stock.

The Bill passed and is now Chapter 175, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1955.

Section 60-1101 relating to service on the Secretary of State when a non-resident person has used the highways of the State of Wyoming and permits service in case of death, upon the executor or administrator of said deceased person. The Bill passed and is now Chapter 95, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1955.

Section 6-2305 relating to final notice in closing of estates.

The Bill passed and is now Chapter 150, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1955.

Section 31-109 relating to number of District Judges.

This Bill did not pass.

The Bar proposed legislation to increase the State Bar dues from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per annum. This Bill was introduced, passed the Senate, but failed to pass the House.

CONCLUSION

With the proper directed effort, it is believed that legislation respecting the increase of the dues, and relating to the number of district judges, can be successfully sponsored and passed at the next Session.

Mr. Chairman, the Committee having performed its duty, I move you that the report be accepted and the Committee discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

Ewing T. Kerr, Chairman

David N. Hithcock

Fred Burdett

James Munro

Robert B. Bowman

Chester S. Jones

Charles M. Crowell

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

During the past year and since our last meeting there has been reported the death of three of our members of the Wyoming State Bar.

ELWOOD ANDERSON

Elwood Anderson passed away Wednesday, May 18, 1955, at his home in Gillette, Wyoming, at the age of 74 years. Elwood Anderson was born in Cedar County, Iowa, February 16, 1881. He attended schools in Avoca, Iowa, and received his B.A. and B.S. degrees from the University of Missouri