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This report respectfully submitted to the 1959 Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar by Harry A. Thompson as Chairman of the Bill of Rights Committee during 1958-59.

The Bill of Rights Committee had not been asked to function to any extent for several years past, but this year President Jim Wilson specifically assigned to this Committee the statewide planning and promotion of Law Day. The Committee's activities consisted primarily of channeling Law Day information and literature from the American Bar Association to each county bar association in Wyoming, and we also secured advance publicity at the state level in newspapers and on radio and TV through such devices as the Governor's Proclamation.

The most important work on Law Day has to be done at the local level, of course, and I submit that it was done this year with great diligence and success in nearly all of Wyoming's counties. The sincere thanks of this Committee are extended to the many individual lawyers who put in a great deal of time and effort in organizing a wide variety of local observances and doing the leg-work necessary to secure cooperation of local organizations and citizens, including newspaper, radio and TV people. I turned over to Jim Barrett, the new Chairman for 1960, a file folder which includes a very large number of newspaper clippings of editorials and articles on Law Day observances from all over the State of Wyoming, and these are the best testimonial that could be given to the enthusiastic handling of this important observance in 1959.

In conclusion, the undersigned, as retiring Chairman, urges all members of the Bar to do all they can to assist in 1960 in this fine new national observance which gives unique opportunity to us as lawyers, both to strengthen our own belief in freedom and the American ideal of government of law and not of men, and to demonstrate and pass on a better understanding and appreciation of this priceless heritage to our youth and all our fellow citizens, as opposed to the subordination of the individual under Communism and other Old World forms of tyranny.

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