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proposed and considered is worth reading and the study of all who are interested in any suggested state legislation along similar lines.

Thank you.

**Report of State Delegate to the National Bar Association,**  
**by Mr. Richard V. Welts**

The House of Delegates of the American Bar Association is made up, outside of the officers and the Board of Governors and the like, of representatives from your state associations and city associations throughout the country. In addition to that the man known as the state delegate is the one who is chosen from the respective states by those in that state who are members of the American Bar Association only. That is, those who belong to the American Bar Association here in Washington choose the man who is known as the state delegate to represent them in the House of Delegates. That man, as you know, is Will McLaren. That group chooses the members of the Board of Governors and it chooses a president for the A.B.A.

There are the voting delegates, and the other delegates, such as I happen to be as your representative, who vote on the matters within the house, other than the election of officers. A great deal of progress, I believe, from the standpoint of the State of Washington, has been accomplished since the report made a year ago. As you know, and as was disclosed then, we were making an effort to get the convention of the American Bar Association in the State of Washington at Seattle. That job has been accomplished and the convention in 1948 of the American Bar Association will be held in Seattle. That is a tremendous undertaking. The lawyers of the outside counties throughout the state are being called on and will be called on for some help in connection with the financing of that tremendous undertaking and I am sure that we will all join in and do what we can gladly and willingly to the end that the convention in 1948 will be a tremendous success.

There is great enthusiasm throughout the country on the part of the lawyers in coming to the Pacific Northwest. We must remember that many of them have never been here before, and for others there has been a span of years in between and they are anxious to come back. The opportunity is ours, which we must accept and perform in seeing that this great delegation of men and women from all parts of the United States have an excellent time and have an opportunity of seeing what we have to offer in the Pacific Northwest. It is a big undertaking,
especially for the general chairman of the convention, but we know from past experience that the job will be extremely well done, but it will take some help from each of us in every part of the state, which I know will be given.

I want to pay a compliment at this time and in this report, a well-earned compliment and a most sincere compliment; that compliment is to Will McLaren. He is the state delegate from the state of Washington in the House of Delegates, the voting delegate in that organization. Will has been acting as a state delegate for a great many years; he has been active in the internal affairs of that organization. There were times when he could have been president had he presented the situation but did not do so. He has been on the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association, and has served this state through the years, not only faithfully but with splendid results. There is complete unanimity and complete harmony among those who are trying to accomplish the second objective for the State of Washington—the first having been accomplished in that we now have the convention in our lap for 1948. There is complete harmony both in timing and in the process methods that we feel should be employed to accomplish the second objective, and that is, as you know, trying to elect Frank Holman from Seattle our representative and our boy, so to speak, as president of the American Bar Association for the following year.

I close this report, ladies and gentlemen, with the announcement, as you already know the accomplishment, so far as the first objective is concerned, of the convention in Seattle in 1948, with Tracy Griffin as general chairman. Second, that we feel under Mr. McLaren’s guidance tremendous strides have been made this year towards the objective of putting Frank forward and we are very hopeful of electing him president of the American Bar Association. Thank you.

Report of the Honorable Timothy Paul, President of the Superior Court Judges’ Association

My function here is only, as this is a joint session of the judges and lawyers, to tell you that the judges are here or ought to be here. Sometimes it is stated, “Why should the judges and lawyers meet at the same time and the same place?” I think it is very important that we meet; we learn each other and we also become conscious of our responsibilities to each other and of our joint responsibility to the public, and that is one of the most important things.