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serious harm done because it was simply recognized by the Legislature as a Legal Code—the same as they had recognized Pierce's Code and Remington's Code, in the past.

There is a difference between these two, in that I think this is a Revised Code, where the language has been changed by revisers, whereas, at least Pierce's and Remington's attempted to put out a Code in the language of the Session Laws.

That is where we stand today

Apparently this child that is now legalized is not recognized by its original parents. It has been adopted by the Subcommittee of the Legislative Council, and it is a question right now for this Convention—if it sees fit in an advisory way—to determine whether it wants to become foster parent to this child and sponsor and nurture it, or whether it wants to take no action, or whether it wants to take an opposite view.

As it stands today, so far as this Bar Association officially is concerned, the Board of Governors, and the Committee appointed by the President, have gone on record as opposed to the adoption of this Code. When our report was made, it was prior to that special session of the Legislature. Since then we have been unable to do anything but report the action of the Legislature. So that is about all the report we have to make.

The Committee, of course, goes out of office tomorrow night. I think that whatever is done, there probably should be new personnel on that Committee, and its full efficiency set to express your views—as to what you want your next Board of Governors and directing officers of this organization to do with respect to that new Code.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

BY RICHARD S. MUNTER

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows:

1. The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Albert Sundahl of the Spokane Bar:

RESOLUTION

Submitted for the favorable action of the Washington State Bar Association at Convention assembled, August 9-12, 1950, at Spokane, Wash.

WHEREAS, the sum of \$4,000 is wholly insufficient as a substantial amount to be awarded or set aside to a surviving spouse in lieu of home-

stead, which sum is supposed to represent the value of the home real estate and household goods, if any, particularly in view of the continued advance of the values of real estate in the past and the rising tide of inflation in the immediate future, and

WHEREAS, the construction costs of residential property have been and will continue to rise in amounts, not considering the increased cost of labor, material and margin of profits involved all adding to the cost thereof, bringing the purchase price of a five or six room home in the neighborhood of \$8,500 or \$9,500, or more, and without any sign of decreasing costs of construction, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the state of Washington has been deciding appellate matters in which the homestead awarded in probate matters now involves a fraction of the value of the home property, as appraised, and the sum of \$4,000 is inadequate both for the purposes of probate and as a homestead exemption in cases of judgment execution sales,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington State Bar Association at annual convention assembled at Spokane, Washington, August 9-12, 1950, that the value allowed for the award of or setting off of homesteads to the surviving spouse in probate matters be increased from \$4,000 to \$8,000, and that said sum of \$8,000 be designated in the statute respecting declarations of homesteads, in lieu of \$4,000, affecting residential home property subject to judgment execution sale.

Respectfully submitted to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, this 29th day of July, 1950.

ALBERT SUNDAHL
 Member, American Bar
 Washington State and Spokane
 County Bar Associations

The Committee recommends that said resolution be referred to the standing Legislative Committee of the Association for consideration and action.

2. The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Ralph Purvis of the Bremerton Bar:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association shall, within ninety days from the date hereof, select and employ one or more executive assistants, whose duties shall be to supervise, manage, and operate the Washington State Bar Association, under the direction of the Board of Governors.

Any such executive assistant, to be eligible for said employment, must be a member in good standing of the Washington State Bar Association, and must devote his or her full time to said employment, and shall not be allowed to practice law privately. The compensation to be paid any

such executive assistant shall be fixed and determined by the Board of Governors.

The employment of the usual and customary clerical and secretarial employees for the conduct of the activities of said association shall not be subject to the employment eligibility requirements hereinabove set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association shall solicit the Legislature of the state of Washington for amendment of Rem. Rev. Stat. 138-9 so as to provide for increase in the dues of active members of this Association up to a maximum sum of \$50 annually.

The Committee recommends that said resolution does not pass.

3. The Committee recommends that the following resolution does pass:

RESOLVED, that the Washington State Bar Association in annual convention assembled, expresses its sincere appreciation of the Spokane County Bar Association and the Seattle Bar Association for their grand hospitality and their substantial contributions toward the success of this convention.

(Signed) Richard S. Munter, *Chairman*
 Thomas L. O'Leary
 Thomas P Gose
 Joseph L. Hughes
 F A. Kern

Mr. President, I move the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

REPORT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

By LEO A. MCGAVICK

My report will be as brief as possible, unless you ask questions.

I think that the new chairman—or President-elect—of the American Bar Association did most of my work today in pointing out how the people of the country in general apparently feel about the lawyers, and where we stand with the public, and has demonstrated rather emphatically we need to do a lot of work if we want to remove the 25 per cent so strong against us, and also win over a few of the 50 per cent.

Now the Committee was appointed by the Board of Governors, I think, following a very general recognition throughout the United States of the need for the lawyers to do a little public relations work in their own behalf. Maybe that was brought to our attention more forcefully because of the position the Medical Association found itself in,