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Trust," this motto inscribed on every coin, the oath of every officeholder, the oath of every witness, every juror, what a sham law becomes when the oath loses its dignity and significance. Truth without God is a mere matter of convenience and utility. The only peace with crooks is compliance. It can be nothing less. That is the moral base of our society. This country can take no part in judicial proceedings that attempt to establish new norms or water down high norms. We do have in this country peace under law with crooks. We have enforced compliance with law by crooks.

I will not close this statement to you, my friends, without expressing to you my gratitude for the privilege and honor of having served as your President this past year. With a grateful heart, I thank you.

And I just want one word to all of you; the wish of blessing and Godspeed: May the road always come up to meet you, may the wind always be at your back, and may the Lord always hold you in the hollow of his hand, and may you be in Heaven 24 hours before the Devil knows you're dead!

Various committee and other reports were presented and received as indicated in the program set out above.

REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON STATE BAR FOUNDATION

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Mr. President, Members of the Bar Association: Five years ago the Washington State Bar Foundation was incorporated, one of the objects of which was to raise funds for the acquisition of a State Bar Association Center building.

The Articles of Incorporation provide for nine Trustees, three of whom are to be the then latest Past Presidents, and the other six to be one from each of the six Congressional Districts. Up to this date, no one has ever filed for Trustee from any of the Congressional Districts, and your Bar Foundation Committee recently decided that, in order for this corporation to properly function, a new method for the selection of Trustees would have to be selected, and your Committee subsequently adopted a plan suggested by Mr. A. J. Schweppe. This plan was to amend the Articles, to make the number of Trustees consist of not more than fifteen (15) persons and to be self-perpetuating, the first Board to consist of seven (7) persons, four (4) of whom shall be the four (4) latest living Past Presidents and of three (3) other per-

sons. Each year, the earliest Past President shall retire from the Board and the latest Past President shall take his place. As each of the three (3) other members finishes his term, his successor shall be elected by the Board to serve for three (3) years. The person who is the current President of the Washington State Bar Association shall be an Ex-Officer member and entitled to attend all meetings, but without voting power.

The members of the present Board recommended by this Committee are as follows: Harold Coffin, Past President; George W. Martin, Past President; Fred C. Palmer, Past President; Thomas L. O'Leary, Past President; F. A. Kern, three years; Ralph Rogers, two years; and Alfred McBee, one year.

This plan was included in Amended and Supplemental Articles of Incorporation prepared and presented to each member of the original Trustees of the corporation. All of the original Trustees have approved the Amendments by executing the Amended and Supplemental Articles, and the same have been filed in the office of the Secretary of State and are now in full effect.

Your Committee has also considered the matter of raising funds for acquiring a State Bar Center building. A fund for this purpose was started seven (7) years ago. Since then, various articles have been published in which suggestions have been made for contributions. Today, the fund is but slightly larger than the original gift with which the fund was initiated. The principal increase has come from interest on the original contribution.

State Bar Center buildings are being constructed or have been constructed in many States over the nation. Today, two State Bar Center buildings have been constructed in the State of California, one at San Francisco and one at Los Angeles. And it has been decided by the State Bar Association of Oregon to construct a State Bar Center building in the City of Portland and finance same by increasing the State Bar dues. But, to increase the dues, it is necessary to obtain legislative action by the Oregon Legislature.

Your Committee is convinced that there is but one way to raise sufficient funds for a State Bar Center building in the State of Washington, and that is to solicit every member of this Association for funds.

Your Committee believes that all necessary steps should be taken at once by this Association for the eventual acquisition of a State Bar Center building.