

Memorandum

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Memorandum No. 1-A

Subject: Communication from Honorable William Biddick, Jr.

I have received the attached letter from Honorable William Biddick, Jr., Chairman of the Assembly Interim Committee on Judiciary - Civil. Inasmuch as the communication is addressed to me as Executive Secretary of the Commission, I regard it as addressed to the Commission itself. I suggest, therefore, that we consider Mr. Biddick's letter at the July meeting and that it would be appropriate to do so in connection with Memorandum No. 1 relating to various Commission bills which were not passed by the 1957 and 1959 sessions of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. McDonough, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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William Biddick, Jr.

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Dear John:

In a short time the Assembly Interim Committee on
Judiciary-Civil will decide upon a program for study.

As chairman, I feel that the studies carried out by this
Committee should be restricted to those problem areas in California
law that appear most urgently in need of examination and ameliorative
legislation.

The Committee's jurisdiction is limited to problems of civil
law and procedure. The criminal field, social welfare and the problems
of taxation, for example, are specifically allocated to other committees.
Among appropriate topics for study which have already been proposed are
the Uniform Securities Act, the law on exemptions from attachment,
mechanics' lien law, and juvenile court procedures.

No consideration of the needs for legislation in the civil
field would be complete without expression from the judiciary, the bar,
and the leaders in legal education. Accordingly, I am writing to
invite your suggestions as to topics within this Committee's scope
which your experience indicates are in serious need of legislative
study. Your interest and cooperation would contribute greatly to the
value of the interim studies carried out by the Committee.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

WILLIAM BIDDICK, JR.

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